

Capo Valley's Puff-ect Puff-ormance of Puffs

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Set in a Certain School of Magic and Magic during the 1990s, the Narrator introduces two orphans, Harry and Wayne. One of which will be the center of the story, Wayne obviously. The story proceeds to watch Wayne find friends in Megan Jones and Oliver Rivers. In this trio, they fight for third place in the house cup, fail at all they do, and discover the true meaning of being a Puff.

The narration, provided by Sebastian Elizarraras, propels the plot forward with his crisp accent by shifting through the seven years of schooling. When the Narrator enters the scene, Elizarraras' body language keeps him unobtrusive yet distinctly set apart. In the final scene, Elizarraras sheds his grown mannerisms to finally join the Puffs in a heartwarming realization that Wayne's friends named their son after him.

Wayne Hopkins, played by Evan Nowack, builds the persona of a nerdy, awkward wizard through his friendship with Oliver Rivers (Joshua Radensky). Their misadventures take them into situations that both are unprepared for, such as snogging. Nowack's body language easily shifts from skipping across the stage to angstily trudging after learning of Cedric's death as he loses hope in himself and the Puffs.

Bella Cherney as Leanne and Will Mayer as Cedric and Mr. Voldy provide constant comedic relief. Cherney portrays Leanne's quirky personality and sheltered childhood through her carefree lilt and ultimate, stunt-filled facedown with the Death Buddies. Mayer excelled at both parts with Cedric rallying the young Puffs around him for emergency formations and Mr. Voldy's sarcastic monologuing through the megaphone with hilarious one-liners.

The costume crew led by Hannah Kirby oversees nonstop quick changes with a multitude of accessories. With almost every scene requiring the Puffs to find new attire, the costume crew manages to keep late entrances to a minimum. Kirby's crew promptly found a comedic replacement costume for the dragon in the form of a blow-up dinosaur with wings before they opened. The hair and makeup crew under Imaan Entezar cleverly utilizes a wig cap to form Mr. Voldy's iconic look even with a mask on. Both crews utilize the time period for Megan's look with Mohawk-inspired hair and punk clothing.

Through its comedic brilliance and heart-touching conclusion, Capo Valley High's Puffs, reminds that even if we may occasionally have to be secondary to others, we are all heroes in our own lives.