

Thank you to those who contributed to this, which goes out to our guest shortly...

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Takeaways from Actors' Think Tank August 18, 2021

Chuti Tiu - Actor

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Don't call it an "audition", call it an "opportunity". Think of it as a way to talk to people and get inspired by them!

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My takeaway from Tiu is about energy. So much awesome info was shared today and it was done while she laughed and shone her bright light! She was positive, she looks for the positive and it's obvious that she just has fun while she works so hard!!

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Connecting with Casting Directors and Directors, etc., has always been a mystery to me. Where to start and what to say? Chuti helped demystify that question for me. She stated that you should find out what they are most interested in, such as: alma mater, pets, favorite interests, family, kids, sports. The list can go on... The more information you have, makes you a person and makes them a person. It's like reaching out to a friend.

Do your homework, research, and the benefits will pay off, just like anything else. It's always about doing the work.

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It is ok to be pigeonholed as to what you play, just try to be you and not necessarily what you're not.

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I love the energy and honesty you brought to our group, it was incredible. What really stuck out for me was the line of "everything is an opportunity" as I really love that term. We all get different opportunities, as actors, they are similar and we should always remember to have fun with each and every one of these.

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Very late in the session, when talking about essence, then “choice” (yeah, Oscar’s favorite word!), you spoke of reading the script, diving into it and your character and letting as aspect of that character “reveal itself”. I see THAT, as our “homework”. How can we play a role, if we don’t KNOW a role? Love “reveal itself”!

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For being a pageant queen myself I could totally relate to what Chuti said and she was so great at everything she said especially when she went into roles and booking roles . I could totally relate to her. She gave me a ton of insight and different takes on things that I wouldn’t have had before. So for that , Thank you

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When reaching out to casting directors don’t just send the generic “here’s my recent news update”. Found out what they like (cat lover, dog lover etc) & weave it in to message.

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Colorful language is...real. I agree. "We are a product used to tell a story". I have come to this conclusion a long time ago. Chuti was great.

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Let go of the idea of “Perfect”. That’s death in artistry.

Acting is like dating. When slating stare down the barrel of the camera, slow down and don’t say too much. See your slate as an elevator speech about yourself

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The idea of 'perfection' kills creativity. Boom.

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Bring your essence to the characters you portray.

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She nailed it with the dating comparison for me - just as you should never dress or act in a way you think your crush may like, you should instead present your true authentic self because that is a true test of if that person clicks with you. In the same way you should

never present a character in a way you think casting or a producer would like, instead bring yourself and your instincts to the role. You are inherently special and could in turn show THEM what they are looking for.

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I love shoes, so Chuti's analogy of the Nike tennis shoes was right up my alley! She noted that actors are a product used to tell a story. Chuti pointed out that if you need strappy, high-heeled sandals for a wedding, you're not going to spend time looking at Nike tennis shoes. By the same token, if you were born a pair of Nike tennis shoes, there's nothing wrong with that and you can't change yourself to try to fit the role of strappy, high-heeled sandals. In other words, be your authentic self and know your brand because that is how you will be cast. In a follow-up, Chuti noted that our brand will change over time as we get older, gain/lose weight, etc. I appreciated her reminder to periodically check in with our peers to make sure our brand still fits who we are as we change over time.

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Be authentic.

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Do not try to be somebody you're not or it will read.

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My takeaway is that Chuti still gets coaching with such an impressive resume, as well as, how important it is to bring your essence to the character versus trying to be someone you are not.