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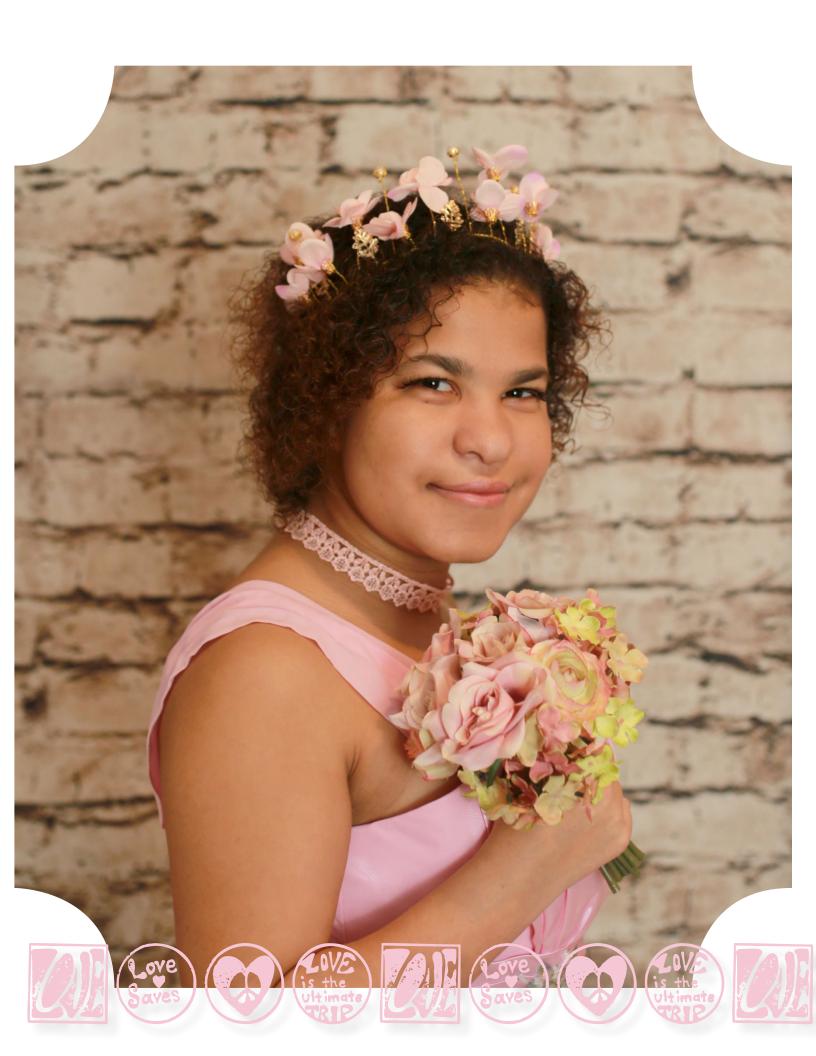








