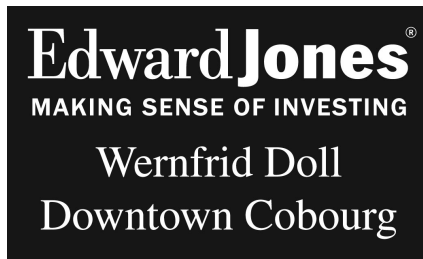


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A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas



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by Charles M. Schultz

based on the television special
by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson
stage adaptation by Eric Schaeffer

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"A Charlie Brown Christmas" is presented by special arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson

Directors Notes

Peanuts, the comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, ran from 1950 to 2000 with 17,897 strips in all. I remember reading the comics for two decades at least and watching the movies over and over again. My favorite was **A Charlie Brown Christmas** which aired in 1965. At 8 years old I could relate to Charlie Brown who always got picked on yet kept being positive about the world. He was a lovable idealist and was aware of his failures. We all knew the bossy Lucy van Pelts in the world and every character represented someone in my playground.

When we first started rehearsing in October I was surprised to hear that none of the cast had seen **A Charlie Brown Christmas**. They eventually watched it and we all went to the Peanuts movie together. I know they all fell in love with the characters.

When I picked the show as part of the Northumberland Players season, I was concerned because the show was about the spiritual side of Christmas. It's about how Christmas has lost its meaning. Would the multicultural schools attend? Would a story about a Christian celebration resonate? The show has sold out.

I taught in the public school system when we were told we had to stop saying the Lord's prayer, reading bible stories, and making any reference to religion. I understood why there was a problem in a multicultural province, but with this legislation, the public schools threw out the spiritual aspect of life and with it, perhaps, the respect for the wonderful diversity of faith. This show is more than a kids' show for me. It is about the power of faith that can translate into any religion. It says to us all to understand the true meaning of any celebration. Christmas, Ramadan, Diwali, Vaisaki, Yom Kippur and all other holy days remind me of the richness of human culture and faith.

I hope these kids can tell this story and do justice to Charles Schultz's vision.

Jack Boyagian

Production Volunteers

Producer	...	Garth Holloway
Director	...	Jack Boyagian
Stage Manager	...	Kristy Bird
Choreographer	..	Alina Adjmenian
Rehearsal Pianist	...	Marg Hilborn
Assistant Stage Manager	...	Marg Hilborn
Set Researcher	...	Marg Hilborn
Set Construction Lead	...	John Matthew
Set Construction	...	Jack Boyagian, John Forder, Garth Holloway, David Hutzel, Fred Luken, Ken MacDonald, David McTavish, Ian White
Set Painters	...	Sherri Duncan, Liz Forder, Marg Hilborn, Wendy Sheppard, Brenda Worsnop
Props	...	Norma Connors, Marg Hilborn
Costume Designer	...	Mary Elizabeth Clark
Costume Assistants	...	Brennan March, Maureen Holloway, Dave Clark
Snoopy Costume	...	Lisa Schnalzer-Missen
Hair and Make-Up	...	Muriel White
Sound Designer	...	Jack Boyagian
Sound Operator	...	Oliver Graf
Lighting Designer	...	Jack Boyagian
Lighting Operator	...	David Hutzel
Backstage Crew	...	Alina Adjemian, Norma Connors, Mary Doig, Amy Scott
Production Photographer	...	Alina Adjemian
Head Shot Photographer	...	Greg Curtis
Poster Design	...	Greg Curtis
Program	...	Maureen Holloway
Front of House	...	Laura Andrews, Carol Banks, Carol-Anne Caswell, Sherri Duncan, Kathie Duthy, Jan Ethier, John Forder, Liz Forder, Maureen Holloway, Linda Hudson, Wally Keeler, Ken MacDonald, Sheila MacDonald, Joan Prlja, Dawn Watters, Bruce Williamson

