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Brendan Fraser Acceptance Speech

"My goodness, I thank the Academy for this honor and for our studio A24 for making such a bold fil," he said.

"I'm grateful to [director] Darren Aronofsky for throwing me a creative lifeline and hauling me aboard the good ship The Whale.

"It was written by Samuel D. Hunter, who is our lighthouse.

"I started in this business 30 years ago, and things, they didn't come easily to me, but there was a facility that I didn't appreciate at the time, until it stopped.

"And I just want to say thank you for this acknowledgement. Because it couldn't be done without my cast.

"It's been like I've been on a diving expedition to the bottom of the ocean and the air on the line [has come from] some people in my life like my sons Holden and Leland and Griffin, my manager JoAnne Colonna, [my publicist] Jennifer Plante and my best first mate Jeanne [Moore]."

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