

Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series

Succession

BRIAN COX: Oh, Jesus Christ. Okay. I don't know if you can read this.

Anyway, listen -- oh, shit. Here we go.

Thank you, everybody, for everything. And, you know, we just want to -- you know, we thank HBO, who've really, really taken care of us. We want to thank our fantastic writers.

Jesse is a genius. No question about it. And -- and these guys, you know. I mean, you can't work with -- who? Oh, Sarah. Yes, Sarah Snook. She's not here. She's stuck in Oz. And Matthew. And Matthew Macfadyen. There's so many that are not here. But, anyway, we love them, and we wish they were here.

But no. The only thing we want to -- I want to say is about the casting people, the people who cast us. And they've done a great job, especially on this show, and I think they need a special hand. We kind of underestimate the casters. And -- what -- can you hold that?

One other thing I'd like to -- is -- I think is important to me and I hope important to you, and I think as actors and performers and writers and directors, you will be -- this is a thing that's come to me about what's going on in the Ukraine. It's truly, truly awful. Really, really awful what's happening. And it's particularly awful in terms of the -- what is affecting the other people, particularly in our profession.

The president of Ukraine was a comic. You know, he was a wonderful comic performer, and we should respect that for him. And to come to the presidency is amazing.

But the thing that's really distressed me is what's happening in Russia, to my fellow actors and actresses and performers and writers and critics. They are told, under pain of high treason, that they cannot say a word about Ukraine, and I think that is pretty awful.

And I think we should all stand together -- and also for those people, the people in Russia, who don't like what's going on, and particularly the artists. And I think we should really join in celebrating them and hoping that they can actually make a shift, because I believe they can.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much. I knew you'd come through. Thank you.