## KIDS COOP THEATRE PRESENTS

# you're a good man Charlie Brown

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



DERRY OPERA HOUSE

MAY 28, 2021 @ TPM MAY 29, 2021 @ 1PM & TPM

DIRECTION AND CHOREOGRAPHY BY KATIE GIFFORD MUSIC DIRECTION BY JESSE DRAKE

CHOREOGRAPHY ASSISTANCE BY DANIELLE MELENDEZ

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS ON BEHALF OF TAMS-WITMARK LLC. WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM Founded in 1997, Kids Coop Theatre, Inc (KCT) is a NH 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality theatre experiences for young people and their families. Our mission is to provide a venue for children to showcase their abilities as actors, with the knowledge that the only way a child can soar is by giving them the opportunity to spread their wings.



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#### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome back to KCT and LIVE theatre!! Boy, have we missed seeing these kids performing on stage and seeing your smiling faces in the audience. It has been a crazy 15 months for everyone, and I am so excited to be a part of bringing our children's community theatre troupe back to life. I am always amazed by the wealth of talent our local kids possess. Our rehearsals looked a little different this time, but I have truly enjoyed working with this cast. Their enthusiasm and commitment has been inspiring. I would like to thank their families and friends for supporting them throughout this process, and for donating their time to help with costumes, sets, and props. I would also like to thank my own family and friends; especially Jesse and Danielle for their help; we couldn't have reached the finish line without you.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown was originally a 6 person show intended to be performed by adults, so this was a fun exercise, and challenge, to stretch this show to harness and showcase the remarkable talent that auditioned in big numbers back in March! Based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schultz, the iconic Charlie Brown character is one we can all relate to; he is after all, representative of a youthful Everyman. Schultz gifted us this dynamic character simultaneously filled with childlike innocence and adult anxieties. Through our Peanuts friends, we celebrate our own ordinariness and eccentricities and hopefully recognize that each of us, in Lucy's words, are our own "singular, remarkable, unique, Charlie Brown."

Thank you for coming out and supporting these kids, supporting KCT, and supporting community theatre. We look forward to seeing you at one of the many opportunities we plan on offering soon!

Katie Gifford Director



#### DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER



Katie graduated from Tufts University in 2000 with a degree in Theatre. She directed multiple children's productions in the Somerville/Arlington MA area after graduation. She then took a long break from theatre when her children were born but has been so happy to be involved again over the last few years with KCT, GH Hood Middle School Drama, and Epping Community Theatre as both a director and instructor. She hopes you enjoy the show.

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Jesse attended Plymouth State University for Music with a concentration in Voice. Jesse has been musically directing theatre since 2012, with more recent productions being a Teen production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in 2017 and

"Reefer Madness in 2018 with Actorsingers in Nashua. He is also a seasoned theatrical performer, having performed since 2009 in shows such as "Les Miserables", "Chess", "21 Chump Street", "American Idiot", "Mamma Mia!", and many more throughout New Hampshire. He has also been teaching piano fundamentals and voice since 2017 throughout Nashua and Manchester.

Some of his favorite shows are "Dear Evan Hansen",
"Hamilton", "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder", and
"Jesus Christ Superstar". He also has relative perfect pitch, loves music theory,
and his favorite chord is Bbsus2/D (for the theory lovers).

#### ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER



Danielle is the current President of Kids Coop Theatre, and is honored to support the creative efforts of this dynamic team! She would like to thank Katie and Jesse for their unwavering dedication to this process, which has come together against all odds! Danielle has been a Member of KCT since 2014, has overseen countless productions, and is continually grateful for all of the friendships and opportunities this organization has provided her and her family.

#### **CREW**

| DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER | Katie Gifford  |
|--------------------------|--|
| MUSIC DIRECTOR           | Jesse Drake  |
| ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER  | Danielle Melendez  |
| STAGE MANAGER            | Ryan Barrett   |
| SOUND TECHNICIAN         | Mark Beland  |
| LIGHTING TECHNICIAN      | Grant Gifford  |
| SPOT OPERATOR            | Erin Downey  |
| HOUSE MANAGER            | Michelle Cain  |
| SETSGran                 | Paul Battaglia, Suzanne Denu,<br>nt Gifford, Joe Gould, Rick Labbe |
| COSTUMESCarrie Dug       | gan, Allison Strobel, Kristen Sweet                                |
| PROPS                    | Linda Marzolf  |

# The crew wishes to send a big THANK YOU to:

Our cast families for sharing your amazing children with us!

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Anita Forcier and Laurel O'Connor for our stunning Lucy and Sally dresses!



