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Cumberbatch's message for youth on women




London **B**ritish star Benedict Cumberbatch has shared some powerful words for boys dating girls -- "respect, just respect".

He sat down with *YouTube* sensation Sophia Grace Brownlee to take on some of the biggest challenges facing teenagers, reports *people.com*.

Cumberbatch started off with how to deal with bullies. "As hard as it may seem, you have to meet it with love," he said.

"You have to try and empathise with hate. Not hate yourself, but you have to understand why people often want to damage other people is because they are damaged themselves. And if you could just turn that mirror around a little bit on them, then it might quell it slightly." (IANS)



STARRY
Birthday
Andy Serkis
April 20, 1964

British actor known for his motion capture and acting work as Gollum in the *Lord of the Rings* films. He also received acclaim for his depiction of the ape Caesar in the *Planet of the Apes* trilogy of the 2010s.

Collins starring in 'Titan'



Los Angeles **'O**kja' star Lily Collins has been cast in the survival thriller 'Titan'. The 29-year-old actor will play the role of a young musician in the film, which will be directed by Austin Bunn.

The story follows a strong-willed young musician on a quest to understand the life of her environmental activist older sister, who was killed years before in a tragic fall. Christine Vachon and David Hinojosa are producing.

Collins is currently shooting for the thriller 'Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile', co-starring Zac Efron. (PTI)

BAREILLES, GROBAN TO HOST TONY AWARDS



Los Angeles **M**usic artistes Sara Bareilles and Josh Groban will host the theatre industry's biggest awards ceremony Tony Awards.

Both artistes have become popular talent on the Broadway lately -- Bareilles wrote the score for the musical "Waitress" and her two stints in the lead role of the show charging notable sales increases for the production, while Groban spent several months in one of the title roles of "Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812".

Bareilles also played Mary Magdalene in NBC's well-received live broadcast of "Jesus Christ Superstar", reported *variety.com*.

The nominees for this year's 72nd annual Tony Awards will be announced on May 1. (IANS)