



List of *Faerie Tale Theatre* episodes



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The following is a list of episodes of the family television anthology *Faerie Tale Theatre*, also known as *Shelley Duvall's Faerie Tale Theatre* which ran on Showtime from 1982 to 1987, airing a total 27 episodes.

The series featured numerous famous and well known Hollywood actors (particularly of the period), with Robin Williams and Teri Garr in the first episode, "The Tale of the Frog Prince". The creator, executive producer and narrator Shelly Duvall, occasionally appeared in episodes. Others, including Jean Stapleton, Mark Blankfield, Charlie Dell, Donovan Scott and Daniel Frishman, were among those who had credited appearances in more than three episodes.

Series overview

Season	Episodes	Originally aired	
		First aired	Last aired
<u>1</u>	2	September 11, 1982	October 16, 1982
<u>2</u>	6	February 5, 1983	December 5, 1983
<u>3</u>	7	January 9, 1984	September 17, 1984
<u>4</u>	7	February 12, 1985	October 5, 1985
<u>5</u>	2	July 14, 1986	August 11, 1986
<u>6</u>	3	March 23, 1987	November 14, 1987

Episodes

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Season 1 (1982)

No. overall	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Prod. code
1	1	" The Tale of the Frog Prince "	September 11, 1982	101
A spoiled princess (Teri Garr) is forced to keep her promise to a talking frog who is an enchanted prince (Robin Williams) when he rescues her golden ball from the bottom of a well. (Starring Robin Williams , Teri Garr , Rene Auberjonois , Michael Richards , and Candy Clark . Narrated, Written and Directed by Eric Idle .				
2	2	" Rumpelstiltskin "	October 16, 1982	102
A tiny man (Hervé Villechaize) lends a helping hand to a miller's daughter (Shelley Duvall) who is forced to answer for her father's tall tale that she can spin gold from straw. (Starring Ned Beatty , Shelley Duvall , Paul Dooley , Bud Cort , and Hervé Villechaize . Directed by Emile Ardolino				

Season 2 (1983)

No. overall	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Prod. code
3	1	" Rapunzel "	February 5, 1983	201
A beautiful and young girl named Rapunzel (Shelley Duvall) is taken from her mother (Shelley Duvall) and her father (Jeff Bridges) by an evil witch (Gena Rowlands) and brought up in an isolated tower that can only be accessed by climbing her unnaturally long and blonde hair until a handsome prince (Jeff Bridges) goes there to rescue her. Starring Jeff Bridges , Shelley Duvall , and Gena Rowlands . Narrated by Roddy McDowall .				
4	2	" The Nightingale "	May 10, 1983	202
A Chinese Emperor (Mick Jagger) finds true friendship from a lowly kitchen maid (Barbara Hershey) and a plain little bird; both of whom are worth more than they appear. Starring Mick Jagger , Barbara Hershey , Bud Cort , Mako , Keye Luke , Edward James Olmos , and, in small roles, Anjelica Huston and Jerry Hall . Narrated by Shelley Duvall (who also performs the voice of the Nightingale).				
5	3	" Sleeping Beauty "	July 7, 1983	203
A handsome prince (Christopher Reeve) on the search for a princess best known as the Sleeping Beauty (Bernadette Peters) bumps into a woodsman (George Dzundza) who tells him the story of the Sleeping Beauty, the fabled sleeping princess. Starring Bernadette Peters , Christopher Reeve , Beverly D'Angelo , Carol Kane , George Dzundza , Sally Kellerman , René Auberjonois , Ron Rifkin , and Richard Libertini . The adaption of this story had a bit of a Russian theme.				
6	4	" Jack and the Beanstalk "	September 8, 1983	204
A dreamer boy named Jack (Dennis Christopher) one day finds that his dreams have grown to enormous proportions. Starring Dennis Christopher , Elliott Gould , Jean Stapleton , Katherine Helmond , and Mark Blankfield .				
7	5	" Little Red Riding Hood "	November 10, 1983	205
An overprotected young lady named Mary (Mary Steenburgen) learns that there is merit to her parents' advice that she stick to the path and not talk to strangers. Starring Mary Steenburgen , Malcolm McDowell , John Vernon , Darrell Larson , Frances Bay , and Diane Ladd .				
8	6	" Hansel and Gretel "	December 5, 1983	206
A boy named Hansel (Ricky Schroder) and his sister named Gretel (Bridgette Andersen) who are left to fend for themselves in the woods and stumble upon a curious house made out of candy that belongs to an evil witch (Joan				

Collins). Starring Ricky Schroder, Bridgette Andersen, Joan Collins, and Paul Dooley.

