



**YOU'RE A
GOOD MAN,
CHARLIE BROWN**

Based on the comic strip "Peanuts"


by Charles M. Schulz

Book, Music and Lyrics by

Clark Gesner

November 12, 13, 19 at 7:30 p.m.

November 20 at 2:00 p.m.



Presented by
Community Players
Community United Methodist Church
20 N. Center Street • Naperville, Illinois

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Originally produced by the W.P.A. Theatre, New York City, 1987.

(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director)

Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer. Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa
Original Direction for this version of YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN by
Michael Mayer

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Director's Note

On October 2, 1950, "Peanuts" debuted in 7 newspapers. Charles Schulz, the creator of the comic strip, received a total of \$90 from United Feature Syndicate for his first month of strips. When Schulz retired in 1999, "Peanuts" was syndicated in 2600 newspapers and printed in 21 different languages. Hallmark printed its first "Peanuts" greeting card in 1960; more than 2 billion "Peanuts" cards have been sold. "Peanuts" first TIME Magazine cover was in 1965, and the musical YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN opened off Broadway in 1967.

Community Players performed the original version in 1982, our first fully-staged production. Tonight we are privileged to perform the revised version of YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN, as our forty-fifth production. Enjoy the show!

Oliver J. Taylor, Director

FAMILY EVENTS AT COMMUNITY UMC

The Children's Advent Party is Sunday, November 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Children from preschool through 5th grade and their families can get into the spirit of the season by baking cookies, making fun holiday crafts, and creating gifts for their friends and family.

Joy to the World, a celebration of worship and praise, is Sunday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to this special service, led by the music of our vocal and instrumental groups.

The Family Christmas Eve service is Friday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Children of all ages will experience the joy of Christ's birth through scripture, song, and story. Invite your friends and family to this exciting, child-friendly worship service!

Production Crew

Producer	Dave Hollander
Director	Oliver J. Taylor
Musical Director.....	Mary Elliott
Band	Joline Bastounes, Beth Hagemeyer, Rod Jacobs, Dave Jenkins
Choreographer	Avery Sipla
Stage Manager	Jill Morrow
Costumes	Irene Servose
Lighting Design	Graham Wills
Lights/Computer Technician	Carol Gehrhardt
Spotlight	David Green, Suzanne Wills
Sound Design/Sound Engineer	Ed Green
Computer Graphics Designer	Suzanne Wills
Properties.....	Kay Lawson
House Manager.....	Mary Wu
Program.....	Toni Reiss
Photographer.....	Toni Reiss
Logo/Posters	Beth Buffington
Tickets	Ken Cox
Set	Ken Cox
Set Construction	Jim Morrow, Garth Lawson, and the cast
Ushers	Bryan Craig, Justin Craig, Mandy Wu, Matthew Wu

Cast of Characters

(in alphabetical order)

Charlie Brown	Dave Hollander
Sally Brown.....	Beth Buffington
Schroeder	Nate Burke
Snoopy.....	Sarah Hollander
Linus Van Pelt	Ken Cox
Lucy Van Pelt	Amy Hollander

Synopsis

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN is, "An average day in the life of Charlie Brown." The musical brings to life some of the famous/ favorite episodes from the comic strip "Peanuts". Charlie Brown starts his day by being late, late, late—late getting ready, late for the bus, and even late for school! The day doesn't seem to improve much as we meet Charlie Brown's friends and family: His sister Sally is an underachiever. His friend Lucy is crabby and wants to be queen. Lucy's little brother Linus is very perceptive but rather insecure. Schroeder, another friend of Charlie Brown, lives in a world that revolves around music, especially works by Beethoven. Snoopy, Charlie Brown's beloved dog, has a sharp wit and can't wait for suppertime. However, by the end of the day, even Lucy has to admit, "You're a good man, Charlie Brown," and everyone learns what happiness is.

Musical numbers

Act 1

Opening.....	Full Company
"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"	Full Company
"Schroeder"	Lucy With Schroeder
"Snoopy"	Snoopy With Sally And Lucy
"My Blanket And Me"	Linus With Company

"The Kite" Charlie Brown
 "The Doctor Is In" Charlie Brown And Lucy
 "Beethoven Day" Schroeder with Company
 "Rabbit Chasing" Snoopy And Sally
 "The Book Report" Full Company

Act 2

The Red Baron - Melodrama Snoopy With Sally
 "My New Philosophy" Sally With Schroeder
 "The Baseball Game" Full Company
 "Glee Club Rehearsal" Full Company
 "Little Known Facts" Lucy With Linus And Charlie Brown
 "Suppertime" Snoopy With Company
 "Happiness" Full Company

Biographies

Directors



Oliver J. Taylor (*Director*) Ollie is a life-long member of Community United Methodist Church. He taught language arts and math and directed the plays and musicals at Washington Junior High School for thirty-three years. Since retiring in 2001, YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN is his fourth production as director for Community Players, the most recent being THE SOUND OF MUSIC last year. Many thanks to the excellent cast and production crew. This is truly a collaborative effort! Special thanks to Mary Elliott, our wonderful Musical Director. Love to Marsha and Tom, who have let me "play" all these years.



