'I mean, you never really know what's true and what's not,' Lea Michele tells MTV News about Lohan's appearance on the show.
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Lindsay Lohan on "Glee"
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On Tuesday night, the long-hyped Lindsay Lohan episode of "Glee" hit the airwaves. Although her appearance was short, it was also full of sweet, self-deprecating humor. The actress, playing herself, was able to make cracks about her contentious public image.

Joking on the show that she's "in full 'image re-branding mode' here, people," Lohan appeared as a judge at Nationals choir competition in Chicago, where the Gleeks of the New Directions were performing for all the glory. Lohan's glory may have lasted only two minutes and 46 seconds, but she packed some punches, even taking a shot at "The Voice," which has been going head-to-head with "Glee" network Fox's own "American Idol" this season.

"I show up here and there isn't even a red button I can push and a chair that can spin me around, where I can then point at a kid onstage and say, 'I want to work with you'? I'm seriously firing my manager."

Leading up to her cameo, there had been lots of chatter that LaLohan may not have been all that professional about the gig. After being cast on the show in March , rumors began to spread weeks later that the actress was late to set because she had been hitting the party scene right before she had to shoot.

While co-star Perez Hilton (who also played a judge on the episode) skirted around the issue when MTV News caught up with him, the show's stars Lea Michele and Chris Colfer seemed unaware of the controversy.

Colfer shared that he was "not surprised, unfortunately" to hear that people had been spreading rumors about her, with his pal Michele adding that everything seemed kosher when she was on set.

"I mean, you never really know what's true and what's not," she explained to MTV News at the Fox upfront in New York City this week. "From what we know, she did her stuff and we were busy shooting ours."

Regardless of what really happened when Lohan appeared on the show, perhaps this line stands as her finest statement about her relationship with the public: "Is there anything better than someone making a comeback?"

The show's third season finale, "Goodbye," airs May 22. Season four will kick off this fall with a spankin'-new Britney Spears tribute episode , as well as cameos by Kate Hudson and Sarah Jessica Parker .

What did you think of Lindsay's cameo on "Glee"? Tell us in the comments!

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