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WHAT'S WORTH WATCHING

Dec. 22, 2014–Jan. 4, 2015

Matt Roush's Top 10 Must-See Shows



1. Kennedy Center Honors

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 9/8c, CBS

And that's the *troo-th-th*! The 37th yearly celebration of life achievement in the arts, always a first-class entertainment, salutes **Lily Tomlin** and **Tom Hanks** (with **Michelle Obama** joining the standing ovation), plus fellow living legends Al Green, Sting, and ballerina Patricia McBride. Bravos all around.

2. The Good Wife

Sunday, Jan. 4, 9/8c, CBS

Way to leave us hanging since November, *The Good Wife*, with Cary (Matt Czuchy, angling for an Emmy nomination) taking a plea that could send him to jail for several years. As the firm rallies to his cause, Cary hires a prison consultant (who knew that was a thing?) to prepare him for life behind bars. Thankfully lightening the mood: guest star Chris Elliott plays an English professor enlisted to help Alicia (Julianna Margulies) prep for a candidates' debate. How could that go wrong?



3. Downton Abbey

Sunday, Jan. 4, 9/8c, PBS (check local listings)

While Countess Cora (**Elizabeth McGovern**, left, with **Laura Carmichael** as sad Lady Edith) prepares for her 34th wedding anniversary in the Season 5 opener of the *Masterpiece Classic* favorite, societal change circa 1924 threatens to upend the status quo within the stately Abbey.