



REEL NEWS

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The Workshop for Professional Talent

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

** **NEWSLETTER Email:** RPNews@reelpros.com

** **Be very specific.** We use the **TEXT** of your email and won't contact you for clarification so include all necessary info & spell checks. Your text may be edited - **NOTE THE FORMAT WE USE!**

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** **THEATRE SUBMISSIONS:** Send **TEXT** - **We won't retype from your flyer.**

** **Newsletter Photos!** You may submit photos (**NO** Headshots!) in **JPEG** format. Pix of **you:** On set, publicity stills, video capture stills, etc. i.e; Shots of **you as** the character **you** portrayed whilst doing so. Submitting pics does **NOT** guarantee inclusion.

RP News Editor Benton Jennings. www.bentonjennings.com

***Join other RP friends online at**

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=189729150416&ref=mf>

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=1590637&trk=anet_ug_grpro

AUDITIONS & BOOKINGS

Want to share some of your tales of success with others?

Go to the RP page on Facebook and leave your comments!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=189729150416&ref=mf>

HELP HAITI

Hannah suggests these relief centers for RP members who wish to send aid:

1. The Reform Jewish community has a long history of generosity when natural disasters devastate communities around the world. To make donations to the Union for Reform Judaism Haiti Relief Fund: <http://urj.org/socialaction/issues/relief/haiti/>
 2. For a quick and easy response, you can text "HAITI" to "90999" and a donation of \$10 will be given automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts, charged to your cell phone bill.
 3. Go to Redcross.org.
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RP TV

<http://www.youtube.com/user/ReelProsTV>

At your request, we've added another scene category to the RPTV on-camera sessions.

From now on, you can do a one-on-one scene to be read with the class monitor or an enrolled actor of your choice (see below). Note we say to weight the script heavily to you,

not the reader - a very important point for the best presentation! - Two RPTV sessions (December and January) are now scheduled and open for registration: www.reelpros.com

ReelPROsTV ON-CAMERA SESSION - FREE TO MEMBERS

Sunday, January 24, 4:00 pm

In this hi-def on-camera session, your work will be filmed using professional lighting & sound, and then broadcast on ReelPROsTV!

>> SCENE INFO: Actors supply their OWN CHOICE OF MATERIAL from these 4 options:
1. PARTNERED SCENE (3.5-min. max; more than 2 actors OK, but all must be enrolled - see ROSTER in My Current Workshops once you enroll); 2. MONOLOGUE (3-min. max); 3. 1-ON-1 SCENE to be read w/class monitor or an enrolled actor of your choice (3-min. max; weight script heavily to you, not reader); 4. STAND-UP COMEDY ROUTINE (3-min. max). * OK to partner in dual scenes, but only 1 solo act per person allowed. * Each act will be filmed once, but those with special blocking will have a "marking" run-through with the DP. * MAKE THIS AS REAL AS POSSIBLE! Come FULLY PREPARED & CAMERA READY (off-book & dressed as your character; bring powder for shiny faces; props are great). * Find free scenes online, libraries/bookstores, audition material, or write your own!



FILM & TV APPEARANCES



Let us know when you will be -or were- in a production and we'll include it here.

BENTON JENNINGS will be on BIG LOVE (as Dave the Mortician) Sunday Feb 9 on HBO, and in the Hallmark Channel TV movie ELEVATOR GIRL (as Doug the Doorman) Saturday Feb 13.

BENTON JENNINGS and **MARY CSEH** are SERIES REGULARS in the new web comedy series SAFETY GEEKS: SVI on [Koldcast.TV](http://www.koldcast.tv). Episodes 1 thru 11 viewable beginning at:

http://www.koldcast.tv/video/forked_up

See all epsidoes as one movie:

http://www.koldcast.tv/video/safety_geeks_svi_the_web_tv_movie



Also is Adolf Hitler opposite Kelsey Grammer and Kevin Farly in AN AMERICAN CAROL -- Now on DVD and iTunes. View trailer at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yFcf0EkA7Q>

Also in SHOO FLY (in about 4 roles) now on IMDB:

<http://www.imdb.com/video/wab/vi4092002585/>

PATTICK RAFFERTY will be on GREEK (as Prof. Dabia) Monday Feb 1 on ABC Family Channel.

KIMBERLY IRION is the webseries MR. WRONG on www.babelgum.com .

