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Rao's Big Family Casting Direction

SELF-TAPE SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS – read all the way through for uploading instructions!

TECHNICAL SET-UP POINTERS:

- Use a Tripod or other device to hold your camera/cell phone in place HORIZONTALLY.
- Make sure you position the camera a good distance from each person and at eye level to avoid distortion.*
- Lighting must be adequate so that we can see you clearly. Avoid having a window behind. This will close down your lens.
- Shoot in kitchen or dining room.
- Include still photo of each person showing their hands and face (see picture on right).



"Landscape Mode"



BIG FAMILY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER - STILL PHOTOS & VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS

STORY: Spaghetti dinners are special for every family; especially this family. This is the story of Caucasian family ACTUALLY preparing for dinner of spaghetti marinara (Gluten Free Pasta is okay). NOTE: This audition is REAL eating. Not miming. Everyone must be seen eating Spaghetti in stills & video. Eating should not in any way be silly...this is a beautiful family dinner with everyone savoring every bite of spaghetti.

Dad is the cook; everyone loves his delicious spaghetti dinner and it all starts with Rao's. Here are some of the STILL pictures we need (use cell phone or camera and make sure light is adequate):

DAD STILLS:

1. Headshot from top of head to mid chest. Nice smile showing teeth
2. Picture of dad with a hand on each side of his face to show what his hands look like
3. Close up of dad's hands opening a jar of Rao's (or any jar without a label)
4. Picture of dad over the sauce pot, leaning over and tasting the sauce from his wooden spoon
5. Picture of dad sitting at the dinner table laughing with the family, fork of spaghetti in his hand, eating while interacting with family. Never looking into camera.



MOM'S STILLS:

1. Headshot from top of head to mid chest. Nice smile showing teeth
2. Picture of mom with hand on each side of her face to show what her hands look like
3. Picture of mom sitting on the couch w/older relative, catching up. Laughing, smiling lovingly
4. Picture of mom at the table laughing, smiling with her family, eating spaghetti while interacting with family. Never looking into camera.



GRANDPARENT'S/ OLDER RELATIVE'S STILLS:

1. Headshot of Grandpa from top of head to mid chest. Nice smile showing teeth
2. Picture of Grandparent/relative with a hand on each side of his face.
3. Picture of Grandparent/relative sitting on the couch with the mom, catching up. Lots of smiles.
4. Picture of Grandparent/relative sitting at the dinner table enjoying dinner with the family. Eating spaghetti or raising up a wine glass to toast! Looking only at family members.

OLDEST CHILD'S STILLS:

1. Headshot of older child from top of head to mid chest. Nice smile showing teeth
2. Picture of older child helping dad cook and laughing
3. Picture of older child enjoying spaghetti. Maybe slurping it up off the fork. Looking at the spaghetti as they eat.
4. Picture of both children laughing with family at the table.

**YOUNGEST CHILD'S STILLS:**

1. Headshot of youngest child from top of head to mid chest. Nice smile showing teeth.
2. Picture of younger child helping dad cook and laughing
3. Picture of younger child eating spaghetti. Maybe sauce on face. Laughing. Looking at the spaghetti as they eat.
4. Picture of both children laughing with family at the table.

FAMILY PICTURE STILL:

1. One picture of the whole family together. Adults sitting on couch, kids on floor. Set the phone on a timer to take one group photo of all smiling.

FAMILY VIDEO: Shoot a 2 minute VIDEO (camera in horizontal position). Everyone say name to camera one at a time, then actually shoot family having dinner; Family looking at each other, not at camera: Eating and enjoying the spaghetti and the memorable family time...eating should be enjoyable...never silly or crude.



DIRECTION: Set phone/ camera on counter top facing table. Shoot WIDE SHOT of everyone saying their name to camera one at a time, then Shoot Dad bringing dinner to table, sitting down and everyone enjoying (ACTUALLY EATING) their delicious spaghetti dinner. Lots of smiles, laughs and enjoyment! Ignore the camera and just focus on the beauty of the moments.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Make sure all photos and video are renamed correctly. Without names, we can't identify who is who.
- After you have completed your video and photos go to our submission page: [SUBMISSION PAGE](#)
- **DEADLINE THURSDAY AUGUST 6**

1. Fill in all family names and primary contact information
2. Upload photos of yourself and all family members using the PHOTO LINK.
3. Upload your video at the VIDEO LINK (wait for BLUE CHECK MARK indicating the upload was successful – DO NOT REFRESH).

If you have any upload issues, please email us at raos@donnagrossmancasting.com

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