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Mrs. Kamie Fultz- *Assistant Director*

Mr. Joshua Miller- *Technical Director & Videographer*

Mr. Mark Conner- *Costumer*

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**Finally, to the Parents of the Cast:
We thank you for your support!!**



CAST LIST

Meg Murry - Reiley Fitzsimmons

Charles Wallace - Henry Dunning

Calvin - Nate Zimmerman *

Mrs. Whatsit- Fred Fitzsimmons *

Mrs. Which- Sophia Torinus *

Mrs. Who - Lilly Bonnell *

Mother/Actor 2 - Bailey Williams *

Father - Tommaso Pantalei *

Actor 3- Annie Norman *

Actor 4- Stella Nicoli

Actor 5 - Trevor Dunning *

Aunt Beast- Neva Miner

Man with Red Eyes - Milo Meyer *

Camazotz Woman- Abbey Norman

Camazotz Child- Dylan Eason

Camazotz Man- M'Johno Foster *

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**8th Grader*

CAST BIOS

****5th Grade****



Dylan Eason- Camazotz Child

This is Dylan's first show and so far he has really enjoyed it! In his free time he is usually playing ping-pong and video games.

****6th Grade****



Henry Dunning- Charles Wallace

Henry is very excited to be in his 3rd show at USM! He had so much fun in *Matilda* and in *Peter and the Starcatcher* and can't wait to perform *A Wrinkle in Time*! When he is not performing, he likes to play video games and loves to play outside. He would like to thank his family for always being there for him in quarantine.



Stella Nicoli- Actor 4

Stella is excited to be in her 3rd show at USM! She fell in love with the performing arts at six years old, when she was in *Winnie the Pooh* at her community theatre. When she is not performing, she is on the basketball court or hanging out with her family.

****7th Grade****

Reiley Fitzsimmons- Meg Murry

Reiley Fitzsimmons is returning for her 3rd show at USM. Her other performances being *Edward Tulane* and *Matilda the Musical*. She has really enjoyed all the work that the cast and the crew has put into making *A Wrinkle In Time* possible!



Neva Miner- Aunt Beast

Neva is super excited to be doing her first show as a USM student. She takes interest in playing instruments, dancing and loves being a part of plays and musicals. She has very much enjoyed being a part of the cast of *A Wrinkle In Time* this year!



Abbey Norman- Camazotz Woman

Abbey is so excited for her fourth show at USM! She has had such a good experience in all of the shows she's been in. Some things she enjoys besides acting are reading and hanging out with her family and friends. Abbey is so happy to be a part of this show, and she would like to thank her family for being so supportive.

******8th Grade******



Lilly Bonnell- Mrs. Who

Lilly is so excited to be playing Mrs. Who in a *Wrinkle In Time*. She has participated in many shows at USM, including *Matilda* and *Seussical*, which are some of her favorites. Lilly is so excited to be able to be part of *A Wrinkle In Time*, and it has been such a fun experience for her so far. She has loved rehearsing with such an amazing cast. When Lilly is not acting, she loves doing art and hanging out with her family. She is very thankful for Ms. Gonring and Mrs. Fultz for organizing the show, and for everyone else who contributed.



Trevor Dunning- Actor 5

Trevor is very excited to be working in his 6th USM production. He has loved all of the shows he has been in but his favorites were either Edward Tulane, or Matilda. In his free time he likes to play outside, play basketball, and to play video games. Trevor is very excited to perform *A Wrinkle In Time*. He would like to thank his family for being with him through quarantine.



Fred Fitzsimmons-Mrs. Whatsit

Fred is so excited to be in my 2nd show at USM! He loved Peter and the Starcatcher and I am really enjoying *A Wrinkle in Time*. When he is not performing, he loves to build Legos, swim, read and watch TV. Fred would like to thank Ms. Gonring and Ms. Fultz for once again wonderfully directing this show.



M'Johno Foster- Camazotz Man

M'Johno is so happy to be in *Wrinkle in Time* with his friends! This is the first show he has done since 3rd grade. When he's not performing, M'Johno likes to play video games, hangout with friends and family, and cook. M'Johno's favorite theatre memory is when he did *Willy Wonka* in 3rd Grade!



Milo Meyer- Man with Red Eyes

Milo is very excited to be in his 3rd show at USM. His hobbies include but are not limited to Video Games, Sailing, Tennis, Acting and Skiing.



