

= Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo =

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " is the fourteenth episode of the second season of the animated television series Phineas and Ferb , and the 72nd overall episode of the series . It originally aired on Disney XD in the United States on September 21 , 2009 . In the episode , Phineas and his stepbrother Ferb travel into the future and have their time machine stolen by their older sister Candace , now an adult , who travels back in time to get her brothers in trouble during one of their outlandish schemes . In doing so , however , she sets off a chain reaction leading to a dystopian future ruled by the evil Dr. Doofenshmirtz .

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo , " written by Scott Peterson and directed by Zac Moncrief , was rated TV @-@ G in the United States . The episode was conceived as a means of expanding the time machine plot that was introduced previously in the episode " It 's About Time . " Dan Povenmire and Jeff " Swampy " Marsh , co @-@ founders of Phineas and Ferb , centralized plot elements to satirize time travel films , such as The Time Machine ( 1960 ) and the Back to the Future trilogy ( 1985 @-@ 1990 ) . Multiple scenes in the episode were meant to be rather confusing and difficult to understand in order to interest viewers so they would watch the episode multiple times , trying to learn something new each time .

The episode received generally positive reviews from television critics . In its original broadcast , it ranked fourth in the key demographics Boys 6 @-@ 14 , Kids 6 @-@ 11 and Boys 6 @-@ 11 , totaling 599 @,@ 000 viewers , an 88 percent increase from that of the previous year 's ratings in the timeslot . When it premiered on Disney Channel , it was the thirteenth highest @-@ ranked cable program for the entire week . It guest starred actors Jennifer Stone , Moises Arias , Noah Munck , and Jennifer Grey , along with the band Bowling for Soup , who appeared as themselves playing an extended version of the series ' theme song , " Today is Gonna Be a Great Day , " which was also included on the official Phineas and Ferb soundtrack which was released on September 22 , 2009 .

= = Plot summary = =

Phineas and his stepbrother Ferb learn from their friend Baljeet that a tool they need for their latest project has yet to be invented . They and their friend Isabella borrow the time machine on display at the local museum to travel twenty years into the future . Once they arrive , Isabella stays behind with the time machine while the boys enter their sister Candace 's backyard , where her sons Fred and Xavier are sitting under a tree doing nothing . The boys convince their future nephews to be active and in return are given the tool they need . As they leave , Candace spots them and it brings back upsetting memories of never being able to bust the boys . She takes her mother Linda to the museum where the boys leave , right before Linda can see them .

Professor Onassis , who invented the time machine in the 1800s , arrives in the original version of the machine soon after and future Candace steals it . She travels back to the day the boys built the rollercoaster in their backyard and succeeds in getting her mother to see them , finally fulfilling her dream of busting them . However , in doing so , she accidentally leads Perry , their pet platypus who is secretly a suave secret agent , to be injured while stopping an evil magnet mechanism . As a result , Perry 's nemesis , Dr. Doofenshmirtz , comes out unharmed from the effects of the now @-@ destroyed machine . Over time , everything is altered and the world becomes childproof for fear of a repeat of Phineas and Ferb 's dangerous activities . Doofenshmirtz eventually gains the upper hand , effectively becoming emperor of the world . He claims to be a nice Emperor , though , since he can remember everyone 's name ( though this is considerably easier than it seems , since one of his rules is that everyone has to be named Joe ) . Also , because of Doofenshmirtz gaining the upper hand , the Agency is now forced into a oath to obey him , resulting a demoralized Perry to fail more on his missions against Doofenshmirtz . After arriving in the dystopia future Doofenshmirtz rules , Candace returns to the day of the rollercoaster to stop herself from interfering like before , stopping the dystopia from occurring .

The time machine gets destroyed so the two Candaces go to the backyard to convince the boys to

fix the current time machine in the museum and take them back , creating a paradox and as a result , the Candace from the bleak future ( wearing a white lab coat as seen in the picture above ) ceases to exist . The boys then fix the machine . Isabella says to Ferb that a rollercoaster ride and time travel was a bonus . The present Candace tags along with her future self , Phineas , Ferb , and Isabella as they travel to the future ( while Candace " finally " busting them in the process , but the future Linda is not angry at the boys , saying she doesn 't have jurisdiction to bust the boys anymore ) . As Candace and the boys talk to the future Linda , Isabella sparks an idea and travels back in time . During the credits , it reveals Isabella obtained the tool and gave it to the boys before they even time traveled in the first place , thus , canceling out all the events that happened earlier in the episode and also causing all the characters involved in the future to cease existence ( also erasing the " busting " present Candace caused , thus possibly causing a time loop ) . In " Summer Belongs To You " , Phineas mentions time traveling twice and Isabella comments that Phineas has travelled through time " twice " , but because of the events in the credits of Quantum Boogaloo , no @-@ one - including Isabella should actually know about the time @-@ travelling .

During this episode , it is implied that Isabella marries either Phineas or Ferb , though none of the characters remember this . It is also implied that Phineas wins at least one Nobel Prize as the future Linda says the future Phineas is " in Switzerland for the Awards Ceremony . " Ferb is likely President of the United States as he is stated to be " at Camp David " , a resort specially made for Presidents since Eisenhower , although his British birth would ordinarily prevent this .

