

The Whole Backstage Theatre and Sonny Lewis  
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**YOU'RE A GOOD MAN,  
CHARLIE BROWN**  
**THE BROADWAY MUSICAL**



***DIRECTED BY JOHNNY BREWER***

**Performances - April 14 thru 23, 2023**

Based on The Comic Strip PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner  
Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa

# You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

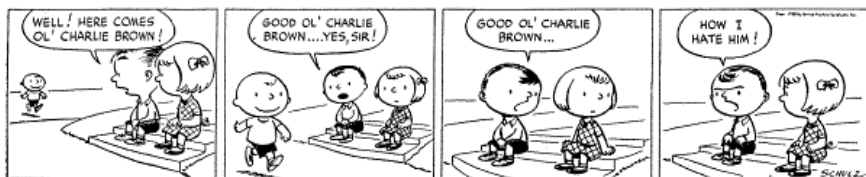
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Based on characters created by Charles M. Schulz

## Cast of Characters

Charlie Brown.....	Denton Gillen
Snoopy .....	John Everett Brewer
Lucy .....	Ajia Jones
Sally .....	Savannah Reece
Linus .....	Brandon Kelley
Schroeder .....	Brody Hemphill
Pig Pen .....	Drew Hunter
Sherman .....	Matt Stanley
Peppermint Patty.....	Maggie Goggans
Marcie .....	Abbie Saint
Violet.....	Alli Dailey
The Little Red-Haired Girl.....	Sarah Austin
Frieda. ....	Ava Krause
Lila and Linus' Blanket .....	Hannah Grace Yost
Snoopy's Doghouse .....	Joshua Hood
Woodstocks.....	Hayes Carpenter, Nick Pearce, Presley Hemphill
.....	Ryan McNaughton, Echo Harris, Julietta Medina
.....	Brooks Carpenter, Hazelleigh Ogle



**The first Peanuts strip  
introducing Charlie Brown, Sherman and Patty  
October 2, 1950**

**Time:** *An Average Day in the Life of Charlie Brown*

## **Musical Numbers**

### **Act I**

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown .....Charlie Brown & Company  
Schroeder ..... Lucy  
Snoopy ..... Snoopy  
My Blanket and Me ..... Linus  
The Kite ..... Charlie Brown  
The Doctor Is In ..... Charlie Brown & Lucy  
Beethoven Day ..... Schroeder & Company  
Book Report ..... Lucy, Pig Pen, Sherman  
..... Snoopy, Linus, Charlie Brown & Company

*There will be one 15 minute Intermission between Act I and Act II*

### **Act Two**

The Red Baron ..... Snoopy  
My New Philosophy ..... Sally, Schroeder  
T.E.A.M. (The Baseball Game) ..... Charlie Brown & Company  
Glee Club Rehearsal ..... Company  
Little Known Facts ..... Lucy, Linus & Charlie Brown  
Supertime ..... Snoopy  
Happiness ..... Company

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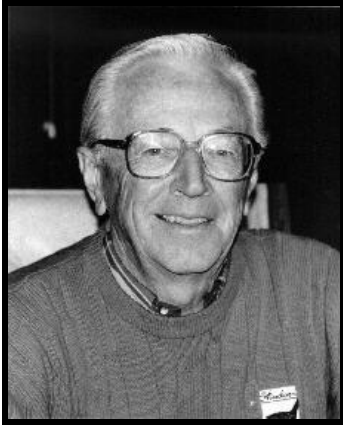
The original production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* opened Off-Broadway on March 7, 1967. It was a smash hit and ran for 1,597 performances. In 1971, however, the show moved to Broadway, where it only lasted for 32 performances. The 1999 Broadway Revival of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* opened on February 4, 1999. The revised script was a greatly expanded version compared to the original. Two new songs were added and the original character of Patty, who was an amalgam of all the women in Charlie Brown's life who weren't Lucy, was changed to the character of Sally, Charlie Brown's little sister. The revival of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* was nominated for four 1999 Tony Awards and won two. The 1999 show ran for 150 performances.

