

Freeport High School Theatre Dept. presents ***You're a Good Man Charlie Brown***

Performances: May 6, 7, and 8 at Krape Park Band Shell

Times: Thursday and Friday at 5 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m.

Freeport High School Theatre Department is proud to present the delightful musical ***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*** at the Krape Park Band Shell Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, at 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Director Tim Connors says, "The cast and crew are thrilled to perform again after so many months without any performances. This family-friendly show is the perfect way to enjoy a live performance. If you like the comic strip "Peanuts," then you will love this musical."

Good ol' Charlie Brown struggles to fly a kite and tries to win "The Baseball Game" while being distracted by the little red-headed girl. Snoopy celebrates "Supper Time" by dancing on his doghouse. Lucy teaches Linus some "Little Known Facts" and sings to Schroeder while he's playing Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." The characters chime in with their views of a childhood classic in "The Book Report," and everybody comes together when they muse about their personal definitions of "Happiness." Patty, Woodstock, Marci, and Violet join in this optimistic celebration of the "Peanuts" gang.

Noah Redmore (Jr.) portrays the lovable loser, Charlie Brown. Brooke Parkinson (Sr.) plays Snoopy. Kymaira Dixon (Sr.) is Lucy van Pelt, and Logan Tessendorf (Sr.) carries a blanket to play her little brother, Linus. Graham Atz (Sr.) performs as Schroeder, and Lindsey Mellancon (Jr.) plays Patty. Haley Thies (Jr.) flies in as Woodstock, Iyana Jackson (Jr.) portrays Violet, and Hope Hotchkiss (Soph.) plays Marci. These students have diligently been wearing masks and social distancing during every rehearsal.

Tim Connors directs the musical. Robert Winter is Technical Director, Derek Simons is Vocal Director, Sarah Long is Choreographer, Katie Enright is Costumer. Instrumentalists are Christina Parkinson, Katelin Parkinson, Zack Parkinson, and Becky Connors. Brian Nissen is the Sound Engineer, and Justin Pasch is the Properties Coordinator. After missing the spring play and fall musical in 2020, all of these adults now appreciate the joy of theatre even more than they did before the pandemic. They are eager to transfer the "Peanuts" gang from the rehearsal stage to the Krape Park Band Shell. Tim Connors notes, "The Freeport Park District has been helpful and generous throughout this process. We are so grateful to have this magnificent outdoor venue."

Connors knows a little something about this show. He played Snoopy when his wife, Becky, directed ***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*** and the sequel called ***Snoopy!!*** at Winneshiek Playhouse several years ago. He has also directed both shows at Freeport High School during his 31 years as head of the FHS theatre department. He explains, "The 'Peanuts' characters will give us all a much needed opportunity to smile and enjoy."

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Due to COVID restrictions, audience members will need to wear masks and maintain social distancing in the Krape Park Band Shell. Seating will be limited in the benches. Tickets are \$6 each, and you may order your tickets by calling 815-232-0428 during business hours. The students and adults are thrilled to be putting on a show, and they all hope that people will follow the COVID

protocols and keep us all safe. For more information, contact tim.connors@fsd145.org or becky.connors@fsd145.org.

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