Annie Norman- Actor 3

Being in this show has been so fun and Annie is so glad to be a part of it no matter the circumstances! Annie is proud to say this is her 7th production at USM and she has loved every single one of them. Some of her favorites were *Matilda* and *Seussical*. Annie believes that theater is such an amazing part of her life and everything she has learned during productions has made a big impact on her. She would like to thank her theater directors and her family for being so supportive and amazing!



Tommaso Pantalei- Father

Tommaso is excited to be in his third production at USM. He was previously seen in *Edward Tulane* and *Peter and the Starcatcher*.



Sophia Torinus-Mrs. Which

Sophia is so excited to be in her 4th show here. She loves performing in any production, but her favorites are always musicals. She loves to play sports and hang out with friends, but because of the quarantine, she hasn't in a while so she is learning some new languages. She would like to thank Ms. Gonring for persevering through this pandemic and never giving up.



Bailey Williams- Mother/Actor 2

Bailey is super excited to be in her first show at USM which is also her first play ever! When she is not performing she loves to hang out with friends (with a mask on), and tumbling on her trampoline and in her yard. Bailey would like to thank my mom, my friends, and anyone who has ever cheered me up when she was sad.



Nate Zimmerman- Calvin

This is Nate's 6th show. He has been in *Oklahoma*, *Seussical*, *Edward Tulane*, *Matilda*, and *Peter and the Starcatcher*. When he is not performing he likes to cook and play basketball.

8th Grade Final Thoughts:

“My favorite memory for USM theatre would have to be the tech week/ performances for all of the productions I have been in. They are always so fun and exciting, and the part you look forward to the entire rehearsal process. I think those weeks are so action filled and a great way to get to know the entire cast.”
- Lilly

“My favorite memory from this production was seeing the stage piece come together and also, even though everyone had masks on and had to stay distanced, just being a part of this great community who I can laugh with and have fun around was awesome!”-Bailey

“My favorite memory from USM theatre was in 5th grade during Oklahoma when I was in my first show.”- Nate

“It's hard to say what my favorite memory of USM theater was because there have been so many things to cherish in the time I've spent in productions. But, to pick one, I would have to say the opening night of Matilda. Always having a little bit of stage fright when it came to singing by myself, I was so nervous, but after the show, I felt amazing.”-Annie

“My favorite memory is when I was yelling at someone for my part in 6th grade for the play, and my voice cracked. It was very funny and the thing I remember most from my experience.” - Milo

“My favorite part of theatre is participating in the final performances because you get to put all your hard work together.”- Trevor

“My favorite memory from USM theatre is just being with everybody the whole way through.” -Tommaso

“My favorite memory from USM theatre was in my first musical, The Seussical. The birds had a really cool harmony but one of the times they were off-key and Mrs. Shuler said it sounded like a demon and everyone started laughing. We seriously thought it sounded like an alien singing Les Mis if you can picture that.”-Sophia

“My favorite memory from USM theatre is when I got the role of Mrs. Whatsit. It was my first major role and I was really excited about it. My advice for USM theatre students is to just be yourself when in rehearsal (unless you're performing... then be your character). When you start in 5th grade, it seems like it will take forever to get to 8th grade, but it really goes by so fast. Live it up as much as you can. As Mr. Taft says, ‘Keep working hard and stay classy.’”- Fred

Director's Notes:

In *Wrinkle*, Meg Murray and her companions struggle to fight the darkness that has consumed their world. In our own world, and certainly in the past year, there have been moments of uncertainty and darkness, when hope seems beyond reach and the way forward unclear. I know I am not alone in the many times I have found myself searching for a way to tesser to a safe port in the storm that is 2020. We all have watched with grief but great admiration as frontline workers from first responders to delivery drivers ; from medical staff to grocery store clerks, lean in to fight the darkness every single day.

When we began rehearsals, masked up and distant, I was not quite sure how these students would navigate this process. Middle School is challenging enough, but to add a global pandemic on top of an already ever-changing environment might have been asking the impossible.

Despite everything, I was amazed to watch these 16 incredible students show up every day ready to try their best and lift each other up. There was never a complaint about doing something different than previous years, never a groan or an eyeroll over a new protocol or yet another rescheduling. Throughout the entire process, these students were just so happy to be creating something together. The theatre was filled with laughter, joy and a love for time spent together.

So yes, the world right now seems pretty grey. But for just a moment, I hope you are able to watch these students and feel what I have felt: light.

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