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Stephanie Bellarosa Buchwald Print Division – New York City

Stephanie Bellarosa has almost 20 years' experience in this industry. She started out her career working for a children's agency called Generation. She then moved on to a full service bicoastal agency CESD where she was also a kid's agent then promoted to Director of the Print Division. Ms. Bellarosa was at CESD for 11 years. She is currently expanding the Print Department at Buchwald and is looking for men and women for commercial print, beauty, fashion, and fitness modeling.



Stephen DeCayette

Prestige Talent Agency – Beverly Hills, CA

Stephen DeCayette is an ambitious and determined commercial talent agent who focuses on obtaining the most valuable opportunities for the talent he represents. He works to cultivate new relationships with other industry professionals, while enriching his current associations.

Mr. DeCayette serves as a Head Commercial Talent Agent with the renowned Prestige Talent Agency. Prior to his current position, he served as a Commercial Talent Agent with the Coast to Coast Talent Group after holding a managerial position at The Directors Guild of America and a position in Guest Services at Live Nation Entertainment. His professional career includes an internship at The House of Representatives Talent Agency, then in Beverly Hills.

He is also active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations including the International Special Events Society and the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation.

Mr. DeCayette received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Entertainment/Event Management with a minor in Entrepreneurship from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI.

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Rhavynn Drummer <u>Tyler Perry Studios</u> – Atlanta, GA

Rhavynn Drummer has always had a love for actors and great performances. She has had the privilege of working in casting for the past seven years. She began her career in casting working as a casting assistant at Tyler Perry Studios. While working at the studio she has participated in the casting of 13 feature films, six television series, and six theatrical productions. Ms. Drummer graduated in 2007 from the University of Virginia with a double major in Theater and American Studies.

During her time at UVA, Ms. Drummer started the Paul Robeson Players, a theater company focused on producing African-American stories and experiences. In June of 2011 she was promoted to the position of in-house freelance Casting Director. She has had the privilege of working on projects like "The Family that Preys," "Why Did I Get Married Too?," "The Marriage Counselor" and the television series "House of Payne," "Meet the Browns," "The Haves and The Have Nots," and "Love Thy Neighbor."



David Elliott Buchwald – New York City

David Elliott has been an agent at Don Buchwald & Associates for more than 30 years, working in the areas of on camera, voice over, radio, print, video games and industrials. Prior to working as a talent agent, he was an actor in film, TV and stage.

Recently, he has booked clients as the leads in two major video games and major advertising campaigns for Scott Paper, Bank of America, TMobile, Triscuits, Ambi, among others, and sent actors to work in Chicago, Los Angeles, Prague, Johannesburg, Milan, Slovenia and Buenos Aires. The greatest deal of his career was selling a small Wendy's chocolate Frosty to another agent for \$10.

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Shirley Faison Carson-Adler Agency – New York City

Shirley Faison has been a talent agent with Carson-Adler Agency, Inc. for the past 19 years. She is a graduate of Rutgers University – Douglass College. Ms. Faison is cited in Who's Who Among Female Executives.

Prior to becoming an agent, she was a producer of theatre and the Executive Director of National Black Theatre. She received a 1989 AUDELCO Producers Award for Musical Production. She is a frequent guest at Weist-Barron/ACTeen, Actors Connection and One On One. She delivers a presentation to show performers how to self-start their careers. Ms. Faison has been a panelist for *Hal Jackson's Talented Teens* and Kemet Productions' *Road to Stardom*. For the past three years, Ms. Faison has been a proud guest at BEST.



Teri Land Presence Model & Talent Agency – Atlanta, GA

In the world of fashion, you need more than a look to succeed. You need a competitive edge. Teri Land draws on more than two decades of professional modeling, coaching and consulting experience to give developing talent the skills and training required for success. As a model, Ms. Land has appeared in hundreds of magazines, commercials and catalogs and graced thousands of runways around the world. Even today, she continues her successful career as a full-time model and remains committed to improving her skills.

As a coach, Ms. Land 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 16 years with L'Agence, Elite & Kitty Bundy with Presence Models & Talent Agency. Ms. Land continues to discover, fine tune and develop talent to work not

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only in the Atlanta film, television, and runway market, but in national and international markets as well.

Sheila Legette

Media Artists Group – Los Angeles, CA

Sheila Legette started her professional career in the entertainment industry at the age of 22 when she landed her first full-time position at WIS-TV (NBC Affiliate) in Columbia, South Carolina. She was one of the first African Americans to hold the position of Front Desk Receptionist at the affiliate. In less than six months, she was promoted to Local Programming Executive and also held the title of Floor Director and Guest Coordinator for the *Carolina Today Show, The Awareness Show* and the *Mr. Knozit Show*. She was responsible for booking many guests on the show, including legendary artists Maya Angelou, Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder and Lionel Richie.

After a long tenure at WIS-TV, Ms. Legette – with her actress daughter in tow – relocated to Los Angeles. She not only acted as manager for her daughter who was a series regular on a CBS sitcom, she also held a position with AMU Productions, working as Office Manager/Casting Director. When AMU closed its doors, Ms. Legette worked at the Producers Guild of America as Director of Member Services.

As a talent agent, Ms. Legette worked with KTA and Diverse Talent and is currently with Media Artists Group as Vice President of Talent and Talent Agent. She has signed some of Hollywood's finest talent to her roster including her daughter/ actress, Angell Conwell, and the beautiful and talented actress Vivica A. Fox. With more than 30 years in the entertainment industry she still loves what she does.

Ms. Legette currently resides in Studio City, CA.

