

A Charlie Brown Christmas

By Charles M. Schulz

Based on the television special by Bill Melendez & Lee Mendelson

Stage Adaptation by Eric Schaeffer

Performed at the Playhouse Family Theatre: December 5-6, 12-13 & 19-20

Director & Choreographer: Amber Burns

Music Director: Kyle Picha

Casting *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles M. Schulz, based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson. A family-friendly holiday musical based on the beloved animated TV special. Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the whole Peanuts gang as they dig past the commercialized gimmicks of presents and decorations to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. Through a pageant and a spindly tree, Charlie Brown and friends bring the holiday spirit back to life for families once again! Featuring the song "Christmas Time is Here," the music of jazz artist Vince Guaraldi, and new original dance numbers.

**Seeking a diverse cast of actors, singers, and dancers ages 13-18.
Performers of all races, genders, and ethnicities are encouraged to audition.**

AUDITION INFORMATION: VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

Submissions must include:

- **Character Reading:** Choose from 1-3 characters to read for. (See Audition sides)
- **Song:** Sing 16-32 bars (20-30 sec) of your favorite holiday song.
- **Headshot:** send an up to date picture of yourself.
- **Resume & Audition Form:** Please attach a current resume and fill out the audition form.

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS must be sent to Amber Burns, aburns@duluthplayhouse.org, no later than Monday, October 19 by 9:00pm

CALLBACKS: Will only be held if needed.

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

Rehearsal Dates & Times:

- November 16-20 (Monday-Friday), 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday, November 21, Noon-3:00pm
- Sunday, November 22, Noon-3:00pm
- November 23-25 (Monday-Wednesday), 6:00-9:00pm
- November 30-December 4 (Monday-Friday), 6:00-9:00pm

Rehearsal Location: Family Theatre Rehearsal Studio (at the Depot), 506 W. Michigan St., Duluth, MN 55802

Performance Dates & Times:

- Saturday, December 5: 1:00pm & 4:00pm
- Sunday, December 6: 1:00pm & 4:00pm
- Saturday, December 12: 1:00pm & 4:00pm
- Sunday, December 13: 1:00pm & 4:00pm

POSSIBLE ADDITION OF A THIRD WEEKEND

- Saturday, December 19: 1:00pm & 4:00pm
- Sunday, December 20: 1:00pm & 4:00pm

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN (All roles will be gender fluid):

Charlie Brown - The everyman; with ever changing moods; both befriended and ostracized by all; a loser-yet-leader who is often depressed but rises out of every downfall with shining hope and determination.

Snoopy - Charlie Brown's pet beagle. A genuinely happy dog; full of energy, imagination, and sass; known for his "happy dance" and his numerous alter-egos. Snoopy is very popular in the neighborhood. A physical, more than speaking. Tap Dance or movement experience required.

Lucy - Linus's older sister; bossy and a know-it-all, but very smart and a natural leader; has a crush on Schroeder; is ready to be older than her age; interests include psychiatry and real estate.

Linus - Charlie Brown's blanket-toting best friend; Sally's love interest; the most insecure but the smartest of all the characters; an intellectual, a philosopher, a theologian. Slight lisp.

Sally - The youngest of the group, with a very young sounding voice; Charlie Brown's little sister who has a crush on Linus; is adorable and spunky but often overreacts to situations.

Schroeder - A piano prodigy. Lucy's love interest; admirer of Beethoven; Charlie Brown's second-best friend after Linus.

Pig Pen - Known for attracting dust, making him very filthy but with a good heart.

Frieda - The girl who brags about her "naturally curly hair"; a total diva.

Violet - Lucy and Patty's best friend; a mean and snobby girl.

Patty - Not to be confused with Peppermint Patty. Best friend to Lucy and Violet; sometimes bullies the others.

Shermy - A friend of Charlie Brown's. Very dry; bemoans that he has to play a shepherd in the play every year.

Please bring this **completed form** with you to the audition along with a **resume & current photo or headshot**. Please print clearly!

Actor Name:		Age & Birth Date:	
Pronoun (Optional): He/Him She/Her They/Them			
Home Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Actor Email: <i>(This email will be used for callbacks)</i>		Actor Phone:	
Fill out Parent/ Guardian information if actor is under 18			
Parent/ Guardian Name (1):		Parent/ Guardian (2):	
Parent/ Guardian Email (1): <i>(This email will be used for callbacks)</i>		Parent/ Guardian Email (2):	
Parent/ Guardian Phone (1):		Parent/ Guardian Phone (2):	
<i>Email addresses will be used to announce casting, general show info, rehearsal changes, and future Playhouse notices.</i>			

Is there a particular role in the show you are most interested in? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, which one(s)? _____

Will you accept another part if not offered any listed above? Yes_____ No_____

Do you sing, dance, tap dance, play piano, or have other special talents? If so, please explain level of skill:

Do you have **ANY** conflicts with the rehearsal/performance schedule? Yes_____ No_____

Please list ALL conflicts below (be as specific as possible to dates, times). Additional conflicts after being cast may not be accepted.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

AUDITION SIDES

Choose 1-3 characters to read for and submit as part of your video audition.

CHARLIE 1: I think there might be something wrong with me, Linus. Christmas is coming, but I'm not happy. I don't feel the way I am supposed to feel. I just don't understand Christmas, I guess.

CHARLIE 2: Good grief. I guess you're right Linus. I shouldn't have picked this little tree. Everything I do turns into a disaster. I guess I really don't know what Christmas is all about. Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?

LUCY: Wait a minute. Before you begin, I must ask that you pay in advance. Five cents, please. (Hear the clink of coins) Boy what a sound. How I love hearing that old money plate, that beautiful sound of of cold hard cash ----- that beautiful, beautiful sound

SALLY: I've been looking for you big brother. Will you please write a letter to Santa Claus for me? You write it and I'll tell you what I want it to say. Dear Santa Claus, how've you been? Did you have a nice summer? How is your wife? I've been extra good this year, so I have an extra long list of presents that I want.

FRIEDA: I can't go on. There's too much dust. It's taking the curl out of my naturally curly hair!

LINUS 1: Charlie Brown, you're the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem. Maybe Lucy's right. Of all the Charlie Browns in the world you're the Charlie Browniest.

LINUS 2: For behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which will be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you.