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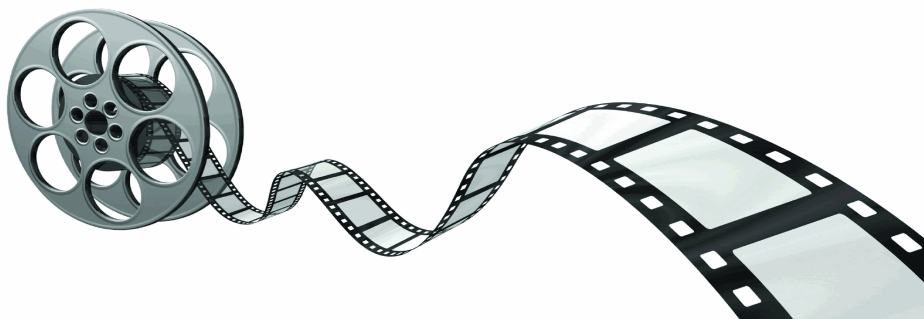


David Elliott

Don Buchwald and Associates
New York, New York

David Elliott has been a commercial agent at the Buchwald office in New York for over 35 years. He works in the areas of on camera and v/o commercials, motion-capture and v/o for video games, print, corporate films, radio, live events and occasionally episodic television. During this time, he has represented Blythe Danner, Luke Perry, Julianne Moore, Marisa Tomei among hundreds of other actors. His career in New York began as an actor and he earned his Equity membership performing with Joe Namath and Donna Mills in Picnic, Namath's stage debut. After taking a 40 year break from acting, he appeared again recently on the New York stage, where his performance was praised by Academy Award winning writer, John Patrick Shanley. His greatest deal as an agent was selling a small Wendy's Frosty to another agent for \$10.

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Shirley Faison

Carson-Adler Talent Agency
New York City, NY

People in the industry have branded Shirley as the 'go to' talent agent for fresh faces ready for exposure in major venues. She has built her reputation over 40 years in the entertainment industry. She has been a talent agent at Carson-Adler Agency, Inc for over 23 years. She represents talent in the areas of film, television, and theatre. Faison attributes her success in developing talent to several factors. She attends showcases, plays, and workshops; identifies what sets her clients and prospective clients apart from others; promotes their unique skills, and crafts a plan to get them in front of individuals and audiences who can advance their careers. And she animates these efforts with the Faison First Principle, "always look beyond the obvious."

A former actress, director, producer and artistic director for a theatre company, Faison is a discerning talent scout with proven savvy discovering and nurturing new talent, and launching and guiding their early careers. Her broad-based experience in entertainment informs the talent development, career consultation and personal attention that is her hallmark and supports a talent roster that books.

Known as an agent who listens to what producers and casting directors are looking for and a talent developer whose keen eye interprets the needs. Faison has earned the respect of leading casting professionals in theatre, film, and television. Equally respected by her clients, Faison is proud of her track record building a career ladder for the actor from their first job. Specializing in representing actors, dancers, and singers of all ages, she engages them as partners in the enterprise. "I look at their strongest asset, and market that," she stresses. "I asked them how they want their career to develop and make a plan to get them jobs. I narrow the playing field by getting them in where they 'fit.' "Even when there



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are actors who have more credits than my clients I develop a strategy that will secure the job for my client. Then, I work with them to eliminate the blocks that can stall their progress from one stage to the next."

Actors represented by Shirley Faison have booked lead and supporting roles in feature films, as well as parts in television pilots, episodic and series. Her clients have also worked as leads and supporting roles on Broadway, Off-Broadway, national tours and regional theater companies across the U.S.

Faison is proud to have developed and launched the careers of successful actors including, Eden Duncan-Smith (The Annie Movie, Lion King, Fences, See You Yesterday), Bobbi MacKenzie (School of Rock), Donald Faison (Scrubs), Ryan Toby (Sister Act II), Horace V. Rogers (Lion King), Laz Alonso (Avatar), Dorian Missick (Southland), and Jeannette Bayardelle (Color Purple)

Shirley Faison is a graduate of Rutgers University and is the author of 7 Rules To Thrive As A Performer: A Workbook Experience. She is a proud mother of three sons and a grandmother of eleven.



