Nordonia Drama

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

BASED ON THE COMIC STRIP "PEANUTS" BY
CHARLES M. SHULZ

BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS BY
CLARK GESNER

ADDITIONAL DIALOGUE BY
MICHAEL MAYER

ADDITIONAL MUSIC & LYRICS BY
ANDREW LIPPA

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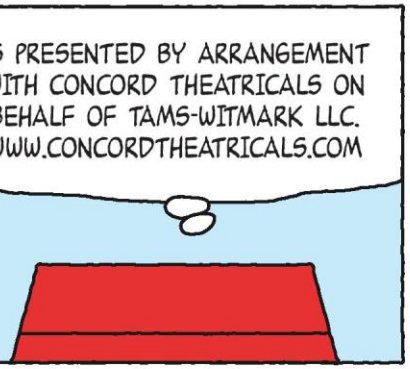

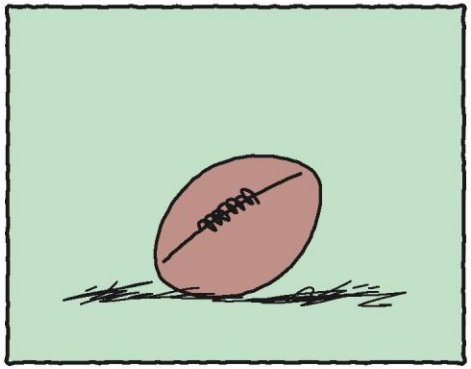

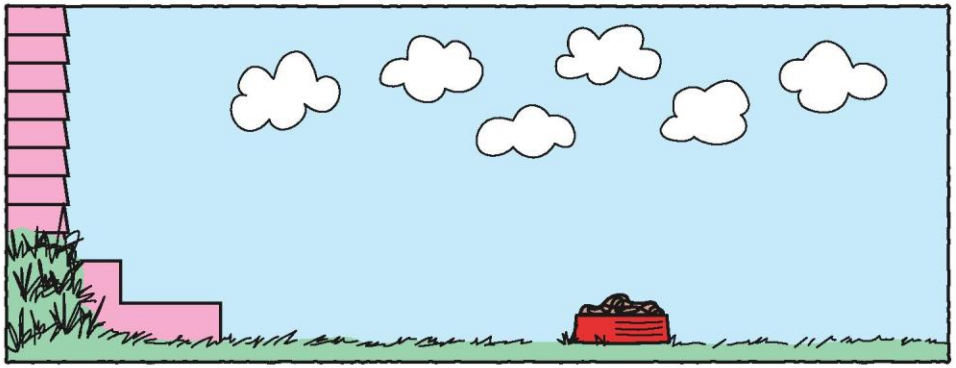

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happiness is two kinds of ice cream…
Welcome to our first production of our 2025-26 Nordonia Drama season, another year jam packed with three mainstage shows! I am so excited to be opening our season with this classic musical as *Peanuts* celebrates its 75th anniversary! Whether you think of Lucy pulling away a football, Snoopy searching for the nefarious Red Baron, or Linus waiting for the Great Pumpkin, we all have core *Peanuts* memories of these famous characters. Our hope is that our show will connect you back to these nostalgic moments.

Happiness is singing together when day is through…
Over his career, Charles Schulz created 17,897 comic strips, bonding generations of readers through his humor, wit, and heart. He expertly used his drawings to touch on big topics, inserting life lessons that are as relevant today as they were in 1950. *Peanuts* speaks a universal language, it brings people together. The iteration of these classic characters appearing on our stage will explore some of life's great questions. Through vignettes and songs, the gang plays baseball, awaits suppertime, struggles with homework and tries to work up the nerve to talk to that little red-headed girl.

Happiness is coming home again…
I have been very fortunate to be able to call Nordonia Drama my creative home for the last 25 years. I am so proud of what I have been able to bring to this stage, the people I am able to surround myself with, and most importantly, the countless students who have also found a home on the Nordonia stage. To my *Peanuts* gang, thank you. Thank you for embracing the fun, and reconnecting with your inner children (and puppy). You are one small but mighty group!

Happiness is anyone and anything at all, that's loved by you…
We have a season full of classics, from William Shakespeare's most famous star-crossed lovers, to a flying car. The creative challenges are what I love. Solving these puzzles with our talented performers, technicians and musicians is what keeps me excited to keep coming back home. There is nothing we have not conquered yet, and I look forward to what the rest of this year holds for us. As always, thank you for supporting the arts here at Nordonia.
We hope you enjoy the show!

