

advice from the incomparable Maggie Smith

At the end of this clip, Maggie Smith talks about the most important advice she ever got about acting. May I say? I wholeheartedly agree about what she calls the “usefulness” of the insight she shares.

(Since the video seems no longer to be available, here is the transcript of the passage in question:

Interviewer: What’s your advice for your actors?

Maggie Smith: I think it’s... so tough now. I think it’s really tough. Advice? I wouldn’t know where to begin to give advice now.

Interviewer: What’s the best you ever got?

Maggie Smith: A director once said to me... It’s now ‘how’ you do it, it’s ‘why.’ ...(smiles.) That’s been useful.

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