

## SMFA Recommended Headshot Photographers

Please see page 118 (the chapter on **Your Headshots**) of the 4th edition of *Self-Management for Actors: Getting Down to (Show) Business* for all the prep you need to do to have your best possible headshot session. Do a quick Google on anyone and take a good look through their galleries—specifically looking for actors whose type and vibe is similar to yours. How do they shoot that brand? For discussion about style of photography, what to expect from the session, and some warnings, please join us at the *Self-Management for Actors* Facebook group.

Please note, this is NOT an exhaustive list. Omission from this list does not mean a particular photographer is not the right fit for you (just like the appearance of someone on this list does not mean that person will be a good fit for your headshot needs). This is simply a list of those whose work turns the heads of the hundreds of casting directors I interviewed, without placing the photographers' brands ahead of the actors' brands.

Yes, you can pick up the *Backstage* edition on "top headshot photographers," but please remember that these rankings are lobbied for, paid for with advertising dollars, and rarely represent a guarantee of effective on-brand headshots. Do your homework! Don't be swayed by flashy testimonials! They're no different than political ads. It all comes down to money.

If you have suggestions for updates to this resource list, please pop in over at our *SMFA* Ninjas Facebook group's FILES section and share your toys! Your suggestions may lead to inclusion here, but there is no formal process for ranking. Still, what you share will help us keep this list fresh and filled with badassery for markets all over the world!

This list of officially recommended headshot photographers in various markets is constantly updated, so be sure to check back for the latest information!

### Los Angeles

Adam Emperor Southard  
Adam Hendershott, Close Up Crew  
Alvin Catacutan  
Ashley Johnson, Ona Photography  
Bader Howar  
Blake Gardner  
Brad Buckman  
Bradford Rogne  
Dana Patrick  
David Muller  
Denice Duff  
Dennis Apergis  
Greg Crowder  
Joanna Degeneres

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Bonnie Gillespie

Kat Tuohy  
Kelsey Edwards (also shoots in Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, and New York)  
Marisa Quintanilla  
Mark Atteberry  
Molly Hawkey  
Nancy Jo Gilchrist  
Paul Smith  
Peter Carrier (also shoots in New York)  
Peter Konerko (also shoots in New York and Portland)  
Robert Kazandjian  
Stephanie Girard  
Steven C. De La Cruz  
Tandem Photo and Reel  
The Headshot Truck  
Theo and Juliet  
Tim Sabatino  
Vanie Poyey

#### New York

Ambe J. Williams  
Christie Schwartzman, Rebel Darling Studio  
Clinton Brandhagen, ClintonB Photography  
Corinne Louie  
David Perlman  
Jeffrey Mosier  
Jessica Osber  
Jon Taylor  
Jonathan Vandiveer  
Jordan Matter  
Justin Schuman  
Lauren Toub  
Leslie Hassler (also shoots in LA)  
Michelle Chin  
Nick Coleman  
Peter Hurley  
Rod Goodman  
Todd Estrin

#### Atlanta

Amy Jackson  
Catherine Dyer  
Daniel Parvis  
Dwayne Boyd

Jackie Goldston  
Jason Vail  
Robert Kim  
Tracy Page

Chicago  
Brian McConkey  
Ian McLaren  
Jen Stanko  
Joshua Albanese  
Popio Stumpf  
Tyler Core

London  
Alishia Love  
Chris Mann  
Faye Thomas (also shoots in LA)  
Jennie Scott  
Kim Hardy  
Nikki Wills  
Ori Jones  
Ruth Crafer

To suggest any other photographers (in any city) or to share your experiences, again, please join us in the *SMFA* Facebook group or the Bonnie Gillespie instructional dojo where we can really go deeper with this badassery.

*Psst!* If you find this or any other of these free resources of exceptional value, we'd love a tweet, a photo of you with your copy of *SMFA* for our awesome gallery, or even a nice review at Amazon!