

WELCOME TO "I'VE GOT A SECRET"

We are all very pleased to have you with us tonight, and we hope you will enjoy yourself and have a memorable experience. We want you to feel "at home", and if it appears that we are ignoring you at times, it is only because we are busy with other segments of the show. We will get to you shortly.

Before you read further, you will find attached two "release forms". These are standard television release forms, that give us permission to present you on the show. Will you kindly sign the second page of the two forms, and sign your initials on the third page of each form now.

The following may include information about "I've Got A Secret" you were wondering about:

We have a rehearsal of the show without the panel, of course. This rehearsal is necessary to plan camera shots and to show you, the contestants, and our celebrity guest, how the game is played and how you are to make your exits and entrances. In order to make the rehearsal complete, we have four "stand-ins" at rehearsal to take the place of the panel.

The show goes on the air at 9:30 P.M. The audience is let into the theatre at 8:45 P.M. We rehearse from now until 8:30 P.M. The regular panel is not allowed into the theatre until 9:00 P.M. Please refrain from discussing your secret within earshot of the panel. If there is anything about your costume or appearance that may be a clue to your secret, please remain concealed from the panel entrance area backstage -- which is the stagedoor entrance across to their desk.

We usually have time to rehearse your portion of the show twice. When you are told to go out on stage, walk out to Garry Moore, shake hands, sit down close to him, and speak up loud. When Garry asks you to whisper the secret to him, you do not have to actually whisper, since he knows it already, and the microphones in front of you are very sensitive and might pick up your whispering. Just pretend you're whispering to him. The "stand-in" panel is seated on stage. They will ask questions about your secret, like the panel does on the show, to give you an idea how to answer. Of course, the questions won't be exactly the same, since we don't know what our regular panel will ask, but it will give you some idea. Please answer the questions simply and honestly. It makes playing the game much more fun. Do not try to be vague in your answers, for that is unfair. And when your secret is finally disclosed and if Garry asks you how it happened, or the facts concerning your secret, please be very brief. Just give the main facts in a few sentences.

Because of a television policy, we must pay you your winnings in "play money", while you are on the show. Garry will give you \$20 in "play money" each time a panelist fails to guess your secret. However, we will send you a check for your winnings next week.

For the women: The ladies on our panel wear simple, street make-up. So if you are wearing your regular make-up, it is perfectly fine.

Miss Natalie Jones, of our publicity department, will speak to you sometime before the show. Usually about 9:00 P.M. She will want information from you to send out to the news services and your local newspaper. Also, immediately after the show is over, she has a photographer that may ask you to pose for pictures. This will not take more than 15 minutes.

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to ask Mr. Peterson, Miss Koe, or Miss Lloyd.

Don't be nervous, for there is nothing to be nervous about. After we have rehearsed, you will see how simple it is.

So enjoy yourself and thank you again for consenting to appear on our show.

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