

EE Rising Star Acceptance

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WILL POULTER: Wow. I will start with a cliché, this was a bit of a surprise. Thank you so much. I almost cried watching other people go up and get their award, I am famous in my family for crying watching Finding Nemo with my dad. It is about a fish who can't find his dad, so I shouldn't have watched it with my dad; it is my fault.

Genuinely, this is such a huge honour and I am so grateful to BAFTA and EE. Especially an honour given that it is in part voted for by the public. To everyone who voted, I am so, so grateful. What makes it truly truly special, and I know this is said a lot, but this category and being considered among you, Lupita, George, Lea – sorry, I am forgetting names now, this is awful. Lupita, George, Lea and Dane, Dane who I love. I am nervous Dane, I am sorry man. I am genuine fans of all your work, you are amazing.

Then some personal thanks to the most overqualified team in the world, Andrew Dunlap, Brian Swardstrom, Christian Hodell, Alexander Cooke, all the girls at Premier and finally my family and the best friends ever. Thank you very much.