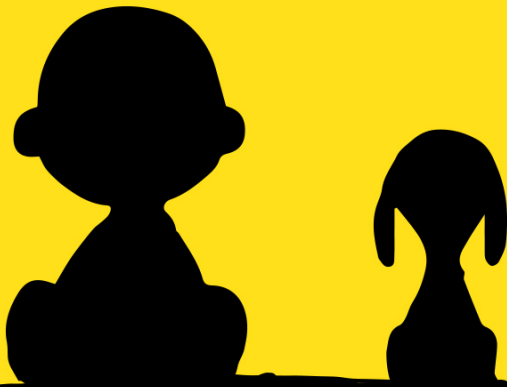


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**Original Direction for this version of
"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" by Michael Mayer**

**Originally Produced in New York by
Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson**

Directed by Dottie Frye

"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" is presented by arrangement with
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OUR SCENE

An average day in the life of Charlie Brown.

Act I

Opening – Sally, Lucy, Snoopy, Schroeder and Linus with Charlie Brown

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown – Sally, Lucy, Schroeder, Charlie Brown and Linus

Schroeder – Lucy

Snoopy – Snoopy with Sally and Linus

My Blanket and Me – Linus with Sally, Lucy, Charlie Brown, Schroeder and Snoopy

Queen Lucy – Lucy

The Kite – Charlie Brown

The Doctor Is In – Charlie Brown and Lucy

Beethoven Day – Schroeder and Company

The Book Report – Lucy, Schroeder, Charlie Brown, Linus, Sally and Snoopy

Act II

The Red Baron - Melodrama – Snoopy with Sally

My New Philosophy – Sally with Schroeder

The Baseball Game – Charlie Brown and Company

Glee Club Rehearsal – Sally, Lucy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Schroeder and Snoopy

Little Known Facts – Lucy with Linus and Charlie Brown

Suppertime – Snoopy with Charlie Brown and Company

Happiness – Company

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

CAST

Dawson Claxton Charlie Brown

Olivia McDaniel Lucy

Isabel Hoggard Sally

Brody Smith Linus

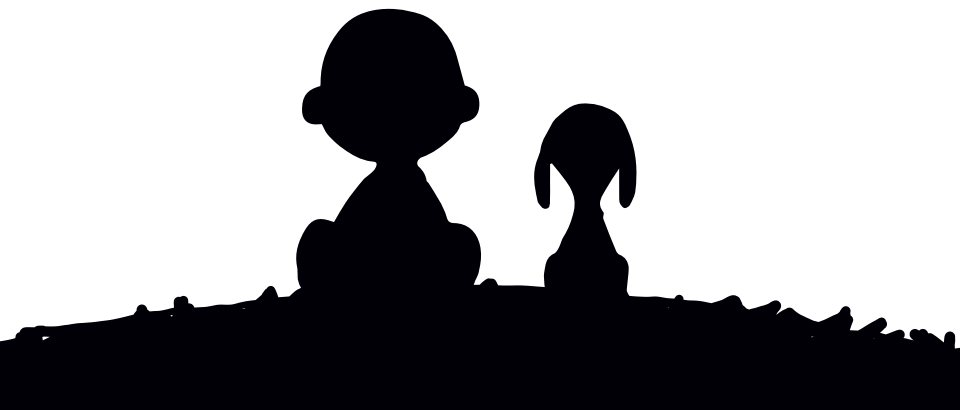
Eli Smith. Schroeder

Carson Middleton Snoopy



PRODUCTION TEAM

DirectorDottie Frye
Production Manager Cassie Renee Bennett
Music Director Stacy Neely
Stage Manager Collier Blevins
Performance Pianist.....Scott Carrell
Technical DirectorBen Jones
Assistant Technical Director Derrek Jones
CostumerKaty White
Sound Designer Jackson Gilreath
Lighting Designer Caleb O'Lynn
Props.....Emma Jernigan
Cassie Renee Bennett
Ticket Sales Office of Alumni
and Parent Relations
Graphic Designer.....Tim Cox



