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Emmanuelle Vaugier is exhausted, having just arrived home from a three-day whirlwind trip to Wilmington, NC, to shoot her newest TV role on the WB hit One Tree Hill.

In spite of being a little wiped, The Vancouver native, who plays Lex Luthor's wife, Dr. Helen Bryce, on the WB's Smallville, is also plenty hyped-about meeting Sharon Osbourne.

"She seems like such a great lady, Vaugier said on the phone Monday from her home in Los Angeles. "I'm excited to meet her. she is who she is and doesn't pretend to be anyone else. I love that."

Vaugier will appear on Osbourne's talk show this Friday morning (10am on Fox) to promote her role as a call girl, Lauren, in Going Don: The Rise and Fall of heidi Fleiss, the Calgary -shot USA netowrk movie that airs next Monday night south of the border. ("It was fun, I pranced around in cute dresses.")

WB seems to love Vaugier: as well as the six-episode arc on One Tree Hill and her recurring role on Smallville, they also cast her in a lead role with Oliver hudson in the quicly cancelled Vanouver-shot series My Guide to Becoming a Rock Star.

Shooting in Wilmington, Vauiger ahs been amazed by the city's southern hospitality, where locals often tell her, "If you ever get tired of stayin in the hotel, come and stay at our house."

"And, I'm like, you've gotta be kidding me. I could be some psycopath - you don't know. Just because I'm on TV doesn't mean I'm normal."

Perhaps some of those invitations will be revoked when they see the antics of her character, Nikki, on One Tree Hill.

"I'm the new vixen on the show. New trouble," she giggles. "I come in to stir the pot!"

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