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Jonny Orsini was the toast of Broadway, starring in "The Nance" with Nathan Lane and "Macbeth" with Ethan Hawke. Now, he’s a breathwork and mindful outdoor guide at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Wellness.

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Orsini, seen here on the Kripalu grounds, says he wants to "let people know they’re not alone and create spaces where they can come together to share their experiences." Over the course of his practice, throughout his life, different options — and different balances — work. "I think 14 years. But he was all in on his new vocation, eventually leading programs in New York City, Boston and Kingston, N.Y. He offers free meditations and a monthly class on mindfulness, meditation, breathwork and archery."

Orsini's also gained the respect of the man who sparked his coming to the area, Kripalu's Executive Director Robert Mulhall said, "He does a lot of great work. Anything just to get in the door and be steeped in the culture of Kripalu, " he said.

"If people are interested in this type of healing modality, it means a lot to me to be a part of it," Orsini said. "I'm not afraid to admit that I'm a big yoga nerd."

"Who wrote this? I want to learn from this person," Orsini thought. "I was like a dream, " he said of his time on set. "It's not that I'm nervous than you are because you've probably played love interests before. But ultimately, he told them, different options — and different balances — work. "How can we have your voice at home?" one woman said. "Simple awareness can change things."

Orsini then asked if they had any questions. "Allow thoughts to come and go. Allow sounds to come and go," Orsini, 37, tells his class. "Have your options." "Build your tool kit, " he told the class. "Have your options."

"I brought it up, as I do with all actors, " Moss said. "Is their breath free? Are they nervous?" During dinner, Orsini says Lane told him, "I may be more nervous than you are because you've probably played love interests before."

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