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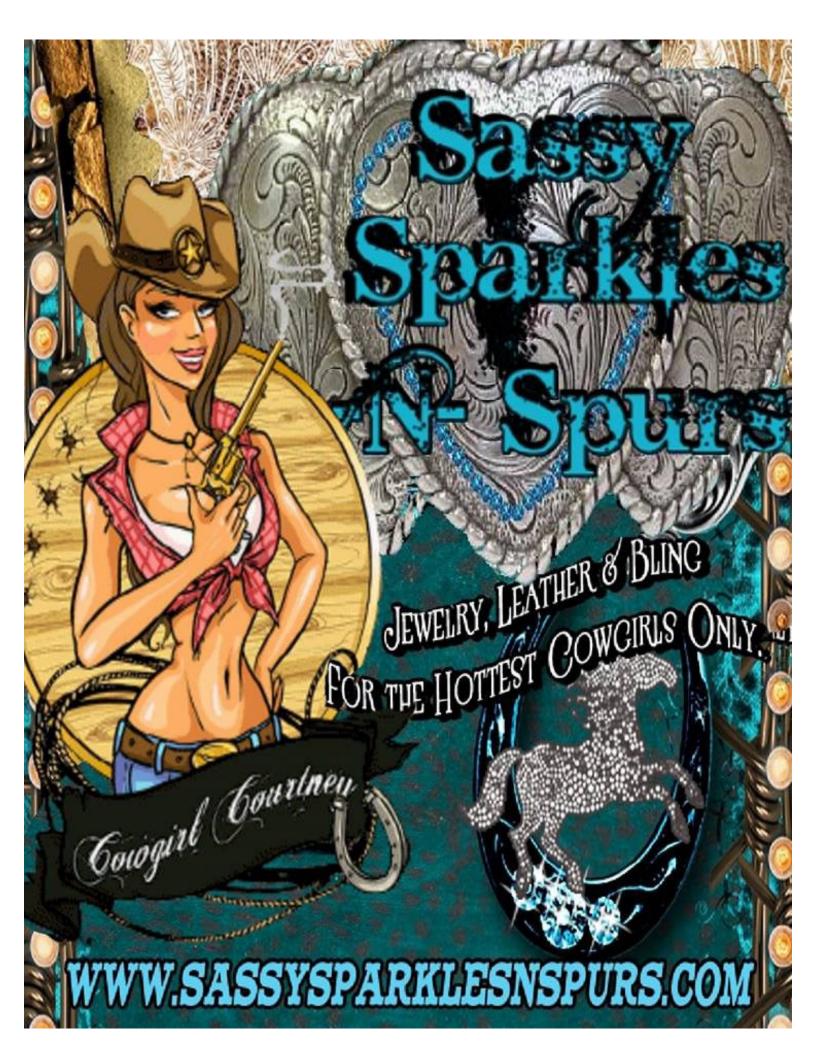


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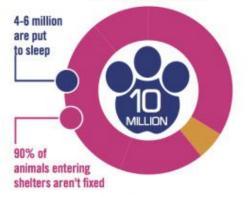




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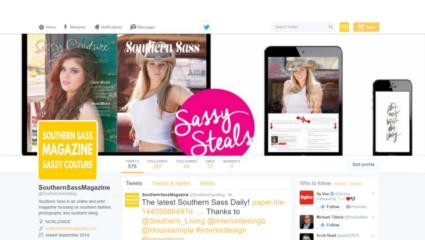
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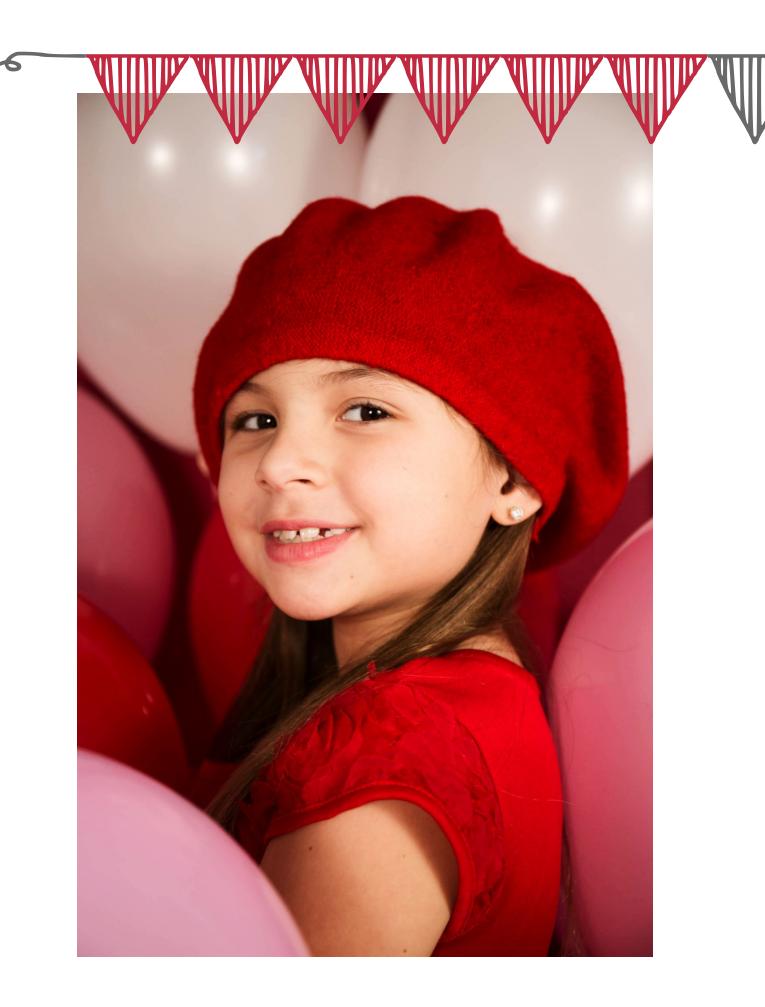
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Aries (21 March - 19 April)- You can become more dedicated to your work, and take on more projects than usual. You want to keep busy, and you feel you're capable of doing a lot. You don't mind the grunt work as much, which is usually something you usually run from. You want to be with people who are of the same mind as you, and who share the same causes and beliefs. You can focus more on your dreams, and feel good about your future. You may come across as more regal, stubborn, and friendlier. Favorable Dates : Feb 1, 5, 10, 14, 19, 23 Favorable Colors : Red & White

