## **Opening Remarks**

## **Barbra Streisand**

[SPEAKING] Thank you! What a wonderful week to be in New York! The Rangers won the Stanley Cup, right here at the garden. The Yankees are in first place; the "Nicks" came this close, and it is so great to be here during the "Gay Games"! Because for once I can walk around the city without being recognized. You know?— There are enough guys in town who impersonate me that when I 'm out on the streets, nobody thinks it's really me...Today I was walking up Broadway and a woman said to her husband: "Look, it's Barbra Streisand!" and her husband said: "Will you stop it already, that's the tenth one today, this one is not even close!" This is...This is the city that means most to me in my tour, because it's my home...I was born and raised here... (interrupt ed)...Pardon me...Oh, welcome home did you say, thank you, thank you! Yes, the last time I did a concert here in New York, it was Central Park twenty—

seven years ago...So, a lot has happened since then...