ANNIE WOOD is Uncle Tommy's Wife in the Nick Cassavete's film MY SISTER'S KEEPER on DVD this month.

TOM CRAWFORD can be seen as the Lead in the award-winning sci-fi short RIFT on-line at www.lstudio.com, also in several episodes of the IT TAKES GRAPENUTS series at www.theguysmanual.msn.com, has a nat'l PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE commercial running.

PETER HOLDEN currently seen in the internet series BRAIN STORM: <http://www.brainstormtheshow.com> playing Don Yolc. "This former hot-shot ad man has seen his glory days pass him by and is at the end of his rope as he watches his company, and his vast personal fortune, crumble."

WENDY HAINES' "Bowl Cut" JACK IN THE BOX spot is RUNNING.

LAURA GARDNER has a national DISCOVER CARD spot running.

FRANK RUOTOLO stars in features THROUGH HIS DOOR UP YOUR STAIRS and TUCKED IN HIS KNUCKLES, both available at filmmaker Larry Holden's website at www.holdenautomotive.com and click on Store.

MELODEE M. SPEVACK guest stars as "Caeleno" in the HELENA CHRONICLES webisode RED SKY AT MORN <http://hiddenfrontier.com/episodes/HC202.php> and with **MICHAEL McCONNOHIE** recurring in the new series MONSTER on SYFY, and are regulars in the science fiction webseries FRONTIER GUARD starting this fall. For preview: <http://frontier-guard.com/> Her character is the alien professor HEMELA STRAYTEB. Vignette is on youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pV04olCXXFI>

His character is the alien (and fanged) professor WALT KELLOGG. Vignette is on youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxga5QAgmxc>

Melodee in a radio interview. Go to: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/ndbmedia>

In center box, scroll down to the correct name and click on it to hear the complete show

ANNE FORD GALIANA is a Series Regular as Nurse Barbara on web series SPACE HOSPITAL: <http://www.funnyordie.com/spacehospital>

DEB CARSON is on FOX SPORTS RADIO every Sat & Sun from 10am-5pm w/ the National Sports Report at the top & bottom of every hour. FSR is on AM-570 KLAC here in L-A (except when pre-empted by UCLA/NFL games, etc.), and nationally 24/7 on XM Channel 142. And ALWAYS streaming online 24/7 @ www.foxsportsradio.com



AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS



SAFETY GEEKS: SVI (with series regulars BENTON JENNINGS & MARY CSEH) won First Runner Up Finalist in "Best of 2009" by Clicker.com
<http://www.clicker.com/gallery/best-web-original-comedy-2009/>

BLURB

SARAH SIDO invites you to check out www.brainsofminerva.com - The Guide to the L.A. Actor Hustle, a career and lifestyle guide for the enterprising LA actor.



THEATRE NEWS



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"SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION"

NANCY KAY HUNT cast as Kitty in this production at the Knightsbridge Theatre.

Knightsbridge Theatre

1944 Riverside Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90039

February 13-28, Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. & Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

\$20 General Admission and \$18 for Students & Seniors

323-667-0955 Box Office (Reservation & Info)

www.knightsbridgetheatre.com Tickets can also be purchased online.

"LATINOLOGUES TU2"

DANI MELGOZA plays a totally Fresa, ex-soap opera star married to a narco, "O sea, noooooo!"

When: EVERY Sat at 10pm

Where: The Hayworth Theater, Los Angeles, CA.

GO TO WWW.LATINOLOGUES.NET For ALL tix info, directions, and other musings.

SKETCH COMEDY

Slow Children (**SAUDIA RASHED**) Crossing Presents:

ANTE UP THURSDAYS! w/ EVAN LIONEL

@ **AURA NIGHTCLUB**,

12215 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA 91604

(the Last Thursday of every month)

Doors open at 8pm. \$10 cover

"POINT BREAK LIVE!"

DAVID SIMON is currently appearing in the hit comedy POINT BREAK LIVE!, the hilarious audience-interactive send-up of the Keanu Reeves / Patrick Swayze action favorite. This show has received rave reviews and plays to sold-out crowds every weekend.

Friday and Saturday nights 8pm at **The Dragonfly, 6510 Santa Monica Blvd**, Hollywood.

Tickets available through theatermania.com.

Visit www.myspace.com/pointbreaklive for more info.



ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

Needs you to **click** on the link below **DAILY** so they can meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily hits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising. Pass it along..._

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com>

SAVING LIVES ONE DOG AT A TIME

<http://wine.crushnet.com/thedaddiocollective>

Hi Everyone -

We are so excited to announce the debut of The Daddio Collective's new collection of boutique wines, a delicious way to help support our Dog Rescue work. These fantastic wines hail from some of California's finest vineyards!

Heads-up Zin lovers - Our Urban Sanctuary Zinfandel is sourced from the same vineyard as one of my other favorites - Turley! It's a lush, silky, smooth Zin and there is limited production on this wine.

Urban Sanctuary Pinot Noir is BioDynamic, with concentrated flavors of blueberry, plum, anise and vanilla with subtle spices.

For you Cab drinkers, Urban Sanctuary Napa Valley Cabernet is a voluptuous wine bursting with the flavor of black cherry, berries and grainy cocoa!

It wouldn't be California Wine without our elegant Chardonnay.

Urban Sanctuary Chardonnay is soft and smooth with notes of lemon custard, pineapple and grapefruit.

Please click on our link and consider a wine purchase from our boutique collection of Urban Sanctuary Wine. **When you raise your glass you will have helped to save another life!**

Thank you for your continued support - we are so very appreciative!

Our Deepest Gratitude -

Addie Daddio, The Daddio Collective

Saving Lives....One Dog at a Time!



CLASSIFIEDS

****NON-MEMBERS** may post Classified Ad information offering their services/products **ONLY** if a **DISCOUNT** is offered to **RP members** (which is requested to be **at least 10%**).

RP has no financial ties to any companies that advertise herein.

HEADSHOT SPECIAL

The new year is underway and to celebrate my husband (KELI DANIELS) Paul is offering \$25.00 Off on any Headshot Package Shoot done in January and February 2010! Start the

year off with a new look!

Check out his Headshot Web Site at: www.paullandryphotography.com or call him at 818.399.6899 to book now!

We wish you great health, prosperity and abundance for 2010!

MARTA DUBOIS ACTING CLASS

Reel PROs member DALE WADDINGTON (recurring on Desperate Housewives) currently studies with Marta and highly recommends this class.

"While it isn't possible to create talent, it is possible to teach the skills that liberate talent."
(Sal Dano, 1999)

Is there a sensible technique by which one can learn to act? Do you seek the security of skills needed to make sound choices?

Marta DuBois, actress and wife, who studied with Sal Dano for many years, continues the legacy he left behind of insights into the art of acting revealing solutions that are simple not simplistic.

Come audit a class.

10% discount for 3 consecutive months if you are a Reel PROs Member.

Contact : Marta DuBois (310) 394-2753

DEMO REELS

Mat Milani (RP member Yesi Ramirez' husband) video editor

Actor Reels, Specialty Reels

Starting at \$99

323 687 1708

www.matmilani.com

MARKETING SERVICE FOR ACTORS

I am a member of Reel Pros' Main Arena and I want to share some news.

My business partner, Ian Michaels, and I recently opened a marketing service for actors called Padded Envelopes. We strive to help actors achieve their career goals by finding the right representation for them and by increasing their exposure to casting directors and producers.

Here's how we work: Each month we work with you to comprise a "target list" of agents, managers, casting directors and producers you want to meet with. Then we send 100 of your headshots to your target list via messenger service (no more unopened snail mail!). We understand that this business changes frequently and we happily take daily requests for submissions as well. Our goal is to get you the meetings and industry exposure you desire in the most effective, time-efficient, and inexpensive way possible.

We offer other services as well... For more information check out our website at www.PaddedEnvelopesLA.com or call us at (323) 466 - 3979.

Right now we are offering a **November discount of 25%** off the start-up fee!

I know from workshops that Reel Pros actors are professional, well-trained, and fun to work with. These are exactly the types of people we want to reach with our company. So, calling all Reel Pros members... come check us out!

www.PaddedEnvelopesLA.com

Thanks!~Sarah Smick

PRIVATE MATH TUTOR

FRANK RUOTOLO, a professional Electrical Engineer, is offering Math Tutoring for students (grades 4-12) for the following subjects: Basic Math, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, and SAT preparation. Frank has a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Tufts University (summa cum laude). He has an extensive Math background and high school/college tutoring experience. Reasonable hourly rate. For more information, call 818-219-3394 or e-mail orchard4@att.net.

COCONUT PHOTO

Headshots by Kristi Lynes

The choice of working actors such as Audrey Wasilewski, Andy Umberger, Jenica Bergere, Lise Simms, Terry Rhoads and more.

