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Television

Twain classic to air on ETV

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the publication of Mark Twain's literary classic, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," American Playhouse will present a new four-part adaptation of the novel, airing over four consecutive weeks beginning tonight at 8 p.m. on the Nebraska ETV network. American Playhouse is closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired.

This adaptation of one of America's most popular novels captures life on the banks of the Mississippi, as well as the complex characters of the times. Newcomer Patrick Day plays the title

role. The dramatization also features an all-star cast including Jim Dale and Barnard Hughes as a pair of crafty con-men, the Duke and the King.

Lillian Gish portrays Mrs. Loftus, with Frederic Forrest as Pap Finn, Richard Kiley as Col. Grangerford, Butterfly McQueen as the Blind Negress, Geraldine Page as Sally Phelps, Sada Thompson as Widow Douglas and Samm-Art Williams as Jim, the runaway slave.

Executive producer William Perry said there have been five feature films and two television movies made of

Twain's novel since 1920 — all emphasizing the great adventure side of the novel.

This adaptation is the sixth Twain classic to be adapted for public television by executive producer Perry and producer Jane Iredale. The first five efforts, which were co-produced by the Nebraska ETV Network and Great Amwell Company, were "Life on the Mississippi," "The Private History of a Campaign that Failed," "The Mysterious Stranger," "The Innocents Abroad" and "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

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Writer glimpses many unhappy Valentine's days

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"Oh my god no, no, it can't be true. Mr. Ghost, take me to my gravestone, take me anywhere. I'd rather die than grow old alone and go to a video dating service!" I wept.

When I stopped weeping, I was again alone in my apartment. I pulled myself together and walked outside. I called to a boy walking by.

"Lad, what day be this?"

"Why, it's St. Valentine's Day, sir."

"Here, take these two \$100 bills and buy three dozen red roses and six Whitman Samplers and deliver them to the dark-haired girl in my Philosophy of Mel Mains class, and while you're at it give her my left ear!"

The boy took my money and left ear, never to be seen again. I walked back into my apartment and watched "The Newlywed Game," my faith in love restored.

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