

Menlo Middle School Quad 50 Valparaiso Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027 February 2021

Menlo School Middle School 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

February 2021

Valentine's Day Weekend

Menlo Middle School Quad

Livestream performance at menloschool.org/livestream

Music Director Rick Reynolds

Technical Director Andy Hayes

Assistant Director Zoya Prabhakar

> Director Rob Lewis

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act 1

Opening Sally, Lucy, Snoopy, Schroeder,

Linus, Charlie Brown,

and Ensemble

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown Ensemble

Schroeder Lucy with Schroeder

Snoopy Snoopy and Woodstock

My Blanket And Me Linus and Ensemble

The Kite Charlie Brown

The Doctor Is InLucy and Charlie BrownBeethoven DaySchroeder and EnsembleRabbit ChasingSally, Snoopy, Woodstock

The Book Report Ensemble

Act 2

The Red Baron Snoopy

My New Philosophy Sally and Schroeder

The Baseball Game Ensemble Glee Club Rehearsal Ensemble

Little Known FactsLucy, Linus, Charlie BrownSuppertimeSnoopy and Woodstock

Happiness Ensemble
Bows Full Company

There will be a ten minute intermission between acts.

CAST & CREW

Alphabetical order by role

Performer	S
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Charlie Brown	Clifford Palmer
Franklin	Sage Brandon
Linus Van Pelt	Ben Levin
Little Red Headed Girl	Ilsa Hanson
Lucy Van Pelt	Alexa Muchnick
Marcie	Lilla Halasz
Miss Othmar & Frieda	Zoya Prabhakar
Peppermint Patty	Isla Pineda
Sally Brown	Sonia Dholakia
Schroeder	Timothy Harrick
Snoopy	Ally Kiang
Violet	Mila Pineda
Woodstock	Fernanda Aguilar
Crew	

Assistant Director	Zoya Prabhakar
Crew Member	Cindy Cruz
Crew Member	Avery Fenton
Crew Member	Jara Garcia
Crew Member	Sachin Sandhu
Sound Engineer	Julia Dickerson
Sound Design	Rob Wolbach
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Note on Casting

Casting philosophies are founded on principles of equity and inclusion. All roles are open to all students; every role welcomes all races, genders, orientations, abilities and intersectionalities. All auditioners have the ability to select the roles that they resonate with and could thrive in.

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Cindy Cruz

Sonia Dholakia







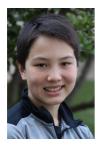


Avery Fenton

Jara Garcia

Lilla Halasz

Ilsa Hanson









Timothy Harrick

Ally Kiang

Levin

Muchnick

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Clifford Palmer



Isla Pineda



Mila Pineda



Zoya Prabhakar



Sachin Sandhu

PRODUCTION NOTE

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown is about friendship, kindness and community. It shows that there is strength in solidarity and how important it is to uphold our values including Habits of Heart & Mind. We thank everyone in our community who have offered many hands to make this show possible. The sound of applause is to celebrate our students, families, faculty and staff who through a little hope, care and grit can bring a meaningful, heartwarming experience to the world around us.

A special thank you to Rick Reynolds who moved mountains and made miracles as our fearless music director.

CAST & CREW BIOGRAPHIES

Fernanda Aguilar (*Woodstock*) is in 6th grade and loves singing and acting. Previous performances include a school musical with Trinity School. She enjoys playing soccer, roblox, and spending time with her friends, family, and her dog. Fernanda would like to thank her parents for supporting her every step of the way, her siblings for making her laugh, and her friends for encouraging her to try new things like this musical.

Sage Brandon (*Franklin*) is in 6th grade and is excited to make his Menlo Middle School Drama debut! Originally from Southern California, Sage has been blessed with roles in short films, commercials, and theatre productions including Ross in *The Kite*, Baloo in *The Jungle Book*, and Changa in *Dunia Time Travelers*. Outside of acting, Sage loves to read books, write stories, play basketball, golf, debate, and be with friends. Sage thanks his parents, sister, grandparents, friends, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Reynolds, Cynthia, and Sandy for their encouragement and support.

Cindy Cruz (*Crew*) is in 7th grade. She loves baking and reading. At Menlo, she helped with lighting in *Elf* and also worked on crew for *Clue*. She hopes to be part of the cast one day. She enjoys hanging out with friends, watching anime, and drawing. She loves watching the school plays and helping out. Cindy thanks her parents and friends for supporting her, Charlie for always being there for her, and Mr. Lewis for welcoming her to the crew.

Sonia Dholakia (*Sally*) is in 8th grade and is so excited to be in her 5th production at Menlo! She has also been in productions at Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory, including *Annie* and a revised version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In addition to theatre, she enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and reading. Sonia would like to express her gratitude to Rick Reynolds for helping the entire cast learn their music and to Mr. Lewis for working tirelessly to make this production possible.

Avery Fenton (*Crew*) is in 6th grade and is so excited to be a part of this year's production of *Charlie Brown*. Past performances include school productions with South Hillsborough Elementary. She also enjoys playing soccer and tennis. Avery would like to thank her parents for their support.

Jara Garcia (*Crew*) is in 7th grade and is excited to be working as backstage crew this year! After partaking in last year's crew, she decided that he'd partake in this one as well! In her spare time they like to do things such as writing, listening to music, drawing, and playing video games. He would like to thank her friends for supporting them when they needed it the most, and Mr. Lewis for working hard to make this show possible!

