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 Stanley Kubrick's
"CLOCKWORK ORANGE" (R)
 Malcolm MacDowell Patrick Magee
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"BUGS BUNNY SUPERSTAR" (G)
 12:45 & 2:30

MAPLE 3 THEATRES
OPENING WEDNESDAY
 March 23rd
 1. Jean Hackman Mickey Rooney
"DOMINO PRINCIPAL"
 2. TO BE ANNOUNCED
 3. Academy Award Nominees for Best Actress and Foreign Film
"COUSIN COUSINE" (R)

NORTHLAND 1 & 2
 1 Gene Wilder Richard Pryor
"SILVER STREAK" (PG)
 Matinee Wed, Sat & Sun
 2 Ten Oscar nominations...
"ROCKY" (PG)

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 Walt Disney's
"FRECKY FRIDAY" (G)

VILLAGE
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 Nominated for 3 Academy Awards, including Best Actress, Best Foreign Film
"COUSIN COUSINE" (R)
 with Maria Christine Barrault and Victor Linares
 New York Film Critics Winner:
 Stanley Kubrick's
"CLOCKWORK ORANGE" (R)
 Special Family Matinee Sat. & Sun.
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'Fantasticks' needs that magic touch

By ETHEL SIMMONS

"The Fantasticks" is the kind of show that seems to have an inherent magic, so it's hard to believe a production could lack this quality.

But the current offering of Cocktail Playhouses Limited at the Sheraton Bloomfield Pontiac just doesn't capture the magic it needs.

The songs in this parable about love still charm and the show was most enjoyable listening to the words and music.

"Try to Remember" best-known song from "Fantasticks" has a haunting melody backing bittersweet lyrics about life's promises. The score combines words by Tom Jones with music by Harvey L. Schmidt.

CATHY HILBISH and David Kitto are the Girl and Boy, who fall in love despite a wall their fathers have put up between the two gardens. The wall is

really a device the fathers have plotted, to keep the young people apart and tempt them to fall in love.

The co-stars, along with most of the other cast members, lacked subtlety in their performances. A bigger stage might have made the mugging less apparent, but the intimacy of cabaret theater made every gesture larger than needed.

Dick Phillips as the Boy's Father and Mark Boyles as the Girl's Father were more restrained than the leads but didn't really evoke a comic feeling.

David Anderson as the Narrator gave the most balanced performance, with a firm grip on his characterization of the romantic, decadent bandit.

Charles Stallman as the Old Actor overacted even more than his part as a ham performer called for, yet he did have a certain sparkle.

Jim Lintow was The Man Who Dies, and he did this without restraint unfortunately.

LORETTA ANDERSON as the Mute, who's called upon to provide such bits of magic, as changes of time and season, performed capably. She wasn't guilty of overacting, in fact could have exercised a little more control over the proceedings.

The cast appeared well rehearsed. The production had run seven weeks in Ann Arbor and is playing four weeks at the Sheraton.

The show moved fast, despite the fact that it was not well paced. Sets and costuming in "The Fantasticks"

are always kept simple but weren't at all imaginative in this production.

Cocktail Playhouses Limited has established five cocktail playhouses in the Detroit area. The cocktail service wasn't up to par the night I attended "Fantasticks," however.

It's hoped that the Cocktail Playhouses—a good idea certainly—will streamline its performances and work out a more efficient system of serving.

Popular musicals are the only kind of shows Cocktail Playhouses present. There's always a ready audience for these, and maybe an investment of just a little more magic will make every production a sure-fire success.

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