



TONY BENNETT

All That's Missing Are Sound Effects

"I look at the statue and say, 'It's great to be alive,' " the singer **TONY BENNETT** said yesterday.

The statue he was talking about is made of wax, cost \$50,000 and looks a lot like Tony Bennett: a figure in a Brioni suit.

The suit is real, the statue has no heart, and yes, Mr. Bennett is prepared for all the bad jokes about how he left his heart in San Francisco, but this rather stiff replica of his body has taken up residence on 42nd Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

Start spreading the news? No jokes here. This is for real, as real as a wax statue can be. Mr. Bennett will unveil it tonight as the host of the opening of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.

There will be fireworks. The five-story marquee will finally be lighted, and among those who have said they will be on hand to see their statues are **MAYOR RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI**, **GOV. GEORGE E. PATAKI**, **AL ROKER**, **PATRICK STEWART**, **MAYA ANGELOU**, **KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR** and **DAN RATHER**.

An artist who has had many gallery shows, Mr. Bennett said he found it tedious to be a painter's model for a change. "It took two hours to pose," he said. "It was worth it. The statue is a shockingly accurate reproduction of me."

Long pause. "But the statue can't sing."