

## THE DRAMATISTS GUILD mourns the loss of lyricist and librettist Tom Jones



<https://www.dramatistsguild.com/members/tomjones>

A Guild member for over 60 years, Tom is best remembered for writing the book and lyrics to the world's longest running musical "The Fantasticks," which played off-Broadway for 42 years. Other credits include the Broadway musicals "I Do! I Do!" "Celebration," and "110 in the Shade," all written with his "Fantasticks" collaborator, composer Harvey Schmidt. Tom received Tony nominations for his work on "I Do! I Do!" and "110 in the Shade," the latter of which was revived in a 2007 Broadway production starring Audra McDonald.

A 1998 inductee into the American Theatre Hall of Fame, Tom was also the recipient of an Obie Award, an ASCAP Richard Rodgers Award, and a special Tony Award for "The Fantasticks."

"Try to remember when life was so tender  
That no one wept except the willow.  
Try to remember when life was so tender  
That dreams were kept beside your pillow.  
Try to remember when life was so tender  
That love was an ember about to billow.  
Try to remember, and if you remember,  
Then follow."

May his memory be a blessing.