

NOVEMBER 16TH-18TH TICKETS AT SEATYOURSELF.BIZ/IUSD

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## THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Many patrons of the theater tonight may be first-time visitors, so we'd like to take a moment to familiarize you with the "rules" of the theater.

- Please put cell phones on airplane mode, even the vibrating distracts those around you.
- It is illegal to film over 30 seconds of the production without securing an archival video license.
- No patrons are permitted in the backstage or greenroom area.
- All patrons should stay off the front of the stage and be aware of technical equipment in the house.
- No food or drink, except water, is allowed inside the theater.
- Cheering and yelling are inappropriate during theatre events; please clap, laugh, or cry instead so as not to disturb those around you.
- Lastly, if you would like to greet the Cast and Crew at the end of the performance, please meet them in front of the Stage Door outside, on the left side of the theater.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## **AUDIENCE INFORMATION**

- In case of an emergency, please wait for the lights to come up. Ushers will then safely escort you to the nearest exit. Patrons using wheelchairs, the house crew will bring those to you as the aisle clears.
- Please remain in the theater during the production as a courtesy to other patrons.
- There will be one I5-minute intermission during which refreshments will be available in front of the theater.
- Bathrooms are located across from the front of the theater and will be available during intermission.
- Tonight's performance will contain atmospheric effects and strobing in the show. Should these bother
  you or trigger medical conditions, please enter the lobby and ask the House Manager for assistance
  on when it is safe to enter the house again.
- Captioning is available for all performances; please see the House Manager to request it shows during tonight's performance.

Thank you for coming to see tonight's production of A WRINKLE IN TIME. We hope you enjoy the show!

# A WRINKLE IN TIME

Morgan Gould's adaptation of Madeleine L' Engle's classic book A WRINKLE IN TIME explores timeless themes of self-confidence and intrinsic positivity.

Set in the early 1960s, this science fiction play focuses on Meg Murry, an awkward, stubborn young girl who blames her nonconformity for her feelings of isolation. Meg's perspective begins to change as she meets other "different" people. And, by witnessing the value of differences in others, she starts to reexamine the value of her uniqueness.

With the help of three whimsical women, her empathetic brother Charles Wallace, and dependable new friend Calvin O'Keffe, Meg embarks on an intergalactic adventure to find and rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet.

Tempted by the Red Man, the students fight "IT"- the force of negativity, self doubt and conformoty. Engaging in a cosmic battle between dark and light, Meg, Calvin and Charles Wallace must have faith in goodness, friendship and self.

A WRINKLE IN TIME is not only a physical journey, but one of emotional and spiritual growth, as we explore the value of self-acceptance and the power of love.

# **SCENE BREAKDOWN**

#### ACT ONE

Scene One- The Storm
Scene Two: School
Scene Three: The Woods
Scene Four: The Haunted House
Scene Five: The Murry House
Scene Six: The Tesseract
Scene Seven: Uriel

Scene Eight: The Happy Medium

Scene Nine: Camazotz

Scene Ten: Central Central Intelligence Scene Eleven: The Red-Eyed Man

#### **ACT TWO**

Scene Twelve: Father Scene Thirteen: Ixchel Scene Fourteen: Meg's Return

Scene Fifteen: IT

Scene Sixteen: Meg's Home

# **CAST LIST**

MEG	Ariana Raetz
CHARLES WALLACE	Grisha Naganov
CALVIN	Conrad Ma
MRS WHATSIT	Taylor Niedwich
MRS WHO	Helen Haı
MRS WHICH	Grayce Burke
HAPPY MEDIUM	Skyler Smith
THE AUNT BEAST CREATURE	Luna Sharif
	Anabelle Wonde
FATHER	Aydean Eskandar
MOTHER	Arpi Gharadaghiar
SANDY	Sierra Corliss
DENNYS	Aissa Carvalho
RED-EYED MAN	Sienna Pate
CAMAZOTZ MOTHERS	Luna Sharif
	Shyli Slakmoi
CAMAZOTZ CHILDREN	Aissa Carvalho
	Sierra Corlis
NEWSPAPER BOY	
POSTAL WORKER	Mehr Nayya
PRINCIPAL	
TEACHER	
BULLY	·

### **ENSEMBLES**

**THE DARKNESS:** Our largest ensemble in our devised piece highlighting every member of the cast except Meg, Charles Wallace and Calvin.

