

Red carpet interview with Ben Affleck

DERMOT O'LEARY: Ben Affleck, how are you? Nice to meet you, sir. Are you well?

BEN AFFLECK: Nice to see you. I am. I'm well. How come you are the only dry person.

Q. Actually, I've got -- the gods are looking out -- are smiling on us here. How are you feeling tonight? Excited?

A. Great, very excited. Have not been here -- I've not ever been nominated, have not ever been invited. So, I'm really -- it feels very special to me to come here tonight.

Q. After doing two pet projects, passion projects, in *Gone Baby Gone* and *The Town*, when you got a big thing like *Argo* land on your desk, how do you feel about that?

A. It was intimidating, I mean, you know, it's like three continents and a lot of different actors and a lot of tones, so I just wondered, you know, am I going to be able to make this work. But I figured you either dive into it and do your best or give up.

Q. And if any of this can be set in south Boston, that would be really great; right?

A. Yes. I wanted to be as far away from Boston as I could, and I ended up in Iran, so

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Q. You look good tonight. Are you at home in a suit or when you at home would you be wearing a Bruins top or something?

A. You know, I do like a suit, I like an excuse to wear a suit. And if you, like, sneak in the name of the brands, they keep giving you free ones.

Q. So I am sure there would not be anything you would like to do tonight?

A. Oh, no. Gucci -- is that Gucci? Oh, no, that's him?

Q. You're thinking of someone else. Good luck tonight.