PRODUCTION CREWS

Light Board Operator

Jordan Leech

Deck Crew

Nikki Blake

Rachel Hopp

Costume Build Crew

Collier Blevins

Emma Jernigan

Olivia McDaniel

Scenic Build Crew

Dawson Claxton

Estelle Fox

Emma Jernigan

Braden Lynn

Caleb O'Lynn

Paul Ryan

Brody Smith

SPECIAL THANKS

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and Marketing**

CAST BIOS



Dawson Claxton (Charlie Brown)

Dawson Claxton is going into his third year at Harding as a theatre education major. This is his first time being a part of Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre, some shows that Dawson has been involved in at Harding include "Tuck Everlasting" as Angus Tuck, "Peter and the Starcatcher" as Prentiss as well as being a mic stand singer for Spring Sing 2025. He is very excited to be a part of this production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!"



Isabel Hoggard (Sally)

Isabel is thrilled to be back with SSDT this summer! She has immensely enjoyed performing in The "Addams Family", "Pride and Prejudice" and Spring Sing during her freshman year. A lifelong resident of Searcy, Isabel is a theatre student here at Harding and is about to enter her sophomore year. When not on-stage, she enjoys needlepointing, playing Sims 4 on her laptop, and watching movies with friends! She'd like to thank Dottie Frye and Stacey Neely for being wonderful mentors, encouragers, teachers, (and etc.!) this past year.



Olivia McDaniel (Lucy)

Olivia McDaniel is so excited for her first show with Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre! Her most recent performances have been with Harding University in the Ensemble of "The Addams Family" and Kitty Bennett in "Pride and Prejudice." When not in rehearsal, she can be found working in the costume shop creating costumes for the SSDT season.



Carson Middleton (Snoopy)

Carson is so grateful to have been cast in this show! This is his first time doing SSDT. In Carson's free time he enjoys studying the Bible and singing worship loud for all to hear!



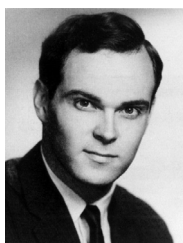
Brody Smith (Linus)

Brody Smith is incredibly grateful for another opportunity to perform in a SSDT production! His past roles include George Wickham in "Pride and Prejudice", Pugsley Addams in "The Addams Family Musical" and Edmund Swettenham in "A Murder is Announced." Brody enjoys watching Survivor and "car time" with his friends before chapel in the morning. He would like to give a big thanks to his dad for all the love and support he supplies, and hopes that you enjoy the show!



Eli Smith (Schroeder)

Eli is so excited to be returning to SSDT this summer. Some prior credits include Robert Martin in "The Drowsy Chaperone" and Mr. Northbrook in "Mary Poppins." In his free time, Eli enjoys hiking, swimming, and playing volleyball. He wants to thank everyone involved in this amazing production and is excited to share it with you all.



Clark Gesner (Book, music, lyrics)

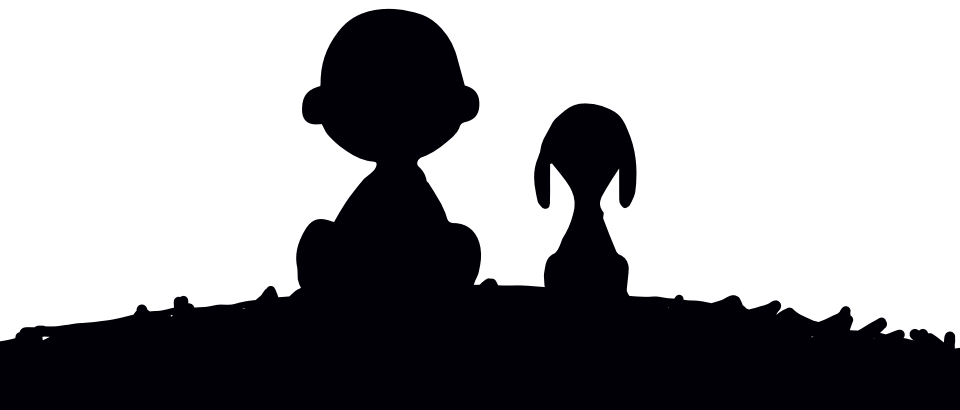
Mr. Gesner was an American composer, songwriter, author, and actor. In addition to "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown", Mr. Gesner wrote the book, music and lyrics for "Animal Fair", which premiered at the Denver Center Theatre, and with Nagle Jackson, Broadway's "The Utter Glory of Morrissey Hall." For television, he wrote for "Captain Kangaroo", "Sesame Street" and "That Was The Week That Was", and on stage for the revues of Leonard Sillman and Julius Monk. He appeared regularly in B. T. McNicholl's Musicals in Concert series and performed regionally

in “1776”, “Lend Me a Tenor”, “Carnival!” and other musicals, as well as eight years of productions at the Weston (Vermont) Playhouse. “The Jello Is Always Red”, a revue of Mr. Gesner’s cabaret and theatre songs, was produced by the York Theatre Company.



