

## *SMFA* Los Angeles Reconnaissance Mission

Please see page 333 (the chapter on **Moving to Los Angeles**) in the 4th edition of *Self-Management for Actors: Getting Down to (Show) Business* for all sorts of goodness about your reconnaissance mission before making the big move to Los Angeles. For a link-filled regularly-updated version of this list, visit [bonniegillespie.com/moving-to-la](http://bonniegillespie.com/moving-to-la)

As the saying goes, "There's nobody casting anything in your living room." Get out there! But first, figure out your scene.

### Groups That Host Panels, Talks, Q&As

any film festivals going on in LA (check out the Los Angeles Film Festival Calendar at Trip Savvy)

Creative Actors Alliance

Film Independent (FiND)

Hollywood Networking Breakfast

LA Actors' Tweet-Up (also in NY and London)

Ms. in the Biz

Produced By Conference

SAG-AFTRA

SAG-AFTRA Conservatory at AFI

SAG-AFTRA Foundation

SAG-AFTRA Foundation Conversations

SAG-AFTRA Foundation LifeRaft

Showbiz Software Store

The Paley Center

Women In Film

Writers Bloc Presents

Writers Guild Foundation

### Groups That Host Ongoing Works-in-Progress and Staged Reading Series

Deadline Junkies

Hollywood Shorts

Naked Angels' Tuesdays @9

Secret City (this is actually in NY monthly, in LA quarterly)

Story Salon

UCB Inner Sanctum Café Improv Jam

Writers Bootcamp Actors Annex (event series)

### Groups That Host Short-Form Production Challenges On Stage or On Camera

168 Hour Film Project

Big Vision Empty Wallet

Ninja Monologue Group (see the *SMFA* Ninjas Facebook group for details)

For updates to this doc, quarterly phone calls, inspiring community support, and our 100-day challenge, visit [smfa4.com](http://smfa4.com).

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Ninja Self-Tape Challenge (see the *SMFA* Ninjas Facebook group for details)

Sacred Fools' Fast and Loose

Self-Producing Ninjas (see the *SMFA* Ninjas Facebook group for details)

The 24 Hr. Plays

The 48 Hr. Film Project

We Make Movies

### Truly Ninja Things to Do

Audit classes (check your *SMFA* Hot Sheet on coaches for our faves)!

Enroll in the next *SMFA* Retreat!

Grab CD workshop calendars or check Acting Resource Guru for a target round-up.

Intern in a casting office or at a talent agency if at all possible.

Join us for an epic **Thirsty Third Thursday**.

Set a coffee date with a fellow ninja!

### More Touristy and Miscellaneous Things to Do

Check out free museum days at the SoCalMuseums.org website.

Check out the ongoing LA resources at the WeLikeLA website.

Check the 5 Every Day app.

Experience the Venice canals.

Get a photo of the Hollywood sign.

Hike Runyon Canyon.

Hit a Dodgers game.

Hit the beach.

Look up fun free things to do on the Discover Los Angeles blog.

Stroll on the Walk of Fame.

Take the *TMZ* Tour.

Visit Griffith Park.

Visit the Grove.

Visit Universal Citywalk.

Make good use of these resources, beautiful people! Cannot wait to welcome you HOME!

Come jam with us in the *SMFA* Facebook group or the Bonnie Gillespie instructional DOJO to go deeper with this badassery.

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