

Casting Director's Guide

Casting Roles for Intimate Scenes

If a role requires the performance of a simulated sex act or nudity, production must abide by special notification and audition rules for performers and body doubles. A reminder that body doubles receive the same initial compensation and receive the same safety protections as principal performers do for these performances.

Prohibition on Actual Sex

Engaging in actual sex, which includes genital touching without a physical barrier, is strictly prohibited for any role.

Notification & Casting Notice

RULES:

- ▶ If a nude or sex scene is known by production, the casting notice shall specify any nudity or sex acts expected in the role and/or the need for a modesty garment audition.
- ▶ If production does not find out until after the casting notice is posted, production must notify the performer as soon as practicable. Advance notice and the rider must be given at least 48 hours prior to the performer's call time.

General Auditions

RULES:

- ▶ No nudity, simulated sex or the wearing of modesty garments in a general audition.
- ▶ No audition shall be conducted in a private hotel room or residence where the performer is alone with representatives of production, except in the event that no alternative site is available. In the event that no alternative site is available for an audition, the performer shall be entitled to have a person of the performer's choice present, who will be allowed to maintain physical access to the performer at all times during the audition, provided that the person abides by applicable company policies.
- ▶ Producers are prohibited from requesting photographs or self-tapes of performers in the nude or engaging in simulated sex acts.

Modesty Garment Final Callback

A role may require that production view an adult performer's body as part of the casting process. To protect the performer, these auditions require special care and rule adherence.

Scheduling Modesty Garment Auditions

RULES:

- ▶ One final callback audition, but no prior audition, can require that a performer wear modesty garments.
- ▶ No nudity or simulated sex in this audition.
- ▶ Minors are prohibited from participating in this audition.
- ▶ "Modesty garments" include pasties, a genital sock or covering, a G-string, or other equivalent top or bottom that exposes much of the buttock or breast.
- ▶ If known, the producer must put in the casting notice that there will be a final modesty garment audition. Otherwise, the performer shall be told as soon as practicable. Advance notice is required.
- ▶ Regardless of how or where a modesty garment audition is held, the performer has the right to have a support peer present.
- ▶ Producers are prohibited from requesting photographs or self-tapes of performers in the nude or engaging in simulated sex acts.

Who Can Participate In the Audition?

RULES:

- ▶ Modesty garment auditions are closed auditions. Only those essential to the casting process may be present. The number of individuals present shall be limited to the fewest necessary for the casting of the role.
- ▶ Remote viewing via the use of monitors or any other device that allows observation without the person being present (such as Zoom) shall be restricted to those essential to the casting process.
- ▶ Any person present at such an audition or viewing remotely must identify his/her name and title, and must be visible to the performer.

Regarding remote viewing, in order to best ensure compliance, production should look at providing secure, individualized access with passwords for each participant to prevent nonessential persons from observing or any sort of hack of the feed. Production should also consider using services (such as Zoom) that allow for name watermarking of the screen. Performers are uniquely at risk for the public disclosure of intimate images. For high-profile performers, this risk only amplifies.

Photographing & Filming Modesty Garment Auditions

RULES:

- ▶ Any photography or filming of the performer in modesty garments requires prior written consent.
- ▶ Recording using personal devices, including cellphones/mobile devices or personal cameras, will be prohibited.
- ▶ The best way to ensure compliance is for production to ban personal devices in the audition space.
- ▶ Production shall destroy footage at the conclusion of the casting process upon the performer's written request.

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