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LISA G.

Playing Yourself

"Usually I'm the person standing on the sidewalk going: 'Look, they're filming a movie; are there any movie stars?' " said LISA G., a radio personality who also appears as an entertainment reporter on WCBS-TV (and who uses only the first letter of her last name, which is Glasberg).

But this time, she was one of the stars in a scene in "Macbeth in Manhattan." The script called for her to play herself and interview JOHN GLOVER, the actor, outside the Cherry Lane Theater in Greenwich Village.

"It was an out-of-body experience, hearing them say, 'Lights,' 'Speed,' 'Action,' and being there in the middle of it," she said.

And apparently Mr. Glover was not prepared for the Lisa G. approach to acting.

"He said, 'Do you want to rehearse our lines?' " she recounted. "I said, 'No.' This was when we were waiting in the holding area. I was feeling intimidated and my mind just went blank. He said, 'Oh, come on. I think it will help us get into the scene.'"

"He didn't want me to take anything personally because of his character, which I knew about from reading the script: I was almost a thorn in his side, and he didn't want to be interviewed, but I had to talk to him, just a reporter doing my job."

The scene was shot in a single take. Then came her close-up. "I had to say: 'Excuse me, I haven't done this before. What do we do?' It wasn't an easy question to ask."