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"Ms. Lynes hosts a session that is more about playing and finding than posing and panicking. Kristi's own lightness and generosity combined with her gorgeous natural light playground enabled me to relax and shine. No running around to locations, no mystery results as she shares the pics from each set up before moving on thus making sure you have what you need. There is no stress, especially when taking advantage of her 2fer discount. The buddy system not only eases the financial pressure, but it alleviates overall anxiety. I love my new pics!" Audrey Wasilewski - Mad Men, Big Love

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Hi Folks, My wife Chanis and I have a new therapeutic massage clinic, Royal Thai Massage, and I'm offering **RP members \$5 off** the low everyday price of \$45 for 60 minutes of Thai Massage. We're at 3600 W. Olympic Blvd, LA, CA 90019, between Crenshaw and Western Avenue. Phone for an appointment 323-734-0662. We have one of the prettiest Thai massage places in L.A. (www.royalthaimassage.net) Abundant free parking, safe neighborhood (Koreatown), Swedish and Deep Tissue available for \$5 more, also facials and waxing. **Just mention "David St. James' actors discount."**

CASTINGABOUT.com

CASTINGABOUT.com is proud to announce its recent acquisition by Breakdown Services!

CastingAbout, the online production and casting guide, is now a Breakdown Services company -- which means more listings, more up-to-the-minute address and casting staff updates, and more categories -- including film!

The original founders of CastingAbout (**BLAIR HICKEY** & Brian Wold) are still running the show, and are more dedicated than ever to supplying actors with the most current and accurate information available.

If you haven't checked it out already, CastingAbout tracks every major film and television project being cast in Los Angeles, listing each project's complete casting staff, mailing address and current production status. Members use the site to research shows, prepare "target" lists, track CD careers and create and print their own custom mailing labels. Membership costs \$9.95 a month --but now, because of the merger, Actors Access

members have the option of an annual subscription for just \$39.95.

(Just use the Promo Code: "actorsaccess" when signing up.)

Questions? Contact CastingAbout using the e-mail link at the bottom of any CastingAbout page.

VANDIVEER PHOTOGRAPHY

www.stunningheadshots.com

\$100 off for all RP members!

Jonathan Vandiveer's 'career making headshots' have been jump starting actors audition rates throughout Los Angeles. The proof is in the results, here's what a few pleased clients have to say:

"Jonathan's headshots helped me book my first two Guest Star roles on CSI:NY and The Eleventh Hour!" - Scott Connor

"After shooting with Jonathan my auditions increased dramatically, it was my busiest Pilot season ever!" - Gabriel Tigerman

"After shooting with you I got an agent and landed my very first guest star role on '24' !" - Jeronimo Spinx

"Not only did I get great photographs, I was able to use what Jonathan taught me on set." - Kito Robinson

WE'RE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THE OTHER GUYS!!

(Just thought you should know that, up front.)

For an actor nowadays, not having a website is almost like not having headshots; people just don't look at you as a serious professional. And, as with Headshots, you get what you pay for.

You wouldn't just go to the cheapest photographer, so why are you going to the cheapest website designer? There is a difference. Visit these sites and see that difference for yourself.

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www.heatherholmberg.com

www.breakupcomedybootcamp.com

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If your website looks amateurish, you look amateurish. If you don't take your career seriously, who will.

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323-707-4576

(And, for your non-acting related Internet marketing needs, we are also experts at search engine optimization)

DEMO REELS/CLIPS ON DVD

Need to put your film and TV clips on DVD (or CD-ROM)?

Your **Newsletter Editor** can help!

Able to transfer most VHS footage and non-code protected DVD into digital, for computer, burn to disk, can edit, create DVD menu, plays on most computers and players.

Charging only \$25 per finished minute on your disk

(That's not \$25 per minute of my work time!

i.e.: You want 2 minutes of footage on your completed disk = \$50 Get it? Good!)

Only need more copies? Additional DVD disks burned for \$5 each.

Need copies of your Voice-Over CD?

\$2 each.

Ask about: Custom disk labels.

If a disk I burn has a glitch, bring the bugger back and I'll burn another!

Contact: RPNews@reelpros.com

THE ACTOR'S BOOKING LOG

Need a place to keep track of all your bookings?

Then you need "**The Actor's Booking Log**" created by Main Arena member **Therese Lentz**.

