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Some months ago, KATHY ENGEL, a poet, heard the actor ROY SCHEIDER talking about the profound effect mentors have had on his life, and she asked him, "How would you like to do a dialogue on this subject?"

That dialogue, with the actor DANNY GLOVER, will take place Saturday evening at the Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor, on Long Island. "She arranged a breakfast meeting" between the men, Mr. Scheider recalled yesterday. "We swapped stories about mentors and immediately we knew we had something."

What they now have is a program called "Who's Gonna Be There?" Proceeds will benefit the Hayground School, which opened in Bridgehampton, N.Y., in September in a church. Mr. Scheider, his wife, Brenda Siemer, and Ms. Engel are among the founders of the school.

"It is a multicultural, multiracial school at which two-thirds of the students are on partial or full scholarships," said Mr. Scheider, whose 7-year-old son is a pupil there.

"We will each talk about three mentors," he continued. "Three of the six are schoolteachers, mentors who were there when we were most confused and uncertain about where we should put our energies, how we would spend the rest of our lives and who did we want to be." They will repeat it Sunday afternoon at the Old Whaler's Church in Sag Harbor.

The two men first met this year when Ms. Engel introduced them. Shortly afterward, they were cast in the same film, Francis Ford Coppola's "Rainmaker," with Mr. Glover playing a judge and Mr. Scheider the star witness.

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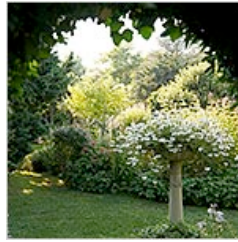
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