

Rapunzel at Algodones Elementary School; May 2011

With their faces shining with anticipation that something really good was about to happen, 145 students of Algodones Elementary School trooped into their school gym on Friday, May 6th at 1:30 p.m. And happen it did as 14 members of the New Mexico Young Actors, Inc. brought to life the old fairy tale of “Rapunzel” by the Brothers Grimm. Using a backdrop of painted wooden sets to help enhance the illusion, these talented young actors ranging in age from 10 to 15 quickly established rapport and enchanted their audience. The student body of the school sat entranced (yes, even the kindergarteners) as the story of the imprisoned Rapunzel and her need for quickly growing longer and longer hair unfolded.

The cast members showed their youthful professionalism by adlibbing through unexpected small glitches such as when an allergy attacked the queen, causing a sudden need for some water to alleviate a husky throat. They were able to weave this right into the action without missing a beat. At the end of the 55 minute performance the cast members took their bows and introduced themselves by giving their names, ages, and schools of attendance. Needless to say, a good time was had by all, and Placitas Artists Series more than got their money’s worth for the support they had given to help provide this time of magic for all these young people...audience and cast alike.



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