

Kids Los Angeles National Acting Convention Parent Handbook



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What is the LA Acting Convention?

The Kids LA National Acting Convention is a five-day Los Angeles industry experience where young performers train, audition, and connect with real agents and casting professionals.

Open to all levels, the program builds confidence, professional skills, and real industry understanding in a guided, supportive environment—especially for families new to the entertainment world and those ready to level up.

What Students Experience:

- 🎬 Five days of workshops, auditions, and competition.
- 🌟 Focus options: Acting, Modeling, Singing, or Dance
- 👤 Training with working industry professionals.
- 📝 Preparation support for interviews, wardrobe, resumes, scripts or songs, and professional photos
- 💛 Live agent showcase and networking opportunities
- 🎉 Red-carpet awards gala celebration

This invitation-only convention is typically held twice a year, in January and July. Please review this handbook for important preparation guidelines and event details. For additional questions, contact our team.



Our Director Walid Chaya and the LA Convention Producer at the Red Carpet.

Performer Package

KIDS LA NATIONAL ACTING CONVENTION

July 14th-18th, 2026 in Los Angeles, CA

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This program combines months of preparation coaching with a five-day Los Angeles industry experience — designed to replicate the professional development process young actors typically receive over an entire season.

Register online: studioforperformingarts.com/kids-convention

TOTAL TUITION: \$1,595 per child (includes one parent/guardian)

Includes Coaching and a 5-day in-person LA National Acting Convention.

Payment plans available.

Parent/guardian may attend standard convention activities at no additional cost. Travel and lodging not included. Discounted host hotel rooms may be available.

Package Includes:

- ★ Four 30-minute online private coaching and preparation sessions
- ★ Pre-trip Zoom Q&A and participant meet-and-greet
- ★ Five days in Los Angeles featuring performance events and agent showcases
- ★ Entry in six competition categories – see list below. (Additional categories beyond the six included, as well as Red Carpet tickets, are available as add-ons.)

Competition Categories:

- Slate
- Singing
- Swimsuit / Beachwear (Modeling)
- Commercials
- Dancing
- Photos Competition
- Monologues
- Modeling
- TV Beauty (Commercials)
- Scenes /Runway
- Teleprompter/Host (Infomercials)
- Cold Read
- Jeans (Modeling)





Competition Categories



Each performer receives six competition entries.
Additional entries may be added for an extra fee.

Coaches help families choose categories suited to each child's experience level.

Age Competition Categories:

Ages 4-6 | 7-12 | 13-17 | 18+

Slate

Simple charismatic introduction: Name & Age

Commercials

We will provide 30 second commercial options at your first coaching.

Monologues

We will provide 1 minute monologue options at your first coaching.

Scenes

We will provide assigned scenes 2 weeks before the event.

Modeling/Runway

Walk the runway in an upscale outfit of your choice.

Photos Competitions

This is closed set. Judges will score from photos.

Singing

Sing a chorus and verse with a backing track. Finalists perform a 1 min 30 sec extended version.

Dancing

Dance 16 counts to a music track of your choice. Finalists perform a 1 min 30 sec extended version.

Jeans

Walk the runway in jeans.

Swimsuit/beachwear

Walk the runway in swimsuit/beachwear.

Cold Read

Acting scene provided at the convention.

TV Beauty

TV Beauty short scripts provided at the convention.

Teleprompter/Host

Short hosting scripts provided at the convention. Read from either teleprompter or two posterboards.

Optional Add-Ons

1. Compete in additional performance categories – \$200 per additional category

- 👧 Each performer is entered in up to six included categories
- + Add more for extra stage time, exposure and competitions

2. Red Carpet Awards Gala & Dinner (Day 5) – \$250 per ticket

- 🍴 Formal dinner with live awards presentation
- 👨👩 Open to performers and parents; not included in tuition

3. Digital acting eBooks & resources – 20% off with code EBOOKSLAKIDS

- 📖 Helpful guides on auditions, industry tips, and preparation
- 💻 Instant access for at-home learning
- 🎫 Exclusive convention discount available at studioforperformingarts.com/ebooks

4. Additional private coaching –

- 🎯 After your four included sessions, book additional coaching at 20% off.
Contact your convention coach for details.



Acting Resume & Photos

ACTING RESUME:

- Use a clean, professional three-column format (Name | Production | Role).
Need a template? Download now: bit.ly/acting-resume-template
- Review your child's resume during coaching sessions for clarity and accuracy.
- Do not list extra or background work unless it was featured or speaking.
- Include commercial credits only if there are few or no other credits.
- This is for educational purposes so your child can receive feedback on how their resume and headshot present to agents and casting directors.