Chris Simmons, Director of Drama

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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
Andew Lippa

Original Direction for this version of
"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" by Michael Mayer
Originally Produced in New York by
Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson

Chris Simmons
Director

Ryan Dulaney
Music Director

Rachael K Palermo
Choreographer

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.....Company
Schroeder.....Lucy
Snoopy.....Snoopy
My Blanket and Me.....Linus & Company
The Kite.....Charlie Brown
The Doctor is In.....Lucy & Charlie Brown
Beethoven Day.....Schroeder & Company
Rabbit Chasing.....Snoopy & Sally
The Book Report.....Company

THERE WILL BE ONE 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

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
Suppertime.....Snoopy
Happiness.....Company

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please silence your cell phones.

The taking of photographs or video with or without a flash is a violation of our license agreement and is strictly prohibited.

Concessions and Candy-Grams are available in the cafeteria.

Following the performance, we will be collecting donations to support **The Emergency Assistance Center**. Thank you!!

CAST

Charlie Brown.....Ryan Arieta

Snoopy.....Ezekiel Rayle

Lucy van Pelt.....Camille Laviano

Linus van Pelt.....Liam Bolling

Sally Brown.....Beatrice Babloyan

Schroeder.....Xavier Romero

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Chris Simmons

Music Director.....Ryan Dulaney

Choreographer.....Rachael K Palermo

Technical Directors.....Carlton Guc & Dylan Maholm

Dance Captain.....Ezekiel Rayle

Stage Manager.....Abigail Bendlak

Social Media.....Ezekiel Rayle & Izzy Schultz

Graphic Design.....Logan Strauss

Production Photographer.....Lexi Majoros

Production Videographer.....Chris Rayle

Costumes/Scenic Artist.....Aubrey Spinetti

Makeup & Hair.....Camille Laviano

Box Office.....Keyshaun Smith

Cast Meals.....Jen Rayle

Stage Crew/Props Manager.....Henry Burt

Tech Crew Manager.....Sophie Gentile

Production Printing.....Kimpton Printing

Stage Crew.....Isabel Bendlak, Macie Champa, Oli Okresik, Mykah Rayle, Izzy Schultz & Xavior Smith

Tech Crew.....Elizabeth Ayers, Lissa Brown, Collin Cerny, Kelsie Chachko, Elliott McDaniel, Izzy Meyer, Ash Patterson, Kassandra Repko, Nick Shure & Ava Wolfe

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Casey Wright	Jessy Archer	Amy Strauss
Eszti Pigniczky	Anthony Buckler	Jeff Fox
Cindy Simmons	Megan Gargano	Vicki Lester
Julie Kaczmarek	Julia Dulaney	Julie D'Aloiso
Eric Vasquez	Laura Bednar	Mary Kidd
Rebecca Sunday	Melissa Vanas	Dorie Zaccardelli

Jen & Chris Rayle Paul & Glenda Bolling

Mike Kelley and the NHS Custodial Staff

Dane CT Leasure, Rubber City Theatre

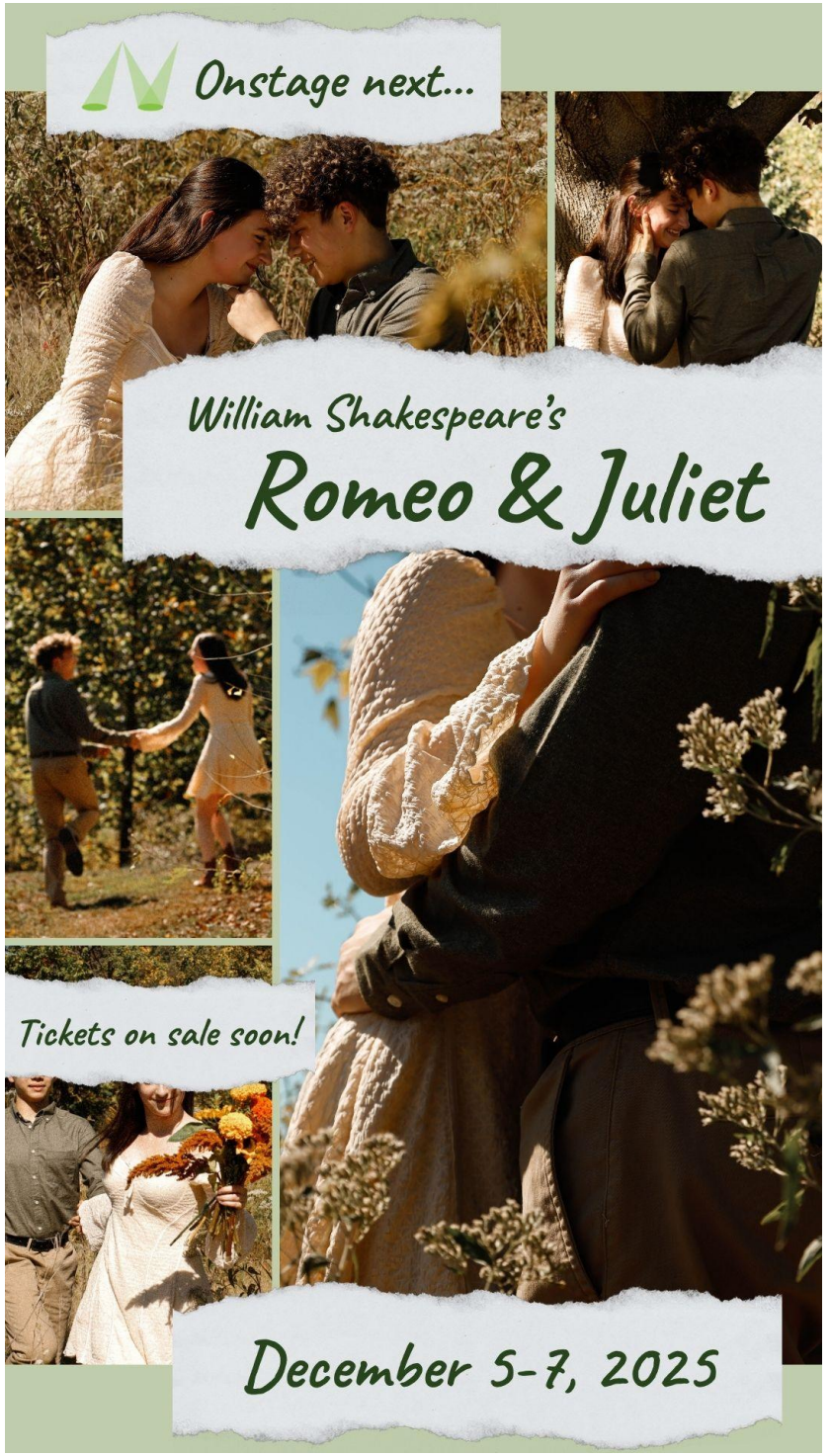
MEET THE PEANUTS GANG!!

