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**Spend a fantastic evening with THE FANTASTICKS at Clear Space Theatre!**

“Try to Remember” (the kind of September) croons El Gallo (Jacob Waldron), the show’s narrator, in Clear Space Theatre’s production, THE FANTASTICKS. This endearing – enduring - audience favorite, with music by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones, holds the record as the world’s longest-running musical: 42 years!

Come see why, October 20-29! Experience for yourself the show’s enchantment – you’ll go away knowing just why THE FANTASTICKS endures as a beloved and timeless piece of theatre. You’ll also get to simply enjoy the fun as two fathers, Hucklebee and Bellomy (Max Dick) contrive to ignite a romance between their children, then watch as their elaborate plot is discovered and the children – predictably - revolt.

Speaking to the show’s durability and freshness, Waldron notes, “The unique style of this show is perfect for our space! Even better, the poetic writing and its use of classic theatre tropes creates a performance that feels classic without feeling dated. It’s a very entertaining show that also has something deeper to say. I’m ecstatic to be doing this show for the first time – it’s one of my favorite styles to perform!”

Dick agrees, saying, “This show has such a simple – but universal – theme. It’s all actor-driven, without flashy sets, costumes or many props. And the music is so beautiful – lyrical and complex.” He adds, “I’ve acted in or directed about 50 shows over the years – but this one had till now escaped me. I’m so glad to have the opportunity to do this classic show!”

Both actors agree their respective roles are both fun and challenging. Says Dick, “The fathers in this show are somewhat comical roles – I want to be funny, but not unbelievable. Bellomy needs to be ‘real,’ not a characterization.” Echoing his sentiments, Waldron notes that, “To be successful, El Gallo must be simply played, allowing the writing to do the work. It’s tempting to be too clever with the role - to try to add something disingenuous for comedic effect or to be more dramatic. I need to avoid those pitfalls!”

THE FANTASTICKS runs Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 29, with Friday and Saturday evening performances at 7:00 pm, and Sunday matinee performances at 3:00 pm. There also is one Thursday performance, on October 26, at 11:00 am. Tickets for all shows are \$17 - \$32, and may be purchased on-line at [www.clearspacetheatre.org](http://www.clearspacetheatre.org), or by calling the box office at 302-227-2270.