## CAST

| CHARLIE BROWN              | lan Dolley                           |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| LUCY                       | Kelsey Sweet                         |
| SNOOPY                     | Sophia Battaglia                     |
| LINUS                      | Deontae Lepine                       |
| SCHROEDER                  | Ben Bertini                          |
| SALLY                      | Clare Mitchell                       |
| WOODSTOCK                  | Gabrijela Strobel                    |
| PEPPERMINT PATTY           | Charlotte Dugan                      |
| MARCI                      | Avenley Allen                        |
| THE LITTLE RED HAIRED GIRL | Lylah Chaffee                        |
| VIOLET                     | Audrey Labbe                         |
| FRIDA                      | Annabelle Gould                      |
| FRANKLIN                   | Jeffrey Gray                         |
| SHERMAN                    | Leo Denu                             |
| PIG PEN                    | Blake Merrow                         |
| RERUN                      | Colin Chaffee                        |
| WOODSTOCK ARMYJake         | Birch, Jolie Burtram, Lily Gennetti, |



### MUSICAL NUMBERS

#### **ACTI**

| "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE | BROWN"Company                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| "SCHROEDER"                 | Lucy                              |
| "SNOOPY"                    | Snoopy, feat. Woodstock Army      |
| "MY BLANKET AND ME"         | Linus                             |
| "THE KITE"                  | Charlie Brown                     |
| "THE DOCTOR IS IN"          | Charlie Brown, Lucy               |
| "BEETHOVEN DAY"             | Schroeder, feat. Peanuts          |
| "THE BOOK REPORT"Lucy       | , Schroeder, Charlie Brown, Linus |

#### INTERMISSION

### **ACT II**

| "MY NEW PHILOSOPHY"   | Sally, feat. Schroeder                                  |
|-----------------------|---|
| "THE BASEBALL GAME"   | Charlie Brown, feat. Company                            |
| "GLEE CLUB REHEARSAL" | Sally, Lucy, Charlie Brown, Linus,<br>Schroeder, Snoopy |
| "LITTLE KNOWN FACTS"  | Lucy, feat. Linus, Charlie Brown                        |
| "SUPPERTIME"          | Snoopy, feat. Woodstock Army                            |
| "HAPPINESS"           | Company   |

#### **CURTAIN CALL**



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Hi there! My name is <u>Avenley Allen</u> and I am so excited that you are here to see Charlie Brown! I have been involved with KCT for 6 years and I love the people so much. This cast and crew specifically has been so much fun and we have worked so hard through the challenges of COVID. Thanks to our amazing directors, we are about to put on an amazing show, thanks for coming!

Last seen as Pugsley in "The Addams Family Musical", <u>Sophia Battaglia</u> is happy to be making her debut with KCT as Snoopy! Having worked with ActorSingers in Nashua, and Port Players in Newburyport, other favorite roles include Theo in "Pippin", Flounder in "The Little Mermaid" and Chip in "Beauty and the Beast" with Acting Out! Theater.





<u>Ben Bertini</u> is in the 5th grade at Barka Elementary School. This is his 6th KCT production, and he is thrilled to be back on stage! Ben was most recently in Matilda the Musical. He loves theater, skiing, and like Schroeder, plays piano. He hopes you enjoy the show!

# BRAVO, BEN! I LOVE WATCHING YOU ON STAGE. YOU ARE A STAR! LOVE, MOM







Hi, I'm <u>Jake Birch</u> and I'm so excited to perform this show. I LOVE theater- this is my 5th KCT show and my 9th show overall. Apart from theater, I love Star Wars, Marvel, Lego and dogs. This has been a super fun show to work on. Thanks to the cast, crew and everyone who helped, and thanks to you for coming. Enjoy the show!

## WAY TO GO, JAKE. SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE, GIGI



At 10 years old <u>Jolie Burtram</u> has been lucky enough to find her passion, the stage!! She loves to sing, dance and perform.

Anywhere there are people Jolie will perform to make them smile. She's been in various performances with different theatre and dance companies, her favorites include "James and the Giant Peach", "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Sleeping Beauty". She hopes you enjoy this performance and she can't wait to see you smile!



Colin Chaffee is excited to be playing Rerun in his first theatre show! It's easy to play a little brother in the play because he is one in real life. He is a 4th grader at North Londonderry Elementary School. He likes to trade Pokémon cards and play Fortnite with his friends. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Lylah and Colin, We love seeing the two of you on stage! We're so proud of your hard work! Love, Mom and Dad



Lylah Chaffee is thrilled to be performing in this show! She is a 6th grader at LMS where she is a part of her afterschool singing and dancing program, Pop Stars. In her free time she loves to draw and doodles frequently. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Leo Denu is super excited to be in his second show with KCT, (especially since this one will be on a real stage)! Leo's first show experience was "Not Oliver!" with KCT in the summer of 2020, after the production of Oliver! succumbed to Covid. He wants to thank his family for supporting him through this process.





