

House of Fraser British Academy Television Awards

10 May 2015 at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

Winner acceptance speech by Jessica Hynes for *Female Performance in a Comedy Programme*

Wow, wow. I love Catherine, Tamsin and Olivia, I think they are amazing and I really can't believe that I've actually won, 'cause I actually usually lose. I really want to thank John Morton and Paul Schlesinger for getting me involved and also all of the actors who have been part of 2012 and W1A and had incredible cast in both shows. And it's such a team effort I wouldn't even, you know, I just feel it's such an ensemble it's not really anyone's show in particular, I'm just so grateful to get this.

There is something I do want to say. I am from a single parent family and my mum was a full time worker to support me and my sister and I'm really worried about the cuts that are coming in state education to people from low income families because I don't feel lower income means low talent or low imagination or low intelligence and I...[applause] I don't... I would urge, I really want to urge everyone to support an organisation called Arts Emergency who are working to raise money to ensure the next generation of artists, producers, actors, directors are from all walks of society and because without organisations like that, people who have supported me all the way through my career, thank you everyone, this is for you. Without them I wouldn't be here, so thank you.