

The video for "Dreamgirl" follows Roberts (filming her opening scene at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden) through a series of dream sequences. She worked for free, with one small request: breaks to nurse her now 8-month-old twins Hazel and Phinnaeus.



Why was Roberts cast? "I just needed the work," she joked. Added Matthews, a longtime pal: "We thought we'd politely give her a hand up."

DREAM WORK

In her first acting gig since having twins, Julia Roberts stars in the new Dave Matthews Band video. An exclusive look behind the scenes



Roberts's scenes were shot in Harlem and Brooklyn over three 12-hour days in May.

“How long have the guys been together? 14 years? Okay, so I became a fan 13½ years ago. I’m the band mascot.”
—Julia Roberts



“She’s just the epitome of the American sweetheart,” said violinist Boyd Tinsley.



In the video Roberts is trailed by a shadowy character who turns out to be Matthews. In real life, he said, “being pursued probably isn’t unusual for Julia.”



Between takes, Matthews kept his star happy by offering to fetch her favorite soy cappuccinos.



Roberts had to take cover from the rain during the shoot at the botanical gardens. "She has such a calm presence," says bassist Stefan Lessard, who plays her husband in the video.

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“Hopefully it will spike record sales a bit by having Julia in it. No, that’s not what it’s about. It’s really about art”
—Dave Matthews, joking