

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEMALE ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

WESTSIDE STORY

ARIANA DEBOSE: Oh, my gosh. Thank you. My heart is beating in my chest right now.

It has taken a long time for me to feel comfortable calling myself an actor. My roots come from the dance world and the Broadway stage. And the Anita that we see on the screen took every bit of me, but she took ten years to make, and I am extremely proud of her and of our film. And I really do believe that when you recognize one of us, you recognize all of us in a way, so thank you SAG-AFTRA for this recognition.

A few people, Steven Spielberg. I mean, my God, thank you for believing in the possibility of not only my talent, but of that of my colleagues.

Thank you to the entire cast and crew of West Side Story because what a labor of love, and it's a beautiful cinematic experience and I am thrilled that people actually get to see it.

Our producers, Disney, Andolyn (phonetic), and everyone at 20th Century Studios. And Kristie Macosko Krieger, lady walks after my own heart. Thank you for being here tonight to support me. I love you so much. Kevin McMullen. My queen, Diana DiMenna, you are my love. Thank you for being here.

And just thank all of you, all of you staring at me, so many of you, dear God.

Hi, Lady Gaga. You are amazing. I have watched so many of you for a very long time. You have inspired me, and you continue to do so, and I am just thrilled to be among you, so thank you.