Teri Land

Presence Model & Talent Agency
Atlanta, GA

Teri Land has been an industry professional for over 30 years since the beginning of her career as one of the top Runway models at Wilhelmina Models in New York City. She has worked with some of the most famous designers in the industry such as Oscar De La Renta, Christian LaCroix, Lafayette 148, Escada, Valentino, just to name a few.

As a model, scout, coach and agent, Teri draws on her many years in the business to educate, inspire, and train actors and models of all ages in every aspect of the business.

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As a coach, Teri turns aspiring models into seasoned professionals. Her models are represented by many of the industry's top agencies - Elite, Wilhelmina, Presence, Click, Ford - and work for the biggest names in fashion and media, including Versace, Valentino, *Sports Illustrated*, *Seventeen* and dozens more. As an agent, scout and mentor for more than 15 years with L'Agence, Elite & Kitty Bundy with Presence Models & Talent Agency.

Teri continues to discover, fine tune and develop talent to work not only in the Atlanta film, television, and runway market, but in national and international markets as well.

Jason Lockhart

Atlanta Models and Talent
Atlanta, GA



Jason Lockhart is a Talent Agent from Los Angeles who relocated to the southeast Market in 2017 as head of TV & Film at one of the most prestigious agencies in Atlanta. He is also an accomplished filmmaker, having worked with National Lampoon and sold two feature films as an award-winning Writer/Director, one of which The CW picked up as a Movie of the Week. Having grown up as a child actor, Jason has over 20 years of experience & education in the industry, but after bouncing around several seats in Hollywood, he finds it most rewarding behind the talent agent's desk, helping others pursue their dreams.

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Joan Messinger

Pinnacle Talent
Los Angeles, CA

JOAN MESSINGER has been an agent for quite a while - before cell phones, before the internet. She spent many of those early years with the Herb Tannen Agency. When Mr. Tannen closed his doors, she and her then partner moved the commercial department to Amsel, Eisenstadt, Frazier & Hinojosa as a subdivision, Pinnacle Talent. Despite the many years spent getting opportunities for people to sell cereal and cars and phone services and much more, she wasn't always an agent. After a false start at one of the country's foremost art schools and a small detour to travel the country with various orchestras, dance troupes, stage shows, and for part of several years, 24 singing boys in sailor suits, she found her true calling - commercials. She has also been known to dabble in film, television, voice over, stage and some oddities that defy description, but commercials have always been the prime focus. She especially enjoys sharing the professional tidbits she's picked up over the years with aspiring actors of all ages. She is a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and an Emmy voter. For all the changes in the business (and there have been many!), the best part is still calling an actor to say, "You booked it!"



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Anna Singleton

Houghton Talent Agency
Atlanta, GA

Anna Singleton, Theatrical Agent, Houghton Talent – Anna began her entertainment career in 2014, joining Houghton Talent’s commercial team and securing some of the best work in the Southeast. Her high standards and love for people quickly built a reputation of diligence and loyalty. Having both a strong knowledge of the industry and a sales/negotiating background, Anna transitioned to Houghton’s theatrical division, where she has been instrumental in getting performers in front of the right people to propel their careers forward. An honest, straight talker, Anna is respected for her insight and discernment. Servicing the tremendous amount of opportunity in the Southeast is something she does well and with ease.

A native of Colorado, Anna and her husband Brian have been together for thirty one years, have two adult daughters and a most adorable pup. They enjoy travel and great friendships.

Houghton Talent is one of the top talent agencies in the Southeast. Conveniently located in the West Midtown district of Atlanta. Houghton holds a reputation for integrity in the marketplace. They’ve made their mark in the industry and now enjoy relationships spanning three decades.