## Production Staff

Director .....	Johnny Brewer
Assistant Director .....	Dana Thomas
Publicist/Assistant to the Director .....	Katherine Brewer
Assistant to the Director/Script Supervisor .....	Bre Ballew
Assistant to the Director/Prompter .....	Mallory Howe
Choreographer .....	Catie Wells
Stage Manager .....	Joshua Hood
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Steven Saint
Lighting Board Operator .....	Chloe Townley
Lighting Design .....	Johnny Brewer
Special Lighting and Lighting Coordinator .....	Robin Moore
Rehearsal Accompanists .....	Jenni Smith and Karen Fancher
Sound Design and Board Operator .....	Chris Hemphill
Costume Coordinator .....	Jan Price
Costume Construction .....	Jan Price, Sue Bilke, Mary Ruth McCord Susan Ruhlman and Kim March-Force
Lucy and Sally's Costumes .....	Gitta Vass
Snoopy's Costume .....	Connie Ables
Master Carpenters .....	Deon Smith and Matt Stanley
Charlie Brown Build Crew .....	Lee Yarberry, Charles Ayers Josh Hood, Wes Trammell, Michael Saint and Steven Saint
Prop Masters .....	Joshua Hood and Bre Ballew
Special Effect Coordinators .....	Chris Rhodes and Larry Davis
Set Design .....	Johnny Brewer
Stage Crew .....	Annabelle Prance, Mallory Howe, Catie Wells Bre Ballew
Light Crew .....	Robin Moore, Rodger King, Chloe Townley and John Everett Brewer
Sound Crew .....	Mark Zeien and Chris Hemphill
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Woodstock Backstage Manager .....	Hannah Grace Yost
Woodstock Coordinators .....	Telisha McNaughton, Chelsea Harris, Brooke Hemphill and Amanda Pearce

# The Creator of an American Icon: Charles Schulz

For many of us, Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" has been an integral part of our childhood. Most of us can probably name nine characters from the strip far more quickly than we could name the nine Supreme Court justices.



Born in St. Paul, Minnesota on November 26, 1922, Charles Schulz, with encouragement from his father and mother, enrolled in a correspondence course in cartooning at what is now the Art Instruction Schools, Inc., in Minneapolis. He became one of America's most endearing artists whose characters are recognized and empathized with all over the world.

Schulz's first big break came in 1947 when he sold a cartoon feature called "Li'l Folks" to the St. Paul Pioneer Press. This strip featured Charlie Brown and Shermie and would soon become the focus of Mr. Schulz's career. The name L'il Folks was short-lived, however. After signing with United Feature Syndicate in 1950 and due to legal issues involving the name "L'il Folks", Mr. Schulz's strip was renamed "Peanuts" to his unhappiness.



On October 2 of that year, "Peanuts" debuted in seven newspapers. Today his comic strip appears in over 2,600 papers worldwide, timeless icons for the enjoyment of young and old alike.

Schulz passed away at age 77 on February 12, 2000. His last comic strip, appearing in the February 13 Sunday editions, just a few

hours after his death, showed Snoopy at his typewriter and other Peanuts regulars along with a “Dear Friends” letter thanking his readers for their support. In a television interview on December 29, 1999 discussing his retirement, Schulz was brought to tears when he read his farewell



letter. In part, it reads: “I have been grateful over the years for the loyalty of our editors and the wonderful support and love expressed to me by fans of the comic strip,” Schulz wrote. “Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy ... how can I ever forget them...”

As with every comic strip he created, the letter ended with his signature.



Schulz, unlike many cartoonists, drew every comic strip without the assistance of an art staff. His contribution to popular culture and the art of America will be remembered for generations to come. How can we ever forget him? Thank you for being a part of our childhoods. **“You Are a GREAT One, Charles Schulz.”**

# Classic PEANUTS

by SCHULZ

YOU KNOW... A PRINCESS SORT OF THING... A WHITE DRESS AND NICE SLIPPERS...

AND A BIG BALLROOM!

OH, HUH...

BUT I GUESS THAT'S KIND OF SILLY! ISN'T IT, CHARLIE BROWN?

NO... OH NO... NOT AT ALL...

I MEAN... WELL... WE ALL HAVE OUR LITTLE DREAMS OR AMBITIONS OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THEM...

I MEAN... THERE'S ONE I'VE HAD MYSELF FOR YEARS! BUT I'VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE...

WHAT CHARLIE BROWN? YOU CAN TELL ME...

OH, NO... IT'S NOT THE SORT OF THING I SHOULD TELL... NO, I DON'T THINK I SHOULD...

OH, COME ON... I WOULDN'T GIVE IT AWAY... COME ON... PLEASE?

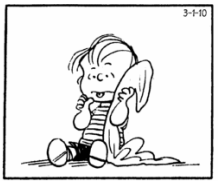
WELL... I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE CALLED "FLASH"... I HATE THE NAME "CHARLIE"... I'D LIKE TO BE REAL ATHLETIC AND HAVE EVERYBODY CALL ME "FLASH"... I'D LIKE TO BE SO GOOD AT EVERYTHING THAT ALL AROUND SCHOOL I'D BE KNOWN AS "FLASH" AND...

HEY, VIOLET! LISTEN TO THIS!

"FLASH"?

"FLASH"! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

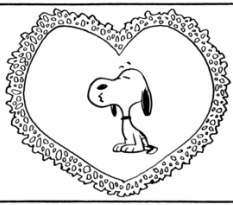
I CAN'T STAND IT!