PHOTOS:

- Professional photography is strongly recommended. For those who are new to the industry, a recent school photo may be acceptable initially; however, professional headshots will significantly strengthen opportunities with agents and casting directors.
- At minimum, a clear and current photo is required for the final audition. Photography and printing fees are not included. If you choose to book professional headshots, your convention coach should be part of the conversation and preparation process to help guide timing, wardrobe, and overall strategy.
- For Los Angeles photographers we suggest, please visit this link: studioforperformingarts.com/post/walids-top-headshot-recs-spala-2026



Host Hotel Booking



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Parents may book any accommodations, or book and stay at our Host Hotel: bit.ly/biltmore-online-reservation

Alternatively, you can call Reservations to book at 213-612-1575 and reference the group code SPiN LA Summer. Please call weekdays between 8:00 AM–6:00 PM Pacific Time, as after-hours agents cannot access the group rate.

This rate applies to all room types, including suites.



Taylor Swift's
[Delicate music video](#)
was filmed at this hotel.



What to Expect

This program is designed to be clear, guided, and well-paced, so families know exactly what happens from registration through the Los Angeles convention.

1. Register & Get Started

Once you register, your child's spot is secured. Within 48 business hours, our team will email you to schedule the first online private coaching session.

2. Travel, Headshots & Planning

Families arrange their own travel to Los Angeles, hotel stay, and headshots (if desired). Travel and lodging are not included.

Headshots are encouraged but not required. If your child doesn't have a professional headshot, a recent school photo is acceptable. However, professional headshots are strongly recommended for those pursuing representation, and multiple industry-standard photos will eventually be needed. Coaches can advise on timing, style, and photographer options.

A discounted room block at the host hotel may be available, with the option to add up to three extra nights, based on availability.

3. Pre-Event Zoom Meeting

All registered families are encouraged to attend a pre-event Zoom meeting covering schedules, expectations, logistics, a Q&A, and a meet-and-greet.

Date: June 30, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6170272214>

4. Four Online Coachings

✓ 1. Program Review & Category Selection:

Both parent/guardian and performer attend this session to review the program timeline, expectations, and competition structure. Your child selects six included categories, with additional categories available as add-ons if desired, and we discuss materials, headshots, outfits, and presentation standards. Before each session ends, you'll schedule the next.

If rehearsal or performance materials are needed (such as a monologue or commercial script), they will be emailed afterward based on your selections. If your child needs to choose a song or provide music, please email it to your coach before the next session.

2. Category Rehearsals:

This session focuses on coaching the selected competition categories—scenes, monologues, commercials, singing, dance, modeling, or on-camera work. We refine timing, delivery, confidence, and overall presentation while reinforcing clarity and professionalism. We also prepare specifically for the competition format, which features a 42-foot T-shaped runway, with a large T at the top of the stage and a smaller T extending into the audience. The final five minutes are reserved for parent updates and next steps.

3. Category Dress Rehearsals:

Performers rehearse with outfits and presentation details where possible. Final adjustments are made to performance notes, transitions, and timing, and any missing pieces are identified for completion. The last five minutes include parent updates and reminders.

4. Full Run-Through & Final Polish:

All selected categories are run. We focus on consistency, stamina, and stage presence to ensure performers feel confident and prepared. Additional discounted coaching sessions are available upon request if further support is needed. The last ten minutes include parent updates and final logistics review.

Parents and performers are expected to rehearse between coaching sessions and complete any assigned materials or action items discussed during each session.

Progress depends on consistent practice and timely follow-through outside of scheduled coaching. Coaches are available for brief email questions between sessions.

5. Attend the 5-Day Kids Los Angeles Acting Convention

Families attend the five-day national convention in Los Angeles, where performers compete, showcase for talent agents, network with casting and industry professionals, and participate in convention events.

Some out-of-town families choose to arrive early or stay after the event for additional networking, meetings, or sightseeing. This is optional and planned independently.

The Red Carpet Awards Gala takes place at the end of the event. Tickets, sold separately, include the red carpet experience, awards ceremony, and dinner. Families are encouraged to attend, as performers may receive awards, and parents are welcome to celebrate alongside their child.



Program Policies

Child Supervision, Behavior & Attendance

- ✔ Parents/guardians remain responsible for supervision outside scheduled activities. Studio staff and convention organizers supervise all official program sessions and events. Participants must follow all program guidelines and event rules at all times.

Disruptive or unsafe behavior may result in dismissal without refund. Attendance and punctuality are the responsibility of each family. Missed activities, including coaching sessions or convention events, are not refundable or rescheduled.

Cancellations & Transfers

- ✔ Cancellations made more than three (3) weeks before the event are eligible for a refund minus a \$100 cancellation fee and \$75 for each included coaching session already attended.

Cancellations within three (3) weeks of the event are non-refundable.