Mary Elliott (*Musical Director*) is making her debut as musical director. Favorite roles include Maria in *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* and Mabel in *THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE*. Thanks to the wonderful orchestra and amazing cast for making my first conducting experience so easy and so much fun. A special thanks to Ollie for giving me the opportunity and encouragement to step outside, and to the other side, of my comfort zone. And finally, thanks to my amazing family for allowing me to play with the "Peanuts" gang.



Avery Sipla (*Choreographer*) is dance academy coordinator for Naperville Park District. She has performed in 36 productions over the years as a singer and dancer. Memorable roles include Gloria Rasputin in *BYE BYE BIRDIE*, White Chess Queen in *ALICE IN WONDERLAND*, Fruma Sarah in *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*, and performing in *THE PRODUCERS* at NCC this summer. Avery is excited to choreograph for her third show with community players (and play Linus' blanket).

Cast

in alphabetical order



Beth Buffington (*Sally Brown*) was last seen on the Community Players stage as M'Lynn in *STEAL MAGNOLIAS*. Her favorite stage memories have been Dorothy in *THE AMATEURS*, and the ensemble casts of *QUILTERS* and *GODSPELL*. She has been supported through the rehearsal schedule with good humor and popcorn by husband, Tom. Beth fills her days with work in her Web/Graphic design/Illustration agency, weekend cycling (weather permitting) and surrounding herself with fluffy white dogs as a volunteer with WRM Westie rescue. She sends smiles to her daughters and parents who traveled from afar to see the show.



Nate Burke (*Schroeder*) is excited to be back on stage with Community Players. He was last seen as one of the bums in *BLEACHER BUMS*. Nate would like to thank his loving wife for putting up with him singing the same lines over and over again. When he is not on stage, Nate enjoys 'making the internet go' working at an Internet Service provider.



Ken Cox (*Linus*) is happy to be on stage with the Players again, and thanks Beth Best for the security blanket which makes this performance possible on so many levels. He has previously appeared as Jonathan in *ARSENIC AND OLD LACE*, Ritchie in *BLEACHER BUMS*, and Gribble in *ROOM SERVICE*, among others.



Amy Hollander (*Lucy*) is an 8th grade science teacher at KJHS in Naperville. (Go Eagles!) A long-time member of Community Players, she has been both onstage and behind the scenes. Favorite roles include Ado Annie, Lady Macbeth, Edwin Drood, and member of the ensembles for *Godspell* and *School House Rock*. Amy has wanted to be in this show ever since she saw Community Players perform it the first time and is thrilled to be a part of this talented cast. Special thanks to Nathan- you'll get your mom back soon!



Dave Hollander (*Charlie Brown*) returns to the Community Players stage for what may be his favorite role to date. Previously with the Players, he has played Albert in *BYE, BYE, BIRDIE!*, Ralph in *H.M.S. PINAFORE*, and Matthew Harrison Brady in *INHERIT THE WIND*. Dave, who plans to keep his day job, is a local junior high history and writing teacher. Dave would like to thank his son Nathan for his love and patience throughout this demanding schedule.



Sarah Hollander (*Snoopy*) is so grateful to have had this opportunity to perform such a lively character in this fantastic musical! Sarah is a senior at Naperville Central High School and has appeared in musicals and Theatre Central plays at school and with Community Players. Most recently, you could have seen her as Liesl von Trapp in *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*. First and foremost, she would like to thank her dog Mia for inspiring much of the personality put into the character of Snoopy. She also gives thanks and love every single person who supported her throughout this show- especially her brother Nathan. Enjoy the show!

Special Thanks

Ms. Buffington's REPORT by Toby Elliott

Mr. Burke's PIANO by Ron Van Buskirk

Mr. Cox's BLANKET by Beth Best

The SCHOOL BUS by Garth Lawson

Bus Crew Garth Lawson, James Morrow

Linus' Blanket Avery Sipla

About Community Players

Community Players is celebrating its 30th year of quality community theater with its 45th production, YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN.

Our Shows

1981 The Fantasticks **1982** You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
1983 Arsenic and Old Lace **1984** Two-by-Two **1985** The Mousetrap
1986 The Music Man **1987** A Majority of One **1988** Snoopy **1989**
Spoon River Anthology **1990** You Can't Take It With You **1991** South
Pacific **1992** Life With Father **1993** Brigadoon **1994** Showstoppers
Review **1995** The Dining Room • The Lion In Winter **1996** Kiss Me,
Kate • Community Cabaret **1997** Ten Little Indians • Godspell **1998**
Oklahoma • The Importance of Being Earnest **1999** The Crucible •
Schoolhouse Rock, Live! **2000** The Secret Garden • Room Service
2001 Macbeth • The Best Christmas Pageant Ever **2002** The Mystery
of Edwin Drood • Bedroom Farce **2003** Dogsbreath Devereaux,
the Dastardly Doctor or...Nurses Foiled Again! • Quilters **2004**
HMS Pinafore • Let's Murder Marsha **2005** Alice's Adventures in
Wonderland **2006** Bye, Bye, Birdie! • A Murder is Announced **2007**
Inherit the Wind • The Diary of Anne Frank **2008** Arsenic and Old
Lace • Amateurs **2009** The Sound of Music • Steel Magnolias **2010**
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