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Jennifer Hudson Dazzles Us in *Cats*



DYNAMIC WOMEN

## SHERRI MURPHY & TAMMI PICKLE

**ELITE CONNECTIONS INTERNATIONAL  
CEO & FOUNDER, VICE PRESIDENT**

Sherri Murphy and Tammi Pickle are the Mother/Daughter power behind Elite Connections International, the world's top executive matchmaking agency. Murphy launched Elite Connections in L.A. 25 years ago after a matchmaker introduced her to her husband, and she realized the benefits of safe, professional matchmaking services. When Pickle joined her mother 18 years ago, she brought her compassion and training as a Psychology major to Elite Connections. Today, Murphy, Pickle and their expert team provide unmatched expertise and a high-level of personal care to their discerning clientele's quest for love.

**How does Elite Connections work?** We meet, interview, and do a background search on all our clients. We then hand pick matches and put them together based on many points of compatibility. Once both parties agree to meet, we help arrange their first date and provide advice. We then get feedback on each and every match, and use that information when making all future connections.

**What sets you apart in the industry?** Our years of experience and the outstanding team of professionals we've built here in the U.S. and across the globe, all of which has earned Elite Connections a sterling reputation and an A+ rating with BBB.

**Let's talk team.** Our team includes our scouts, who recruit Elite Connections level professionals and share our commitment to superlative customer service. As well as our matchmakers, who serve as remarkable listeners, friends and coaches as they guide our clients through the matchmaking process.

**Where is Elite Connections located?** We have 20 matchmakers working in 17 offices across the country and around the world including Beverly Hills, Westlake Village, Palos Verdes, San Diego, Orange County, Santa Barbara, New York, Miami, Boca Raton, West Palm Beach, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Chicago, Memphis, Las Vegas, Toronto and Paris, and are launching new offices in 2020.

**Talk about your commitment to giving back.** We just celebrated our 20th annual "Party With A Purpose" non-profit gala on November 23rd and will be hosting our yearly "Children's Christmas Party" on December 19, both of which benefit the children at SPY, an amazing organization that helps homeless children and teens in Venice CA.

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# SHERRI MURPHY TAMMI PICKLE

CEO AND FOUNDER, VICE PRESIDENT  
ELITE CONNECTIONS™

Sherri Murphy and Tammi Pickle are the mother/daughter team behind Elite Connections, a professional dating agency that believes there's much more to meeting your mate than being introduced to new people. As the top executive matchmaking agency in the world, Sherri, Tammi and their team of experts provide an array of beneficial services to their clients. Elite Connections' professional matchmakers help find the person you've been searching for.

**Q: What is the genesis of Elite Connections?**

**SM:** I engaged a matchmaker many years ago and met my husband on a first date. I thought it was a great and safe way to meet people. I launched Elite Connections 24 years ago.

**Q: How does your personal relationship empower your working relationship?**

**TP:** It helps because we are a lot alike. We are both hard working and invested in our clients. We enjoy working with people and helping them realize their dreams. We have fun together too and always find new clients when we travel.

**Q: What is the greatest lesson you've learned from your work?**

**SM:** Nothing worth doing well is going to be easy, so you have to work hard at everything.

**Q: What sets your business apart from other matchmaking services?**

**TP:** Our business is competitive, so our reputation is really important. We each have healthy and happy marriages. We know what it takes to help someone achieve a great relationship. It's an amazing thing to be able to help people find love and I've picked an amazing team of matchmakers to help us make that happen.

**Q: What is key to finding and maintaining a successful relationship?**

**SM:** Try new and different ways to meet people. Be open minded, make a friend and open as many doors. Once you've met someone, consider their happiness and get beyond that picture perfect person in your mind.

**Q: What's on the horizon at Elite Connections?**

**SM:** In 2018, we are opening offices in San Francisco, Dallas, Paris, Chicago and beyond.

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## TAMMI PICKLE & SHERRI MURPHY

VICE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, ELITE  
CONNECTIONS INTERNATIONAL

Sheri Murphy founded Elite Connections International 21 years ago and has built it into one of the nation's premier matchmaking companies. Murphy founded the company after meeting her husband through a matchmaker, and saw a need for a safe and effective way for successful and commitment-minded singles to meet.

*"Never give up on something you love to do. Try, fail then try again until you succeed."*

Tammi Pickle, Murphy's daughter, has been working with the company for over 17 years and is now the vice president. Their philosophy is that there is someone out there for everyone, but you have to be proactive. This mother and daughter matchmaking team loves their job and feels their biggest satisfaction is seeing people happy together.

Elite Connections prides itself on its personalized approach to matchmaking. Each matchmaker considers everything from personal goals, background and religion to all the subtle nuances that make a client unique. This leads each matchmaker to make thoughtful and long lasting introductions.

When not doing Cupid's work, Murphy and Pickle enjoy disappearing to the mountains to ski and snowboard, or visiting Costa Rica or Europe. They both love children and animals—they are hosting their 16th annual fundraiser to help needy Los Angeles children and adopted two pug sisters from Pug Nation LA.

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