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**Behind** the Scenes



Tackling Girl 6 "This is the first time I've ever seen myself onscreen and not cringed," reveals Theresa Randall, the lead actress in Spike Lee's "Girl 6." Of course, those of us who have seen her in any of one of at least one of



a half dozen films-including "Bad Boys," "Malcolm X" and "Sugar Hill" might disagree Still, Randall is most pleased with her performance in the 39-year-old filmaker's last

"Girl 6" (Lee's ninth film), is about an aspiring actress who becomes a phone sex operator in order to save up enough money to move to Hollywood. Starring Randall, Jenifer Lewis, supermodel Naomi Campbell and Lee, the film also features cameos from Madonna and Halle Berry. Lately life has been a whirlwind for Randall, who had been jetsetting up until last week's premiere and box office opening. "I thought I was going to come home and sleep for a couple of days," she said over lunch at the Beverly Regent 's real. I did the work but I've had some time off since we wrapped. Now it has become my reality again.

While this makes the third Spike Lee film she has been east in, Randall says it is the rst time she has actually worked with Lee one-on-one.

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He's since called her work in the film "a tour de force" per formance. Of working with



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him, she says, "We had our ups and downs, but it was a great experience. One thing I did learn was that I was able to make it. I didn't think I could.

"The hardest part," Randall said, "was living out Girl 6's existence. Spike gave me a lot of freedom and looking back, I realize he gave me all that freedom so I wouldn't freak out." (The film got NC-17 ratings on its first two tries).

When I first read the script and saw the dialogue, I said, 'I'm not doing this.' I was definitely afraid of phone sex and to be seen in that light, but the more I realized this was just something a confused girl gets into. It is not who Girl 6 is but instead it's one woman's journev. The title 'Girl 6' is because she could be anybody and the issue may not be phone sex. It's whatever you do that no one else knows about."

With the exposure from "Girl 6," there's very little Randall's life she hasn't been asked. However, this up and coming single actress guards her privacy fiercely. As to how Hollywood will perceive her after "Girl 6," Randall states "it will let people know that if they have put me in a category, they will have to think again. Though Randall is quick to add, "I'm not promoting the phone sex industry. 'Girl 6' just happens to be one girl's

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journey. Come this fall, Randall switches gears to star opposite NBA superstar Michael Jordan in the Warner Bros. film "Space Jams." Beyond that. Randall says she will hold out for the right role. Adds Randall, "I've got nothing but time till my mortgage is due. Meanwhile, with his

Jackie Robinson project on hold, Spike Lee is concentrating on "Two Face," a comedy about a racist with a split personality. Lee is also currently prepping for the \$2 million budgeted film project "Get on the Bus," about the Million Man March which is scheduled to to be shot in April. Funding for the project was provided by 15 prominent black men, including Johnnie Cochran, Will Smith, Danny Glover, Wesley Snipes and Bob Johnson.

Only in New York: The rapper dubbed the Notorious BIG (Christopher Wallace) was charged with assault after

reports that he attacked two autograph seekers with a baseball bat. The inci-

dent began with the rapper refusing to give his autograph, which sparked a retort from the two victims, who then jumped into a cab and were pursued by Wallace and a

friend in a car. The rapper caught up and allegedly smashed the cab's windshield before attacking with the bat.

By the way: Divine Brown recently filming a began filming a movie "9 Minutes" about her encounter with

Hugh Grant...What happens when a Southern redneck in his '60s finds out he's half black and is exhorted by his recently deceased mother to reach to his brother, a black Chicago policeman? Well, go see United Artist "A Family Well, go Thing." That's the premise of the film, which is winning rave reviews for Robert Duvall and James Earl Jones in their portrayals of the two long lost

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