

Kate Winslet Wins Best Actress Oscar For "The Reader"

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By Matthew B. Zeidman

LOS ANGELES (RushPRnews/Hollywood Today) 2/23/09 – Kate Winslet, the heavy favorite to win the Oscar for actress in a leading role, took home the golden statuette as expected Sunday night for her role as a former Nazi concentration camp guard in "The Reader."

"I'd be lying if I [said I] hadn't made a version of this speech before I think I was probably 8 years old and staring into the mirror, and this would have been the shampoo bottle," Winslet said, indicating the trophy. "Well, it's not a shampoo bottle now."

Actress Kate Winslet, who made history simply by being nominated, was overwhelmed by her win, telling Penélope Cruz she felt like fainting before she began her acceptance speech.

The Hollywood starlet also honored fellow nominee Meryl Streep during her speech, claiming she and the other actresses in the category never believed themselves to be in the acting veteran's league. Streep was nominated for her role in "Doubt," co-starring Amy Adams and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

Winslet was presented the award by Halle Berry, Marion Cotillard, Nicole Kidman, Sophia Loren and Shirley MacLaine, five previous Oscar winners in that category.



At the age of 33, Winslet became the youngest thespian to receive six Academy Award nominations. She was previously nominated for her work in 1998's "Titanic," among other films, and reunited with her co-star from that movie, Leonardo DiCaprio, for 2008's "Revolutionary Road."

Though Winslet was not nominated for an Oscar for her role in "Revolutionary Road," Michael Shannon was nominated in the supporting actor category for his performance as a mentally unstable, yet insightful, neighbor in the film.

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