**CELESTIAL BEINGS:** This group of four dancers function to signify the entrance of the witches as they tesser to earth.

**URIEL:** This group of musicians worked together to compose original music for the idyllic planet of Uriel.

**ITCHEL BEASTS:** This ensemble composed original music and a levitation used to signify nursing Meg back to health.

# **RUNNING CREW**

STAGE MANAGEMENT	
Stage Manager	Zoe Huxman
Assistant Stage Manager Right	
Assistant Stage Manager Left	Cherry Xue
DESIGNERS	
Sound Design	V Sharma
Lighting Design & Board Operator	Erik Hwang
FX Design & Projection Operator	Moses Fleischman
Property Design & Master	E Huang
Costume Design & Crew Lead	Claire Jerkovitch
SOUND CREW	
Sound Board Operator	Kimberly Tsai
Sound Effects Operator	V Sharma
Microphone Technician Right	Kat Fu
Microphone Technician Left	Zekai Wang
LIGHTING CREW	
Spotlight Operator & Running Crew Right	Barry Huang
Spotlight Operator & Running Crew Right	Garet Winston
RUNNING CREW	
Fog Op, Mic Tech and Running Crew Left	Izzy Delbusso
Fog Op, Mic Tech and Running Crew Right	Esther Yoo
Lead Flyman & Running Crew Left	
Running (rew Left	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Hair and Makeup Artist & Running Crew Right	=
Dresser & Running Crew Right	•
Dresser & Running Crew Left	
Dresser & Running Crew Left	Ken Tao
MARKETING & PUBLICITY	
Guest Relations	Nika Motevalli
House Staff	Robin Krawczyk
House Staff	Regan Lopez

## **HOUSE CREW**

Box Office Manager	Tannaz Nematbakhsh
House Manager & Captioning	
Box Office Staff	Marwa Ahmadzai
Box Office Staff	Sebastian Forst
Box Office Staff	Anne Noori
Box Office Staff	Lulu Sweidan
Usher	Vanessa Campbell
Usher	Sanhg Chu
Usher	Carol Li
Usher	Sunjukta Nag
Usher	Sophie Patko
Usher	Zara Seedat
Usher	Arohi Shah
Usher	Shrika Sinha

## **STAFF**

Director	Ranae Bettger
Assistant Director	Beylul Ephrem
Technical Director	Mitchel Simoncini
Assistant Technical Director	
Costume Consultant	Kim Mason
M&P Consultant	Darrius Estigoy

# **IUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Board President	Lauren Brooks
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## **CAST BIOS**

**Grayce Burke-** Grayce Burke Freshman Thespian, is excited to be performing in her first Uni Theatre Arts mainstage production! She is also a Cappies critic, a Comedy Sportz member, and a member of Mock Trial.

Sienna Bible- Sienna is a Freshman at University High School. They have enjoyed theater from a young age, doing camps, being in the running crew for their middle school production of Bye Bye Birdie, and taking every chance to be involved. Sienna would like to thank their parents for always helping them balance a chaotic schedule, and giving them every opportunity to do what they love, as well as the amazing cast for making rehearsals exciting, however tiring.

**Aissa Carvalho-** Freshman, just joined Uni Theatre Arts and this is their first show. Working with the cast in this year's play has been awesome, and they can't wait for more plays and musicals in the next few years! They want to thank their friends, family, and the DHH staff for their encouragement!

**Sierra Corliss**- Sophomore Thespian, Sierra Corliss, joined Uni Theatre Arts in her freshman year. Urinetown was her first mainstage production and she enjoys creating memories with everyone around her in the community! She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her throughout her theater experience.

Aydean Eskandari- Sophomore, made his debut as a microphone technician for last year's musical, Urinetown. "A Wrinkle in Time" is his second mainstage production and his onstage debut. He is excited to continue acting throughout his high school years. When he isn't working on shows, Aydean also loves to hang out with his friends and play guitar, solo, and also with his band.

