



Friday, May 23, 2003

OU presents Charlie Brown musical

Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** presents Clark Gesner's popular "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," a musical for the whole family. Performances begin Thursday, May 29, and run through Sunday, June 8, at Varner Recital Hall.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is a musical romp that follows Charles Schulz's beloved PEANUTS® comic strip characters through moments in a day. The play is full of song and energy, making it a favorite of theatre audiences since its original Broadway debut in 1967. A revival of the play opened on Broadway in 1999 and received four Tony nominations. Oakland is presenting the revised 1999 version.

"I've always wanted to work on this show. It's so funny and touching and true," said director Karen Sheridan. "Children will recognize and adults will remember the charming moments in the play. It is truly family entertainment."

The Oakland University cast (in alphabetical order) includes Jason Beaubien as Charlie Brown (Oak Park), Jared P. Cole as Linus (Spring Arbor), Christopher Mick as Schroeder (Rochester), Megan Mullinger as Sally (Grosse Pointe), Annie Phillips as Lucy (Ferndale) and Meghan Trudell as Snoopy (Livonia).

Musical direction is by James Wells. Choreography is by Natalie Scott. The technical crew includes Donna Buckley, stage manager (Swartz Creek), and Kelly Plucinski, assistant stage manager (Elk Rapids).

Recommended for ages 5 and up. Performances are at 10 a.m. on May 29, 30, June 3, 4, 5 and 6; 7 p.m. on May 30, June 6 and 7; and 2 p.m. on June 1 and 8. The June 5 performance will be shadow-sign interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$6 for students, except for the 10 a.m. matinees, which are \$5 for all seats. Tickets are available at Varner Box Office by calling (248) 370-3013. The box office is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 3 p.m. and one hour before each performance. You also may e-mail the box office at mtd@oakland.edu. Tickets also are available through the **Ticketmaster** Web site or by calling (248) 645-6666.

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