

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEMALE ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE

JESSICA CHASTAIN: Wow, okay. I am really surprised. Thank you, SAG-AFTRA, for this. I am completely stunned.

Thank you, Searchlight Pictures and David -- oh, I love you. And, Matthew -- I want to thank my team. I have the best team ever. Paul, Hilda, Steve, Nicole. My producing partners Kelly and Rachel and Gigi.

And everyone in this room knows that a performance is only as good as the people around you, and so I had the best acting troop that one could have with Andrew Garfield, Vincent D'Onofrio, and Cherry Jones. I am the luckiest person ever.

It was a dream of mine to play Tammy Faye. She was a real trailblazer -- I'm so nervous -- and she wrapped her arms around those who were repeatedly cast aside, and she launched herself into decades of LGBTQ love.

And I worked on the project for ten years, and I hope that I made our story -- we made our story the way that she would be proud of.

I've wanted to be actor my whole life, and ever since I was a kid it was the only thing I really ever thought about, and there were years of studying and auditioning and not getting jobs. And I know what that feels like, and I know the loneliness of what that feels like. And so for those of you who are struggling and feeling unseen, I just want you to know to keep going because you're one job away, I promise.

And the thing that really kept me going was you. It was everyone in this room, and it was this community. And I love my artistic family.

And my heart is with our international family all over the world right now who is fighting for their safety and their freedom.

And I love you all so much. Thank you very, very much.