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Thank you for coming to Beloit Civic Theatre's production of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. This musical holds a special place in my theatre heart - participating in my high school's production of this show was my first experience performing in a "real" musical. As many of us did, I grew up with these characters through my "Sunday Funny-Papers" ritual, which was just as important to me as the weekly ritual of Sunday School and Church (don't tell my mom!). These characters felt like friends to me - they might feel like that to you as well. Maybe there is one Peanuts character that you identify more with, but through the imagination of Charles Schultz, I think we might just see a little bit of ourselves in each one of them.

What you don't see, as you kindly attend our shows, is the endless hours of building, painting, sewing, creating, singing, dancing, memorizing, reviewing, and any other thing needed – all the parts that come together to make a whole theatre experience for us all. Trust me - it's a lot of work from a big lot of people. I really do feel honored to have the opportunity to make theatre magic with this gifted cast of young actors, and am so grateful for the expertise, enthusiasm, and incredible work ethic of the crew and the BCT board. As always, thank you for your support of live local theatre - please enjoy the show!

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Sally BrownHolly A. Thompson
 Lucy Van Pelt.....Star Adamik
 SnoopyNikki Fae
 Schroeder.....Seth Meyers
 Charlie BrownAaron Crary
 Linus Van Pelt.....Riley Parkhurst

SETTING

Time: An average day in the life of Charlie Brown

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act One:

You're a Good Man Charlie BrownCompany
 Schroeder.....Lucy
 Snoopy.....Snoopy, Sally and Lucy
 My Blanket and MeLinus, Sally, Lucy, Charlie Brown, Schroeder and Snoopy
 Queen LucyLucy
 The KiteCharlie Brown
 The Doctor Is InCharlie Brown and Lucy
 Beethoven DaySchroeder and Company
 The Book Report.....Lucy, Schroeder, Charlie Brown, Linus, Sally and Snoopy

*There will be a twelve-minute intermission between the acts.
 Enjoy the cookies in the lobby!*

Act Two:

The Red Baron.....Snoopy
 My New PhilosophySally and Schroeder
 The Baseball Game.....Charlie Brown and Company
 Glee Club Rehearsal.....Company
 Little Known FactsLucy, Linus and Charlie Brown
 SuppertimeSnoopy and Charlie Brown
 Happiness.....Company

WHO'S WHO



Star Adamik
as Lucy Van Pelt

Star Adamik (Lucy Van Pelt) This production marks Star's debut for Beloit Civic Theatre. Her previous theatrical experience consists of *Cats* at The Christian Center for the Arts (Chapel on the Hill), and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Sugar* for Lakeland Players, and many more. Star works as a Grand Experiences Coordinator at Grand Geneva. She lives with her mother and her 8-year-old sister of whom Star says, "I enjoy teaching her how to be exactly like me!" Star enjoys reading, puzzles, crafts and theatre.



Aaron Crary
as Charlie Brown

Aaron Crary (Charlie Brown) Aaron, a Beloit, appeared in BCT's last season's *Something's Afoot* and previously in *Squirrels in the Attic*, *The Fox on the Fairway*, *Lend me a Tenor*, *A Talent for Murder* and *Making God Laugh* for Beloit Civic Theatre. Aaron's first theatrical role was as mobile shrub in Beloit Memorial High School's production of *Cinderella*; he then progressed to a more important role in *Zombie Prom* which travelled to Edinburgh and Scotland's International Fringe Festival. Aaron has also performed in shows for Janesville Performing Arts Center, Stage One, the Janesville Summer School Program, and for Express Yourself Studio in Madison, he recently performed in the Off Broadway musical, *Be More Chill*. Aaron's interests include writing and singing, and he is currently directing *American Idiot*, *The Musical* in Madison; the production will be December 6, 7, and 8 at the Bartell Theatre. He plans on expanding his acting experience by auditioning for various theatre productions and TV projects throughout the year. Aaron is looking forward to performing with "...this goofy cast of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*."



Nikki Fae
as Snoopy

Nikki Fae (Snoopy) Nikki debuts for Beloit Civic Theatre in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. She appeared previously in *Cats* at The Christian Center for the Arts (Chapel on the Hill), *Be More Chill* for Express Yourself Dance Company, *Miracle on 34th Street* for Stage One, *Dog See God*, *Big Fish* and *Spring Awakening* for UW-Rock, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Bleacher Bums* for Theater Unlimited. Nikki works as a pre-school teacher at the YMCA preschool in Janesville, and she enjoys health science, and personal fitness. Nikki is the proud mother of two healthy cats and says that secretly, she is a crazy cat lady.

