

Here for the Logie



Gina Lollobrigida, Macdonald Carey, and David Cassidy are three of the top overseas show business personalities who will present Logies at an annual event in Melbourne on March 8. It will be the 14th time these Australian TV awards have been made.

Heart-throb for decades

MACDONALD CAREY (above) is beloved by thousands of viewers around Australia as Dr. Tom Horton of the National Nine Network's daytime serial "Days of Our Lives."

What many people might not realise is, he's been a heart-throb for decades, on stage, radio, and films as well as TV.

Now 60, Carey got his first big break on Broadway playing opposite the late Gertrude Lawrence in "Lady In the Dark." He went on to star in the New York hit, "Anniversary Waltz." He still keeps in shape for musicals with singing and dancing lessons.

He made his movie debut in 1942 and since then has chalked up nearly 50 films, including "Streets of Laredo," "The Great Gatsby," "Wake Island," "Take a Letter Darling," "Variety Girl," "Hazzard," and "Let's Make it Legal."

Despite his great and varied acting experience, he finds the daily and difficult routine of filming the "Days of Our Lives" serial "challenging." His day begins at 5 a.m. and doesn't finish until 9 p.m. But he loves it.

"I learn something each day," he said. "The show has changed my life in many ways. That schedule has taught me great discipline, my interest in people has been re-awakened, and the cast has given me a second family."

Carey, as Dr. Horton, is a kindly soul, full of wisdom which he tries to impart to his four sons and their assorted wayward children.

The charity and kindness extend to real life, Carey has been active in the Catholic Big Brothers organisation and the Los Angeles County Juvenile and Delinquency Crime Commission.

His leisure time is taken up by tennis. He delights in playing exhibition matches for charity, appearing with professionals like Pancho Gonzales.