Gemini (21 May – 20 June) - You can begin a new creative project, take up a new hobby, or let out your inner child. You can enjoy dedicating yourself to your goals and achieving success. The more success you achieve, the better you feel. If single, you could meet someone through your career or through theirs, or get involved with a boss or mentor. If attached, you can be more traditional with your love tokens, but also less affectionate. You can also complete a major transformation in your life, or see something in your life unravel so you have to make a change. Favorable Dates : Feb 4, 8, 13, 17, 22, 26 Favorable Colors : Yellow & Blue

Cancer(21 June – 22 July) - You are having some big plans for the future and are devoted completely to them.



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side gig for extra money, or try turning a hobby into a job. You can look at your finances and see where you need to cut back and how to fix your budget. This can be a good time to acquire something of value. You like nurturing and encouraging others, and can be more supportive of your loved ones. This is a good time to redecorate your home, and you want to make your home more beautiful. **Favorable Dates** : Feb 3, 6, 12, 15, 21, 24 Favorable Colors : Purple & White

Virgo (23 August – 22 September) – You're more willing to embrace new opportunities and try something new in your life. Your intensity heightens,

Taurus (20 April – 20 May) - You feel most like yourself when you're mentally stimulated, engaging with other people intellectually, and sharing your thoughts and ideas with others. You're more focused on your mind, and you want to connect with other people mentally. You're also more willing to be unusual or innovative, and embrace what makes you an individual. It's likely that you'll feel more sensitive to what other people say and think about you, and take it too much to heart. You come across as more charitable, and intellectual. You can be more romantic and playful with your partner. Favorable Dates : Feb 7, 9, 16, 18, 25, 27 Favorable Colors : Yellow & Green



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People in sports, media and performing arts will be benefited. You're more defensive of your beliefs, and you'll stand up for them no matter what, but should be more open-minded. You might try to bring more balance into your career though. If in a relationship, you can be more romantic and spend more time with your partner. If single, you can attract more people of interest to you. You can indulge more, and require more balance in your life to enjoy yourself. Favorable Dates : Feb 5, 8, 14, 17, 23, 26 Favorable Colors : Yellow & Grey

Leo (23 July – 22 August). - You can be driven to have more financial security. You may take on a second job, do a



and you can't accept anything at face value. You might seem too serious, controlling, and emotional. You'll need to try to control yourself as much as you can. You can also have problems with taxes, loans, debts, inheritances, or joint finances. Romance will be in mind and soul for you most of this month. You can also focus on your health, and make lifestyle changes to improve your health for the better. Favorable Dates : Feb 2, 9, 11, 18, 20, 27 Favorable Colors : Purple & Yellow

