

What is performing like for me? That's a funny question. Imagine this: you're in an airplane and somebody says jump. And you've prepared for this and done all the necessary work, but nothing is exactly calming you down from the fact that you're about to jump out of a plane. So you do the only thing you can do: you take a deep breath, and you jump. And suddenly you realize why so many people want to jump out of a plane. There's something simply otherworldly about it. The rush, the excitement, the complete "presence" in the moment...

And then your feet touch the ground and your heart is still beating faster than it ever has before, and you just want to do it again... and again... and again, over and over for as long as you possibly can. That feeling... that's what being a performer is like for me. Every time I step on stage it's like jumping out of an airplane, and after every show, I'm left breathless and excited for the next big adventure.

It's a feeling that's hard to describe, and that most people never get to feel. Not everyone gets to do what we do. Some people have to jump out of planes.