**Arpi Gharadaghian**- Arpi Gharadaghian is a senior thespian who is thrilled to be in her last year of shows She has been doing theater since her sophomore year and has worked in tech and now in acting and can't wait for the musical.

**Helen Han-** Helen Han is a sophomore at University High School and has been involved with Uni Theatre Arts since her freshman year. A Wrinkle In Time is her debut show and she is excited to continue her performing arts journey throughout her time here at Uni.

Kate Klein- Kate Klein is a junior and this is her first show with uni theater. She also participates on Uni's comedy sport team.

**Conrad Mai**- Conrad Mai is a senior Thespian at University High School who returns to the Uni Theatre Arts stage. He first debuted in last year's fall play, "The Bold, the Young, the Murdered" and has had the joy of performing in Comedy Sportz. Conrad hopes that he can make you smile and laugh in "A Wrinkle in Time."

Lucas Melville- Sophomore, Lucas Melville is currently starring in A Wrinkle in Time as his second show. He started in the summer intensive, performing in I Love You You're Perfect Now Change, and decided to continue doing shows because of the great environment and the fantastic program. Lucas would like to thank his Mom and Dad for supporting him in all his endeavors and would like to give a shout-out to the cast and crew of ILYYPNC for being the reason he joined Uni Theater Arts. Enjoy the show!

**Taylor Niedwick**- Taylor Niedwick, sophomore, is excited to make this her 3rd show with UNI Theatre Arts. A fun fact about her is she has 6,000 Taco Bell rewards points. She loves everyone in the company and has had a blast creating this show over the past couple of months.

**Grisha Naganov**- Grisha Naganov is a freshman playing Charles Wallace in A Wrinkle In Time as his 1st show at Uni. He's super excited about the show and participating in Uni Theatre Arts this year. The cast and crew have helped him grow as an actor and a person, as well as his loving parents.

**Mehr Nayyar-** Mehr Nayyar is a sophomore. This play is her first main stage production. She is excited to involve herself in more memorable theater productions and believes the play was a great stepping stone for her drama journey! She would like to thank her loving family for encouraging this developing drama pathway!

Sienna Patel- Sienna is an Honors Thespian who has spent four years in Uni Theatre Arts. When they aren't doing mainstage productions, they enjoy making others laugh in ComedySportz. They are looking forward to one last great year at Uni.

**Ariana Raetz**- Ariana Raetz is a sophomore and this is her first Uni Theatre Arts performance. She has been acting since she was 7 years old in different productions. She loves acting and has traveled as far as New York City to act. She is excited to bring Meg to life in A Wrinkle In Time.

**Skyler Smith-** Skyler has been both an actor and technician throughout her freshman year to her junior. Her favorite production she has done was SpongeBob and she is very excited for the next productions to come.

**Luna Sharifi**- Luna Sharifi is a senior and is thrilled to be a part of this production of A Wrinkle in Time.

**Shyli Slakmon-** Shyli Slakmon, sophomore, is excited to be participating in the Fall Play as it's her second production with Uni Theatre Arts and her first ever play. One may have seen her in this year's Summer Practicum "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change". She is very excited to fulfill her roles as Star Ensemble, Teacher, and Camazotz Mom in A Wrinkle in Time and hopes to continue doing productions for Uni Theatre Arts.

Anabelle Wonder- Annabelle Wonder is a junior who returns to the mainstage with Uni Theatre Arts.

**Kate Klien-** is a junior and this is her first show with uni theater she also participates on uni's comedy sports team is a junior in uni theater arts and is proud to be a part of this production and is a part of lacrosse and mock trial. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her

## **CREW BIOS**

Marwa Ahmadzai- A sophomore, Marwa Ahmadzai, is excited to work her second show with Uni Theater Arts as a house crew for A Wrinkle in Time. She is honored to be involved in this production and grateful for this opportunity. She looks forward to learning more things until her senior year.

**Arman Akhtari-** Arman Akhtari is a Thespian. He is a junior and this is his third year at Uni Theatre Arts. This will be his 5th mainstage production. His favorite scene changes are fly cues. He loves using power tools.

