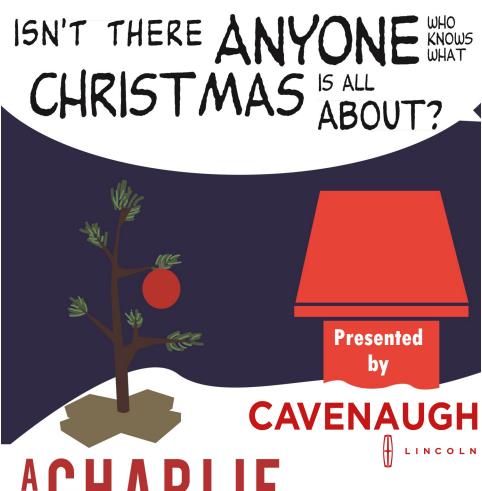
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# **A Charlie Brown Christmas**

By Charles M. Schultz

Based on the television special by Bill Melendez & Lee Mendelson

Stage Adaptation by Eric Schaeffer

By Special Arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw & Ruby Persson

With

Ed Salo Tristan Arquitt Maranda Nichols

Ethan Poe Jenny Smith Frank Hunter

Brittany Lawrence Andrew Tolson Rob West

Sarah Poe Chelsea Hays

Assistant Director Music Director Set & Lighting Design
Jade Allen Damon Wright Joe Carr

Stage Manager Costumes
Allie Rash Kat Menard

**Directed by Elea Pulliam** 

Presented by CAVENAUGH



# Songs

# **Christmas Time is Here**

Words by Lee Mendelson Music by Vince Guaraldi

# <u>Skating</u>

Music by Vince Guaraldi

# My Own Dog, Gone Commercial

Music by Vince Guaraldi

# **Christmas is Coming/Linus & Lucy**

Music by Vince Guaraldi

# Finding a Tree/After Linus' Message

(O Tannenbaum)

Traditional Arranged by Vince Guaraldi

## <u>After Finding a Tree</u>

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# Songs

Schroeder's Christmas Concert (Fur Elise, Linus & Lucy, & Jingle Bells)

**Fur Elise** 

Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven Arranged by Vince Guaraldi

> <u>Linus & Lucy</u> Music by Vince Guaraldi

> > **Jingle Bells**

Music by James Lord Pierpont Arranged by Vince Guaraldi

<u>Finding Christmas</u> (O Tannenbaum & Hark, The Herald Angels Sing)

O Tannenbaum
Traditional Arranged by Vince Guaraldi

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing
Traditional Arranged by Vince Guaraldi

## Let Earth Receive Her King

**Arranged by Keith Christopher** 

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

He rules the world! with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head. The stars in the sky look down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord! Christ the Lord!

# Cast

Charlie	 Ed Salo
Linus	Ethan Poe
Snoopy	 Andrew Tolson
Sally	 Tristan Arquitt
Lucy	 Maranda Nichols
Pig Pen	Rob West
Peppermint Patty	Sarah Poe
Violet	 Brittany Lawrence
Frieda	 Jenny Smith
Schroeder	 Frank Hunter
Shermy	Chelsea Hays

# **Children's Chorus**

Savannah Morgan	<b>Evangeline Moreno</b>	Abby Orr
Piper Hays	Andrew Pulliam	Lucy Box
Nick Bounds	Ella Kate Thompson	Cameron Salo
Eden Poe	Kale Turley	Linden Mixon
Alexandra Wright	Carter Cavaness	Sophie Ramsey
John Mark Brown	Isabella Mares	Eva Grace Barrett

**Riley Tarver** 

# Tap Dancers

#### Friday Night — *In the Mood*

Choreography by Amber Ferguson

Madeline Zeigler Elise Knight

Olivia Locke Caroline Box

Hannah Douglas Aaliyah Spengler

Rachel Liouh Jenna Dortch

## Sunday Afternoon — *Ebow Dance, Can't Stop the Feeling*

Choreography by Brenna McConaughey

Elleigh Anderson Emmalie Hall Annalee Fergerson

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#### Monday Night — *Tiny Dancer*

Choreography by Elea Pulliam
Charlie Shelton

**Grayson Shelton** 

**Amelia Haynes** 

**Lucy Owens** 

# Crew

# **Backstage**

_	•••••	Thomas Arnold
Sound	••••••	Conrad Williams
Music	••••••	Damon Wright
Spotlight	••••••	Eric Cummings
Stagehand	••••••	Joe Carr
Stage Manager	••••••	Allie Rash
	<b>Build Team</b>	
Set Construction	••••••	Andrew Tolson, Joe Carr, J.R. Lawrence

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# Stage Notes

Ella Kate & Kale,

We are so proud of you both during your debut on the big stage! We love you!

Corey, Meredith, & Remy

Nicholas.

We are all so proud of you and we love hearing you sing and act. You light up the stage & our hearts!

Love.

Mom, Dad, Noah, & your big brothers too!

Ella Kate.

We couldn't be more proud of you! Enjoy every minute as you light up the stage. We love you so much.

**Daddy, Annie, Caroline, & Nora** 

Kale,

So proud of you! Sing your heart out.

Love,

Mom, G, Aunt Ash, Mary Mac

Carter.

G-Dad is proud of you buddy. Break a leg tonight.

Love,

**G-Dad** 

Carter.

We love you buddy! We are so proud of you and the work you have put into your first show!

Love.

**Mom & Dad** 

Carter, I am so proud of you. You hung the moon in my world.
You ROCK!