Season 3 (1984)

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9	1	"Goldilocks and the Three Bears"	January 9, 1984	301
A precocious girl with a penchant for telling tall tales named Goldilocks (<u>Tatum O'Neal</u>) learns to tell the truth and to respect the privacy of others. Starring <u>Tatum O'Neal</u> , <u>Hoyt Axton</u> , <u>John Lithgow</u> , <u>Carole King</u> , <u>Alex Karras</u> , <u>Brandis Kemp</u> , and <u>Donovan Scott</u> .				
10	2	"The Princess and the Pea"	April 16, 1984	302
A bored prince (<u>Tom Conti</u>) decides that the best way to cheer himself up is to get married. As he goes through his mother's (<u>Beatrice Straight</u>) list of eligible princesses, an outspoken young girl who is a princess (<u>Liza Minnelli</u>) appears at the castle with raucous claims. Starring <u>Liza Minnelli</u> , <u>Tom Conti</u> , <u>Beatrice Straight</u> , <u>Pat McCormick</u> , <u>Tim Kazurinsky</u> , and <u>Nancy Allen</u> .				
11	3	"Pinocchio"	May 14, 1984	303
When lonely puppetmaker Gepetto (<u>Carl Reiner</u>) wishes with all his might that he can have a real son, the Blue Fairy (<u>Lainie Kazan</u>) decides to grant him and a wooden puppet named Pinocchio (<u>Paul Reubens</u>) the chance to make that wish come true. Starring <u>Paul "Pee-Wee Herman" Reubens</u> , <u>James Coburn</u> , <u>Carl Reiner</u> , <u>Lainie Kazan</u> , <u>James Belushi</u> , <u>Michael Richards</u> , and <u>Vincent Schiavelli</u> . Narrated by <u>Don Novello</u> .				
12	4	"Thumbelina"	June 11, 1984	304
A girl no bigger than a human thumb named Thumbelina (<u>Carrie Fisher</u>) embarks on a great adventure in the big wide world. Starring <u>Carrie Fisher</u> , <u>William Katt</u> , <u>Burgess Meredith</u> , and <u>Conchata Ferrell</u> . Narrated by <u>David Hemmings</u> .				
13	5	"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"	July 16, 1984	305
A beautiful and young princess named Snow White (<u>Elizabeth McGovern</u>) is forced to flee for her life when her only crime of simply being the fairest one in her kingdom arouses more than jealousy in the Queen, her evil stepmother (<u>Vanessa Redgrave</u>). Starring <u>Vincent Price</u> , <u>Vanessa Redgrave</u> , <u>Elizabeth McGovern</u> , <u>Tony Cox</u> , and <u>Rex Smith</u> .				
14	6	"Beauty and the Beast"	August 13, 1984	306
The beautiful and the youngest daughter named Beauty (<u>Susan Sarandon</u>) of a merchant sacrifices her freedom to save her father from the punishment of a cursed beast, who is an enchanted prince (<u>Klaus Kinski</u>). Starring <u>Susan Sarandon</u> , <u>Klaus Kinski</u> , <u>Stephen Elliott</u> , and <u>Anjelica Huston</u> . Directed by <u>Roger Vadim</u> .				
15	7	"The Boy Who Left Home to Find Out About the Shivers"	September 17, 1984	307
A boy (<u>Peter MacNicol</u>) who doesn't know what fear is sets out into the world to try to understand what it means to be afraid. Starring <u>Peter MacNicol</u> , <u>Dana Hill</u> , <u>Christopher Lee</u> , <u>Frank Zappa</u> , and <u>David Warner</u> . Narrated by <u>Vincent Price</u> .				

Season 4 (1985)

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16	1	"The Three Little Pigs"	February 12, 1985	401
The mother (<u>Doris Roberts</u>) of three little pigs (<u>Billy Crystal</u> , <u>Fred Willard</u> , <u>Stephen Furst</u>) sends her sons out into the world to find their fortune in their own individual ways and The Big Bad Wolf (<u>Jeff Goldblum</u>)'s nagging wife sends him out to get dinner. Starring <u>Billy Crystal</u> , <u>Jeff Goldblum</u> , <u>Valerie Perrine</u> , <u>Doris Roberts</u> , <u>Fred Willard</u> , and <u>Stephen Furst</u> .				

