

## The Pennington Players 'Try To Remember'

What happens when you have a bandit, a girl, a boy and feuding fathers come together: Laughter, love and memories in the The Pennington Players lively production of The Fantasticks the Kelsey Theatre on July 25, 26, 27 and August 1, 2 and 3.

The Fantasticks is a 1960 musical very loosely based on the Rostand play, Les Romanesques. Its original production Off-Broadway, which featured Jerry Orbach and Rita Gardner, ran for 42 years, still the longest-running musical of all time. "Try to Remember" and "Never Say No" are among the many songs featured in the musical. Its plot is a simple one: and boy and girl meet and fall in love across the wall between their feuding fathers' gardens. Their fathers – long-time best friends whose feud is a ruse to draw the children together – hire an actor to pretend to kidnap the Girl. When the Boy rescues her as planned, everyone lives happily ever after. At least until Act Two.

Starring in the production are: Michael Schiumo (Clarksburg, NJ) as The Narrator, Elizabeth Ferrante (West Windsor, NJ) as The Girl, Eric Carsia (Hamilton, NJ) as The Boy, Thomas Chiola (Trenton, NJ) as The Girl's Father, David Jack (Huntington Valley, PA) as The Boy's Father, Edgar Garcia (East Windsor, NJ) as The Old Actor, Rachel Messler (Yardley, PA) as The One Who Dies and Stephanie Venanzi (Hamilton, NJ) as The Mute. The show is directed by Frank Ferrara (Florence, NJ) with musical direction by Timothy Brown (Trenton, NJ) and choreography by Nicole Farina-Machin (Robbinsville, NJ).

The Kelsey Theatre is located on the campus of Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, NJ. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays (July 25, 26 and August 1, 2) at 8pm, and Sundays (July 27 and August 3) at 2pm. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors, and \$12 for students and children. Free parking is available next to the theater. Tickets may be purchased online ([www.kelseytheatre.net](http://www.kelseytheatre.net)) or by calling the Kelsey Box Office at 609-570-3333. Kelsey Theatre is wheelchair accessible and provides assisted listening devices upon request.

