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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the inside scoop on the Valley's social scene and Celebrities

Kathy takes you to the Phoenix casting call for 2013's The Bachelor TV show.

The new season of Bachelor premiered this week and 26 ladies introduced themselves to bachelor **Sean Lowe**. Trying to make that first big impression, one contestant on the first episode showed up ready to get married literally. She donned a wedding gown and veil. The dashing **Arie Luyendyk** (a candidate from the last Bachelorette) even made a cameo giving Sean kissing tips!

So how did these ladies land a chance to check into the bachelor mansion and pursue their quest for love on national television? Many of them landed the chance by turning out at one of the casting calls in different cities including Phoenix. Below are some of the women who turned out for the Phoenix casting call at the enchanting Royal Palms Resort and Spa.



(Phoenix casting call)

Let me take you behind the scenes of one of the casting calls held across the country for the show's season 17. The search for eligible women in Phoenix were held at the enchanting Royal Palms Resort and Spa.



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The casting call was held a private room adjacent to the resort's T Cook's bar - where the women sat and filled out the paperwork. They each waited their turn to be individually photographed by a Bachelor production company representative with a pocket sized camera.



(candidates waiting to be photographed at Phoenix casting call)

Then, one by one, they were called in to a separate private room for a video taped interview. One of the big differences at the Phoenix casting call - was the Final Rose Flirtini! It's T. Cook's signature cocktail. A drink with romance in mind, it's made with premium vodka, fresh squeezed pineapple juice, with a splash of bubbly, and of course: garnished with a single rose petal.

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Also.. as you'll see from my photo above - I caught these single men trying to be a part of the ladies only auditions. They were told this casting was only for women, but they asked if they could come inside and leave their names as bachelors for any upcoming episodes.

The Phoenix women vying for a chance to be on the show even included a past contestant from several years ago. As we learned from this week's premiere of the hit show- none of the women who tried out in Phoenix made the show. But perhaps after enjoying those Flirtini's - they made a love connection in the T-Cook's lounge where some partied after the casting call.

Stay tuned.



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