

## CBS' new romantic comedy stars two Oscar winners

By John Crook

Academy Award winners Katharine Hepburn and Anthony Quinn star in "This Can't Be Love," a romantic comedy premiering Sunday, March 13, on CBS.

Hepburn plays Marion Bennett, a strong-willed and renowned actress who lives with her housekeeper and her new chauffeur, Grant Landis (Jason Bateman). Although he finds his new employer demanding and intimidating, Grant begins to feel protective when Michael Reyman (Quinn) re-enters her life.

The dashing Michael once starred opposite Marion, but his career since then has slipped to B-movies and commercials. He hopes to cash in on a very brief and long-ago romance between them by revealing it in his autobiography. Abetting him in his plan is Sarah Wells (Jami Gertz), who is determined to get the "dirt" on Marion that her publisher needs to make Michael's book a success.

"They (Marion and Michael) get along quite well, until she discovers that he's writing a book," reveals director Anthony Harvey. "Then all hell breaks loose."

Harvey's enthusiasm for the project, and for working with the actress he directed to her third

Oscar) for "The Lion in Winter", is evident.

"Tony Quinn is, I think, quite marvelous in it," he says. "And, of course, 'Miss H.' is wonderful when she's up against a great, big, strong, macho actor. That's when she's always at her best. The chemistry of those two was just great."

He also has kind words for Bateman ("a wonderful actor, kind of like a young Jimmy Stewart") and Gertz ("a charming actress, really beautiful").

It's been awhile since the English-born director has been this fired-up about his work. Following "Lion" in 1968, he worked again with Hepburn on her TV acting debut in 1973's "The Glass Menagerie" ("a huge success, we got lots of Emmys," he recalls fondly). Ten years later, the pair went through a nightmare together.

"I did a disastrous film, because it was cut up so badly by Cannon Pictures, called 'The Ultimate Solution of Grace Quigley.' It got the most devastatingly good reviews in England. Then it went to Cannes for something," Harvey says.

"Apparently Rex Reed saw it and told (Cannon producer) Menahem Golan that he thought it was lousy. And Menahem Golan took flight, I

suppose, and then we had to reshoot a lot of stuff which didn't work."

The resulting bomb, which co-starred Nick Nolte as a thug hired by an old woman (Hepburn) to help her commit suicide, left the director shaken and scarred. "I have the original cut hidden under my bed and one day I intend..." he says, his voice trailing off. "It was a miserable experience. Terrible. That's why I really haven't done any work for some time. I really needed to go to a rest home after that."

Now, newly energized, he has plunged into his next project, a TV movie about the last days of Leo Tolstoy, to star Anthony Quinn and Liv Ullmann. There also is the welcome chance that "The Lion in Winter" will be restored and re-released.

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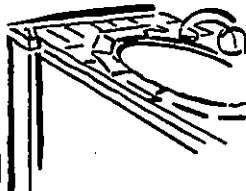
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