

## Fantastic show

To the Editor:

Try to remember ... the simplicity of years gone by, familiar old show tunes, simple but effective stage sets ...

WS Rep has truly recaptured the magic of the world's longest-running (42-plus years) musical, "The Fantasticks," with outstanding music and vocal renditions of familiar old tunes such as "Try to Remember" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain"; acting roles that bring out the best in the entire cast; and the hysterical "schtick" comedy performances throughout.

WS Rep continues to successfully rework old classics into something truly unique to the Raue, while maintaining the integrity of the shows themselves (in this case introducing a circus theme and "inner ring" set on the Raue's intimate "second stage" plus the visually stunning scene that incorporates the beautiful star-lit theater to wow the audience).

What a treat to be able to enjoy shows like this, plus well-known touring performers, here in our own backyard, rather than having to travel into Chicago.

If you've seen "The Fantasticks" before, you will remember, and will enjoy WS Rep's production.

And if you've never seen it before, as I hadn't, you're sure to enjoy this short trip back to simpler times.

If you move fast, you can still catch it at the Raue through Aug. 26.

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