
Owasso Community Theatre Company
with a grant from the George Kaiser Foundation
proudly presents:

*The
Fantasticks*



Directed by: Iris Ballou
Music/Choreography by: Diane Morrow

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

Fantastic! The excitement and folly of youth. Remember when you were young? Remember dreaming of far away places and adventure and all the possibilities? What you were going to be when you were older? Where you would live? Whom you would marry? Then, when you *were* older, remember dreaming about what your children would be when *they* grew up? There is a little dreamer in all of us. That, I think is what has made *The Fantasticks* the popular show that it is.

It's a timeless theme...boy loves the girl next door and the parents approve... disapprovingly. Tell your child no, and what will he/she do? Exactly what you told them not to do. The plot thickens! Enter the bandit, El Gallo. His job, to abduct the girl and allow the boy to save her, thus becoming the hero. His *real* mission? To 'steal fancies'. By cruelly (really?) helping the dreamer, Luisa and poet, Matt to discover the real world and all its hard knocks. He also helps them discover what really matters in life and that far away places and strange lands aren't always such a sweet deal.

Our cast and crew have worked very hard to help in the illusion. Handicapped by a series of unfortunate events, they have given their time and efforts with fervor. Bravo to them all! And if I'm not mistaken, perhaps theatre has once again stolen some of their fancies and introduced some more talent to our community and the arts in Owasso. Enjoy them for they are all fantastic.

If we did our job right, perhaps we'll steal your fancies as well!

-THE CAST-

EL GALLO - Carl Mark Osborn- Carl Mark is a graduate from OSU with a BS in Electrical Engineering Technology. He has just recently started singing and acting after years of playing competitive soccer. Playing El Gallo in *The Fantasticks* will be his second show with Owasso Community Theatre. His most recent acting was in the OCT play *Arsenic & Old Lace* where he played the slightly unstable Teddy. He played Professor Plun in *Clue the Musical* with Theatre Tulsa. He was in the feature film "Animals on Drawbridge" by Apollonary Films - which was shot at the Hissom facility in Sand Springs, OK. He played the part of Daniel - a mental patient. Carl portrayed MVP's Lawyer at the World Wrestling Entertainment press conference signing of MVP. This was broadcast nationwide on UPN & posted on WWE.com. Carl was in a short film documentary shot in Pawhuska called "Indian Girl" by Leaning Tree Films. He played the part of a Claim thief in the Land Run scene. Carl has also performed in the following musicals by Grace Ann Productions: *Company*, *Urinetown*, & *Oliver*.

MATT - Tony Cifuno - This is Tony's premiere performance in a play. When he's not at rehearsal, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, going to movies and skating. He describes this first experience with the theatre as "awesome and exciting".

LUISA – Kathryn Hunter – A recent high school graduate from Owasso, Kathryn has performed in many plays and productions, some include: *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Sound of Music*, and *The Nutcracker*. During the summer of 2007, she had a chance to tour Europe with the Oklahoma Ambassadors of Music, performing in seven countries. She has a passion for dancing, singing, composing, piano, photography, missions and just anything that involves theatre! She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University in the fall, majoring in Music Education. She would like to thank the wonderful director Iris, the amazing cast and crew, her great friends and loving family, and the Lord. “Thank you for your support and I hope you enjoy the show!”

HUCKLEBEE “BEE” - Jennifer Burkeen – Jennifer Burkeen has acted in plays and musicals since she was young; including several at William Smith College. She has acted for Broken Arrow Community Playhouse. This is her first appearance at Owasso Community Theatre Company. She also recently completed a Masters Degree in Biomedical Science. She is a proud wife and mother of five.

BELLAMY “BELL” - Marjie Reynolds – While growing up Marjie has always been involved in choir and drama. She enjoys singing and continues to do so in her church band. Marjie is especially excited to be in this production with her two sons, Tim and Tony. She is also blessed with two daughters, Jessie and Sammie. Besides God, her children are her most important priority in life. “I love you and am very proud of you all! Thank you Daddy and Linda for motivating me to audition.”

MUTE/WALL - Kelsie Burkeen – Kelsie is very excited to be a part of *The Fantasticks*. She has been in *Night is Enemy* as Roane, *High School* as a cheerleader and *Babes in Toyland* as Curlylocks.

MUTE/WALL - Lydia Brown – Lydia has just graduated from Owasso High School. She has performed many times at numerous talent shows, showcasing her singing and piano-playing abilities. She played the part of the Haberdasher in *The Taming of the Shrew* and very much enjoyed her one-line part in Act 4. She enjoys being on stage and performing. In the fall, she will attend Tulsa Community College majoring in Psychology. She is engaged to the love of her life – Tim Cifuno. She hopes you enjoy the show.

HENRY - Joe Taylor – This is Joe’s first production with Owasso Community Theatre, but he is no stranger to the stage. He has performed in *Pinocchio* and *Cupid & Psyche*. As a freshman at the Mid-High, Joe enjoys skating and hanging with his friends.

MORTIMER - Tim Cifuno – Tim Cifuno was in choir for two years while in school. He is engaged to Lydia Brown, who is also in the play as one of the mutes. He graduated in 2006 from Owasso High School and currently attends Tulsa Community College majoring in Psychology. *The Fantasticks* is Tim’s first play. He is sharing this experience with his mother Marjie and brother Tony.