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*Seth Meyers
as Schroeder*

Seth Meyers (Schroeder) This production is Seth's first production...EVER! Of being cast in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Seth writes, "This is my community theatre debut! It's a dream I've tossed around for years, and I decided that this year had to be the one!" Although this is Seth's first stage production, his acting experience derives from his occupation as a voice actor; based in his studio in Janesville, Seth works with clients around the world on a variety of projects, providing his voice for commercials, television, radio, video games, and more. Seth enjoys computer building, motorcycles, rock concerts, audio engineering and travel. "I'm very excited to be playing Schroeder and hope to continue with more shows in the future."



*Riley Parkhurst
as Linus Van Pelt*

Riley Parkhurst (Linus Van Pelt) A newcomer to Beloit Civic Theatre, Riley has previously appeared in *Heathers: The Musical*, *Sister Act*, and *Ghost* for Rock River Repertory Theatre. Riley also enjoys stagecraft and was part of the artistic crew in UW-Rock's *God See Dog*. Riley is a sophomore at UW-Rock and UW-White-water, majoring in Music Education/Theatre Education. He works as part of the Crew at Chipotle. Riley would like to thank his parents, Guy and Amy, and his sister, Brooke, for their support. He hopes you enjoy this fun show.



*Holly A. Thompson
as Sally Brown*

Holly A. Thompson (Sally Brown) Holly debuts for BCT in this production. Her previous theatrical experience was in the Kenosha area: *A Piece of My Heart* for The Lakeside Players, and *A Midwinter Night's Tale* for WIPZ radio station at UW- Parkside. Holly teaches English online to adult students through Cambly and Likeshuo; she also teaches in person at the Stateline Literacy Council. In her spare time, Holly enjoys cooking, hiking, reading and journaling. Of her experience in *Charlie Brown*, Holly says, "This is my first musical in SO long, and I am happy to be singing again."



*Janet Palmer
Director*

Janet Palmer (Director) Janet directed last spring's production of *Something's Afoot*, was music director for *The Spitfire Grill* with Beloit Civic Theatre, and just finished directing *Cats* with Chapel on the Hill in Lake Geneva. She teaches vocal/general music and is the drama director at Cunningham Intermediate School in Beloit. Her first stage experience was "100 years ago" as Peppermint Patty in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and she is grateful to the

board of BCT for the opportunity to work with these characters again. "Happiness is a fantastic cast and crew to work with, and the opportunity to again be a part of a Beloit Civic Theatre production - hope you enjoy the show!"



Ben Westphal
Music Director

Ben Westphal (Music Director) Ben, who works as the vocal music teacher at Beloit Memorial High School, served as Musical Director for BCT's *Something's Afoot* and keyboard player for *The Spitfire Grill*. He found his love of acting and singing in high school, in shows like *Noises Off*, *The Nerd*, *Teahouse of the August Moon*, *The King and I*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Camelot* and *The Fiddler on the Roof*. In a professional capacity, he is also a music adjudicator and active with the organization, Wisconsin School Music. Ben's resume as a musician and conductor is extensive: he holds a master's degree in Choral Conducting and has conducted both community and church choirs, including the Arizona Mountain Chorale, a select chamber ensemble located in Flagstaff. He also served as the musical director and conductor of the Northwoods Hymn festival in Minocqua, Wisconsin – a seventy-five voice ecumenical choral festival. In his free time, Ben is an "avid reader, cook, baker and eater ☺."



Tom Young
Stage Manager

Tom Young (Stage Manager) Tom is a member of the Board of Directors for Beloit Civic Theatre; he previously served as Stage Manager for *Something's Afoot* and *Same Time, Next Year* along with working on set construction for this and other sets. He also appeared onstage in BCT's *Whodunit, the Musical* and as the mysterious visitor in *The Spitfire Grill*. Tom is now a retired science teacher; "41 years has been enough". His family consists of wife, Wendy and 2 children, Dan (Milwaukee) and Sarah (Northampton, MA). Tom's hobbies are woodworking, gardening and travel. Tom would like to thank board members Les Blumreich and Mary Easland for stepping in to assist with stage managing, thus allowing Tom to take a long-planned trip to Alaska.

THE PRODUCTION TEAM

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 Musical DirectorBen Westphal
 ChoreographerJosie Palmer
 Stage ManagerTom Young (Les Blumreich, Mary Easland)
 Set DesignerLoren Sass
 OrchestraHiroaki Tani (Rehearsal Accompanist/Piano),
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AUDITION NOTICE

Auditions for our winter show will be held in the theatre on November 12th and 14th at 7 p.m. at the theatre. Loren Sass will direct the murder-mystery-comedy *Catch Me if You Can*. The cast calls for 5 men and 2 women. Production dates are: January 24, 25, 26, 31 and February 1, 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. There are also 3 p.m. matinees on January 26, 27 & February 2. You may request to be added to our actor database if interested. Postcards announcing auditions are mailed before each show's auditions. Just give your name, phone number and postal mailing address to anyone working in the lobby or e-mail us at beloitcivictheatre@gmail.com

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