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A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas



by CHARLES M. SCHULZ
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Stage Adaptation by ERIC SCHAEFFER
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The classic animated television special *A Charlie Brown Christmas* comes to life in this faithful stage adaptation in which Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the Peanuts gang discover the true meaning of Christmas.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: **Mark Mannisto**

Stage Manager: **Trista Smith**

Vocal Director: **K.C. Rautiainen**

Choreographer: **Cass Allen**

Audio Operation: **Sean Perras**

Costumes: **Sharlene Kuhn + Kathleen Marie Foster**

+ Karen Schute + Jackie Prieur

Set Design: **Mark Mannisto**

Set Construction: **Brian + Stephanie Armstrong**

Set Painting: **Lindsay Dainton + Tara Hawkes**

Props Master: **Macey Veldman**

Spot Operators: **Mark Mannisto + Tara Hawkes**

Program Editor: **Tanya Saari**

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MARK MANNISTO

Director

Season Greetings to all of our wonderful audience members!

This is the first family-friendly musical production that Sudbury Performance Group has tackled. It has been a fun event and, personally, has reinvigorated the Christmas Spirit in this old Scrooge!

For many of the parents in the audience, we all grew up watching (and loving) Charlie Brown, Linus, and the rest of the Peanuts gang. Now, we all have a chance to pass the magic moments of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* onto all the little ones who are more interested in their Nintendo Switch, Pokémon, and everything else that I just don't understand.

We've got a lot planned for the remainder of this season (comedy nights galore, two more mainstage musicals, concerts, and a dinner theatre). On top of that, we will be announcing a VERY large 2023/24 season soon. We would like to have each and every one of you as a part of the SPG family. Please volunteer. Please buy a ticket. Please spread the word.

I'm always around during the shows. Flag me down. Tell me your thoughts. Let me know how you would like to be involved. Without all of you, young and old, we would not be where we are. You make us complete!

Also, for the Big Man who is watching from the North Pole, for Christmas, I would like a pair of Blue Jays tickets for next summer...

Merry Christmas!

Mark

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K.C. RAUTIAINEN

Vocal Director

K.C. is 17 months into her retirement from her job as a nurse, and has been travelling around Africa. After much thought and consideration, K.C. has decided to retire from vocal directing, as well. Time will tell whether this is a short, long, or permanent retirement, but at least for now, this will be her last show. K.C. would like to thank the *Charlie Brown* production team for their tireless work behind the scenes. She sends out huge hugs and gratitude to this small, but mighty, cast. She has much love and a special place in her heart for Sean, Amy, and her SBM. Next up for K.C. will be continuing her world travels. Asia, see you in February! This year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for a world that treats all animals with love, respect, and compassion! *Böle!*



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CASSANDRA ALLEN

Choreographer

This is Cassandra's second show with SPG (*All Together Now!*, 2021), and she is very excited to be part of the crew that gets to make the magic happen from behind the scenes! Cassandra has 13+ years of dance experience, on top of having been the choreographer for two shows, and having been a dance teacher for three years. Cassandra is so grateful to have been able to be a part of such a wonderful production! This year, she is asking Santa for a vacation. :)



TRISTA SMITH

Stage Manager

This is Trista's first production with Sudbury Performance Group, and first time stage managing a production. Trista has previously volunteered with SPG in other capacities, such as during Comedy Night events and Porketta Bingo. She has had a wonderful time working with the cast and crew of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and would like to thank them for welcoming her as part of the SPG family. She would like to congratulate everyone on all their hard work. This year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for a vacation.

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STEVE MAGUIRE

Charlie Brown

This is Steve's third show with Sudbury Performance Group, but not his third in Sudbury. You may have seen him as Johnny, in *Frankie And Johnny in The Claire de Lune*, the Wizard of Oz, in *The Wizard of Oz*, or, most recently, as Gabe, in *Things My Mother Taught Me*. Prior to moving to Sudbury, he had been in eight other shows, including *The Rocky Horror Show* as Dr. Scott, and *Inherit the Wind*, as Bert Cates. After a pandemic-enforced, two-year break from acting, getting back into it has been like falling off a bicycle, or something. This year, for Christmas, he is asking Santa for a bright-yellow sweater, with a zigzag pattern.



LINDSAY DAINTON

Snoopy

Lindsay has appeared in several theatre productions. You may have seen her in *The Rocky Horror Show*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *RENT*, *Chicago*, or *Sister Act*, to name just a few. She has also choreographed many productions in the theatre community. Dance is a passion of Lindsay's, and she loves to share her creativity with others. She is also Sudbury's provincial gymnastics choreographer, and the winner of several awards for her choreography. Laugh and enjoy the show! This year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for...FILL IN THE BLANK. "To live is to dance...to dance is to live." - Charles Schulz.

KRISTIN HALL

Lucy

Kristin is so happy to be in her third SPG production! Not only is she in a show she's loved since childhood, but she gets to share the stage with her daughter, Sophie. Thank you to Matt for his love and patience, and to the girls for their friendship and constant support. For Christmas, Kristin isn't asking Santa for a thing, because with all the wonderful people in her life, she already has everything she could ever want. Enjoy the show!



KALEM MAHAFFY

Pig-Pen

Kalem is no stranger to theatre! In the past three years with SPG, she has acted, choreographed, directed, and recently started marketing on Social Media for the group. Kalem starred in her grade 12 show, *Antigone*, at Lo-Ellen, where she additionally did costume design. She is in her first year of Media Communications at Cambrian College, but hopes to continue with entrepreneurship in the future. This year, Kalem is asking Santa for more spare time!



