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"THE FANTASTICKS"

Book and Lyrics by:
TOM JONES

Music by:
HARVEY SCHMIDT

Cast of Characters (in order of appearance)

The Pianist.....	Eric Knudson
The Harpist.....	Patricia Brown
The Mute.....	John Kauffman
The Narrator, El Gallo.....	Jonathan Farwell
Luisa, The Girl.....	Carole Demas
Matt, The Boy.....	Jonathan Wright
Hucklebee, The Boy's Father.....	Stewart Ballinger
Bellomy, The Girl's Father.....	David Vaughan
Henry, The Old Actor.....	Ben Tone
Mortimer, The Man Who Dies.....	Don Barnett

The Time: Then

The Place: Act I. In the Moonlight; Act. II. In the Sun.

There will be one twelve minute intermission.

Directed by
Greg Falls

Stage Manager
Joan Klynn

Set Designed by
William Raoul

Costumes by
James A. Crider

Additional staging by David Vaughan

THE FANTASTICKS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, 119 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.

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In appreciation of The 11 O'Clock Children's Theatre Troupe: Margaret Faulkes, director; John Aylward, Susan Hammergren, John Kauffman, Gun-Marie Nilsson, Sergei Tschernisch, Anne Walker.

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STEWART BALLINGER, *Hucklebee*, appeared most recently with Seattle's *Music-Go-Round Theatre* as Aristide Foristier in *Can-Can*. Ballinger's theatrical experience spans more than 20 years in theatre, television, radio and films. His extensive career encompasses leading and featured roles ranging from *Finian's Rainbow*, *Show Boat*, and *Annie Get Your Gun* to the opera *Faust*.

DON BARNETT, *Mortimer*, toured last Fall with the National Shakespeare Company, playing Brutus in *Julius Caesar*, Polonius in *Hamlet*, and Borrachio in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Barnett is currently filming *Oops!* an underground farce-spoof in New York City. Barnett has done stock, appeared in films, and done radio work.

CAROLE DEMAS, *Luisa*, currently on leave from the New York production of *The Fantasticks* to work with ACT, has played in many major stock productions including *Another Part of The Forest* as Regina, *Enter Laughing* as Wanda, and has appeared with the New York and Champlain Shakespeare Festivals. Television credits include *Route 66* and *N. Y. P. D.*, a forthcoming series, as well as commercials, some now showing in Seattle.

JONATHAN FARWELL, *El Gallo*, recreates the role in which he was the first actor to appear. Most recently, he appeared the last two seasons with the *Seattle Repertory Theatre*. He spent two years with the *National Repertory Theatre* and more than a year with the *Arena Stage* in Washington, D. C. He has made numerous network TV appearances, and acted with the *New York Shakespeare Festival*.

BEN TONE, *Henry*, appeared in the first New York production of *Thieves' Carnival* at the Cherry Lane Theatre. He was also seen off-Broadway in *Blood Wedding*. On television, he appeared in the Hallmark Hall of Fame production of *Alice In Wonderland*. He was seen in the Virginia City Players' tour of the northwest as Rip in *Rip Van Winkle*.

DAVID VAUGHAN, *Bellomy*, yet another alumnus of the New York production of *The Fantasticks*, is an actor, singer and dancer. He appeared on Broadway in *Epitaph For George Dillon*, and has appeared in several productions with *Judson Poets' Theatre* in New York. Vaughan returns for his second season with ACT, appearing last year as Julian in *Tiny Alice*, Harry in *The Collection*, and Mr. Kidd in *The Room*.

JONATHAN WRIGHT, *Matt*, directed *The Beggar's Opera* for the Stanford Repertory Theatre, at Stanford University where he received his MFA. Wright spent two seasons in summer stock with the Palace Grand Theatre, at Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Canada, as producer/director.

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