

E-Casting in Times of Pandemic

The coronavirus presents actors, casting directors, producers and all those involved in the casting of film works with unexpected challenges. Filming can only be carried out under high safety conditions as corona-related shooting failures represent a high economic risk for production companies.

From a health perspective in times of pandemic, e-casting paves a sure way to prove acting skills – provided everyone sticks to the rules!

For **all of us!** Corona rules, i.e. the restrictions decided by the federal and state governments, apply. In all professions people are thinking about how they can do their jobs and protect themselves from corona at the same time. As in all other areas of life, the following currently also applies to the production of an e-casting: one's own health and the health of others must not be put at risk. Not even to deliver "the best tape".

The current corona rules must be observed! We ask you to refrain from inviting acting partners to your home during the production of the e-casting!

Trust the casting director. They are trained and experienced to recognize the quality and skills of actors from all the different approaches of a self-tape to make the right pre-selection for the respective production. They will not be seduced by equipment or production values. They are looking for the best cast, not the already (perfectly) filmed scene!

Actors should not take any risks for an e-casting, as there are many practical alternatives to a local acting partner:

- Digital possibilities such as Zoom or Skype enable virtual playbacks
- The actor databases have tools for virtual castings!
- Creating a pool of acting partners within the BFFS or in the circle of friends in the sense of "helping people to help themselves" in order to find a digital partner
- Dialogue partners on the phone
- Face-to-face with casting directors via Zoom, etc.
- Action / Reaction play along
- Support within the BFFS or in your circle of friends in case of technical problems with self-tapes
- Apps such as LINE LEARNER, which make it possible to record the playback text beforehand or simply via a voice memo

This clear message seems necessary to us, as no one should put themselves or others at risk.

We wish you all the best for your self-taping, plenty of success and above all much, much fun!