Andrew Lippa (Additional lyrics and music)

Mr. Lippa wrote the music and lyrics for “Big Fish”, book by John August, directed and choreographed by Susan Stroman, which recently played at the Neil Simon Theater on Broadway. He wrote the Tony-nominated music and lyrics for the Broadway musical “The Addams Family”, which starred Nathan Lane. His musical “The Wild Party” (book/music/lyrics) won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Musical and the Drama Desk Award for Best Music. His new songs for the 1999 revival of “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”, along with his production of the cast recording, earned him a 2000 Grammy nomination. He serves as president of the Dramatists Guild Fund and is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

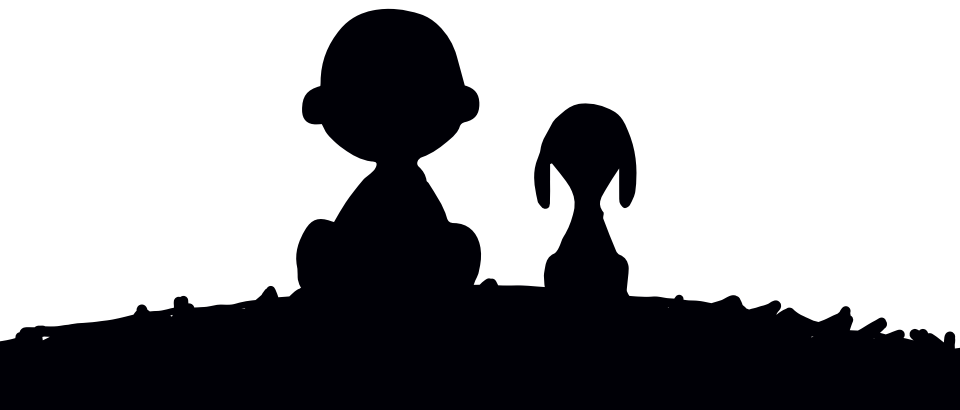




Charles M. Schulz (Peanuts creator)

Mr. Schultz was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 26, 1922. His “Peanuts” comic strip debuted in 1950 in just seven newspapers and launched a cultural legacy. When Schulz announced his retirement in December 1999, Peanuts was syndicated in over 2,600 newspapers worldwide, with book collections translated in over 25 languages.

The recipient of two Reuben Awards from the National Cartoonists Society and inductee into the Cartoonist Hall of Fame, Schulz also scripted and storyboarded numerous television specials, earning five Emmy and two Peabody Awards. He was awarded many different honors, including the Ordre des Artes et des Lettres from the French Ministry of Culture; the Lester Patrick Award (the only recipient who was not a professional hockey player); a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and a Carnegie Hall-commissioned concerto by Ellen Zwilich entitled “Peanuts Gallery.” Charles M. Schulz died on February 13, 2000, but his Peanuts gang continues to entertain and inspire the young and the young at heart.



The Mary K. Murphy Endowment for Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre at Harding

Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre is a community theatre program located on the campus of Harding University. The program has served Searcy and the surrounding area for 40 years with elegant dining and professional-quality theatre.



Mrs. Mary K. Murphy of Searcy, Arkansas, was one of our regular patrons for several years. When Mrs. Murphy passed away in 2002, her son, Dr. Charles Murphy, reported that Mrs. Murphy had included Harding University in her trust. Because of her love for Harding and Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre, it was decided that the bequest be used to permanently endow Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre.

This generous gift is used to help underwrite annual production costs, keep ticket prices affordable, purchase needed equipment and assure that the next generation of audiences and performers will continue to have an excellent outlet for the arts in the Searcy community.

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