'Gandhi' dominates 55th annual Academy Awards show

By Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Another 20 years? Without question I would do it again," said a clearly gratified Richard Attenborough as his two decades of struggle on the epic "Gandhi" paid off with eight Oscars, including best picture.

Attenborough, who produced and directed "Gandhi," said his wildest expectations were more than fulfilled Monday night at the 55th annual Academy Awards. The movie also earned him the best director award and, for Ben Kingsley, best actor honors.

Meryl Streep, who won the best actress Oscar for her portrayal of the tortured Polish war refugee in "Sophia's Choice," said she thought she'd given her best performance ever in the role.

"I don't think I'll ever see one like that again," Streep said.

Six-and-one-half months pregnant with her second child, Streep attended opening the ceremony had entailed a certain amount of physical discomfort. "The baby was kicking all night long," she said.

It was Streep's second Oscar — she won for supporting actress in 1979 for "Kramer vs. Kramer." Louis Gossett Jr. became the first black actor since Sidney Poitier's best actor award for 1963's "Lilies of the Field" to garner an Oscar, winning best supporting honors for his steel-hard drill sergeant in "An Officer and a Gentleman."

The following is a complete list:

Best Picture — "Gandhi."
Best Actor — Ben Kingsley, "Gandhi."
Best Actress — Meryl Streep, "Sophie's Choice."
Best Supporting Actor — Louis Gossett Jr., "An Officer and a Gentleman."
Best Supporting Actress — Jessica Lange, "Tootsie."
Best Director — Richard Attenborough, "Gandhi."
Best Foreign Language Film — "Volver a Empezar (To Begin Again)," Spain.

Best Adapted Screenplay — "Missing," Carlos Gardygras and Donald Stewart.
Best Original Song — "Up Where We Belong," "An Officer and a Gentleman."
Best Film Editing — "Gandhi," John Bloom.
Best Make-Up — "Quest for Fire," Sarah Monzani and Michele Burke.
Best Original Score and its Adaptation or Adaptation Score — "Victor/Victoria," song score by Henry Mancini and Leslie Bricus, adapted by Henry Mancini.
Best Documentary Feature — "Just Another Missing Kid."
Best Documentary Short Subject — "If You Love This Planet."
Best Animated Short — "Tango."
Best Live Action Short — "A Shocking Accident."
Best Sound Effects Editing — "E.T. The Extraterrestrial," Charles Campbell and Ben Burt.

Announced in Advance:
Honorary — Mickey Rooney
Jean Hersholt Humanitarian — Walter Mirisch.
Scientific-Technical Achievement — August Arnold and Erich Kastner for the first operational 3Dmm, hand-held, spinning-mirror reflex camera.

Gordon Sawyer Award for Scientific Achievement — Veteran sound man John Aalberg.

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