

# Village Theatre

Mainstage + New Works + Youth Education

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## It's the World's Longest-Running Musical!

Village Theatre Proudly Presents *The Fantasticks*

A magical and witty tale about young love, wild fantasy, and growing up

**Book and Lyrics by TOM JONES | Music by HARVEY SCHMIDT**

**Directed by ADAM IMMERWAHR**

**Choreographed by KATY TABB**

**Music Directed by TIM SYMONS**

**ISSAQUAH, WA** (February 6, 2024) – It's no wonder that *The Fantasticks* is the longest-running musical in the world, with its breathtaking poetry, theatrical sophistication, and timeless songs like "Try to Remember" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain." This spring Village Theatre proudly presents its first Mainstage production of this timeless classic, directed by Village Theatre Artistic Director **Adam Immerwahr**. Performances will be held in Issaquah from March 12 to April 21, 2024, and in Everett from April 27 to May 19, 2024.

Full of buoyant humor, charming tunes, and a sprinkle of magic, *The Fantasticks* tells the story of a boy and a girl who fall madly in love, and the two meddling fathers who try to keep them apart. Since its inception, the script for *The Fantasticks* has continually evolved. In this production, we are honored to feature the most recently updated script with changes written by Book writer and Lyricist **Tom Jones**, creating a lush new approach to this beloved classic.

"*The Fantasticks* is a hauntingly beautiful piece of theater," said Immerwahr. "Full of gorgeous poetry, exquisite music, and delightful whimsy, the story captivates and surprises in all the best ways. I'm delighted to be able to give our audience this rare opportunity to see this delicious story at the scale of Village Theatre."

The cast includes **Miranda Antoinette** (Luisa), **Anthony Curry** (Henry), **Mark Emerson** (Mortimer, Bellomy U/S), **Hugh Hastings** (Bellomy), **Kawika Huston** (Matt), **Lisa Kwak** (The Mute, Dance Captain), **Robert Champain** (Hucklebee), and **Michael Sharon** (El Gallo).

Understudies include **Kooper Campbell** (Matt), **Jeff Church** (Hucklebee, Henry), **Julia Louise Kuzmich** (Luisa, The Mute), and **Casey Raiha** (El Gallo, Mortimer).

Sprinkling some magic into this production of *The Fantasticks* are Set Designer **Parmida Ziaei**, Costume Designer **Esther Garcia**, Lighting Designer **Geoff Korf**, Sound Designer **Darron L West**, Magic & Illusion Designer **Dendy**, and Stage Manager **Miranda C. Pratt**.

The creative team also includes Fight Choreographer/Intimacy Director **Ian Bond**, Associate Director **Cara Hinh**, Associate Music Director **Ben Bentler**, Associate Lighting Designer **Casey Price**, and Assistant Stage Manager **Annika Evens**.

Single tickets can be purchased now through Village Theatre's Box Office in-person in Issaquah (303 Front Street N) or Everett (2710 Wetmore Avenue), by phone at (425) 392-2202, or online at [VillageTheatre.org/Fantasticks](https://VillageTheatre.org/Fantasticks). Masks are optional for all Village Theatre performances in the 2023–2024 season.

### **ABOUT VILLAGE THEATRE**

Based in Issaquah, WA, with operations in Everett, WA, Village Theatre is a leading producer of musical theatre in the Pacific Northwest. Producing entertaining, quality productions since 1979, Village Theatre has grown into one of the region's best-attended theatres. Through its Village Originals program, Village Theatre is nationally recognized for its contribution to the development of new musicals, having supported the creation of over 175 new works to date. Village Theatre also takes pride in nurturing tomorrow's audiences through its Youth Education programs, serving thousands of young people and their families annually.

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### **FOR EDITORS/PRODUCERS**

#### **WHAT:**

#### ***The Fantasticks***

Book and Lyrics by Tom Jones | Music by Harvey Schmidt

Directed by Adam Immerwahr

Choreographed by Katy Tabb

Music Directed by Tim Symons

#### **WHERE:**

#### **Village Theatre**

Francis J. Gaudette Theatre

303 Front Street N, Issaquah

Everett Performing Arts Center (EPAC)

2710 Wetmore Avenue, Everett

#### **WHEN:**

**March 12–May 19, 2024**

Issaquah: March 12–April 21, 2024

Everett: April 27–May 19, 2024

#### **TICKETS:**

**\$53–\$115 - ON SALE NOW**

For tickets and information >> [VillageTheatre.org/Fantasticks](https://VillageTheatre.org/Fantasticks)

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Masks are optional for all Village Theatre performances in the 2023–2024 season. For Village Theatre's up-to-date health and safety protocols, please visit the Village Theatre website >>

[VillageTheatre.org/covid19/](https://VillageTheatre.org/covid19/)

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