

Host Hopkins sets the stage for 1994 'Tony Awards'

By JEFF PLASS

When CBS broadcasts "The Tony Awards" on Sunday, June 12, the show's co-host, Sir Anthony Hopkins, will be making his own plans to take the stage.

"I'm looking forward to going back to the theater," Hopkins states. "I'm working in the theater here in England soon, I'm directing and I'm playing in (an adaptation of) Chekov's 'Uncle Vanya.' Now it's going to be called 'Scenes From a Country Life.' It's a very, very good script, written by Julian Mitchell. It's got Kate Burton in it, Richard's daughter."

Hopkins' stage career began in 1959 when, at the age of 17, he wandered into a YMCA amateur theatrical production and immediately knew he was in the right place. By 1967, Hopkins was Sir Laurence Olivier's understudy in Strindberg's "Dance of Death."

From there he made the leap to feature films, starring as Richard the Lionheart in "The Lion in Winter," alongside Peter O'Toole and Katharine Hepburn. In 1973, he was introduced to American television audiences in ABC's production of Leon Uris' "QB VIL."

The ultra-versatile, Oscar and Emmy-winning Hopkins ponders the

question of which of the three mediums he prefers to act in.

"Well, I don't know," he states decisively. "I've done so much television and films, I haven't done that much stage over the last few years."

"I enjoyed working in the theater, but it's the long runs that get to me. I haven't been back to (work in) the New York theater since 1984."

Hopkins also admits to not having seen as many of this year's Tony nominees as he would like to have.

"I went to see 'Timon of Athens' with Brian Bedford last December," he notes. "That was great, I really enjoyed that. But I haven't...you see, I don't get to New York that often, and when I am, it's always a trip passing through."

"But when I do get to stay any length of time, I go and I see as many plays as I can."

"I can always remember my first Broadway play," Hopkins recalls wistfully. "It was in 1963 and I saw 'That Championship Season,' which I thought was just terrific."

Here is a list of the plays, musicals, actors and actresses, nominated for just some of the 20 categories for 1994's 48th annual Tony Awards.

Best play: "Angels in America: Perestroika," "Broken Glass," "The

Kentucky Cycle" and "Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992."

Best musical: "A Grand Night for Singing," Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," "Cyrano - The Musical" and "Passion."

Best performance by a leading actor in a play: Brian Bedford ("Timon of Athens"), Christopher Plummer ("No Man's Land"), Stephen Spinella ("Angels in America") and Sam Waterston ("Abe Lincoln in Illinois").

Best performance by a leading actress in a play: Nancy Marchand ("Black Comedy"), Diana Rigg ("Medea"), Joan River ("Sally Marr...and Her Escorts") and Anna Deavere Smith ("Twilight: Los Angeles").

Best performance by a leading actor in a musical: Boyd Gaines ("She Loves Me"), Victor Garber ("Damn Yankees"), Terrence Mann ("Beauty") and Jere Shea ("Passion").

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29 (1)	DISC	Discovery
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35 (1)	TNT	Atlanta
36 (1)	AMC	Classics
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38 (1)	HSO	Premiere
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42 (1)	DISH	Premiere
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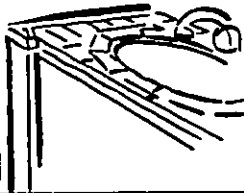
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