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JACK JONES

Linus

This is Jack's first production with SPG. Recently, he appeared as Jonas in *Antigone* at Lo-Ellen. Jack is currently in his first year of university, but he's put special time aside to take to the stage and please the audience with *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

This proves that Jack's career shall not be defenestrated, as he will go on to be the greatest blanket audiences have ever witnessed. This year, he is asking Santa for pantaloons.



THE PEANUTS GANG!

Artwork by Kalem Mahaffy (Yep! Our Pig-Pen is an artist!)



BRENT SMITH Schroeder

This is Brent's fifth production with Sudbury Performance Group, and the first time he is hitting the stage in a long time. Normally found backstage (in his element), he decided to shake things up after a long and boring pandemic. This will mark the first time he's been on stage in six years, and the first time he hits the stage with his daughters, Abby and Riley, and his wife, Trista! This, year for Christmas, Brent would like his rent paid for a year.



REBECCA LECOUR Frieda/Violet

Rebecca is thrilled to be performing for the first time in an SPG production! She is grateful to have had the opportunity to have worked with such an amazing cast and crew, and hopes to be involved in future theatre productions. This year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for a T.A.R.D.I.S.

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ANGEL MANNISTO

Sally

Angel is so excited to be a part of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Christmas, after all, is her favourite time of year, and performing with her theatre family is her favourite thing to do! It's the best of both worlds! Angel recently directed the November dinner theatre, *Things My Mother Taught Me*, and will be performing in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* in January, as well as the April dinner theatre, *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*! Angel would like to thank the cast and crew for the Christmas and rehearsal fun, as well as the audience, for always showing up so she can do one of her most favourite things! For Christmas, Angel is asking Santa for a pair of comfy pjs and slippers to relax and watch Netflix in on her down time!



CHEYANNE MONK

Peppermint Patty

Cheyanne comes from a long background of performing, starting in 1996 at the Cobalt Classic Theatre. She studied theatre at the University of Windsor, then moved to Sudbury in 2012, where she has been performing ever since. She is excited to help bring to life a holiday classic that has always been one of her favourites. This is her favourite time of year, and this year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for a vacation!





SANTA CLAUS

Ho! Ho! Ho! Sudbury! Thanks for the great parade you recently had for me! You always have such great parades, and I always love coming here to take part in them. I just wanted to take a moment to talk to you about my good friend, Thomas Stewart, who has a small part in Sudbury Performance Group's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Thomas has been a member of the SPG family for several years, and has been in a number of their productions.

Come out and support not only Thomas, but all the other wonderful people in this production. I am sure Thomas will appreciate seeing you! Have a great holiday season, and remember, I will be watching! Ho! Ho! Ho!

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

SOPHIE HALL

Sophie is so excited to be part of SPG's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*! This will be Sophie's second performance with SPG, as she performed in SPG's summer camp musical, *Heroes and Villains*, earlier this year. This is a very exciting experience for Sophie, and she is very happy to get to be on stage with her mom! She would like to thank her family for always supporting her. For Christmas, Sophie is asking Santa for a Holly Jolly Reindeer stuffy. She hopes you enjoy the show!



ARIA

This is Aria's first time performing with Sudbury Performance Group! She loves to wear her festive outfits to rehearsals and hopes you enjoy the show! Make sure you sing with us!



ABBY SMITH

This is Abby's first production with Sudbury Performance Group, and second time gracing the stage. Her first production was *Madagascar: a Musical Adventure*, with The Biggest Little Theatre Company in Sudbury. She is a grade five student at école St-Joseph. She likes to play video games, listen to music, ride her scooter, and play the drums. This year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for modelling clay.



RILEY SMITH

This is Riley's first production with Sudbury Performance Group, and second time gracing the stage. Her first production was *Madagascar: a Musical Adventure*, with The Biggest Little Theatre Company in Sudbury. She is a grade two student at école St-Joseph. She likes to play video games, do arts and crafts, and play with friends. This year, for Christmas, she is asking Santa for makeup.



KAIZLEE

Kaizlee is a grade eight student. She enjoys reading, writing, and watching various movies and TV shows from the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and is currently fangirling *Hamilton*. Kaizlee has taken part in other performances with Lock and Keynote, including *Footloose*, and *Bye-Bye Birdie*. This year, for Christmas, Kaizlee is asking Santa for new headphones.





ETHAN AUBREY

Ethan is 12 years old, and is in grade seven at Bishop Alexander. He began his acting 'career' last summer, when he played The Grinch in SPG's Youth Camp production. In Ethan's spare time, he likes to make his own videos and animations. For Christmas, this year, he is asking for Peace in Ukraine, and the rest of the world.

EMI PERALTA CASTILLO

Emi is from Chile. In August, 2021, she arrived in Canada for first time. She played in *Madagascar: a Musical Adventure* six months ago. Now, she is very excited for Sudbury Performance Group's holiday production. She is a grade seven student at Macleod. Emi loves arts, especially music. She has a YouTube channel—"Emi Peralta Castillo"—that includes several music videos, where she sings and plays different instruments. Emi hopes you enjoy this performance, and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. For Christmas this year, she is asking Santa to give everyone a fantastic year!



TIFFANY MCARTHUR

Tiffany is 6 years old and in grade 1. Right from her first days, she showed a passion and love for art and music, performing with her Barbie guitar for her family. Dancing and singing on stage at Blues for Food, Poutinefest, and River and Sky, you can't keep Tiff off of the stage. Her passion for animals is why she wants to be a veterinarian one day. Dogs are her favourite animal. Tiffany asked Santa for a Magic Mixie for Christmas this year!





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