

Anika Noni Rose to wear Diamond Dream Shoe to the 79th Annual Academy Awards

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Stuart Weitzman Diamond Dream Shoe Includes 1,420 Individual White Kwiat Diamonds, Worth Half-Million Dollars

Stuart Weitzman announced today that award-winning actress Anika Noni Rose, who co-starred in 2006's hit film *Dreamgirls*, will wear the Stuart Weitzman Diamond Dream Shoe to the 79th Annual Academy Awards(R). At the Awards, Noni Rose will perform "Patience" -- one of three Best Original Song nominations from the film.

The Diamond Dream Shoe, created exclusively for the actress, is a silver evening shoe with a stiletto heel, adorned with 1,420 individual brilliant cut Kwiat diamonds, weighing over 30 carats. The diamonds are set in platinum circles, inspired by Kwiat's timeless Circles Collection. The spectacular shoe is worth half a million dollars.

"As Anika pursues and accomplishes her dream, I wanted to recognize this young actress by creating a luxuriously glamorous shoe for her to wear down the red carpet on Hollywood's most celebrated evening," said designer Stuart Weitzman.

The Tony Award-winning actress Anika Noni Rose is best known for her work on stage, starring in such widely acclaimed Broadway productions as "Caroline, or Change." Most recently, she starred opposite Jamie Foxx, Beyonce Knowles, Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson in the year's most anticipated film, *Dreamgirls*. The actress will soon be seen co-starring with Danny DeVito in the upcoming comedy feature "One Part Sugar" and has been filming "The Starter Wife" with Debra Messing, Joe Mantegna, and Miranda Otto to air on USA Networks in May of 2007.

"Kwiat shares in Stuart Weitzman's passion for the excitement and glamour of the red carpet," said Greg Kwiat of Kwiat Diamonds. "Anika is an incredible talent with a brilliant future and we are honored that we can enhance her presence on Hollywood's big night."

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