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Mountain Community Theater

Proudly Presents

The Fantasticks

Book and lyrics by Tom Jones

Music by Harvey Schmidt

Directed by Scott Kravitz

Musical Direction by Ashley Sue Moore

Choreographed by Whitney James-Heskett

Technical Direction and Set Design by Mark Hoagland

A brand new production of the classic musical *The Fantasticks* is coming to Santa Cruz, opening February 19, 2010 at Louden Nelson Community Center.

Directed by Scott Kravitz, this production of the much-loved musical will invigorate and illuminate with fresh visual, emotional and musical energy. Technical Director and Set Designer Mark Hoagland joins Kravitz on *The Fantasticks*, following their previous collaboration in 2007 on MCT's acclaimed production of *The Rocky Horror Show*. UCSC graduate Ashley Sue Moore provides the musical direction and choreography is by Whitney James-Heskett.

The Fantasticks tells an allegorical story, loosely based on the play *The Romancers (Les Romanesques)* by Edmond Rostand, concerning two neighboring fathers who put up a wall between their houses to ensure that their children fall in love, because they know children always do what their parents forbid. After the children do fall in love, they discover their fathers' plot and each goes off to experience the world. Finally they return to each other and the love they had, having learned from the world to recognize their true feelings. Elements of the musical are drawn from the story of *Pyramus and Thisbe*, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as well as Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*. Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's classic score features the beloved songs "Try to Remember" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain."

The Fantasticks first played Off-Broadway nearly fifty years ago at the Sullivan Street Playhouse. Since then, it has become the longest running musical in the world. *The Fantasticks* has played in over 2000 cities and towns in the United States. Internationally, it has been staged in 67 countries.

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The Fantasticks

Louden Nelson Community Center

301 Center Street

Santa Cruz, California 95060

Friday and Saturday, February 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8:00 PM AND Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 PM

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