Ryan Arieta (Charlie Brown) is in the 10th grade and this marks his first performance with Nordonia Drama! He has worked with the Dobama Emerging Actors Program and has been involved in productions of *Gypsy* and *Spongebob Jr* at Aurora Community Theatre and Hathaway Brown. He is also involved in choir and a capella, and he plays piano and sings covers for his YouTube channel. After high school, Ryan currently plans to study a music related field.

Beatrice Babloyan (Sally Brown) is a sophomore at Nordonia. She appeared onstage as the hippie ancestor in last year's *The Addams Family*, has helped with our makeup crew, and has performed in numerous productions outside of Nordonia, including: *Joseph, Matilda, Spongebob, Seussical* and *13 Jr*. Beatrice is also involved in choir and a capella. Beatrice likes cheese.

Liam Bolling (Linus van Pelt) is a sophomore appearing onstage in his fourth production at Nordonia. He has also been in: *Mamma Mia!, Little Women* and *The Addams Family* (Lurch). Liam also appeared as Pete and Steve in *Almost, Maine* at Rubber City Theatre in Akron this past summer. He is involved in Science Olympiad and plans to study something in the medical science field in college. Liam normally has longer hair, but went full method for the show!

Camille Laviano (Lucy van Pelt, Makeup & Hair) is in the twelfth grade. This is her fourth production with Nordonia Drama, following performances in: *Mamma Mia!* (Sophie), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Crystal) and *The Addams Family* (Wednesday). Camille also appeared onstage in *Almost, Maine* (Glory) at Rubber City Theatre last summer. She is Co-Makeup Manager for Drama and is also involved in choir, a capella, softball and Pep Club. She also has a camel. Following graduation next spring, Camille plans to further her education by studying Pediatric Nursing.

Ezekiel Rayle (Snoopy, Dance Captain) is a senior appearing in his eighth production on stage for Nordonia Drama. He has also worked with Rubber City Theatre in Akron on several productions. Some of his favorite roles include: *A Murder is Announced* (Inspector Craddock), *Mamma Mia!* (Sam), *Freaky Friday* (Adam), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Orin, and Everyone Else), *Little Women* (Laurie) and *The Addams Family* (Gomez). In addition to being the current President of Drama, he is also active with choir and a capella. After high school, Ezekiel plans to continue his education, studying Pharmaceutical Science. In true Snoopy fashion, he would like everyone reading this to know that they are awesome! 😳

Xavier Romero (Schroeder) is in the tenth grade making his Nordonia Drama debut. His previous theatre experience includes productions of *Elf Jr* (Walter Hobbs), *Beauty and the Beast Jr* (Beast) and *Moana Jr* (Maui). He is involved with the Young Explorers program with the Twinsburg Fire Department, and is learning to play golf. A fun fact, Xavier was belting Aerosmith and Queen before he could speak full sentences!