

**LIZ SMITH**

## Winona's Winning Ways

**N**EW YORK—Winona Ryder has a few days off from filming Martin Scorsese's "The Age of Innocence"—just in time for tonight's NYC premiere of her latest movie, "Night on Earth."



Ryder

Winona and her co-star, Gena Rowlands, will attend, along with Matt Dillon, Debbie Harry, "Northern Exposure's" Rob Morrow, director Susan Seidelman, Touki Smith, Tom Hulce, Anthony Michael Hall and others too young to mention—or know! "Night on Earth," directed by Jim Jarmusch, consists of five tales strung together—all taking place in one evening, in taxicabs, in various cities around the world. Winona's segment occurs in Los Angeles. She's a cabbie, Gena Rowlands a powerful casting agent.

By the by. Yes, Winona is still wearing Johnny Depp's ring. Yes, they still talk all the time and are still "together." Whether all this talking and ring-wearing and affection ever leads to marriage is another question. She is, after all, only 20 years old!

□

Oliver Stone considers Oscar winner Barbara Kopple ("American Dream") the definitive nonfiction filmmaker in America today. So it was Barbara whom Stone chose to put together the documentary "Beyond JFK: The Question of Conspiracy."

This will be partially funded by Warner Bros. and is intended as a companion piece to "JFK," exploring in depth some of the issues raised in the movie—without the complicating, much criticized, factors of having to dress those issue up to make them attractive for moviegoers.

□

MTV and the Fox network aired separate versions of last week's Freddie Mercury tribute. Mercury died of AIDS and the show was not meant merely as an entertainment, but to heighten awareness about the disease among the young—the most vulnerable group. However, the powers that be apparently decided that Elizabeth Taylor's emotional plea for safe sex wasn't suitable for the delicate sensibilities of their viewers. Her speech before the crowd at London's Wembley Stadium was deleted from both versions broadcast in the United States.