Jacob Beddome- Is a senior in his fourth year of doing shows with uni theater arts. He has worked on every fall play and spring musical that has occurred at uni while he attended.

Adair Boheme- Adair is a junior thespian on Comedy Sportz and this is her first time doing House Crew! She loves UNI and wants to thank her parents for supporting her in school and drama.

Vanessa Campbell- Vanessa Campbell is a senior at University High School who is new to Uni Theatre Arts' House Crew. She likes to spend her free time crocheting.

Sahng Chu- Shang is a sophomore and this is his first time working for the show. His hobby is coding.

Karen Chin- Karen Chin is a senior at University High School who returns to Uni Theatre Arts' Costume Crew.

Ash Coey- Hello! My name is Asher! I am a sophomore technician for this production. This was my first time working as a technician and I think I've learned a lot about building sets, scenery, and props.

**Izzy Delbusso**- Izzy Delbusso is a junior technician working on stage for the first time in "A Wrinkle In Time". She's thankful for all her peers who have taught her how to use tools she has never used, as well as those who have helped her with projects.

Angi Elias- Angi Elias is a freshman hair & makeup artist. A Wrinkle in Time is her first show. She enjoys watching movies and likes to work on makeup in her own time. She's thankful to Beylul and Miss Bettger for giving her this opportunity.

**Moses Fleischman-** Moses is the Projection and Special FX designer who enjoyed bringing a sense of magic to the show. He would like to thank Max Dickson for teaching him everything he knows.

**Sebastian Forst**- Sebastian Forst is a sophomore technician. A Wrinkle in Time is his first show as a member of Uni Theatre Arts.

Kat Fu- A freshman doing her first show, learning the ins and outs of theater!!

Sabrina Givargis- Sabrina Givargis is a freshman at University High School and is new to Uni Theatre Arts' Hair & MakeUp Crew.

Barry Huang- Barry Huang is a senior at University High School who returns to Uni Theatre Arts' Running Crew.

**E Huang**- Ethan "E" Huang is the junior props designer for A Wrinkle in Time. This is the eighth show they've been a part of, and the second in which they worked on props. They enjoy yoyoing and listening to Vocaloid.

**Zoe Huxman**- Zoe Huxman, a Senior honors thespian, has participated in 7 mainstage shows with UniTheatreArts. She has worked as a Designer, Assistant Stage Manager, and is currently Stage Managing. Zoe enjoys surfing, baking, and watching Pride and Prejudice.

**Erik Hwang-** Erik Huang is a senior at University High School who returns to Uni Theatre Arts as the Lighting Designer for A Wrinkle In Time.

**Claire Jerkovitch-** Senior Honors Thespian Claire Jerkovich has been a part of Unitheatrearts since her freshman year. She has worked on costume crew in 9 productions, 7 as a dresser and 2 as a costume designer. When not doing theater, Claire spends her time, drinking diet coke, munching on chipotle cheese quesadillas, and maintaining her 4-year Duolingo streak.

**Robin Krawczyk**- Robin Krawczyk is a freshman and this is her first show with uni theater arts and is a part of uni's wrestling team is on the Youth action team and is an experienced actor and techie

**Sophia Kurani**- Sophia Kurani, Senior Honors Thespian, has participated in 7 shows with Uni Theatre Arts. Throughout those productions, she has spent her time as a Costume Designer and Assistant Stage Manager. This year, she is excited to explore her role in ASB as Fine Arts Commissioner. as well as her role as Drama Club President.

**Regan Lopez-** Regan Lopez Is a Junior and A Wrinkle In Time is her fifth show with Uni Theatre Arts and is enjoying every minute of it. She loves Taylor Swift, Watching Football On Sundays

**Carol Li-** Carol Li is a Sophomore, this is her first time in a Uni Theatre Arts Production. She enjoys working both onstage and backstage. She is currently producing and directing her own student-led musical outside of Uni. She is excited for future Uni Theatre Arts Productions.

**Nika Motevalli-** Nika Motevalli is a junior and this is her 3rd year working in theater as a house crew/ guest relations. She enjoys doing art and theater. It's part of her hobby.