<u>lan Dolley</u> is 14 years old. He is an eighth grade, honor roll student from Manchester. This is lan's first performance with Kids Coop. Previously, Ian has performed in Manchester's Majestic Theatre Productions of James and the Giant Peach, Mary Poppins, Fiddler on the Roof, Into the Woods, Elf, Bye, Bye, Birdie, and The Lion King. Ian wants to thank his Mom and Dad for supporting his theater passion as well as his sister Meghan, for introducing him to the stage, and his brother Jake for all his support and encouragement. Ian is thrilled to be performing on stage again with his best friend Kelsey.

<u>Charlotte Dugan</u> is a 7th grader at WRBMS. She thinks happiness is hanging out with friends, reading a good book, and singing. She is happy to be back on stage for her 2nd show with KCT. She is so happy that you're here to see the show!





<u>Lily Gennetti</u> is very excited to join the KCT family this year with her first performance in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown! Look for her proudly marching in the Woodstock Army. Enjoy the show!

Annabelle Gould is a sixth grader at Chester Academy, who enjoys singing, dancing, and all things theatre! She also loves to play soccer and basketball. Annabelle is excited to learn more about the art of theatre and be part of many more shows! She hopes you enjoy this fun and exciting performance!



# Kids Coop T Cast of You're a Good



Friday, May 28 Saturday, May 29

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My name is <u>Jeffrey Gray</u> and I am playing Franklin! I have also been Coach Dunbar in "Getting to Know R & H's Footloose," Sleepy in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," and The Guard of the Emerald City in "The Wizard of Oz."

I am <u>Kiley Layne</u>. I am II years old and love theatre. This is my fourth play with KCT. I have been in Singing in the Rain JR, Matilda, and Frozen JR playing Young Elsa. In this play, I will be part of the Woodstock Army. I love to sing and dance especially on stage.





<u>Audrey Labbe</u> is a 7th grader at the Derryfield School. She loves to play lacrosse, sing, and spend time with friends and her dogs. Audrey is super excited to be back on stage with Kids Coop. She'll be sporting a new hairdo as Violet and hopes you enjoy the show. Thanks to the awesome directing team, producing team, and cast of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

My name is <u>Deonate Lepine</u> and I am a 6th grader at GHHMS. In my spare time I love hanging out with my friends and watching movies. I am a green belt in karate and I should be testing for a new rank soon!! This is my third show with KCT and I am proud to play the role of Linus. I want to thank my family for always allowing me to pursue my dreams and to my amazing directors and peers here at KCT.





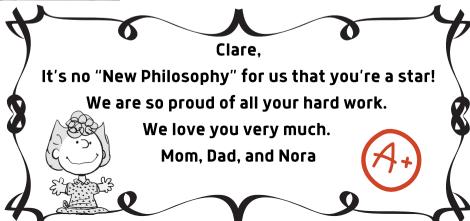
Hi, my name is <u>Sky Marzolf</u> and I am going into 6th grade. This is my 5th show with KCT and 6th overall. My favorite roles in the past include Rapunzel, Snow White, and Candy Hammernose. I like to play softball and dance, as well as sing songs from Phineas and Ferb. I also speak Ferb Latin as a second language. Hope you enjoy the show, look for me in Woodstock's Army!

<u>Blake Merrow</u> is thrilled to make his acting debut as Pig Pen in 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" with KCT. He is a 44th grader in Derry and spends his free time drawing, playing soccer and learning how to play the piano. He loves his family and friends and playing Minecraft with his little sister.





Hi! My name is <u>Clare Mitchell</u>, and I am in 6th grade at PMA in Hudson. This is my 3rd KCT show and my 15th show overall. Besides theater, I like singing, dancing, and just being creative in general. Sally Brown has been my dream role for a long time, and working with this amazing team made this experience really special. I hope you enjoy the show!





<u>Isabel Murray</u> is making her KCT debut and is very excited. She is in the 5th grade at St Francis of Assisi in Litchfield. She loves art, talking with her friends and Anime. She is looking forward to participating in future shows with KCT!

<u>Lizzie Santella</u> is a 7th grader at The Pike School in Andover, MA. This is her first KCT production. Last year, she participated in KCT's "Fly Me to the Moon" and "Reach for the Stars" summer camps! She also enjoys playing soccer and traveling with her family.





Gabrijela Strobel is a 4th grader at EDMES. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing the accordion, painting, and playing board games. Gabi has been dancing tap and ballet for 6 years, and also does jazz and lyrical. She is excited to perform for her second time with KCT and hopes you enjoy the show!

