Taking Chances

Anna: Hello, it's Anna! I did it - Washington, D.C. is my home. Looking back over the past year, I've done so many amazing things! I have met people from all over the world. I've made many good friends. And I have a great job! And I've taken a lot of chances. And now I have some really big news! Wait for it… and 3, 2, 1…

Kelly: Hello and welcome to "Around the Corner and Across the Street from the Actor's Studio!" Many people dream of becoming actors. But very often, those dreams don't come true.

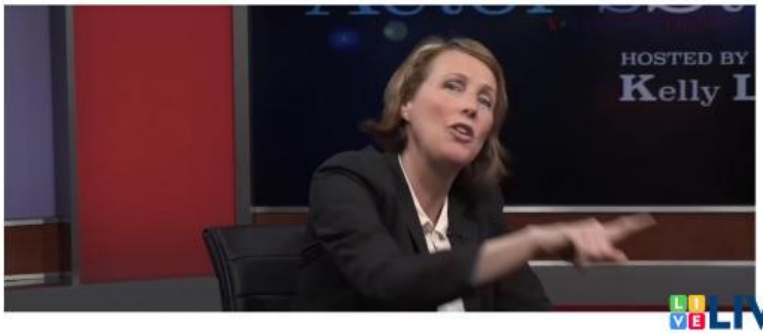
Kelly: Well, today we will meet a woman and -- her acting **career** has really **taken off**. In fact, she acted in my play, "The Woods Are Alive!" Oh. She really brought the part of Tree Number 15 to life! Let's give a warm welcome to Anna Matteo!

Anna: Thank you. Thank you so much for having me here.

Kelly: Please, please, sit down. Here, here, let me help you.

Anna: Thanks. Thanks. Wow, it is great to see you again, Director Kelly!

Kelly: It's great to see you too, Anna. I see you are still wearing your tree costume. Does this have anything to do with your big news?



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Anna: Yes. Yes, it does.

Kelly: Well, Anna, please **share** that news with us.

Anna: Kelly, I will be acting in three movies.

Kelly: That is amazing! Anna, tell us more.

Anna: Well, the first is a **science fiction** movie. The second is a **romantic comedy**. And the third is an **action** movie.

Kelly: That is so great! Let me guess -- you're playing a tree in all of them!

Anna: Yes! This is what happened. To prepare for your play, I had to **find out** what it was like to BE a tree in the world. I had to find out where to eat, where to shop, where to meet people and how to **get around** the city.

Kelly: Amazing. I think big things are going to happen for you, Anna. So, tell me, will you be moving to Hollywood for a career in movies?

Anna: No. I'll make the movies and then **come back**. Washington, D.C. is my home.

Kelly: I'm sure your family is very **proud**.

Anna: Yes, they are. You know, Kelly, not too long ago, I didn't feel very good about my life. I had to make a change. So, I took some **chances**. Sometimes I succeeded. Sometimes I **failed**. But I will never stop trying.

Kelly: Well, thank you for sharing your news and so much more with us, Anna.

Kelly: Until next time …

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