Casting Movement: The Welcome Table Initiative

The casting industry has a long history of exclusion and discrimination. Actors of color, LGBTQ+ actors, actors with disabilities, and actors from other marginalized groups have traditionally been underrepresented on screen and stage.

The Casting Movement is a nonprofit organization that is working to change this. Founded in 2016, the Casting Movement provides resources and training to casting directors, agents, and actors on how to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process.



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One of the Casting Movement's most important initiatives is the Welcome Table Initiative. The Welcome Table Initiative is a movement to create a culture of welcome and inclusion in the casting industry.

The Welcome Table Initiative provides a number of resources to casting directors, agents, and actors, including:

- A directory of inclusive casting directors and agents
- Training on how to create a more inclusive casting process
- Resources on how to represent actors from marginalized groups

The Welcome Table Initiative has been successful in creating a more inclusive and equitable casting process. Since its launch, the initiative has helped to increase the number of actors from marginalized groups who are cast in film and television.

The Casting Movement is a powerful force for change in the casting industry. The Welcome Table Initiative is an important part of the Casting Movement's mission to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process.

How the Welcome Table Initiative Works

The Welcome Table Initiative works by providing resources and training to casting directors, agents, and actors. The initiative also works to create a culture of welcome and inclusion in the casting industry.

Here are some of the ways that the Welcome Table Initiative works:

The Welcome Table Initiative provides a directory of inclusive casting directors and agents. This directory helps actors from marginalized groups to find casting directors and agents who are committed to diversity and inclusion.

- The Welcome Table Initiative provides training on how to create a more inclusive casting process. This training helps casting directors and agents to learn about the importance of diversity and inclusion, and how to create a casting process that is fair and equitable for all actors.
- The Welcome Table Initiative provides resources on how to represent actors from marginalized groups. These resources help casting directors, agents, and actors to learn about the unique challenges that actors from marginalized groups face, and how to represent them in a way that is respectful and authentic.

The Welcome Table Initiative is a powerful force for change in the casting industry. The initiative is helping to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process, and is increasing the number of actors from marginalized groups who are cast in film and television.

The Impact of the Welcome Table Initiative

The Welcome Table Initiative has had a significant impact on the casting industry. Since its launch, the initiative has helped to increase the number of actors from marginalized groups who are cast in film and television.

Here are some of the impacts of the Welcome Table Initiative:

The Welcome Table Initiative has helped to increase the number of actors of color who are cast in film and television. In 2016, only 13% of lead roles in film and television were played by actors of color. In 2021, that number had increased to 25%.

- The Welcome Table Initiative has helped to increase the number of LGBTQ+ actors who are cast in film and television. In 2016, only 2% of lead roles in film and television were played by LGBTQ+ actors. In 2021, that number had increased to 5%.
- The Welcome Table Initiative has helped to increase the number of actors with disabilities who are cast in film and television. In 2016, only 1% of lead roles in film and television were played by actors with disabilities. In 2021, that number had increased to 3%.

The Welcome Table Initiative is a powerful force for change in the casting industry. The initiative is helping to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process, and is increasing the number of actors from marginalized groups who are cast in film and television.

How to Get Involved in the Welcome Table Initiative

There are many ways to get involved in the Welcome Table Initiative. Here are a few ideas:

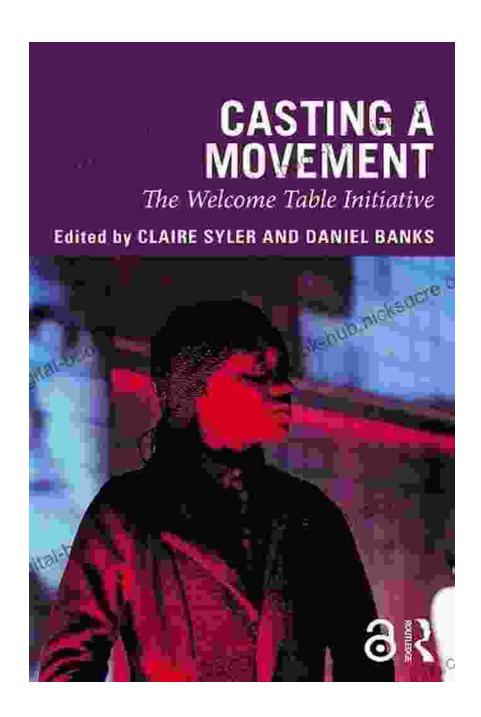
- Become a member of the Casting Movement. As a member, you will receive access to exclusive resources and training, and you will be able to support the Casting Movement's mission to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process.
- Attend a Welcome Table Initiative event. The Casting Movement hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including workshops, training sessions, and networking events. These events are a great way to learn more about the Welcome Table Initiative and how to get involved.
- Spread the word about the Welcome Table Initiative. Talk to your friends, family, and colleagues about the initiative, and encourage

them to get involved.

The Welcome Table Initiative is a powerful force for change in the casting industry. By getting involved, you can help to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process, and increase the number of actors from marginalized groups who are cast in film and television.

The Casting Movement's Welcome Table Initiative is a vital part of the movement to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process. The initiative provides resources and training to casting directors, agents, and actors, and works to create a culture of welcome and inclusion in the casting industry.

The Welcome Table Initiative has had a significant impact on the casting industry, helping to increase the number of actors from marginalized groups who are cast in film and television. The initiative is a powerful force for change, and by getting involved, you can help to create a more inclusive and equitable casting process.



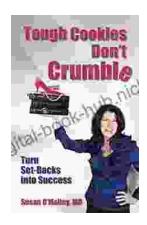


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