Libra(23 September – 22 October) - You can achieve career success and accomplish long-term goals if you've been working hard and making smart choices. You can be presented with an opportunity to do something with a partner, see a loved one presented with a new opportunity, or are presented an opportunity through a loved one. You can try to bring more balance into your life or start a new partnership. You feel most like yourself when you're around your friends, in groups, and with people of the same mind as yourself. A friend or group you belong to can be in the spotlight. Favorable Dates : Feb 4, 5, 13, 14, 22, 23 Favorable Colors : Red & Green

Scorpio (23 October – 21 November) - You shine a light on your future and your dreams, and you can make some profession with your future



dreams. You may be recognized for your work, praised, or promoted. You're attracted to the unusual and to people who are their true selves. You may come across as more rebellious, original, and inventive. You can focus on a transformation that you want to make in your life, and try to change some part of yourself or your life for the better. You may come across as more intense, passionate, and obsessive. Favorable Dates : Feb 4, 5, 14, 22, 24,28 Favorable Colors : Red & Blue

Sagittarius (22 November - 21 December) - You enjoy dedicating yourself to your career, and you want to accomplish your goals. You





can get closer to where you want to be, and get further along your life path. If in a relationship, you can bring more romance in. If single, you can attract more people who catch your eye. You find pleasure in indulging in your senses, and can treat yourself to rich foods, fine wine, great music and art. After 20th February, you're better at dealing with life in the abstract, but you can come up with innovative and unique solutions to problems. **Favorable Dates** : **Feb 4, 5, 14, 22, 24,28 Favorable Colors : Red & Blue**

) – You can be presented with a new career opportunity or get promoted, achieve a goal or set a new one for yourself, or make a good impression on someone. You feel ambitious and focussed on what you can get done and

succeed with. You want to be with the

people you think of as your family, and

the comfort they provide makes you

feel good about life. Spending time at

home, in the place that you feel most

comfortable, allows you to open up

in ways you won't when you feel un-

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Aquarius (20 January – 18 February) - You want to accomplish as much as you can, and the more success you have, the more confident you feel, but you shouldn't tie your confidence to

your success so much. You try to bring

more balance into your life, needing it

to feel secure and confident. You can

come across as more fair, graceful, and vacillating. You feel most like yourself when you're with a loved one or partner. You'd rather be with someone else than alone or in a crowd. When you have someone by your side, you feel free to be your true self. Favorable Dates : Feb 1, 3, 10, 12, 21, 28 Favorable Colors : Blue & Grey

Pisces (19 February – 20 March) -You feel most like yourself when you're focused on your work and getting the tasks done that need to be done. You stay organized and keep to-do lists handy so you don't forget anything, and you can get through everything efficiently, productively, as quickly as



possible, and to the best of your abilities. If single, you can meet someone who is from another country or background. If you're in a relationship, you can be more playful with your partner and try to make things more adventurous. Favorable Dates : Feb 2, 3, 11, 12, 20, 21 Favorable Colors : Purple & Yellow



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Tips for Finding a Good Casting Agency

If you had the chance to read my previous blog post, "The Difference Between Casting Agencies & Talent/Modeling Agencies," you might be thinking about considering the services of a casting agency to help with your modeling career.

As with searching for a traditional modeling agency, there are certain things to keep in mind when trying to figure out which companies would be worth your time and which ones you should probably skip out on.

Keep in mind that not all casting agencies are created equal and only through research and careful consideration can you find the one tailored for your needs.

START LOCAL THEN BRANCH OUT

The good thing about living in or near a medium and large size modeling market is the fact that you'll likely have easy access to a casting agency or two (or three!). Starting local is not only practical, it's convenient and cost-effective because the majority of the castings and projects you could book through the casting agency will be in your neck of the woods.

The larger casting agencies that focus on projects nationwide are all well and good but focusing on submitting yourself to local projects is a great way to get your foot in the door, as well as network with clients, photographers and other industry professionals.

