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Julia Louis-Dreyfus gives a photographic shout-out to Baltimore

This is why folks love having her shoot 'VEEP' here

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus posted this lovely little picture Friday. And it's one of the reasons folks in Baltimore are so happy to have her shooting the HBO series "VEEP" here.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus on WhoSay

Louis-Dreyfus is one of the most important comedy performers in the history of television based just on her work in "Seinfeld," which earned her an "Emmy." But she's also won an Emmy for "The New Adventures of Old Christine," and is nominated for another as best lead comedy actress for the first season on "VEEP."

"VEEP," which is created by Armando lannucci, is up for three Emmys after its first season -- including best comedy and best casting (for Paltin

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If any of the many actors and actresses who have passed through Baltimore lately working on TV series and films could be a prima donna, she is the one.

But she is the opposite. She allowed access to the set of "VEEP" to watch her work, and she worked like a dog in virtually every scene - doing up to 10 takes on some, improvising take after take in keeping with lannucci's singular method.

And she did interviews, and she didn't just blah-blah her way through them. She tried to give this interviewer enough for a magazine cover story. God bless her for that.

I wonder if the other series shooting in Baltimore now will do as well when it comes to Emmys next year. I know so far, the performers and producers have fallen far short of the bar set by Louis-Dreyfus in making friends.



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Baltimore can't wait for "VEEP and Louis-Dreyfus to return this fall for season 2.

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