## Cast

Merritt Tamez	Charlie Brown
Ellie Mae Shearon	Snoopy
Clarksyn Connely	Lucy
Tennyson Park	Linus
Elizabeth Termina	Sally
June Horton	Peppermint Patty
Brianna Reyes	Schroeder
Jocelyn Rodriguez	Frieda
Grace Williams	Violet
Brenna Carpenter	Pig Pen
Maja Stephens	Shermy
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## **Student Crew**

Benjy Atkins	Scene Backgrounds
Tamal Kumar	Lighting Consolo
David Berry	Ctoro Manager
David Berry	Stage Manager
Mitchell Stephens	Sound Operator
Madeline Pogorzelski	
Alex Pampell	Hair/Makeup/Stage Crew
Alexis Pena	Hair/Makeup

## **Artistic & Creative Team**

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Zac Brumbaugn	Tech Director/Soundboard/Programs
Brian Chambers	Light Design/Production Design
Zach Hernandez	Set Building
Chelsea Hook	Assistant Director/Music Director
Jason Stephens	Set Building
Amy Termina	Director/Costumes/Hair/Makeup
	Set design/Set painting

Please greet the cast and crew in the lobby after the show!

# "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

#### Synopsis:

When Charlie Brown complains about the overwhelming materialism that he sees amongst everyone during the Christmas season, Lucy suggests that he become director of the school Christmas pageant. Charlie Brown accepts, but it is a frustrating struggle. When an attempt to restore the proper spirit with a forlorn little fir Christmas tree fails, he needs Linus' help to learn the meaning of Christmas.

Scene 1 – The Skating Rink Scene 2- The Neighborhood Scene 3- The Doctor Is In Scene 4- Christmas is Coming Scene 5- Rehearsal Scene 6- Finding a Tree Scene 7- Christmas Music Scene 8- Finding Christmas

#### Charles M. Schulz:

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.

#### **Director's Note:**

"I cannot imagine a more perfect play at Christmas than "A Charlie Browns Christmas" to share with you at this time of the year. It's a childhood favorite and a great example of the true meaning of Christmas. This play is intensely special to me, not only because I was given the opportunity to direct it, but because of this group of talented actors we have pulled together to make this play come to life.

Consider, now, your childhood memories of Christmas and traditions that you keep stored away. Where did they come from? All it takes is one moment to bring them back to life. Thank you for being here and hope you enjoy the show!"

## **Meet the Cast**



Merritt Tamez (Charlie Brown)

Merritt Stokes Tamez is a 7th grader who loves his family & doggie sisters Ruby & Birdie. He is active in LNA's Cross Country program & student council. Outside of school Merritt enjoys video games, concerts & hanging with friends.



### Ellie Mae Shearon (Snoopy)

7th grade. My name is Ellie Mae Shearon. For elementary through 5th, I went to St. Mark Lutheran. I currently go to Lutheran North Academy. I am in volleyball, band, choir, NJHS, and Theater. My love for theater blossomed in 4th grade, when Lutheran High North's "Guys and Dolls" needed some missionary kids. I didn't have many lines expect signing and marching, but I realized how much I loved to perform and act out a character! Theatre for me is like stepping into a different

life's shoes, like escaping from your own life. I play Snoopy and I really hope my slapstick comedy, is a knee slapper.



### Clarksyn Connely (Lucy)

8th grade. My name is Clarksyn but my friends call me CC. I love theater and have been taking theater classes since kindergarten. I have been in multiple plays and skits. I think acting lets me feel free to just be me. I look forward to doing theater every year! I'm very happy to get the chance to be able to be in theater. I am a little shy at first, but once you get to know me, I am really fun! I am really nice and funny. I love hanging out with my friends, listening to music, and loving Jesus. I love going to church and worshiping Him! Overall, I am a very unique

person and I think that this year's play will go great.



#### Tennyson Park (Linus)

8th grade. Tennyson caught the acting bug at age 6 when he performed with Main Street Theater in "There's No Place Like Home." Since then, he has several credits to his name including George Banks in "Mary Poppins", Rafiki in "The Lion King", Yoda, "Star Wars", Head Guard in "Aladdin", and most recently Roman/Principal Bad Hair/Coach Bad Hair in "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Middle School". Tennyson has participated in many productions with Houston HITS, Oak Forest Elementary, and Lutheran North Academy. Most recently Tennyson was invited to and attended the Destination Broadway

Workshop held in Orlando, FL Summer 2023. Tennyson continues to enjoy entertaining others from the stage and looks forward to his role as Linus in "Charlie Brown Christmas".



### Elizabeth Termina (Sally)

8th grade. Elizabeth is thrilled to be back on the LNA stage. Elizabeth has previously appeared in the LNA shows Shrek and Everything you Always wanted to Know about Middle School. When not on the LNA stage you can catch Elizabeth on the stage at HITS or Allegro Ballet. Elizabeth loves to read and listen to music in her spare time. Elizabeth would like to thank her family and friends for their support.



#### June Horton (Peppermint Patty)

6th grade. I'm June and I play Patty in the Charlie Brown Christmas play. I dance, I do tap dance, jazz dance, and ballet. I have acted before and you can see me on You Tube, the channel is called, 6th grade. Cascade Virtual Theater. I'm in the video's for trouble and the tropes as Judy. That's all!



#### Brianna Reyes (Schroeder)

7th grade. My name is Brianna Rosalie Reyes, and I am a student at Lutheran North Academy. I have an artistic mind with a bright imagination. I plan to use those skills to be an author, filmmaker, and artist. I have had theater experience before in Matilda and Goldilocks. Some of my hobbies would be swimming, snorkeling, and finding fish in reefs. I've been swimming competitively since I was 7. I love to travel and been fortunate to have been on many adventures. I love to read and tend to make up my own stories as well. I'm in the NJHS and try my

hardest at all that I do. I have two shepherds at home and a brother in high school.



#### Jocelyn Rodriguez (Frieda)

Hi, my name is Jocelyn Rodriguez. I'm in 8th grade at LNA and have helped backstage with LNA theater performances over the past year. This is my first time performing on stage, which has been super exciting. I am so grateful to God & Mrs. Termina for this fun opportunity!



#### Grace Williamson (Violet)

7th grade. My name is Grace Williamson and this is my second time performing in the middle school play at LNA! I am in seventh grade and am interested in art, dance, cheer, and lots of other things. I have been participating in theatre programs since elementary school and have always had a place in my heart for theatre. Whether it's helping backstage with quick changes, doing makeup on cast, painting sets, or even performing in the show has just taught me so much. I love our Charlie Brown cast and just the show in general and I really hope you





9th grade. This is my first Christmas show at North and I am excited to work with everyone to bring this together. I love theater and have been in many summer shows here. I have been on stage, backstage, and even up in the tec booth. I would like to thank Mrs. Termina, Mrs. Hook, Mr. B, Mr. Chambers, and above all God for the opportunity to be at this school and be able to preform.



### Maja Stephens (Shermy)

9th grade. I have been involved in the LNA theater department for a couple of years, and I always enjoy being in the productions. I am excited to be in It's a Charlie Brown Christmas because this is my first Christmas play since elementary school. I also enjoy singing in it. I would like to thank My family, God, Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Termina for this opportunity.

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# Please Sing Along With Us!

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye, oh come ye to
Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the
King of Angels
Oh come, let us adore Him (3x)
Christ the Lord

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and
child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

