

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS AUDITION NOTICE

ZACH Theatre is seeking actors of all ethnicities and gender identities for our upcoming production of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. In-person auditions will be held on **Tuesday**, **July 8 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm** at the Nowlin Rehearsal Studio at 1426 Toomey Road.

SHOW SYNOPSIS:

The beloved holiday classic comes to life on stage! A Charlie Brown Christmas follows Charlie Brown as he searches for the true meaning of Christmas, with a little help from Snoopy, Linus, and the whole Peanuts gang.

PERSONNEL:

Written by Charles M. Schulz | Stage Adaptation by Eric Schaeffer with Special Arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson

Director: Nat Miller | Choreographer: TBD | Casting Associate: Jenny Lavery

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

Rehearsals are Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm from October 14 - October 26th, 2025. Tech is October 28th - November 1st from 9am -5pm. Performances for schools and families will begin on November 5th, 2025 and take place Tuesdays through Sundays weekly with the final performance on December 28th, 2025. Weekend performances will be at 11 am and 2:30pm. Weekday performances will be at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Actors should only audition if they will have daytime availability in September - November of 2025.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

We are seeking non-AEA actors of all ethnicities, ages, and gender identities.

- Fill out an audition form HERE
- Sign up for a time slot **HERE**
- Please prepare 16-32 bars of an up-tempo musical theater or pop song in the style of the show.
 - Please bring marked sheet music for the accompanist.
 - Please bring your book with you to the audition, in case the casting team wants to hear an additional song.
 - o There will be an accompanist.

Submission Deadline: July 7th, 2025 5:00pm CST.

ROLE TO BE CAST:

CHARLIE BROWN: Male-identifying; Depicted as a "lovable loser," Charlie Brown is characterized as a person who frequently suffers, and as a result is usually nervous and lacks self-confidence. He shows both pessimistic and optimistic attitudes: on some days, he is reluctant to go out because his day might just be spoiled, but on others, he hopes



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for the best and tries as much as he can to accomplish things. This role will be played by an adult actor.

LUCY: Female-identifying; Linus' older sister. Lucy is characterized as a "fussbudget", crabby, bossy and opinionated girl who bullies most other characters in the strip, particularly Linus and Charlie Brown. This role will be played by an adult actor.

LINUS: Male-identifying; Charlie Brown's blanket-toting best friend, Lucy's little brother, and Sally's love interest. Though young and insecure, Linus is very intelligent and very wise. He acts as the group's philosopher and theologian. Linus is sympathetic towards Charlie Brown, and often gives him advice after listening to Charlie Brown's various insecurities. This role could be played by an adult actor or youth actor.

SALLY / VIOLET / PATTY / FRIEDA: Female-identifying; These 4 characters are played by the same actor. This role could be played by an adult actor or youth actor.

- **Sally**: The youngest of the group, with a very young sounding voice. Charlie Brown's spunky and reactive little sister who has a crush on Linus.
- **Violet:** A jealous girl who likes bragging and, along with her friends, often teases and torments Charlie Brown.
- **Patty:** Not to be confused with Peppermint Patty, Patty is a girl who thinks highly of herself, and because of her self-opinion, she often torments Charlie Brown.
- Frieda: She is a total diva who brags about her "naturally curly hair".

SCHRODER / SHERMY: Male-identifying; These 2 characters are played by the same actor. This role will be played by an adult actor. Ideally, this actor plays the piano.

- **Schroder:** A talented musician, who is obsessed with the music of Beethoven. He is Lucy's love interest and Charlie Brown's second-best friend after Linus.
- **Shermy:** A very-dry humored friend of Charlie Brown who complains he always gets cast as a shepherd in the play.

PIGPEN: Male-identifying; He is known for attracting dust, making him filthy but with a good heart. This role could be played by an adult actor or youth actor.

SNOOPY: Any-Gender; Charlie Brown's pet beagle. Snoopy is loyal, innocent, imaginative and good-natured. Snoopy is known for his "happy dance" and his numerous alter-egos. Snoopy is a non-speaking role. Looking for a physically adventurous actor with strong movement and dance ability. This role will be played by an adult actor.

We are also looking for Non-AEA Understudies for this production.