

Amanda Root (Anne Elliot) Speaks to JASNA – NY Metro Region June 1, 2009



JASNA NY Metro region was delighted to welcome Ms. Root to the Museum of the City of New York to be interviewed by JASNA's Past President, Elsa Solender. Ms. Solender asked Ms. Root questions about her appearance as Anne Elliot in the 1995 Sony film adaptation of *Persuasion*. Ms. Root pointed out that sometimes her dialogue consisted of only 2 or 3 sentences, but in those sentences she had to portray 5 or 6 pages of the novel. We all remember her expressive face. Ms. Root researched the period, read biographies but mostly she went back to the novel in preparation for acting the role of Anne.



Amanda Root joined us while appearing on Broadway in the highly acclaimed revival of Alan Ayckbourn's comic trilogy *The Norman Conquests*. Her outstanding performance has earned her both Tony and Drama Desk Award nominations for outstanding featured actress in 2009. She shared with us that it was quite a feat to learn three plays all at once.

Ms. Root, very graciously answered audience questions, signed autographs and chatted with our members.