I THINK I'M LOSING MY FLAVOR!

# PEANUTS

by SCHULZ



HI, THERE, TIGER!

HI, SNOOPY... HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

HELLO, SNOOPY

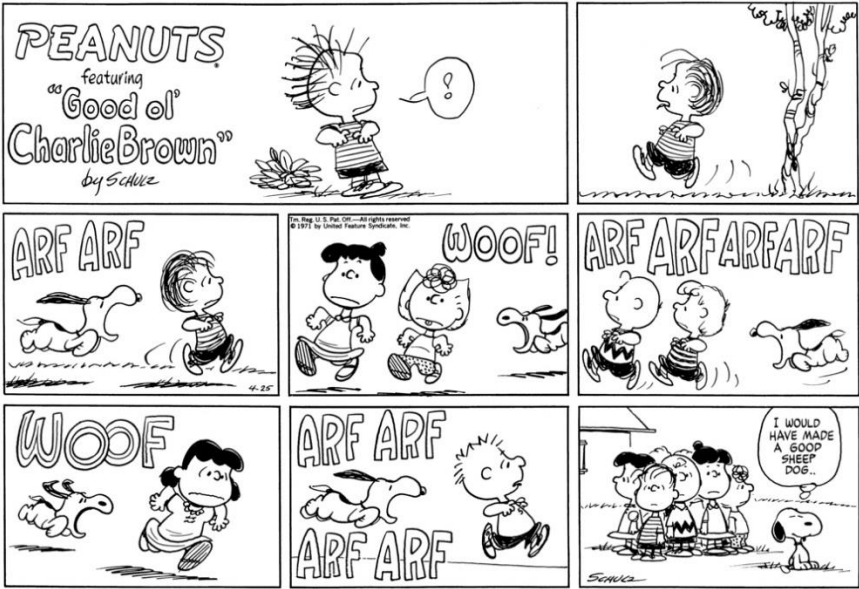
HI, SNOOPY

HELLO SNOOPY... HOW'S THE BOY?



RATS!

NOBODY EVER CALLS ME "SUGAR-LIPS"!



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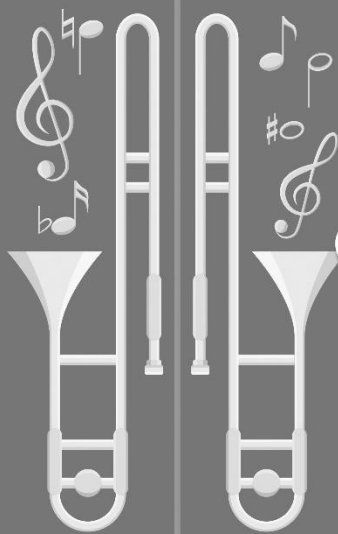
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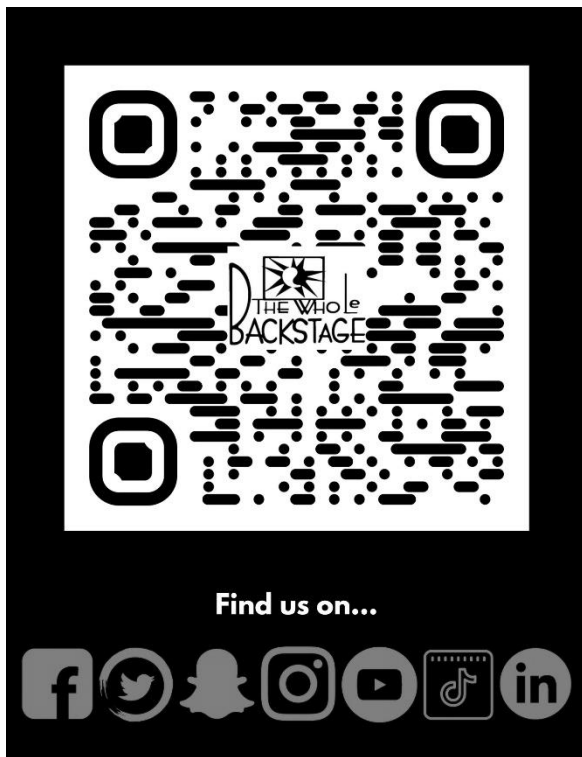
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Wilks Tire & Battery Service Inc. – Shane and Craig Wilks  
Lake Guntersville Ace Hardware – Tony Walker, Guntersville  
Kyle Steffen – Snead State Community College Bevill Center

WBSA – Boaz  
WTWX/WGSV– Kerry Jackson  
WAFM – Arab  
Michael and Kay Johnson  
Larry Davis  
Paragon – The Glassco Family  
Nick and Jenna Carpenter  
Mia Oldacre



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