

The Fantasticks

Two teenagers on neighboring farms steal glances and hide their romance from their feuding fathers. Little do these love-birds know, however, that their fathers are actually good friends who've hatched a plan - with the help of a mystical roving side-show and its equally mysterious ring master - to get these two lovers down the aisle! But be careful what you wish for. Because to bring these families together... they must first be torn apart!

A Little History

The original production opened on May 3, 1960 at the 150-seat Sullivan Street Playhouse in New York's Greenwich Village - where it played for 42 years and 17,162 performances! Because audiences wanted "*Much More*" of the timeless tale, **The Fantasticks** was revived on August 23, 2006 at the Jerry Orbach Theatre at the Snapple Theater Center - where it continues today! **The Fantasticks** started as a one-act staging at Barnard College in the summer of 1959. When it first opened in New York, the press was so tepid that producer Lore Noto almost was forced to close it after a week. But due primarily to Noto's persistence, it took off and has become the longest-running musical in history.

The original cast included actor Jerry Orbach (**Dirty Dancing**, *Lumiere* in the film **Beauty and the Beast**, TV's **Law and Order**) as *El Gallo*. Other performers in the show have included author Tom Jones (the author, not the pop singer), Liza Minnelli, John Davidson, Bert Convy, Bert Lahr, Stanley Holloway, Ricardo Montalban, David Cryer, Richard Chamberlain, John Carradine, Elliott Gould, F. Murray Abraham and Robert Goulet. The original investors have - so far - received a 9,620% return!

"It is a delight - bewitching, bright and tasteful." -New York Journal

"A sophisticated story about innocence...the songs are distinguished and delightful." -Saturday Review