= = Production = =

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " was written by Scott Peterson and directed by Zac Moncrief . Phineas and Ferb had previously produced an episode in season one 's " It 's About Time " which featured a time machine . Co @-@ founder Dan Povenmire stated that he enjoyed the outcome of said episode . The writers purposely left the time machine available for the boys ' use at the end of the episode so that they could reuse it in a later episode . Eventually , they conceived a plot where " Phineas and Ferb go into the future and actually see Candace as an adult ( which ) drags up all kinds of memories of not being able to bust them . "

The scenes in which Candace travels back to the Phineas and Ferb building a roller coaster are taken from the pilot episode , " Rollercoaster . " Including the scenes was " great fun " for Povenmire and fellow co @-@ founder Jeff " Swampy " Marsh , who decided early on that using it would have " future Candace go back to the rollercoaster [ sic ] . Then whatever she did would affect the future , in this case give Doofenshmirtz the upper hand and effectively change history . " The inclusion was inspired by the Star Trek : Deep Space Nine episode " Trials and Tribble @-@ ations , " in which the Deep Space 9 crew travel back in time to the Star Trek episode " The Trouble With Tribbles . " The novel approach was viewed by Marsh as " a great way to interweave a story . "

The crew spent a long amount of time plotting out the episode in a room , using sticky notes , in order to make sure it played out sensibly and was clearly understandable to viewers . The production staff based a lot of the usage of time travel in " Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " on those from the Back to the Future trilogy ( 1985 @-@ 1990 ) and H. G. Wells ' The Time Machine ( 1960 ) . The goal of the crew was to make sure everything stayed strong to a certain logical standpoint , which led to several surreal conversations , including several paradoxes involving time travel . The crew members sought to venture into elements that seemed complicated , as their children viewers were deemed intelligent enough to understand such elements . The hopes of the production staff was to make the episode one that they could watch multiple times and notice something new with each viewing .

Since Doofenshmirtz and Perry 's actions tend to affect those of the boys , the choice to have future Candace 's interference in the past greatly affect those of Doofenshmirtz and Perry 's was considered the logical choice . Povenmire explained , " They affect each other in ways that we never fully understand , but if you throw off that little balance of power of their [ respective ] activities , all hell could break loose . " The song Doofenshmirtz sings , entitled " It 's Been a Charmed Life , " was well @-@ praised by the production crew , who felt that it was considerably well @-@ handled . The

song centralized the irony surrounding Doofenshmirtz having everything go well for him , a theme completely different from that which is generally touched upon in the series .

The scene where Candace mentions that her best friend Stacy Hirano had become the president of Uruguay was originally written as a throwaway joke for the episode . During an e @-@ mail exchange between the crew , some crew members were curious about the line and Povenmire came up with an entire back story , in which Stacy meets the prince of the country , moves there and , after changing several laws , becomes eligible for the presidency . The staff enjoyed the idea and wrote it down as a possible plot for a future episode .

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " featured multiple guest appearances . Actress Jennifer Stone guest starred as Amanda , Candace 's future daughter . Stone researched actress Ashley Tisdale 's performance as Candace on YouTube to better grasp the attention needed on the voice role . Stone recorded her lines a long time before the final animation came in and was feeling impatient about how the end results would come out . Moises Arias , who is , according to Stone , " like [ her ] little brother , " voiced Candace 's future son , Fred . Actress Jennifer Grey also appeared as a librarian . Grey 's character in Ferris Bueller 's Day Off was the inspiration for Candace and the actress had previously portrayed Doofenshmirtz 's professor in " Oil on Candace . "

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " originally broadcast on September 21 , 2009 , on Disney XD . Like all episodes of Phineas and Ferb , it carried a TV @-@ G parental guidance rating . The song " Today is Gonna Be a Great Day " is available on the official Phineas and Ferb soundtrack , which was released on September 22 , 2009 , a day after the episode 's broadcast .

= = Cultural references = =

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " serves as a satire on time travel films , particularly the Back to the Future film series and H. G. Wells ' The Time Machine . Candace stealing the time machine to change something in the past , thus creating a dystopian future , mirrors the scene in Back to the Future Part II ( 1989 ) , in which Biff Tannen steals a time machine and causes a dark and chaotic future in the process . In the future , the American pop @-@ punk band Bowling for Soup appears and performs an extended version of the series ' theme song . The band members were designed to look twenty years older and having gained weight .

= = Reception = =

" Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " ranked fourth in its timeslot , in the demographics Boys 6 ? 14 , Kids 6 ? 11 and Boys 6 ? 11 . It averaged 599 @, @ 000 total viewers , an 88 percent increase over the previous year 's record for the timeslot . In Kids 6 ? 14 , it outranked previous year 's records by 152 percent . In Boys 6 ? 14 , it claimed over a 121 percent increase , in Boys 6 ? 11 , it garnered an over 116 percent increase , and in Boys 9 @-@ 14 , an over 138 percent registered increase . When the episode aired on Disney Channel for the first time , it was watched by 2 @. @ 7 million American households and 3 @. @ 9 million individual viewers , placing it at number 13 in cable network ratings for the entire week .

The episode received generally positive reviews from television critics . Matt Blum of Wired called it " probably the geekiest episode of the show so far " . Blum praised the joke about Stacy becoming the president of Uruguay and called Doofenshmirtz 's song " It 's Been a Charmed Life " " heavy irony . " Paige Wiser of the Chicago Sun @-@ Times considered the episode one of September 21 's television highlights , writing that she " could not be more excited . " News OK listed the episode on its " Top 55 TV Programs for Sept . 20 @-@ 26 , 2009 " , and all three guest stars appeared on its list of " Top 30 Guest Stars on TV Shows airing Sept . 20 @-@ 26 , 2009 " . Povenmire considered the episode one of his favorites of the series .

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