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Theater review: 'The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence'

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“The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence” is playing at the Dragon Theatre in Redwood City through Oct. 7, 2018. The 2014 Pulitzer Prize finalist stars Tasi Alabastro as Watson and Stephanie Crowley as Eliza. (Scott Ragle/Dragon Theatre)

Here’s an opportunity to do a little time travel, part of the time with a robot. But Madeline George’s “The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence,” now onstage at Dragon Theatre in Redwood City, not only has a curiously circuitous title but a curious and circuitous plot as well.

Thank goodness director Doll Piccotto has stripped away most of the superfluous stuff to make George’s plot almost understandable! Yes, there are a few sluggish segments in each act that still cause the audience to stifle a yawn or two, but for the most part, several of the actors, Emilia Wysocka-Treder’s magnificent multi-storied set and Piccotto’s no-nonsense direction make do.

