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Theatre quiz by Andrew Gans

WHAT A SEASON! Now that 2001-2002 season has officially begun, we thought it would be a great opportunity to look back at the theatre season past. And what an exciting season it was! With an eclectic array of new plays and musicals, plus a slate of exhilarating revivals, last season was the most jam-packed in recent memory. Pictured below are some of the Tony winners from 2000-2001 season. Can you identify the award-winning shows and/or performers? Clues are provided, and answers are at the bottom of the page.

- 1. [[image actors from the play]] Steppenwolf Theatre Company's production of Dale Wasserman's play won the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play. The intense drama stars Gary Sinise (left) as con man/mental hospital patient Randle P. McMurphy. [[credited: TRISTRAM KENTON]]
- [[image a dancing scene from the play]] The revival of this allsinging, all-tap-dancing musical nabbed a Tony for Best Revival of a Musical. Christine Ebersole, pictured here with David Elder, won the Tony for the Best Leading Actress in a Musical.
   [[credited: JOAN MARCUS]]
- 3. [[image Mary-Louise Parker]] Mary-Louise Parker won the Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a play for her role in this David Auburn work, which was voted Best Play of 2001. [[credited: JOAN MARCUS]]
- 4. [[image actors in a scene from the play]] Robert Sean Leonard (I.) and Richard Easton (r.) won Tonys for, respectively, Best Featured Actor in a Play and Best Leading Actor in a Play. Both star in this Tom Stoppard work about the life of poet A.E. Housman. [[credited: PAUL KOLNIK]]
- 5. [[image actors in a scene from the play]] This "new Mel Brooks" musical won a record-breaking 12 Tonys, including Best Musical, as well as those for Best Leading Actor in a Musical (Nathan Lane, left) and Best Featured Actress in a Musical (Cady Huffman, center). [[credited: PAUL KOLNIK]]

Answers

- 1 One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest
- 2 42nd Street
- 3 Proof
- 4 The Invention of Love
- 5 The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical

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