

## **"A Wrinkle in Time" makes time stop!**

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El Dorado High School's production of the play "A Wrinkle in Time" tells a story about family and sacrifice.

"A Wrinkle in Time" tells the story of a young girl named Meg (Sofia Candela) and her younger brother Charles Wallace (Link Montgomery) in their journey to find their father. They get guidance from three women known as Mrs. Whatsit (Phoebe Martin), Mrs. Who (Ari Islas), and Mrs. Which (Hayley Bennett). Throughout the production, Meg and Charles Wallace's journey to find their long-lost father is shown. The emotional toll taken out on both of them creates an emotional and dramatic effect throughout the duration of the play.

Link Montgomery as Charles Wallace radiates a sense of innocence and a childlike manner. Montgomery's acting demands attention and spikes an interest, often bouncing off of the other actors on the stage. They create a sense of morality on stage, and are always receiving the other actors' dialogue with care. Montgomery's enunciation and articulation on stage always makes them easy to understand, even with a mask involved.

Another individual who stood out was Phoebe Martin as Mrs. Whatsit. Martin's on-stage presence felt very mature and almost motherly to Meg. The tone in her voice brought a soothing energy not only to the other actors, but as well to the audience. Her voice consistently stayed loud enough to hear, but was never aggressive.

At times, it was very difficult to understand some actors because they let their emotions overtake them. But, the ensemble did an excellent job in adding to the scene. You often see them as a storm, possibly wind, and they used fabric to signify different elements from the show. Blue is seen as wind, or black to signify the darkness known as the "IT". The ensemble adds noises to signify where they are in the scene, especially in the forest scene.

The set transitions were long, but the cast and crew made up for it with the minimalistic set and aesthetic and beauty of the costumes.