

Matt Roush's Top 10 Must-See Shows

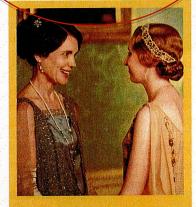


Tuesday, Dec. 30, 9/8c, CBS

And that's the troo-th-th! The 37th yearly celebration of life achievement in the arts, always a firstclass 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 Czuchry, 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.