



Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre

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[Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre presents *THE BLOCKHEAD REP* February 15-24 at Stoner Theater](#)

DES MOINES- This February, Des Moines audiences have the opportunity to revisit their old friends in two completely different productions with Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre's *BLOCKHEAD REP* at the Stoner Theater. *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead* alternate performances February 15-24.

Experience Charles Schulz's beloved comic "Peanuts" in the classic musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Audiences will relive some of the most memorable and cherished moments as Charlie Brown searches for what it means to be a good person, finding unexpected answers from his friends Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Sally and Snoopy. Visit with the gang as they discover how happiness in life is made up of all the little moments we take for granted—from flying a kite, to the baseball season, to finally kicking that football. This family friendly musical performs Fridays at 7:30 PM and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 PM.

In Bert V. Royal's dark high school comedy, *Dog Sees God: Confessions of Teenage Blockhead*, audiences are introduced to C.B. When his dog dies from rabies, C.B. begins to question the existence of an afterlife. His best friend is too burnt out to provide any coherent speculation; his sister has gone goth (this week, at least); his ex-girlfriend has been institutionalized; and his other friends are too inebriated to give any sort of solace. But a chance meeting with an artistic kid, the target of the group's bullying, offers C.B. a peace of mind and sets in motion a friendship that will push teen angst to the limits. Drug use, suicide, sexual identity and religion collide and careen toward an ending that's both haunting and hopeful. This production contains strong language and adult themes and is not recommended for children under the age of 13.

Dog Sees God has not been authorized or approved in any manner by the Charles M. Schulz Estate or United Features Syndicate, which have no responsibility for its content.

[For high-resolution photos & additional information on *Charlie Brown*, click here.](#)
[For high-resolution photos & additional information on *Dog Sees God*, click here.](#)

The cast of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* includes Drake Carney (Charlie Brown), Maya Falcone* (Sally Brown), Addison Tullis* (Linus Van Pelt), Vivian Klein* (Lucy Van Pelt), Gbomi Kayode* (Schroeder), Ryan Henzi (Snoopy) and an ensemble comprised of Jack Andersen, Coria Chaloupecky*, Madeline Davis, Katelyn Henzi*, Olivia Kelderman* and Greta Paulsen. Asterisks denote DMYAT debuts.

Dog Sees God cast includes Asher Suski (CB), Mikala Clark (CB's Sister), Nixson Benitez* (Van), Tanner Tillotson (Matt), Noah Hackbart (Beethoven), Olivia Gorden* (Tricia), Lauren Graves* (Marcy), and Natalie Morrill* (Van's Sister). Asterisks denote DMYAT debuts.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Production Team

Directors: Adam Yankowy & Libby Waterbury

Music Director: Adam Yankowy

Choreographer: Marco Masteller
Stage Manager: Brittany Beridon
Scenic & Lighting Designer: Alex Snodgrass
Costume Designer: Traci Reetz
Props Designer: Deb Korte
Dramaturg: Olivia Gorden
Assistant Stage Manager: Addy Hamand

Dog Sees God Production Team

Director: David A. VanCleave
Assistant Director: Anastasia Deace
Stage Manager: Alice Robertson
Scenic Designers: Alex Snodgrass & Skylar Manna
Costume Designer: Avery Lauer
Lighting Designer: Alex Snodgrass
Sound Designer: Brandon Kair
Props Designer: Stephanie Wilber
Dramaturgs: Jolie Seitz, Andrew Hilmes, Morgan Reetz
Assistant Stage Manager: Ollie Smith

Tickets are \$18-23 and are available through the Des Moines Performing Arts ticket office, website (www.desmoinesperformingarts.org), or by phone (515.246.2300).

Charlie Brown Schedule:

Friday, February 15, 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 16, 2:00 PM
Sunday, February 17, 2:00 PM
Friday, February 22, 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 23, 2:00 PM
Sunday, February 24, 2:00 PM

Dog Sees God Schedule:

Saturday, February 16, 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 17, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 PM
Thursday, February 21, 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 23, 7:30 PM

ABOUT DES MOINES YOUNG ARTISTS' THEATRE

Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre is a nonprofit organization committed to introducing students and their families to the transformative power of live theatre and the arts. Last season provided performance, directorial and design opportunities to over 200 students from across the Des Moines metro and surrounding areas, including Altoona, Ames, Ankeny, Baxter, Clive, Colfax, Dallas Center-Grimes, Indianola, Johnston, Knoxville, Pleasantville, Prairie City, Meter, Waukee, West Des Moines and more. DMYAT is committed to training young performers in all areas of theatre and nurturing the next generation to create thought-provoking and challenging works of art to promote social change.