17	2	"The Snow Queen"	March 11, 1985	402
A young girl named Gerda (Melissa Gilbert) begins a perilous journey to rescue her best friend named Kay (Lance Kerwin) after he is taken by the fabled Snow Queen (Lee Remick). Starring Melissa Gilbert , Lance Kerwin , Lee Remick , Lauren Hutton , and Linda Manz . Narrated by Shelley Duvall .				
18	3	"The Pied Piper of Hamelin"	April 5, 1985	403
Told entirely in the original poem, the Mayor, Town Council and town of Hamelin learns the heavy price of going back on their promise to the Pied Piper. Starring/narrated by Eric Idle and written/directed by Nicholas Meyer .				
19	4	"Faerie Tale Theatre: Greatest Moments"	July 17, 1985	404
Reunion episode, featuring cast/crew interviews, scripted skits and recaps.				
20	5	"Cinderella"	August 14, 1985	405
A beautiful and young girl named Cinderella (Jennifer Beals) recovering from the two deaths of her father and her mother finds herself reduced to a servant in her evil stepmother (Eve Arden) and her two evil stepsisters (Jane Alden and Edie McClurg), her new stepfamily's household, but is given the surprise of her life when her fairy godmother (Jean Stapleton) appears to lend a helping hand. Starring Jennifer Beals , Matthew Broderick , Jean Stapleton , Eve Arden , James Noble , Edie McClurg , and Jane Alden . Narrated by Joseph Maher .				
21	6	"Puss in Boots"	September 9, 1985	406
A young man (Gregory Hines) journeys from rags-to-riches thanks to his talented Puss in Boots (Ben Vereen). Starring Ben Vereen , Gregory Hines , Alfre Woodard , George Kirby , and Brock Peters . Narrated by Shelley Duvall .				
22	7	"The Emperor's New Clothes"	October 5, 1985	407
An Emperor (Dick Shawn) with peacock tendencies becomes the target for two conmen (Alan Arkin , Art Carney) who use his self-indulgence against him. Starring Dick Shawn , Alan Arkin , Art Carney , Clive Revill , Georgia Brown , and Barrie Ingham . Narrated by Timothy Dalton .				

Season 5 (1986)

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23	1	"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp"	July 14, 1986	501
A common boy named Aladdin (Robert Carradine) has big dreams, which he finds coming true when he is approached by a Moroccan magician (Leonard Nimoy) who presents him an offer he can't refuse. Starring Robert Carradine , James Earl Jones , Leonard Nimoy , Valerie Bertinelli , Joseph Maher , Rae Allen , and Ray Sharkey . Directed by Tim Burton .				
24	2	"The Princess Who Had Never Laughed"	August 11, 1986	502
In a kingdom where all frivolity is banned, a princess (Ellen Barkin) who has grown up never knowing what laughter is decides that she will marry the first man who can make her laugh, but it takes a peasant's youngest son (Howie Mandel) and his pig to bring out both the laughter and the truth. Starring Ellen Barkin , Howie Mandel , Howard Hesseman , Sofia Coppola (credited as Domino Coppola), Michael Tucci , and Barrie Ingham . Narrated by William Daniels .				

Season 6 (1987)

No. overall	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Prod. code
25	1	"Rip Van Winkle"	March 23, 1987	601
The story of a lazy man (Harry Dean Stanton) who sleeps for twenty years after wandering off in the mountains and playing ninepins with unusual men. Starring Harry Dean Stanton , Talia Shire , Roy Dotrice , Ed Begley, Jr. , Christopher				

Penn, Tim Conway, and John P. Ryan. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

26	2	" <u>The Little Mermaid</u> "	April 6, 1987	602
A young and beautiful mermaid named Pearl (<u>Pam Dawber</u>) falls in love with a human being who is a human prince named Andrew (<u>Treat Williams</u>) and sacrifices everything to be with him. Starring <u>Pam Dawber</u> , <u>Treat Williams</u> , <u>Helen Mirren</u> , <u>Karen Black</u> , <u>Brian Dennehy</u> , <u>Laraine Newman</u> , and <u>Donna McKechnie</u> .				
27	3	" <u>The Dancing Princesses</u> "	November 14, 1987	603
A widowed king (<u>Roy Dotrice</u>) who is overly protective of his six daughters discovers that their dancing shoes are mysteriously being worn out every night, and offers to let any prince who can solve the mystery choose any of the six princesses to have as his bride, but when the cleverness of the eldest daughter (<u>Lesley Ann Warren</u>) proves too much for the princes, it is up to a wandering soldier (<u>Peter Weller</u>) to discover the secret. Starring <u>Lesley Ann Warren</u> , <u>Peter Weller</u> , <u>Roy Dotrice</u> , <u>Zelda Rubenstein</u> , <u>Ian Abercrombie</u> , and <u>Max Wright</u> .				

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