Included coaching sessions may be rescheduled once with at least 48 hours' written notice. Sessions canceled with less than 48 hours' notice are forfeited.

If a family is unable to attend within three (3) weeks of the event, they may request to transfer registration to the next scheduled session for a \$300 transfer fee, subject to availability. The convention is typically offered in January and July, though dates are not guaranteed. Transfers are valid only for the next available session. If a future session is not held or the participant does not attend the transferred session, all tuition and fees are forfeited. All transfer requests must be submitted in writing.

Liability & Media

- ✔ Families are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and personal belongings. The program is not liable for flight delays, travel disruptions, lodging issues, illness, injury, lost property, or third-party venue matters. Event schedules, faculty, categories, and venue details are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Participation does not guarantee representation, contracts, callbacks, or industry opportunities.

By registering, families consent to photography and video use for promotional purposes unless a written opt-out is submitted in advance.

2026 LA National Acting Convention Schedule

Age Categories:
Ages 4-6 | 7-12 | 13-17

Tuesday July 14th

Performer Registration Opens • Receive your badges & schedules for the event	8AM
Professional LA Photoshoot	9AM-6PM
Boot Camps: Actors, (<i>Commercials & Monologues</i>), Singers, Dancers	11AM-5PM
GALA Show Auditions (ALL PERFORMERS)	6-9PM

Wednesday July 15th

SPiN LA® Reception for Directors & Agents	8-9AM
Opening Ceremonies Hosted By American Idol	9-10AM
Boot Camps for Actors (<i>Scenes</i>), Models, Singers and Dancers <small>• While you are in your sing and dance boot camp, the director is qualifying you for competition on day 4 • Note: You do not need to qualify for act and model to compete on day 3 and 4</small>	10AM-4PM
Hollywood Prep Seminar with Jennifer Boyce	2-3PM
Agent/Manager Seminar	3-3:30PM
Casting Director Seminar	3:30-4PM
Slate Competition	5-6PM
Cold Reading Competition	6-7PM
GALA Show Rehearsal	7-10PM

Thursday July 16th

SPiN LA® Reception for Directors and Agents	8-9AM
Scenes (ages 4-12)	9AM-12PM
Monologues (ages 13+)	9AM-12PM
AGENTS AND DIRECTORS LUNCHEON	12-1PM
Jeans Competition	1-2PM
Swimwear	2-3PM
Fashion/Runway Competition	3-4PM
Singing/ Dancing Competition (<i>those who passed prelim</i>)	4-5PM
All Performers Line-Up for Overview (Main Stage)	5-6PM
AGENT/ VIP/ DIRECTOR COCKTAIL PARTY	6-8PM
GALA Show Rehearsal	6-9PM
Performers Dance Party (ALL PERFORMERS)	7-9PM

Friday July 17th

SPiN LA® Reception for Directors & Agents	8-9AM
Overview Lineup Rehearsal	9AM
TV Beauty	10-10:30AM
Host	11AM-12PM
TV Commercial	1-2PM
Monologues (ages 4-12)	2-4PM
Scenes (ages 13+)	2-4PM
GALA Show Rehearsal	6-9PM

Saturday July 18th

SPiN LA® Reception for Directors and Agents	9-10AM
Performer Callbacks (one on one meetings with VIP's)	10AM-1PM
SPiN LA® Final Awards Night and GALA Showcase Performance (LINE-UP STARTS @ 5PM)	6-9PM



Agents, Managers, Producers & Record Labels That Work With Us

The LA Acting Convention prepares emerging talent for the industry by connecting them with industry leaders while providing professional training and real-world insight from experienced industry coaches.

- 10 Model Management
 - 323 Talent Group
 - A8A Talent
 - Abrams Artists
 - ACME Talent
 - AER New York
 - April Mills Entertainment
 - Archetype
 - Arista Records
 - AXA Talent Agency
 - BGM Models
 - Big Management
 - Bleu Models
 - Bobby Ball Agency
 - Bookings Mgmt., Canada
 - Buchwald Talent Group
 - Cape London Limited, UK
 - Cazz Management
 - Characters Talent, Canada
 - Chrysalis Music Group, USA
 - Cinque Deux Un / Team, Japan
 - City Model
 - Clear Talent Group
 - Click
 - Coast to Coast Talent Group
 - Corestone Mgmt, Canada
 - Count Bass Music
 - Hines and Hunt
 - Hollander Talent Inc
 - Hollywood Records
 - House of Reps
 - Ice Models (Milano)
 - Ikon Models
 - Joshua Talent
 - Cunningham, Escott, Slevin, Doherty, Inc.
 - Deborah Dion Casting
 - Defining Artist
 - Dino Mays Management
 - Direct Talent
 - Diverse Talent
 - Don Buchwald & Associates
 - Dream Talent Management
 - Elite Model Mgmt, NY & LA
 - Elite Model Mgmt, Toronto
 - Emerald Talent Group
 - Empire Model Mgmt
 - H. Greenspan Casting
 - Hertzberg Mgl
- and more...



