

Choosing an Unlikely Niche

Talk Show Insights

Lawrence Brownlee

Despite naysayers, the 5'6" African-American tenor discusses his choice of music and his classical niche instead of a career in law despite not being the typical opera singer.

Brownlee

Tavis Smiley

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<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/tavissmiley/interviews/lawrence-brownlee/>

NPR

April 2007

Lawrence Brownlee: A Rising Star Arrives at the Met

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=9722214>

Martha Plimpton

Award-winning actress explains how her financial situation was so dire that she sent a plea to friends asking if anyone had a position open for a babysitter...

Activity: Take a look at Plimpton's accomplishments and make a checklist of avenues you think she might have tried instead.

Update: Based on Plimpton's celebrity status in the theater, sense of humor, and interest in activism, public speaking for corporate America or organizations might be a possibility. Requisite aptitudes and skills used by successful actors are similar to those used by speakers.

Plimpton

Queen Latifah, November 15, 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/mkzddqk>

Martha Plimpton Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha_Plimpton