When that happens, your chances for booking future work through word-of-mouth and a previous working relationship will increase--all bonuses for you.

Don't live in a market that has a good casting agency or no casting agency at all? Then you can consider the larger online versions that post for projects within your state, as well as across the country.

REVIEW MEMBERSHIP PLAN OPTIONS

The best casting agencies give you options and don't force you

to pay the same fee as everyone else. Being able to choose a membership plan that fits your needs is a safe and smart way to check out what a casting agency has to offer and test drive the quality of its services before jumping in and paying money you may be ready or comfortable spending yet.

Even better is if the casting agency has a free membership plan. Although the free profiles are obviously going to be limited, it's a nice way to test the waters and see how you like using the website without any financial commitment.

Quality casting agencies understand that affordability is important to their customers and the range of plans they offer should reflect that.

Also note if the fees must be paid monthly, annually, etc. and what methods of payment they accept.

WHAT ELSE DO THEY DO?

One of the many benefits of being a member of a casting agen-



cy is access to other services outside of connecting you with projects looking for models/talent. A majority offer resources related to workshops for everything from acting and public speaking to recommendations/ referrals for photographers.

In most cases, these resources have been vetted by the casting agency or come recommended because they have worked with or recognize the quality and integrity of the individual/company they are affiliated with. Sometimes being a member of a casting agency will open you up to special offers, discounts on certain services or even the inside scoop on upcoming workshops, specials or other happenings before anyone else.

agencies offer to take free digital snapshots of you to keep for their files and for you to use for your profile registered with the casting agency. This allows them to have the most up-todate images of you and while it isn't a full on photoshoot, it's a wonderful option for newbies who don't have digital snapshots of their own to upload to their profile.

Having a casting agency that serves as a type of "one stop shop" is convenient and allows you to find the assistance you're looking for depending on what you need help with in regards to your modeling and/or acting career.

QUALITY OF PROJECTS

er the projects being listed on a casting agency's site are good or not. Sometimes you'll get some funky ones (no site is perfect) but in general the more reputable casting agencies won't allow just anyone to post a project on their site.

If you've ever searched through gigs on places like Craigslist, you should be able to tell the difference between a sketchy post and one that is a real opportunity. Legitimate casting agencies know how important screening posts are and they often require specific information before approving a project to be posted and sent out to its members.

Additionally, most casting

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In general, always be wary of posts that seem too good to be true, such as modeling assignments that want you to travel out of the country and are paying hundreds to thousands of dollars. Play it safe and always use common sense when submitting to projects you get matched up for.

AUDITION/CASTING PROCESS

Local casting agencies not only connect clients with their database of models/talent, they provide audition/casting space at their location (at least a majority of them do). While direct bookings do happen--where the client doesn't require an in-person audition--one of the perks for both clients and models/talent is the ability to have castings at the office itself.

Having a public, safe and professional environment to meet with clients is very beneficial and a common approach to being considered for a project when a client has expressed interest after reviewing your submission.

It's not a mandatory requirement for clients posting projects through a casting agency to have their audition/castings at the agency's location, however, so don't be worried if you submit and are asked to go someplace that isn't the casting agency office (of course it is important to make sure the space holding the audition isn't a private home or other suspicious location...that's what Google Maps is for, people!).

NO HARD SALES PUSH

Casting agencies that are good at what they do will not hound you via email or phone to entice you to sign up/pay for additional services you didn't ask for or have not expressed an interest in. Nor will they contact you with casting opportunities you "just have to be a part of."

You're already a member and paying the fees for services so their job is done in that regard. Even if you're signed up under a free profile, there is no reason why anyone from the casting agency should be contacting you to convince you to upgrade to a paid membership.

The only exception to this when it comes to free profiles is receiving email alerts listing the benefits of having a paid membership. That's normal but if they're calling you with a hard sales push to get you to cough up money for services and provide your credit card number, that's not okay.

