

A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas



by CHARLES M. SCHULZ

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES



Thank you for joining us for the live production of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Growing up, this television special was a staple in my household every holiday season, as I'm sure it was for many of you. I looked forward to it every year. It meant that the season was upon us, and it always reminded me that with unity, teamwork, and love, we can make something beautiful together.

It's been a joy to direct, and this cast and crew is so much fun to work with. A special thank you to Terri Lucas for being our music director and to the parents who have volunteered their help backstage.

We dedicate this show to Sandy Anderson. From the lights over our heads to the floor under our feet, she is in every part of this theatre and in our hearts.

Markus Baldwin



TERRI LUCAS (Accompanist & Music Director) A native Texan, Ms. Terri Lucas spent her youth in central Arkansas where she began her musical journey that eventually led her back home to Texas. Her experiences cover many genres of music including classical, opera, Broadway, choral music, jazz, country, rock and blues, southern gospel, and contemporary.

Currently, Lucas is a full-time choral music assistant and professional accompanist for Midlothian High School and is on the worship team at Eastridge Baptist Church. She spent many years as a collaborative pianist and vocal coach for Ouachita Baptist University and Dallas Baptist University. As a musician, she stays busy playing gigs across the DFW metroplex.

Ms. Lucas has played keys on several shows such as *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Sound of Music*, *Music Man*, *Cinderella*, *Godspell*, *The Wiz*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and more. Leadership roles encompass Pit Conductor, Musical Director, Director, and Producer for some of these.

Lucas is excited to be part of Ennis Public Theatre after taking time off for life changes. The Royal Players in Benton, Arkansas, various high schools, OBU, DBU, and Waxahachie Community Theatre were her theatre homes over the years. Her passion is teaching all ages good vocal technique and developing artists. She owned a private music studio for 30+ years as a piano and voice instructor.

Break a leg everyone! It's good to be back in the theatre.

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CAST

in alphabetical order

Linus.....	Ash Alamo
Freida.....	Belen Avila
Marcie.....	Frida Avila
Schroeder.....	John Avila
Pig Pen.....	Bennett Baldwin
Snoopy.....	Mae Baldwin
Lucy.....	Isabella Buckrucker
Patty.....	Ariana Coile
Charlie Brown.....	Adam Martin
Sally.....	Julie Mitchell
Rerun.....	Brandon Taylor
Violet.....	Skylyn Taylor
Shermy.....	Titan Todd
Eudora.....	Emily Marie Valdez

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PRODUCTION CREW AND STAFF

Director/Set Design.....	Markus Baldwin
Accompanist and Music Director.....	Terri Lucas
Lighting Design.....	Dakota Russell
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ASH ALAMO



BELEN AVILA



FRIDA AVILA



JOHN AVILA



BENNETT BALDWIN



MAE BALDWIN



ISABELLA BUCKRUCKER



ARIANA COILE



ADAM MARTIN



JULIE MITCHELL



BRANDON TAYLOR



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ASH ALAMO (Linus) is excited to return to EPT since appearing in *Laugh Theater* earlier this year! Some of their favorite roles have been Gary in *I Hate Hamlet*, Christmas present in *A Christmas Carol* here at EPT, Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid* at North Texas Performing Arts, Ed Carmichael in *You Can't Take It With You* at Granbury Theater Company, Bustopher Jones in *Cats* at Family Music Theater, and the ensembles for *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Pirate Queen*, *Grease*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Shrek*. They hope you enjoy the show.

BELEN AVILA (Freida) is 9 years old and enjoys singing karaoke and swimming. She is in fourth grade and attends JLCCS in Corsicana.

FRIDA AVILA (Marcie) is 5 years old and is in Kindergarten. She enjoys playing Legos and building jigsaw puzzles. This is her first play.

JOHN AVILA (Schroeder) is originally from San Marcos, Texas, but has been living in North Texas for over 20 years. He is a big supporter of the arts, and he currently serves on the board of directors for Junior Player's Guild.

BENNETT BALDWIN (Pig Pen) is a kind and joyful 7-year-old and has this to say, "I like performing, and it's just fun. I like the choreography. I've done *Frozen Jr.*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and just finished performing in *All Together Now*. I like performing with Mae (my sister)."

MAE BALDWIN (Snoopy) is a thoughtful and brave 9-year-old. She says, "I love performing. I've done *Shrek the Musical*, *The Stinky Cheese Man*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. I love performing with my brother (Bennett) and my parents (Julie and Markus)."

ISABELLA BUCKRUCKER (Lucy) Isabella's theater career has included many productions. You may have seen her perform in the Corsicana Warehouse productions of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *Wizard of Oz*. Additionally, Isabella performed with Ennis Public Theater in their production of *Disney's Frozen, Jr.* Isabella is a native of Corsicana, Texas, attending Bowie Elementary. She is an avid musician, performing piano under the tutelage of Dr. Amanda Hughes, professor of piano at Navarro College. Isabella's hobbies are horseback riding, playing ROBLOX and Minecraft, and spending time with her two cats, Patrick and Oscar, and her two dogs, Lo and Chaka.

ARIANA COILE (Patty) is 7 years old and is in second grade. She's an aspiring actor/singer/musician who has been performing in public since she was 4 in various recitals and competition, most recently winning "Best Child Singer" at the Orlando 2021 IMTA competition. You can follow her on Facebook and Instagram @arianacoile.

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ADAM MARTIN (Charlie Brown) is excited to return to the stage again with EPT and was last seen in EPT's production of *I Hate Hamlet* in 2020. A resident of Waxahachie, Adam graduated with a BFA from Texas Wesleyan University and has been fortunate to play the likes of the characters Roat from *Wait Until Dark*, Lee Harvey Oswald in *Assassins*, and Jafar in *Aladdin*. Adam would like to thank his wife Rachel, and sons Sam and Henri, for their continued love and support.

JULIE MITCHELL (Sally) is the Co-Artistic Director at Ennis Public Theatre. She loves her job, her community, and her family. It's especially fun to be onstage with her kids, Mae and Bennett, and working with her husband, Markus. Julie is proud to be a member of SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actor's Guild) She's currently directing *The Sound of Music* which runs at EPT in February 2022.

BRANDON TAYLOR (Rerun) is 8 years old. He likes animals, Minecraft, and math subjects. Currently in third grade at Bowie Elementary School, this is his first time doing a play, and he loves it. He is able to meet new people that are very nice and talented.

SKYLYN TAYLOR (Violet) is 7 years old and loves art. She enjoys drawing, painting, dancing and watching TV in her free time. This is her first time to do theatre, and she's excited for *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

TITAN TODD (Shermy) is 7 years old and in the second grade. This is his first performance in a theatre setting, and he has had the dream of doing so since he was 4. Titan's interests include drawing and playing sports. He is very excited to be a part of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*!

EMILY MARIE VALDEZ (Eudora) loves to sing and dance onstage at Ennis Public Theatre. She also loves listening to music and working at Walgreens, as well as watching movies and spending time with her family. She has previously appeared in *Young Frankenstein* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*.

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