

Los Alamitos' Freaky Friday is Wonderful Today and Every Day
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Freaky Friday follows the enthralling tale of a mother and daughter who accidentally switch bodies for a day and are determined to get back. Throughout the antics of the day the two learn the importance of empathy and love and are ultimately able to save their relationship.

Leo Athy (Ellie Blake) and Elle Davis (Kathrine Blake) display the perfect timeless mother-daughter relationship. Athy's tight, methodical movements and Davis's brash, loose movements play into the comedy of the character switch and the contrast of the two girls. Davis's portrayal of surprising vulnerability during the song "After All This and Everything" highlights Ellie's growth during the day as she realizes that her mom works a lot harder than she thinks she does, especially considering Davis' cocky attitude in "I Got This", one of the first songs in the musical.

Evan Pagán (Adam) struts on stage leaning into the unabashed confidence only a popular teenage boy would have. His chemistry with Leo Athy in the song "Oh Biology" is just the charm needed to enhance their relationship. Brooke Singleton (Savannah) steals the audience's attention every time she saunters onto the stage delivering her lines in an excellent catty mean girl tone that perfectly embodies her character.

Ensemble members like Sean Morin also take their moments and use them perfectly. Sean Morin's goofy physicality and tone in his solo in "Oh Biology" is hilarious.

The Costumes, designed by Olivia Graser, add magnificently to the Y2K atmosphere of the show. Attention to small details such as adding ribbons into Savannah's jeans, or tailoring Kathrine's wedding dress so it is a splendid fit on Elle Davis fully transports the audience into the world of Freaky Friday.

Stage Manager Jonathan Reyes was particularly impressive considering he called over 400 cues without errors, not an easy task. Furthermore the Running Crew, lead by Megan Jun and Rosie Soto make set changes at light speed never leaving the audience waiting and the decision to have the crew in costume made their changes all the more fluid.

In this show about love and acceptance it is clear that the love the cast and crew of Los Alamitos' Freaky Friday has for each other played into every aspect of their production and after all this and everything their bonds will last a lifetime.