



**6thStreet**Playhouse

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**6th Street Playhouse Opens 2017/18 Season with the 50th Anniversary  
Production of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* - the Broadway Musical**  
Month-long celebration being hosted with the Charles M. Schulz Museum

SANTA ROSA, CA (July 25, 2017) 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse is excited to announce the following special community events to coincide with its 2017-18 Season opener, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, with Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner and Andrew Lippa, directed by Marty Pistone, music direction by Ginger Beavers and choreography by Melinda Murray.

The celebration begins on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am and 1 pm, with a free preview of songs from the show performed by the cast at the Charles M. Schulz Museum.

On Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse will host a free-admission **Ice Cream Social** for the community, and will feature \$1 scoops of ice cream donated by Cold Stone Creamery, Peanuts character appearances, a photo booth with costumes, coloring stations, performances by the cast, a prize wheel, tours of the theaters and more.

On opening weekend, from August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a complimentary pre-show reception in the Studio gallery with sparkling wine and nibbles, Peanuts character appearances and a special Peanuts exhibit from the Schulz Museum featured throughout the run of the musical.

Lastly, pre-show activities for kids will be available Saturday, Aug. 26, Sept. 2 and 9, and post-show discussions with cast members will occur on Sunday, Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and 10.

Produced in association with the Charles M. Schulz Museum, and made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the City of Santa Rosa, our season opener is a true, hometown revival celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the classic Broadway musical based on the famous "Peanuts" comic strip by Santa Rosa's own Charles M. Schulz.

"*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* is not just a celebration of Charles M. Schulz, or of Charlie Brown and his Peanuts gang, which is obviously reason enough for any community-minded theatre in Santa Rosa, California to produce the show, paying homage to one of our most beloved hometown heroes," says Artistic Director Craig A. Miller. "*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* is a lot more than that to everyone who encounters it, young and old - Peanuts aficionado, or not! Set these colorful characters and situations loose, backed up with a terrific score of lovable, toe-tapping tunes, and with a dream cast and artistic staff who bring enormous talents, warmth and love to this show - we believe it is the most excellent gift we could give our community at the top of our season!"

*You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* features a cast of Dominic Williams as Charlie Brown, Erik Weiss as Snoopy, Katie Kelley as Sally, Amy Webber as Lucy, Cooper Bennett as Linus, Bobby Finney as Schroeder and Siena Warnet as Blanket/Little Red Headed Girl/Rabbit. *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* opens in the G.K. Hardt Theatre August 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through September 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15-\$38, and feature a new Under 30 ticket price of \$22, as well as a Family Package Discount every Saturday matinee, which adults can get for \$25 with the purchase of a child's ticket.

The remainder of the 2017-18 Season line-up in the G.K. Hardt includes:

- *Steel Magnolias*
- *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*
- *Honky Tonk Angels*
- *Noises Off*
- *La Cage aux Folles*
- *Illyria*

**New this season:** All evening performances begin at 7:30 pm, and there is now an 'Under 30' ticket category!

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### **About 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse**

In 2004, a new partnership reunited the Santa Rosa Players and Actors Theatre under one board of directors. Together they renovated the 119-year-old Del Monte cannery into the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse, which houses a 185-seat main stage (the G.K. Hardt Theatre) and a 99-seat black box (the Studio Theatre).

6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse is a performing arts organization that produces live theatre and provides education programs of the highest quality that engage, delight, and inspire the diverse communities of the North Bay region. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse is the central hub of the Sonoma County arts scene. It is known throughout the region for its high level of artistry, professionalism, educational opportunities and the bravery of its approach to works both new and old.

### **Award-Winning**

As the most award-winning theatre company in the North Bay Area, 6th Street Playhouse has been named "Best Theatre Troupe" by the North Bay Bohemian readership for the last five consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last two years. The Playhouse was named "Theatre of the Year" by Broadway World San Francisco 2012-2014.

In 2012 Playhouse Artistic Director, Craig A. Miller, was named one of Sonoma County's "Forty Under 40" by the North Bay Business Journal, honoring the County's forty most influential people in their field under the age of 40.

In the last five years, 6th Street Playhouse has received over fifty nominations for excellence in all areas of production from the leading Theatre Arts adjudication organizations in the Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle (SFBATCC), Theatre Bay Area (TBA), and Sonoma One Theatre Awards (SOTA). Of those nominations, The Playhouse received six awards at the 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, including Best Ensemble for our production of *Red*, and Best Leading Male and Female Actors for *The Rocky Horror Show*.

In our 2013/14 Season, the musical production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* swept the SFBATCC Awards, taking home wins in all four of its nominated categories; winning a total six awards for the season, which was highlighted in *American Theatre Magazine*.

In 2015, the Playhouse took home three awards at the Theater Bay Area Awards for Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Actress, and Best Production for *Clybourne Park*.