

Sisters share different backgrounds

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autobiography. Life was different for Crystal Gayle. The family's fortunes had improved by the time she was taking much notice of life. She was born in Kentucky, but grew up in Wabash, Ind.

"In a sense," said Gayle, "it was a completely different background."

For a short while, Gayle was a backup singer for her famous sister, but she soon set out on her own.

Christened Brenda Gail Webb, she adopted the name Crystal Gayle at her sister's suggestion.

With her 1978 smash hit, Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue, she carved out her own home in the recording industry.

Loretta and Crystal: Going Home is a lively hour of country and blues music, with both stars offering some candid comments about their lives.

Brian Orser, away from the eyes of skating judges, is free to skate the way he wants in his first television special.

Brian Orser, Skating Free, taped at picturesque Lake Louise, offers

One sister grew up in a cabin in Kentucky, the other in a larger home in Indiana. One is a grandmother, the other a young mother with a two-year-old child.

Despite their varied backgrounds and 16-year difference in age, the two have much more in common than just having the same parents.

Loretta Lynn and Crystal Gayle are both vibrant singers who can wring emotion out of every lyric.

The sisters recently got together for their first joint TV special, much of it taped at a concert at Nashville's Grand Old Opry.

Loretta and Crystal: Going Home airs Dec. 1 on Family Channel.

They could have called it Loretta Or Crystal. For most of the special, the sisters take turns singing solos. They join their voices with that of their sister Peggy Sue, however, for a rousing finale. The trio becomes a choir by the time the show ends as other members of the family, sitting in the audience at the Grand Old Opry, join them on stage.

Many people are familiar with Loretta Lynn's rags-to-riches story because of Coal Miner's Daughter: her classic song, her autobiography of the same title and the popular movie based on the

the Olympic silver medalist at his artistic best.

"After 20 years of intense training and competition, this television special is Brian's chance to express himself in a totally free environment," said Morgan Earl, the show's creative producer.

American Brian Boitano, who edged out Orser for the gold medal at the 1988 Calgary Olympics, joins his fellow Brian for Duet For Peace, skated on a 25,000-square-foot maple leaf emblazoned onto the ice surface.

The special airs Dec. 3 on CBC-TV.

Martin Short brings his zany humor to the 1989 Gemini Awards. The popular comedian is the host for the fourth annual awards, which honor excellence in Canadian television (English language).

The award show will be broadcast live by CTV Dec. 5.

Glory Enough For All, the miniseries about the discovery of insulin, has garnered the most nominations, 10.

chewan between a former husband and wife over custody of their children ended five years ago when the woman was brutally murdered.

Her former husband, high-profile politician Colin Thatcher, son of a former premier, was charged with the murder.

His murder trial in Saskatoon in the fall of 1984 was one of the most publicized trials in Canadian history.

A two-part CBC-TV miniseries, Love and Hate: The Story of Colin and Joanne Thatcher, recreates the drama.

The miniseries, based on Maggie Siggins' award-winning novel, A Canadian Tragedy, airs Dec. 3 and 4 on CBC.

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