### SOAP BEAT

by NANCY M. REICHARDT

# Laura Carrington's big break came in music videos

The role of Lisa Baron on "All My Children" is Laura Carrington's first regular soap-opera role, but she is hardly a stranger to television viewers.

She has appeared in numerous com-

mercials and has been in three music videos: Clarence Cleamons' "A Woman's Got the Power," Randy Newman's "My Life Is Good" and Lionel Richie's "Hello,"

"Working with Lionel was wonderful," says Miss Carrington. "He was like a big brother. He was so sweet and playful. He's the peacemaker on the set. We had a grand time making the video, whichonly took two days to shoot. Lionel has a way of making everyone so comfortable."

Miss Carrington credits her work in the

music videos with boosting her career, but she says that being on a soap is bringing her plenty of recognition too.

"I've come onto a new plateau in my career now that I'm on the soap," says Miss Carrington. "The work is challenging, and I like it very much.

"The role of Lisa came out of the re," she continues. "I'd never done any long-term soap work before, so when I was accepted for the role on 'All My Children,' I couldn't believe it. My husband, photographer Tony Barboza, kept telling me that he had psychic vibrations that told him I was going to get the role."

Miss Carrington has been acting and singing professionally since she was a

small child, and she's performed in numerous musical productions.

But like everyone else, Miss Carrington has had to pay her dues as an actress. went out on my own to pursue a career, and thank God things have worked out well. Up until a year ago my motherwas still telling me to take nutrition courses to fall back on," she laughs.

"I've been offered a lot of jive-talking street-girl roles in movies," she says, "but that isn't really me. I've had to wait around for the right things. I'm glad things are happening in my career at the pace that they are, because if things come too fast, you can get confused and caught up in the whirl of it all.

#### Schultz playing 'a real spitfire'

"I'm taking over a role that has a lot of history," says Jacqueline Schultz, who is playing Patti Whiting on "Search for Tomorrow.

Although Patti was a youngster when "Search for Tomorrow" debuted back in 1951, she has remained in her 20s (as soap characters often do when it suits the show's writers), and this makes the role perfect for Miss Schultz.

"Patti is a real spitfire," laughs the ac-'and I hope the writers keep her that way. She's a young woman trying to find herself without needing a man or her mother to help her. She's an independent woman, but she doesn't totally alienate the people who are close to her.

"Search for Tomorrow" Schultz's first soap opera. She portrayed Dee Stewart Dixon on "As the World Turns." She landed that role just months after she graduated from college and played Dee for a little more than two years, but she seems to prefer Patti. "Patti has more guts and spunk than Dee ever had," says Miss Schultz.

Miss Schultz met her husband, actor Larry Bryggman (John Dixon), when their characters were married on "ATWT."

"It was hard to say when our romance began, because we worked together so closely," says Miss Schultz. "But when our characters were divorced and I left ATWT,' we got married in real life.'

Miss Schultz was born in Queens, N.Y.,

and has always been involved in show business.

"I was singing and acting when I was 12 years old," she says. "I studied opera at Hofstra University on a scholarship. After graduation, I returned to my first love, musical comedy.

Miss Schultz, has appeared in numerous television commercials and in off-Broadway productions of "The Foreign-er," "Pygmalion" and "Hay Fever." She also did a very short, four-day walk-on role on "One Life to Live" before she joined "ATWT."

"I really enjoy the role that I'm doing right now," says Miss Schultz with a smile, "I can hardly wait for Patti to start causing all kinds of trouble."

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