There's a place to record all the information your agent gives you, plus reminders for info you're going to need. They're only \$10 and are available by emailing Therese at hanoveraras@dslextreme.com.

Be the first in your arena to own one.

NOW CASTING

ACTORS INK

The E-Magazine by Actors

Go to www.nowcasting.com/actorsink to read the articles!

ARE YOU IN THE LOOP YET?

Creating and maintaining an Actor Profile in Now Casting is FREE...and very important. Casting Directors around the country are using the Now Casting Online Audition system to record, archive and upload your auditions to Producers, Directors, Studio & Network Execs and your Actor Profile is part of that audition! Don't let others get the advantage when the decision makers are watching auditions. Make sure your profile is complete & up to date.

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15% OFF for RP MEMBERS

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~ MARC CHANCER, Origin Talent

MARK BENNINGTON PHOTOGRAPHY

\$50 OFF FOR ALL RP MEMBERS

Mark's poster is viewable in both RP Studio rooms. You can also check out the headshots of fellow RP members Alexandra Ryan, Dave Hoke, Scott Allen Rinker and Cat Kaelyn. Just go to www.reelpros.com follow the links for CREAM OF THE CROP and "search" for any of the above actors. Mark Bennington 323-655-1929 mark@benningtonphotography.com.

*Be sure to mention you're an RP member to take advantage of the discount!

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Reel Pros Main Arena member **JEANA BLACKMAN** here - I have done coverage and story analysis work for the last four years for a production company and am **now opening up my own business** to service writers and producers.

Visit www.expertscriptcoverage.com for all the details including rates, recommendations, etc. Samples can be e-mailed. Thanks!

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www.ActingwithAnnie.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Don't sit around waiting for your agent to call. Get out there and do something good! Visit my site for ideas. (As see in Vision Magazine, Valley Life and Lucky Dog and heard on Playboy Radio and Maxium Radio)... www.DoGoodStuff.org

JEWELRY

JENNIFER CHRISTOPHER from Main Arena has been making jewelry for 2 years now and is beginning to let more people know about her line, Twisted Bliss. All of her work is very feminine and delicate, and most pieces are one of a kind. She encourages custom orders as well. To see some examples of her work, goto www.etsy.com and search TWISTED BLISS. If you see a piece you like contact her through the site and she will meet you somewhere to deliver it, so you don't have to pay the S&H. Let her know what you think.

VIDEO-INTERNET PRODUCTION

I've been a member for a while now and it dawned on me that some fellow members might like this service I am offering.

Promote yourself online while doing work you care about.

Nowadays it is so easy to produce a video for the internet, that every actor has an amazing opportunity to get themselves out there performing material that they really care about and feel portrays them best. Many times they already have an idea of what they could do, but don't know where to start to assemble all the resources needed to actually make it happen. That's where we come in. From budgets to production, all the way through to helping with its web presence, we can help their project become a reality and the actor can maintain 100% ownership of the results. Who knows, you might even make some money with it.

So if there are any members who have a great idea, can come up with the relatively small amount of money it takes to get it made and out there, we can make sure they get a quality product.

Check out our website: www.minglingmedia.com and call for a FREE consultation.

Thanks, Michel Bayan, Mingling Media 310-455-6150

DISCOUNT ON HEADSHOTS FOR REEL PROS MEMBERS

I'm a member and a headshot photographer and I wanted to offer a discount to all Reel Pros Members.

It is with great excitement that I am announcing the launch of Casey Leigh Photography.

Reel Pros Referral!

With this referral, all of the Reel Pros community and all of your friends will receive **\$100 off** any package they like. Please tell your friends to just drop your name and mention that you're a member! All of my packages include the stylist for the whole shoot, retouched images, and a CD (watermark free)!

Details on my site: www.caseyleighphotography.com.

I shoot in my studio and outside both with natural light at my studio at S13 Studio: www.s13studio.com.

Thanks so much for sharing Casey Leigh Photography with all your friends!

"I can only say that luck is a huge factor in every career. When a door opens, you have to be ready and prepared to go through that door if it opens. But when the door opens and when the opportunities shows itself, in my opinion, is strictly a matter of luck. There are wonderful actors who have never succeeded. There are horrible actors who have succeeded incredibly well. It's just a matter of luck. And taking advantage. And being prepared. I guess if I'm going to give any advice, be prepared as an actor. Work on your craft. Do what you can to make yourself a better actor and more importantly a better human being."

-Armin Shimerman