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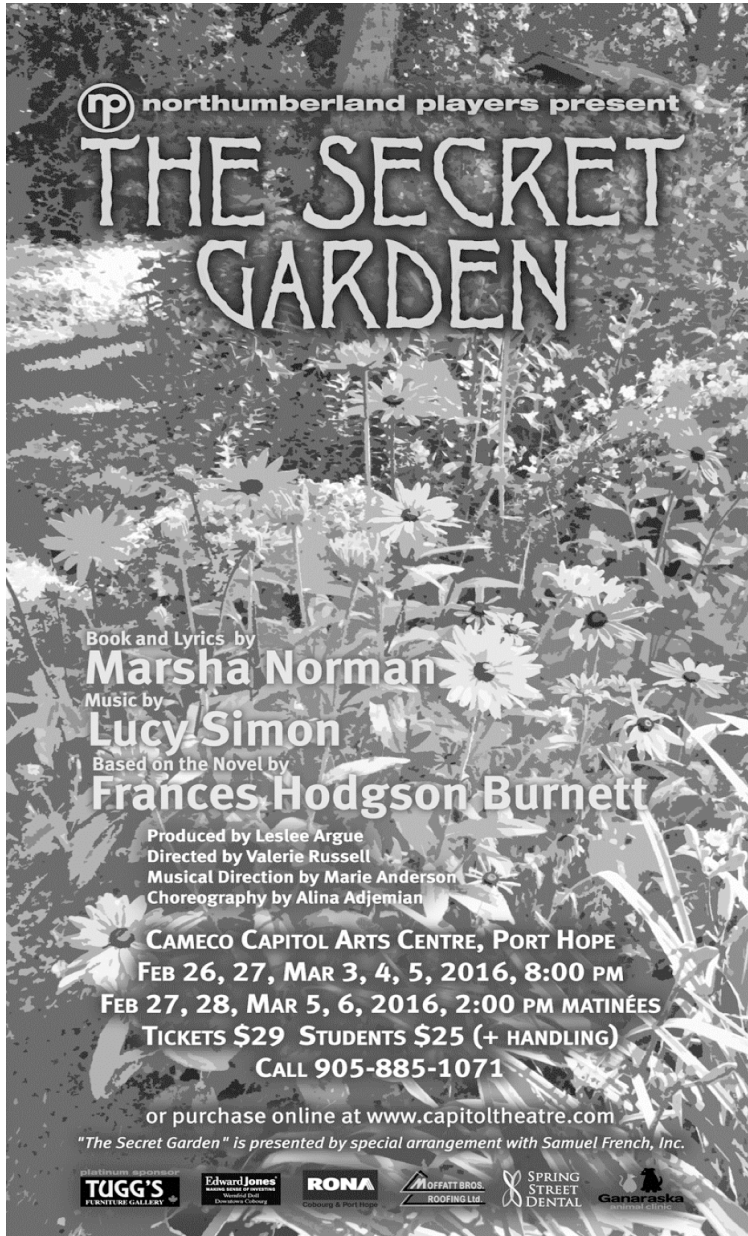
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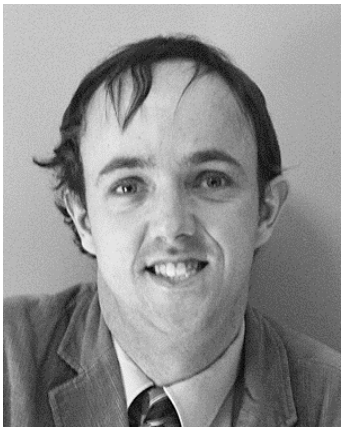
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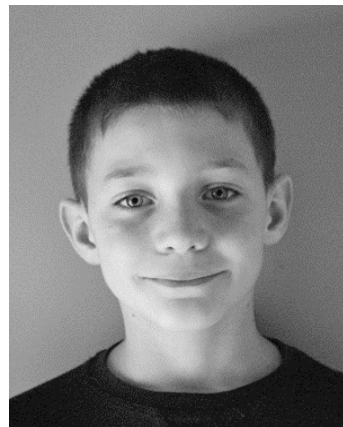
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