

The LA Times' Hero Complex paid a visit to the set of Dark Shadows during production and had the opportunity to speak with director Tim Burton. What follows is an excerpt from that interview: "The setup and characters are taken from the truly weird TV series also called Dark Shadows, an ABC soap opera that logged 1,225 episodes before it went off the air in 1971. Created by Dan Curtis, who later did the landmark The Winds of War miniseries, the show starred Jonathan Frid as tortured Barnabas and brought ghosts and ghouls to the afternoon hours that usually belonged to handsome surgeons and conniving heiresses. "Unlike The Addams Family and The Munsters, this monster-mash of a show was a fringe taste, which is why it attracted the young outsiders who would be called goths today. Three of them were Burton, Depp and Pfeiffer, and they have nearly identical

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