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## MBT season closes with popular musical

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"The story is identifiable to everyone, plus 'The Fantasticks' has great and memorable music, comedy, swordplay and a dashing bandit," said John Manfredi, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre.

Artistic Director David Regal is reunited with Neville, his former student and current Broadway star, who is returning from the Broadway and London companies of "The Full Monty." The production also features last season's winner of the "Detroit Free Press" Best Actor Award James Bowen and the MBT debut of Letitia Body, fresh from the "Rural Renewal" tour with Ray Parker Jr.

"This is a fabulous show to end our season with because it has universal appeal," Manfredi said. "As a show that has had unprecedented success in New York since 1960, it is easily our most commercial selection and shows our commitment to providing a wide range of materials for our patrons, from the obscure like 'The Gravity of Honey' to the most popular musical in American history, 'The Fantasticks.'"

For more information including show times, visit the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site or call the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377-3300. Tickets are available at the box office or through **Ticketmaster** outlets with prices starting at \$26. Senior, student and group discounts are available.

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