Success Stories

Alumni have gone on to work across television, film, modeling, and commercial industries after developing foundational skills through programs like this one.

Some recent success stories from the program:

Ajiona Alexis Co-star of Netflix Hit "Thirteen Reasons Why"

Tyler Blackburn Co-star of Freeform "Pretty Little Liars"

Audrey Whitby Co-star of Nickelodeon's "The Thundermans"

Sydney Sweeney Co-star of "Euphoria" "White Lotus" and "Madam Web"

Breanna Yde Nickelodeon star of "School of Rock"

Davis Cleveland Co-star, Disney Channel's "Shake It Up", plays Flynn

Doug Brochu Co-star of the Disney Channel "Sonny with a Chance" with Demi Lovato

Katie LeClerc Freeform star of "Switched at Birth"

Vladimir Ivanov Calvin Klein, GQ Style, Details Magazine, Surface Magazine

Ryan Lee Super 8 Stephen Spielberg movie

Liv Hutchings Appearing on "Saving Grace", "Grey's Anatomy"

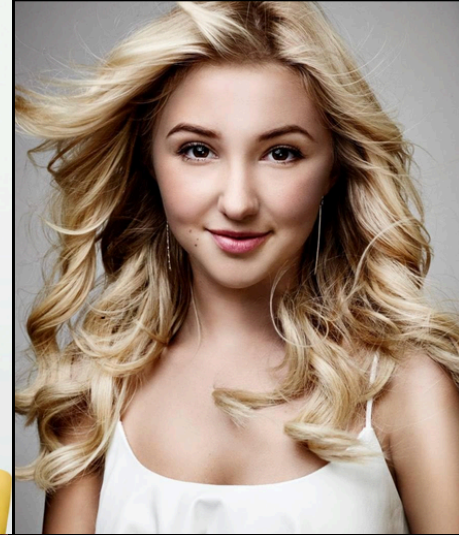
Adam Irigoyan in "Shake It Up" plays Duece

Ashley Argota starring in "True Jackson" on Nickelodeon

Chris Brochu appeared in "Soul Surfer" and "Lemonade Mouth", "Hannah Montana"

Jake Short Co-star of Disney's "A.N.T. Farm"





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Kids LA Convention & what ages is it for?

The Kids LA Acting Convention is a guided, five-day showcase experience in Los Angeles for performers ages 4–6, 7–12, and 13–17. The program includes online coaching and preparation leading up to the event, followed by the live Hollywood convention with acting agents and industry VIPs.

2. Can parents attend the convention?

Yes. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend and observe many parts of the event, including showcases, competitions, and the final awards gala.

3. Is experience required, and what categories are open?

The program is open to all experience levels and includes training and prep before the convention. Performers choose six categories from options including slate, TV commercials, monologues, scenes, cold reading, photos, modeling/runway, fashion, jeans, swimwear/beachwear, TV beauty, teleprompter/host, singing, and dancing.

4. What happens during the five days in Los Angeles?

The schedule includes acting boot camps, live competitions, rehearsals, agent and director seminars, networking events, callbacks, and a final red-carpet awards gala.

5. What will my child perform?

Your child will prepare and perform material based on their selected competition categories. This may include scenes, monologues, TV commercials, slates, cold readings, singing, dancing, or modeling/runway. Guidance and options for all required materials are provided.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

6. What kind of preparation is included before the event?

Before the LA convention, participants receive multiple 30-minute online coaching sessions with one of our designated coaches, focusing on performance category rehearsal as well as portfolio support and photo/resume prep. Families schedule sessions at times that work best for them. Participants also attend a pre-event kickoff Zoom with a Q&A and meet-and-greet led by our Studio Director, who will be on-site in Los Angeles with participants throughout the event.

7. Will agents be present, and can kids get signed?

Yes. Talent agents and industry professionals attend to watch performances, lead seminars, and meet performers. While representation is never guaranteed, many students receive agent interest or casting opportunities, with a historical success rate of 88% being signed or booking work (results vary).

8. Where and when is the convention held?

The convention takes place in Los Angeles and is hosted at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown LA. The program is typically offered twice a year, in January and July.

9. If we're not based in LA, can we still participate?

Yes. Out-of-town performers are welcome to attend. Families arrange their own travel and lodging, which are not included. Please do not book travel or accommodations until your child's spot is confirmed through registration and payment. Discounted rooms at the host hotel may be available upon request, while space lasts.

If you have any other questions, please speak with your coach or email us anytime.



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