

Fullerton Union's "The Little Prince" : A Classic Tale Brought to Life

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The wind blows through the desert, not a person to be seen, except for a lonely aviator, his broken plane, and most curiously of all, a Little Prince with golden hair. Fullerton Union High School breathes life into this classic story, with eye-catching costumes, heart wrenching acting, and a powerful ensemble.

Sydney Parker as Snake uses sinuous grace and elegance coupled with a commanding stage presence to convey the mysterious nature of her character. Her sinister physicality adds to the Snake's emotionally charged scenes, and creates a sense of foreboding whenever she enters the stage.

Ryder Tucker as the Little Prince bounces around the stage, bombarding the other characters with questions, but always remembering to give a cheerful "Good morning!" whenever meeting someone new. Their child-like voice creates a sense of innocence around the character, contrasting to their more serious moments. Tucker's optimistic and sincere acting has a positive effect on everyone they interact with.

The ensemble as the Tellers of Tales handle moving set pieces, characters, and props with ease, which adds to the immersive experience of the show as a whole. From using the tarp as the sand of the desert as well as the waves of the ocean, to moving the Little Prince as he "flies" through the galaxy, the ensemble's dedication to the storyline and each character is a pleasure to watch.

Costumes designed by student costume designers Scarlet Morenco and Haley Cronin are eye-catching and distinct, making each character easily recognizable. Standout costumes included the Fox, whose straw hat and jacket add to the character's comforting nature, and the Aviator, whose cap and goggles make him the center of attention whenever he is on stage.

Makeup design by Allison Duck and Karisma Beltran add unique features to each character, like eye makeup for the Snake that resembles the slitted pupils of a real snake, and green eye shadow for the Rose that is designed to look like her thorns. Careful attention to detail makes each character's makeup standout.

A tale about beauty, friendship, and staying true to yourself is one we all need during these turbulent times, and Fullerton Union delivered just that. "The Little Prince" at Fullerton Union High School is full of heart and positivity, which is accented by vibrant costume and makeup designs, as well as dedicated and sincere storytelling.