THEATER

EMU grads give fantastik help

Eastern Michigan University presents 'The Fantasticks,' book and lyrics by Tom Jones, music by Harvey Schmidt, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 10-12, and 250 p.m. Sunday, June 10-12, and 250 p.m. Sunday, June 10-12, and Fypilanti compus. Ticket \$7 for Thursday-Performance, \$12 Fridays-Saturdays, \$10 Sunday. DI KERIN WICONE.
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The first time Dennis Cockrum played one of the fathers in "The Fantasticke," he was a student at Eastern Michigan University and dating the woman who played his daughter. Now he's old enough to be his daughter's father and an award-winning actor.

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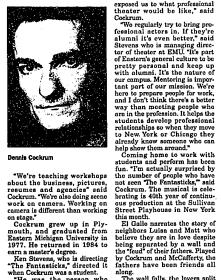
"It's a shared experience, the first time you fall in love and get your heart broken," said Cockrum explaining why he believes
"The Fantasticks" is such a popu"-- show."

lar show.

He's sharing the stage in the production which opens June 4 with another EMU alumni, and professional actor, Mike McCafferty, "Mike was in my classes," said Cockrum.

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On stage and off, they're playing fatherly roles, sharing a little bit about what they know about the "real world of acting."



Dennis Cockrum

"We're teaching workshops about the business, pictures, resumes and agencies" said Cockrum. "We're also doing scene work on camora. Working on camera is different than working on stage."

Cockrum grew up in Plymouth, and graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1977. He returned in 1984 to earn a master's degree.

Ken Stevens, who is directing "The Fantasticks," directed it when Cockrum was a student.

"He was the person who

fathers have been triends all along.

The wait falls, the lovers split up and then discover the true meaning of love.

"It has great songs, 'Try to Remember,' it's fun,' said Cockrum. "I like to do theater in the spring. There's an energy you get from a live audience. Unfortunately, it's hard to make a living

exposed us to what professional thoater would be like," said Cockrum.

"We regularly try to bring professional actors in. If they're alumni it's even better," said Stevens who is mannign director of theater at EMU. "It's part of Eastern's general culture to pretty personal and keep up with alumni. It's the nature of our campus. Mentoring is important part of our mission. We're here to prepare people for work, and I don't think there's a better way than meeting people who

doing just theater."
When the show closes on June
12, Cockrum will be packing his,
bags to head back to Los Angeles, which is now home.
"Til be going for auditions," he
said. "It bents working for a living. Working a 9-to-5 job would
make me crazy," he said.
"My mom and dad still live in
Plymouth, and being here a
month gives me time to he
around family and a chance to be
doing something as well," he
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"Cheers" fans might recognize Cockrum as the guy who married Carla's daughter. He's also appeared on episodes of 'Melrose Place," "Home Improvement," Film credits include "Uncle Buck," "The Glimmer Man," and "Desperate Mensures." He also appears in the Showtime version of "Inherit the Wind," which aired Saturday.

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"I seem to have done more comedy," he said. "Although I did to a dramatic role in 'Inherit the Wind."
He received the Joseph Jefferson Citation for Guildenstern in Rosenerantz and Guilderstern are Dead" at the Court Theatre in Chicago; and the Artisan Award for Jan in the world theatre premiere of "Mr. 80%" at Victory Gardens Theatre in Chicago.

McCafferty, formerly artistic director of Genetti's Little The-attre of Northville, is currently an associate guest artist for the Lamb's Players Theatre in San Diego. He has appeared in five independent films, and as Direct TV's "Answer Man."



On stage: Chuck Ganchorre (left) as the mute, Brandon Burns as Luisa and Tyson Navarre as Matt in the Eastern Michigan University production of "The Fan-

Celebrate 40th year of Ann Arbor Street Art Fair

(PRNewswire) — A half mil-lion people from all over the country will take over the streets of Ann Arbor, Michigan from July 21-24 to view and purchase art from a wide vari-ety of artists. Art from all over the United States as well as from around the world will be from around the world will be on exhibit at the Ann Arbor Art

Eleven hundred artists offering both traditional and contem-porary art are juried annually to ensure that the highest quali-

to ensure that the highest quality and oxcellence in art is presented at the fairs.

The Ann Arbor Art Fairs combine the talents of the artists with a host of merchant displays lining the streets, food galore, art demonstrations, a variety of music, street perfor-mances, children's activity cen-

mances, children's activity centers, and much more!

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In addition to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, The State Street Area Art Fair and The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair have

also come aboard, expanding the fair. Each fair has something unique to offer, decorating the streets of Ann Arbor with vibrant displays that offer a variety of art media including glass, painting, ceramics, photography, fiber, jewelry, wood and more.

Performance areas will be disporsed throughout the fairs offering an eelectic diversity of talented musicians from around the world.

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Jugglers, magicians and more will be interacting with children, offering entertainment for the whole family. Children and adults are also encouraged to stop by the Children's Activity Center and the Imagination Station to create their own artistic masterpiece.

Information booths will be positioned throughout the fairs offering free guides with artist listings, maps, shuttle information, and a schedule of music events and other activities. Fair hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday.

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