

## Tracey Ullman responds to Renee Zellweger zing; So what if she lost on "DWTS"? Belinda Carlisle

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Tracey Ullman tapped into celebrity impersonations this past year when shooting her Showtime series "State of the Union." While most of the people she parodied took it in stride, one person who wasn't laughing was Renee Zellweger. During an interview on "The Late Show with David Letterman," the movie star didn't seem pleased when shown a picture of Ullman impersonating her.

"Oh, yeah, I saw that," Ullman tells us. "What did she say? I looked like her twin brother in drag. I thought she'd be fine about it. I think it was a pretty good impersonation of her. I'm surprised no one has done it before. She's such an impersonatable person with her look and her eyes."

"I did a little more of her this year because it was so popular last year. That's probably about it, though, so she need not fear it anymore," adds the funny lady, who is returning for a second season of her show on April 12. "I think she's a wonderful actress. God, I've been impersonated enough in my time. They made a puppet of me once in England on that program 'Spitting Image.' That was pretty rough, but it's par for the course."

This season, Ullman will be introducing a ton of original characters as well as dead-on impersonations of everyone from Jodie Foster to Heather Mills to Celine Dion to Laura Bush.

"I did enjoy being Laura Bush," admits Ullman. "I feel quite successful in how I looked as her. She seemed to summon a lot of respect from the crew because the crew always believes whoever I am and plays along with it. They all wanted to get their picture taken with her. They'd said, 'I don't really like your husband, but you're a class act.'"

**MOVING RIGHT ALONG:** Belinda Carlisle may have been the first one to get the boot from this season of "Dancing With the Stars," but the Go-Go's singer says she has a lot of other stuff on the horizon to keep her busy. "I'm recording again in English. In 2007, I did an album all in French that did well all over the world except for in America, so I'm looking forward to this project. I also have memoirs coming out in February of 2010," Carlisle tells us.

Before she got the call to join the ABC dance show, she was headed to India to work on one of her biggest passions, yoga. "I go to India twice a year for yoga and a lot of animal work. I'm going back again in October to do my teacher training for Kundalini so I definitely have a life outside of show business."

**PRESSING ISSUES:** "60 Minutes" correspondent Scott Pelley comes off as a courtly kind of man, but that didn't stop him from being tossed out of the Kremlin "literally" when he was covering a get-together between then-President Bill Clinton and President Boris Yeltsin at Yeltsin's office in 1998. The way Scott tells

it, the press had been warned "Not to interrupt the ceremony, and no one did. But then the camera lights were turned off" a signal that the televised event was complete. And then we were told "Thank you, press" a signal that the event was over. Clinton and Yeltsin were going to leave the room without saying a word to the media. Well, that day our stock market had dropped 400 points a big deal back in 1998 and everyone was worried, so I called out, 'Mr. President, what can you say about the Dow dropping 400 points?' And before I knew what was happening there were two Kremlin security men, each grabbing me under an arm, dragging me out of the building, dropping me on the pavement on Red Square and tearing the security clearance badge off from around my neck."

One gets the impression that if Scott had to do it again, he would indeed do it again there was a story to report.

**SLOW ZONE:** "I get really lazy when I'm not working on a show," admits Lance Krall of "Free Radio," who is currently enjoying a break while the second season of his show is airing on VH1. "I'm kind of a go, go, go or sit on my ass and do nothing-kind-of-guy. I'm either working on this show or I'm just sitting on my butt staring at the TV or hanging out with my wife."

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