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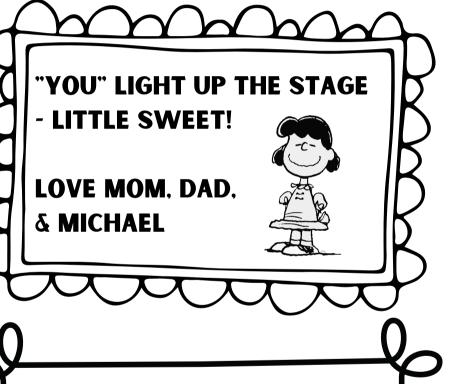


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Kelsey Sweet is a 7th grader from Londonderry. She has been performing in theatre since she was 5 years old. This is her 4th production with KCT. Some of her favorite past roles have been; Jane Banks (Mary Poppins/Majestic Theatre), Marcy Travis (School of Rock/KCT), Janie Bailey (It's a Wonderful Life/Majestic Theatre) and as an Orphan starring alongside Sally Struthers in Ogunquit Playhouse's Regional Production of Annie. She would like to thank Katie, Jesse and Danielle for this opportunity and for bringing some much needed... long overdue... "Happiness" to all of US! You will always be A Good Man...Charlie Brown!



Annabelle,

We are so excited to watch you perform! We are so proud of you and quite envious of that naturally curly hair!! ©

Love, Your biggest fans



#### APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!



<u>Charlotte</u> - Good job, sir! Love Mom, Dad, Ralph, and Marge

<u>Deontae</u>, it is such a blessing to our family to watch you evolve in your passions! You're positivity and light make this world a better place! We love you beyond measure! Love always, your crazy blended family

Great job, <u>Clare!</u> We are so proud of you! Love, your Parodi family fans

You are amazing <u>Jeffrey!</u> We love watching you perform and love you so much! Love your biggest fans: Mom, Dad, Ashley, Nana, Nonna, & Pappy

Go <u>Blake!</u> We are so proud of you and love you so much. You are our STAR! Love Mom, Dad and Aisley

Break a leg, <u>Ben!</u> We are so proud of you. Love your biggest fans: Mom, Josh, Dad, and Mary

Annabelle, You are our star! We admire your fearlessness and grace under pressure! Love, Mom, Dad, and Oliver

Kelsey ~ You are "Happiness" to US! Love Kinlee & Murphy

<u>Jake</u> - We love seeing you do what you love! Break a leg! Mom and Dad



#### APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!



Great job <u>Kiley</u>, the spunkiest Woodstock Army Soldier on stage! Love, Mom, Dad & Kaden

We are so proud of you <u>Sky!</u> Love Mom, Dad, Kali and littles

Break a leg, <u>Isabel!</u> Have a great show! We are so proud of you!

We are so proud of you, <u>Avenley!!</u> Break a leg! Love you, Mumma and Daddy

Congratulations on your first KCT show, <u>Lizzie!</u> We're proud of you! Love from your #I fans, Mom, Pop, and Eddie

Great job, <u>Clare!</u> We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Nora

Way to go, <u>Lylah</u> and <u>Colin!</u> We love you so much! Love, Mom and Dad

<u>lan</u>, we are so proud if all your hard work! Good Grief you're talented! Love, Mom, Dad, Jake and Meghan!

Way to go <u>Audrey!</u> Love you to infinity and beyond, Mom, Dad, Mitch, and the Herd

<u>Gabi</u>, I am so proud of you! Rock that accordion, little bird! Love, Mom



## APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!



Another great show, <u>Clare!</u> We love you and are so proud of you! Love, Your Mitchell family fans

<u>Sophia</u>, keep looking up... it's the secret to life! Way to go Snoopy!

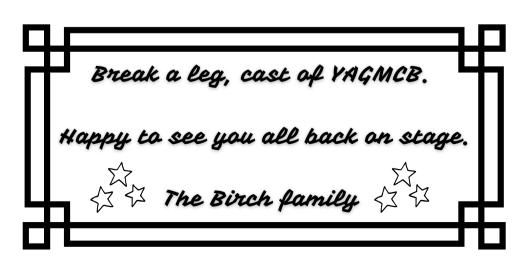
Jolie, Break a Leg! Have a great show, we are so proud of you!

<u>Lily</u>, shine bright and enjoy the show! Congratulations on a great performance!

Break a leg <u>Leo!</u> We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Lucy

Congratulations to the <u>ENTIRE CAST!</u> We are so very proud of each and every one of you. Happiness is being your directors!

Love: Katie, Jesse, and Danielle



## CONGRATULATIONS

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