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Same Year/Same Author; Interview; Personal correspondence

Manet, Eduardo. 2022a. Interview with author. Paris, 2 May.

Manet, Eduardo. 2022b. Personal correspondence, 2 October.

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Sound

Strasberg, Lee. 1956–1969. The Actors Studio Sound Recording No. 339A. Madison: Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Film

Lee, Spike, dir. 1989. *Do the Right Thing*. Universal.

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