Oscar nominees - Best Supporting Actor



- I Alan Arkin: Plays a heroin-snorting grandfather who joins his disfunctional family on a trip to a children's beauty pageant in *Little Miss Sunshine*. Arkin's third Oscar nomination
- Djimon Hounsou:
 Portrays an African
 villager who hopes to
 save his family through
 the sale of a conflict
 diamond in *Blood*Diamond. Hounsou's
 second Oscar nomination
- 4 Jackie Earle Haley: His role in *Little Children* as a sex offender whose return home from prison gives rise to panic and hatred among his neighbours, has earned a first Oscar nomination
- Is Mark Wahlberg: A first Academy Award nomination for Wahlberg for his role as a hotheaded, revenge-filled Boston detective in Martin Scorsese's crime drama, *The Departed*

Eddie Murphy: His protrayal as an

African-American singer unable to

make the crossover leap to a wider

white audience in *Dreamgirls* has

earned Murphy a first Oscar nomination