Love, Grammy

#### A Note From the Director

I began my involvement in theatre in 2006. My first production was Pinocchio – I was a chorus member with one solo, "Next day on your dressing room they've hung a star!" I didn't realize then, with that one solo as a seven-year-old girl, I'd opened a door to a craft so much more than a hobby.

Since then, I struggle to remember every production of which I've been a part. Of course, there are some stand-outs: Bridge to Terabithia, my first lead; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, where I first began to bond with these people who have become my family; To Kill A Mockingbird, when I realized for the first time that the principles of theatre cover a whole lot of ground outside these walls. Because these principles I've been learning carry so much weight regarding who I am...

- 1. Actors need to stay in the light, in order for the Story to be told fully and transparently according to the Director's will.
- 2. Speak in stillness, move in silence.
- 3. A great show isn't performed for the masses, but for the one audience member it will resonate with.
- 4. Do what the Director says faithfully, and the character will come as a result.

Wherever you go, walk with purpose.

And now here we are at this one, A Charlie Brown Christmas, which will always stand above the rest. This is the first show where I am the Director. It's MY turn to encourage my cast with these ideas—wow! Boy, am I underqualified. Oftentimes I feel like Charlie, attempting to do this story justice when I haven't quite figured out the story myself. But with their grace, their candor, and their willingness, this cast and crew make my job much easier. My hope is that you, audience, are also willing to engage in this story with us. After all, isn't that "what Christmas is all about"?

"That's it!", Eleanor

# A Heart for the Arts

To our patrons and FOA friends and family,

My daughter, Elea Pulliam, directed A Charlie Brown Christmas. I can remember the first FOA production she ever participated in. It was Pinocchio, and she was 7 years old. Gosh I thought she was the most talented thing I had ever seen! And her sister, as well! As I watch her direct this project, the rolling of the memories of more than a dozen projects we've worked on separately and together is causing that bittersweet pang in my heart that most parents feel at some point. But more than nostalgia, I am proud that she is becoming a leader - one who knows a few things, about this art, for sure, but more importantly, one who knows a little about people. Here are a few of the principles all of our directors work with as we try to create a really good place for people to be:

- 1. <u>"People over project"</u> This saying is more of a mindset than any set of rules that govern behavior. It is a concept that helps us decide that rehearsals should be respectful of everyone's time, and sometimes it's more important to help someone than it is to make the set more "shiny."
- 2. To trust and to be trustworthy are each necessary for great community. Habits like staying on task, being flexible, and keeping a schedule are important, but also, always telling the truth with love and kindness, even when it's difficult, are vital to building strong relationships where we can create together. And having grace for each other when we're having a tough day, can't be underestimated either
- 3. <u>Never settle for pretty good work until it's excellent.</u> Then cheer for each other. When you work with all different ability levels and ambitions, the director is the consistent and unifying force in choosing how far to push a group of people to keep working.

As directors and leaders of projects at the FOA, we speak of more principles than the ones I've mentioned here, nevertheless, these are central to what we believe. Knowing what's important and communicating it often can help bind people together as a community.

The memories and lessons this place and people have given my family will bless us for a lifetime. And, on behalf of all the leaders here, we want that for every family.

Merry Christmas to you all!

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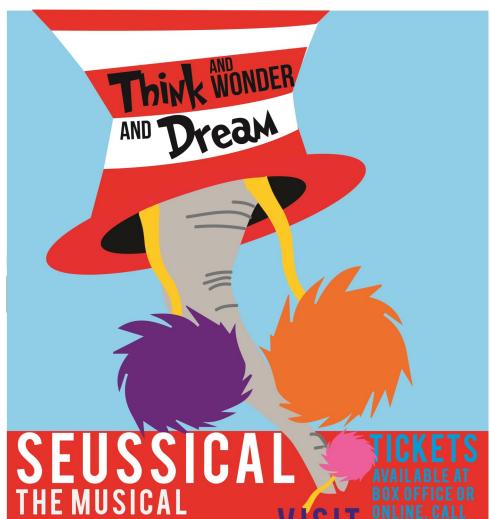
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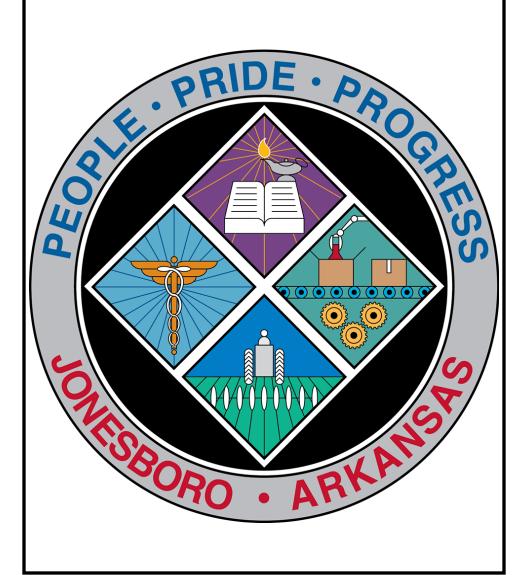
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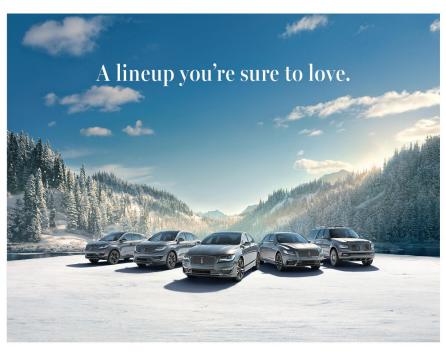
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