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Tips from Miami's Grand Dame of modeling

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In Miami modeling circles, Irene Marie is the Grand Dame of Modeling, having discovered some of our first superstars.

From her stable came the likes of Niki Taylor (supermodel with more than 400 covers), David Fumero (One Life to Live), Cindy Taylor (actress and Wild on E! host) and Amber Smith (Sports Illustrated, Wonderbra and movie roles).

In 2006, she launched 8th & [Ocean](#), a reality series on MTV that followed her agency's models and staff. And in December, her agency celebrated its 25th anniversary at a gala event in the refurbished Fontainebleau Miami Beach. Here's a Q&A with the star-maker.

How do you go about finding your models?

"Each model discovery is different. Some are discovered during open call [Niki Taylor]; through model scouts for the agency [David Fumero]; recommendations from casting directors [Cindy Taylor]; or simply by being at the right place at the right time. I've personally discovered some of our most successful talents while they're eating at a restaurant, pumping gas or driving down the street. We now also use online resources such as Facebook and MySpace to scout for talent around the world."

You started in Fort Lauderdale. Is there a difference in the "look" between Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties?

No, the models all have their own look. Our clients are so varied that it is up to us to have a pool of models that can service the different range of our clients. Remember that many of our clients come to shoot in South Florida from all over the world and the U.S. Young men and women are selected to join our agency and be groomed into models because we see in each one uniquely an area of the industry that we believe they can work for."

What was the best part about doing 8th & Ocean ? And the worst?

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