Lilla Halasz (*Marcie*) is in 7th grade and is delighted to be a part of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. After participating in casual theatre camps and sing-alongs, she's excited to debut on the stage here at Menlo. Last year, she worked on the tech crew as a spotlighter for Menlo's production of *Elf*! As well as acting, Lilla loves baking and reading. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her, her friend Ally for always being there for her, and Rob Lewis for being a great director and mentor.

Ilsa Hanson (*Little Red Haired Girl*) is in 6th grade. She was in many plays at her old school with Peninsula Youth Theatre. Her roles include Alice in *Alice In Wonderland*, Wendy in *Peter Pan*, and more. This past summer she was in the ensemble of *The Magic Flute* performed by children for the SF Opera Guild. She enjoys singing with her choir iSing, board games, and time with friends. Ilsa would like to thank her family for introducing her to the world of theater and music.

Timothy Harrick (*Schroeder*) is in 6th grade. At Oak Knoll elementary school he performed in *Mary Poppins Jr.* as the role of George Banks and in *Seussical the Musical* as Horton the Elephant. He enjoys playing board games with his family, singing, and playing baseball. He would like to say thank you to his parents and brother, as well as Mr. Lewis and Mr. Reynolds for allowing him this great opportunity.

Ally Kiang (Snoopy) is in the 7th grade and is thrilled to be in Menlo's production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Her past performances include ensemble roles in Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Pinocchio, Annie, and Matilda; she was The Young Ugly Duckling in Honk at Pied Piper Players Community Theater; and she performed in Elf and Clue at Menlo. She enjoys animation, rowing, juggling, and more. She would like to thank her family and her vocal coach, Jad Bernardo, for all their help and support.

Ben Levin (*Linus*) is an 8th grader who has enjoyed performing in all of the Menlo Middle School productions. Some of his favorite roles have included Michael in *Peter Pan* and Michael Hobbs in *Elf.* He likes hiking, kayaking, tennis, playing the piano and guitar. Ben would like to thank his parents, Corrie, and voice teacher (Robert Hinkson) for assisting him in preparing for the show. He'd also like to give a big thanks to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Lewis.

Alexa Muchnick (*Lucy*) is in 8th grade and is so excited to be a part of this production! Previous performances include Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz*, Shirley in *Disaster*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid*, and Violet Beauregarde in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She also enjoys tap dance and flying trapeze. She would like to thank Mr. Lewis for this opportunity and the countless hours he has put into making this show possible, Mr. Reynolds for helping with vocals, among many others for making this production possible! Enjoy the show!

Clifford Palmer (*Charlie Brown*) is an 8th grader. Before this show, Clifford performed in multiple Menlo School shows including *Peter Pan, Elf the Musical,* and *Clue,* as well as several musicals at Ohlone Elementary School, such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. Outside of theater, he enjoys playing the violin, singing, running, and robotics. Clifford would like to thank Mr. Lewis and Mr. Reynolds, as well as his voice teacher, Robert Hinkson.

Isla Pineda (*Peppermint Patty*) is in 8th grade and is delighted to be performing in her 4th show at Menlo. Previous performances include *Peter Pan, Elf,* and *Clue,* and with the Starstruck Theatre she has

performed in *Winnie the Pooh* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She also enjoys playing the violin, dancing, and spending time with her family. Isla would like to thank her parents for always pushing her to do her best and her director, Mr. Rob Lewis.

Mila Pineda (*Violet*) is in 6th grade and is so excited to be in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*! Previous performances include a ladybug in *Winnie the Pooh*, and an Oompa Loompa in *Willie Wonka* with Starstruck Theatre. She also was in two school nativity plays where she played a sheep and a shepherd. She enjoys dancing, playing music, and reading. Mila would like to thank her family for always being there for her and supporting her.

Zoya Prabhakar (*Miss Othmar, Frieda*) is in 6th grade. She is thrilled to be part of the Middle School musical. She has been acting at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre with roles in productions like *Hansel and Gretel, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Honk*. Zoya enjoys reading, writing, walking her dog, and spending time with family and friends. She thanks everyone for contributing to make the musical possible, as well as her family, cousin, and voice coach who always support her.

Sachin Sandhu (*Crew*) has been participating in plays since he was in kindergarten both in crew and playing roles. He also enjoys coding and playing sports. Sachin wants to thank his family and friends who got him to where he is.

UPCOMING EVENTS

US Winter Play	March 20
US/MS Dance Concert	March 25 - 28
US Instrumental Concert	March 31
US Choral Concert	April 15
US Photo Exhibit Opening	April 22
US Musical	April 30 - May 2
MS Spring Concert	May 6
Film Festival	
MS Spring Play	May 21-23

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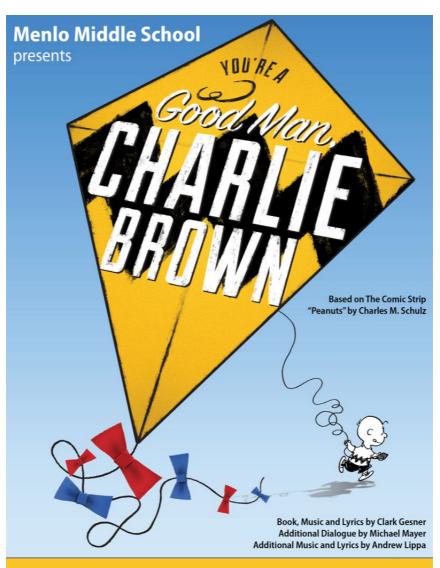
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