**Tannaz Nematbakhsh-** Tannaz Nematbakhsh is the junior box manager for A Wrinkle in Time. This is the 5th show they've been a part of, and the second work on lighting crew. She mostly spends her time playing her instruments and listening to music.

Sanjukta Nag- Sanjukta is a sophomore this is her first show at UNI Theater Art she is part of the house crew for Wrinkle in Time. Her hobbies are reading and drawing. She danced in ensembles in her previous schools.

Sophie Patko- Sophie is a freshman in her first UNI production, I like plays and sports.

Zara Seedat- Zara is a freshman in her first UNI production, her hobbies are going on walks and playing basketball. She also really likes sleeping and calling her friends.

**Hannah Sedehi**- Junior thespian, Hannah Sedehi, has been doing theater since her freshman year. She has worked 7 prior shows, making this her 8th. She has worked many positions backstage working her way up. In her free time, Hannah loves to hang out with her friends and go exploring.

Arohi Shah- Arohi Shah is a junior and this first show with uni theater arts and is also a member of uni's track and field team

**V Sharma-** V Sharma- V Sharma is a senior working their 6th show with Uni Theatre Arts, and their 4th as a designer. They enjoy playing electric bass and are thrilled to be leading the sound crew once again!

**Shrika Sinha-** Shrika is a freshman and it's her first year working for technical theater art and she is part of the house crew for Wrinkle in Time. Her hobby is drawing.

Lulu Sweidan- Lulu Sweidan is a freshman at University High School who is new to Uni Theatre Arts' House Crew.

**Ken Tao-** Ken Tao is a junior technician at Uni Theatre Arts, and this is his first year in theater, and first show as a running crew.

**Kimberly Tsai**- Kimberly Tsai has served as a Uni Theatre Art crew since her freshman year when she worked as a microphone technician for The Spongebob Musical. She has also been part of the comedy sports team since then. This is her fourth show working with Uni Theatre Arts.

**Zekai Wang**- Zekai is a sophomore technician in sound. In his free time, he likes to play the guitar, cook, and listen to music. He would like to shout out Mort from Madagascar for being a huge inspiration.

Garet Winston- This is his 4th show with Uni Theatre Arts and 2nd backstage.

**Cherry Xue-** Cherry Xue, a senior Thespian and lead Cappie, is delighted to be part of A Wrinkle In Time as one of the assistant stage managers. This is her second mainstage show after Urinetown, and she'd like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Esther Yoo- Esther Yoo is a Sophomore working on A Wrinkle In Time as a running crew. This is her 3rd main stage production but her first time as a running crew. She has worked two other shows in her freshman year as a house crew.

## SPECIAL THANKS

To the students and families who were able to participate in this production, helping create a place for passionate artists to commit to investing in their training and producing pieces that feature and grow their unique talents.

To the patrons able to donate toward this production, and make it spectacular despite fiscally restrictive ACLU laws and poorly funded public arts education programs, thank you for making the vision and dreams of our students a reality.

To the Burke, Naganov, Mai and Raetz families for generously donating time to serve our meals and snacks during Tech Week. This week, more than any, I could not have done it without you.

To the Boheme, Burke, Gharadaghian, Huxman, Niedwick, Raetz and Wonder families for helping with histing the judges at Role About Theatre Festival and making sure that our student judges from Cappies were taken care of during A WRINKLE IN TIME.

To Mitchel Simoncini for working more overtime than any human should to juggle the school's needs for Homecoming, the district's needs for Theatre Technicians and the students of Uni Theatre Arts' needs making our dreams come true. We literally would not have a show without you and are endlessly grateful for helping us build the capacities and skills needed to be storytellers in every production value.

To Kimberly Mason for always prioritizing Uni Theatre Arts, through elderly care and surgical procedures, we always feel safe when you're involved knowing that actors will be happy and costumers' visions will be achieved. You are our very own ....Mrs. Wear!

To Beylul Ephrem as there are few I would rather spend a fourteen hour workday with more, thank you for being our cheerleader, acting coach, hair stylist, makeup trainer, food runner, personal stylist and the smile in my day.

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To all those I've forgotten at this late hour, who undoubtedly had a meaningful role in making this show happen...we apologize and are grateful.