

Building Your Best Biography

A savvy Biography is vital.

Why? Because it gives a fan, reporter, industry insider, or anyone else who reads it an idea of who you are and what you do.

To help make sure you're considering everything when writing yours...I've compiled a list of questions and areas to help you gather all the details.

Don't feel obligated to include all of this information in your Bio, these are simply intended to help get your Bio building juices flowing.



Early History:

- Your professional name. Is it different from your personal name?
- Where did you grow up?
- What is your ethnic heritage?
- Do you come from a large or small family? Any siblings? Are you oldest/youngest?
- Any unusual family traits, qualities or birthright stories?
- Who were your childhood artistic influences?
- Did you gravitate towards acting early? What lead you to it?
- Were you the "ham" of the family?
- Three adjectives that describe your childhood.

Education + Training:

- Where did you go to school as a child and then graduate high school?
- Did you go to college? When, where and what did you study?
- If you didn't study acting, have you been able to use your education in your acting?
- When did you first start acting?
- Where was your first acting experience?
- Did you participate in local productions?
- Your professional training: when + where did you study?
- Are you currently in a Professional class?

Professional Start:

- When did you first begin professionally?
- What city did you start in? Are you still there now?
- What was the first job you were hired for?
- Was it the same as your first paying acting job?
- What do you consider your "big break" into professional acting?
- Were there any influential industry people, coaches or others who were key?

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Key Credits:

- What's been the biggest pivotal moment in your career...and why t?
- Specific roles/projects that you're the proudest of...and why?
- Most recognizable credits to date.
- Largest role to date.
- Received any awards or special notices?
- Roles that lead you to discover something about yourself.
- Roles that lead you to discover something about the world or humanity.
- Achieved any career milestones that you set for yourself? Or set by others?

Most Recent:

- Newest credits.
- Do they signal progression in your career either is size or in quality of project?
- Any upcoming roles that have yet to be released?
- Are you allowed to discuss any unreleased roles?
- Any roles/projects current in-development?

Additional Details:

- Any unique or interesting hobbies?
- What is your "day job" and has it influenced your career?
- Three adjectives that describe your personality today.
- Where do you live now?
- How long have you been there + what brought you there?
- Do you typically get cast in roles that are similar or opposite to your own personality?
- If you had to pick...comedy or drama? And, is that what you get cast in mostly?