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### 'Fritz' documentary worth seeing

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It's been at least a year since I've gone to see a movie at the theater but when my husband and I found ourselves with a free night, we decided to go and see a movie. But it's the first time I've ever seen a documentary in a theater.

We went to the encore showing of "Fritz: The Walter Mondale Story" at the Minnesota History Center tonight.

My husband and I admittedly knew very little about Mondale. Neither one of us grew up in Minnesota so the only real exposure we really had to him was when he ran for president with Geraldine Ferraro.

We were intrigued to see a documentary about this Minnesota man's history and life.

Melody Gilbert who directs the film calls the film a legacy to Walter Mondale but she says it's not a political movie. After seeing it, I would have to agree.

It's a wonderful film about Mondale and his rise to in the world of politics. Some of the issues that Mondale talks about in the 70's are still valid today, which amazed me!

Mondale is obviously a key element to the film but it's wonderfully narrated by his daughter, Eleanor.

Some of my favorite scenes were with the Mondales in their kitchen with daughter Eleanor. They share breakfast together most mornings and it was so fun to get a real glimpse into Mondale's life out of the spotlight now. I was happy to see him doing so well and enjoying life back at home in Minnesota.

But the archival footage in the film is great too. I just love seeing old news footage from film cameras.

If you're not really into politics, there are still many laugh-out-loud moments in this movie that make it worth seeing.

For more information about this movie, [click here](#).

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