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The Department of Film of The Museum of Modern Art in cooperation with National Educational Television will present Laurence Olivier's television production of Anton Chekhov's UNCLE VANYA for an invited audience on Sunday, February 5, at 8:30 p.r

The television production is a film of the original stage cast of Laurence Olivie Michael Redgrave, Sybil Thorndike, Joan Plowright, Rosemary Harris, Lewis Casson and Fay Compton, produced by Olivier for the Chichester Festival Theatre in England. It has been recorded in its entirety for television by British Home Entertainment Ltd. in association with the Chichester Festival Theatre.

UNCLE VANYA will be presented by National Educational Television in "N.E.T. Playhouse" on Channel 13 on February 10 under the sponsorship of General Telephone and Electronics Corporation, which has made the American presentation possible.

The story of people who perceive too late their wasted potentialities, UNCLE VANYA depicts the lives of a group gathered on the estate of a retired professor played by Max Adrian. Rosemary Harris plays his beautiful young second wife; Joan Plowright, his daughter by his first wife; Laurence Olivier, the doctor; and Michael Redgrave, the title role of Uncle Vanya. Sybil Thorndike is Marina, the nurse; Lewis Casson is Teyegin; Fay Compton, Maman; and Robert Lang, a laborer.

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