CUSTOMER SERVICE OPTIONS

Whether you opt for a local casting agency or a larger one that focuses on nationwide castings, you want to ensure that you will be able to get in touch with someone should an issue arise. Having a phone number is important. Some casting agencies rely on the typical 800 or 855 number, while more local operations may stick with a local number only.

Casting sites that only provide a contact form or email address but no phone number always make me nervous, especially if it's not a local business with a brick and mortar location you can visit. What if there is a billing issue and all you can do is hope someone returns your email/submitted form?

Casting agencies offering several methods of communication for customer service are the ones worth working with. Thanks to the advancements of technology there are even casting agencies with the Live Chat feature, which is always pretty neat to have available.

REVIEWS

As with any business you're thinking about working with, it doesn't hurt to do a bit of online homework and look up any reviews to see what others think. Try to be fair and realize when certain reviews are clearly written by irate individuals with an ax to grind. It's also a good idea to ask around and see if

you know any friends, family or associates who are signed to a casting agency you're in-

Think about it: you want to use this as a tool to market yourself to potential clients and projects...do you really want to make a first impression by having your photos and info on a site that you're slightly or really embarrassed by?

Now I will say that small markets where the casting agencies aren't rolling in the dough clearly may not be in a position to have the snazziest site like the competition in larger markets and in those instances, that isn't their fault.

terested in. Personal testimonials are always the best to have for reference.

WEBSITE APPEAR-ANCE/USABILITY

I put this item at the bottom because you shouldn't base a casting agency's credibility solely on the appearance of the website alone but it is something to factor in. Having the fanciest, feature-filled website doesn't automat-



area not known to be the hub of action, it makes sense to consider signing up for a larger casting agency that posts for projects nationwide to get your profile out to a larger base. You could also sign up for the local casting agency even if it isn't the most impressive, as long as they do have quality projects posted and affordable membership fees that match the

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ically mean a casting agency is legit but the more professional the site is, as well as the quality of the features they use and offer to members is important.

Casting agency sites that appear (or are) outdated, have super old looking photos and use very basic technology for features like photo and resume uploads may be ones you'll want to either avoid or push to the bottom of your consideration list. size of the market and caliber of the work they come across.

You can join as many casting agency sites as you want so once you get more familiar with these types of agencies, their services and benefits, you can easily set yourself up to cover all your bases and submit to projects both large and small, local and nationwide.



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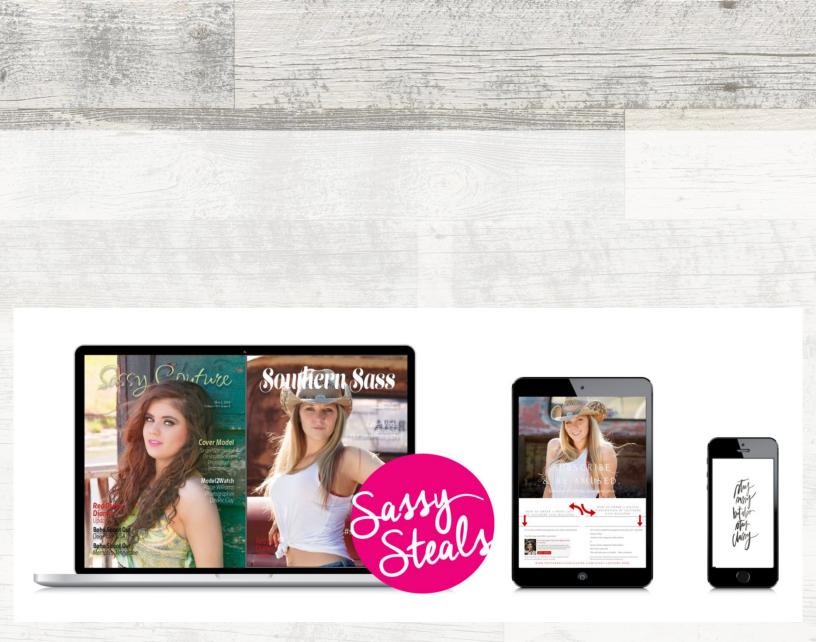
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