



The cast of "The Fantasticks" bowed for their curtain call after completing three nights of performances at Rockcastle County High School. Friday night they performed the second act without electricity by the use

of flashlights. Though it was somewhat darker the play still went off without a hitch.

Fantasticks production a grand success from curtain to curtain

By: George Ferrell

Local people had a theatrical treat Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this past week.

The stage production, *The Fantasticks*, was presented at Rockcastle County High School.

Friday night found a captive audience after intermission as the lights went out as a dangerous thunderstorm hit the county.

Members of the cast decided the show must go on and bravely performed the second act with the help of flashlights.

That set the note for a very professional production.

The actors, local people, might have held their own with Broadway, as they mesmerized the audience with the musical's imagery and song.

The play, which is about two young lovers and their quarrelling fathers, is a story about love found and lost and has a happy ending.

At the start the narrator, El Gallo, played by Ed Cortas, explains the relationship and begins the play.

By the end of the first act a drama is played out with the play that sees the young man fight off actors pretending to be rapist of the leading lady.

Luisa, played by April Thorpe, then marries the young man as both fathers make up.

The second act deals with the disillusionment of love. The young man, played by Matt Bryant, goes his way into the world only to find it rougher than he thought.

El Gallo then romances Luisa and when she leaves a necklace in his care he tries to skip out.

Matt then returns after being gone a month and, as events must have it, makes up with Luisa.

The girls' father, Bellomy, was played by Jeffrey T. Burdette, who gave an excellent performance and mastered the musical side of the play.

The boys' father, Hucklebee, was played by Jack Lewis, who turned in a fine performance and also worked well with his counterpart on the musical parts.

Three other actors punctuated the performance. One was "The Actor" Henry, who was played by David Phillips.

Another was "The Man Who Dies" Mortimer, who was played by Kevin Isaacs.

A non-speaking part was convincingly played by Shelly Raines, who played the mute.

The director, H. Allen Pensol, seemed pleased with his troops.

And well he should be — they performed at a level far beyond most amateur productions.

The play was sponsored by The Rockcastle Council For The Arts, The Rockcastle County Jaycees, and The Family Resource Center.

The play was also signed for the hearing impaired. Robyn Arnold performed in that capacity.



Jamie Cornilius, right, and Becky Burdette, accompanied the performance of "The Fantasticks" held last week at the Rockcastle County High School. The production was a success and well received by the public.



The characters Matt and Mortimer duelled with swords during the opening night of "The Fantasticks" held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The character El Gallo is looking on.



Allen Pensol passed out roses and encouragement before Thursday's opening night of "The Fantasticks" which played through Saturday night. As director Pensol was pleased with his troops, who gave a professional production for the public.

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