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Los Angeles-based media artist Ming-Yuen S. Ma being abducted by "Fannie Wong, second runner-up in the Miss Chinatown beauty pageant (year unspecified)" — one of many surprise elements that greeted art lovers during the Xin Lu Video Bus Tour, May 3-4, 2008. The artist (left) is seen in his Assam sunglass by I.A.Eyeworks; to his right is Kristina Wong performing as the kidnapper/beauty contestant. Ma's Xin Lu Video Bus Tour is a large-scale media project that explores the intersections among autobiography, tourism, travel, immigration, exile, and displacement. The bus tour included four videos by the artist shown en route to related L.A. locales that, in turn, became sites for impromptu performances, informative lectures, food fusions, and discussion.