

# Taproot Theatre announces *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in the Isaac Studio Theatre

Opening December 1, 2023

**OPENING DECEMBER 1, 2023 7:30PM –** Runs November 30 – December 23, 2023 • 11 AM; 1:30 PM; 4 PM 7 PM, depending on the day

**SEATTLE, WA** – October 11, 2023 – Taproot Theatre is excited to present *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in its Isaac Studio Theatre for the first time since 2018, alongside its Jewell Mainstage production of *Georgiana & Kitty: Christmas at Pemberley. A Charlie Brown Christmas* is by Charles M. Schulz, based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson, with stage adaptation by Eric Schaeffer, by special arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson. Directed by Jes Spencer, it opens December 1 and runs through December 23, 2023.

The all-ages holiday tradition is back! Charlie Brown is depressed by the never-ending commercialism surrounding the holidays. Thankfully, Linus is there to help him find the true meaning of Christmas in this musical adaptation of the cartoon classic.

Jes Spencer directs Alegra Batara, Kooper Campbell, Keola Holt, Alexander Killian, Chloe Newton, Karin Terry, Justin Tran, and Brad Walker.

Tickets to *A Charlie Brown Christmas* are available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM), or in person at 204 N 85<sup>th</sup> St. Ticket prices are as follows: Early bird pricing is for December 1-15, with tickets ranging from \$17-\$28 (\$7 tickets available for a lap child, 2 and under). Premium pricing is for December 16-23, and tickets range from \$23-\$32 (\$10 for lap child). Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting taproottheatre.org/group-sales.

### SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE

**Pay What You Can (PWYC):** November 30 at 7 PM; \$10 tickets available now, and pay-what-you-can pricing in-person starting at 5 PM day of show.

Cosplay Night: December 7 at 7 PM; wear your Charlie Brown-inspired finest!

**Sensory Friendly Performance:** December 8 at 7 PM; Sensory-Friendly Performance is modified to accommodate the audience:

- Increased lighting in the seating area and house throughout the performance.
- Lower sound levels
- Smaller audience (lowered seating capacities) to allow for more space and movement between patrons
- Use of tablets, smart phones and other electronic devices can be used with headphones during the performance
- Options to bring in and use special seating devices as needed
- Fidget toys welcome.

### A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS FACT SHEET

**WHAT:** Taproot Theatre Company presents *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles M. Schulz, based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson, with stage adaptation by Eric Schaeffer, by special arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson. The all-ages holiday tradition is back! Charlie Brown is depressed by the never-ending commercialism surrounding the holidays. Thankfully, Linus is there to help him find the true meaning of Christmas in this musical adaptation of the cartoon classic.

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Dates to note:

PWYC Preview: November 30, 7 PM Opening Night: December 1, 7 PM Cosplay Night: December 7, 7 PM

Sensory Friendly Performance: December 8, 7 PM

WHERE: Taproot Theatre Company's Isaac Studio Theatre, 212 N 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103

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# **AGE RECOMMENDATION:** All ages

## CAST:

Charlie Brown Brad Walker Snoopy Keola Holt

Linus Kooper Campbell

Schroeder Justin Tran
Pig Pen Alexander Killian
Lucy Karin Terry
Sally Alegra Batara

Frieda

Chloe Newton

# **UNDERSTUDIES:**

Coming soon

**PHOTOS:** Press photos will soon be available online at <a href="https://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/">https://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/</a> (Isaac Studio Theatre → *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (link not to be published)

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**Taproot Theatre Company** is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Jewell Mainstage Productions, Isaac Studio Theatre Productions, Touring Productions and the Acting Studio. Taproot Theatre Company tells stories of hope, serving the Pacific Northwest through live theatre and educational programs. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association (PNA).

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