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Season 2024



YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN
THE LOST BOY
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MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
THE OUTSIDER

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FSLT 2024 Season Productions

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Evenings: February 15•, 16-17, 21-24 Sunday Matinees: February 18 & 25

Directed by Brandon Bolin, Musical Director George Mann

In this musical adaptation of the “Peanuts” comic strip, adults portray Charlie Brown and his gang. They explore life’s great questions, play baseball, struggle with homework, swoon over crushes, and celebrate the joy of friendship. Worldly wisdom and loads of laughs are delivered by the characters we love.

The Lost Boy

Directed by Joanne Peterson

Evenings: April 4•, 5-6, 10-13

Sunday Matinee: April 7

This fictionalized account of the birth of Peter Pan will warm our hearts as we remember the magic and mystery of The Boy Who Wouldn’t Grow Up. Travel from ageless innocence, through regrets and a family’s tragic past, to triumphs of love and forgiveness. A beautiful story of unexpected friendship.

Light Up The Sky

Directed by Melissa Vitale

Evenings: May 30•, May 31-June 1, 5-8

Sunday Matinee: June 2

A 1940s leading lady, flamboyant director, low brow producer, and others await critics’ reviews of their theatre production. Fearing a flop, they lay blame and point fingers. Shockingly, the show is declared a hit. In this fast-paced comedy, a throng of theatrefolk go from friends, to enemies, to friends again. Ah, show business!

Hello, Dolly!

Directed by Shannon Stoddard, Musical Director George Mann

Evenings: July 18•, 19-20, 24-27, August 1-3 Sun. Matinees: July 21 & 28

This blockbuster Broadway hit bursts with humor, romance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theatre history. The comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker, entertains audiences again and again.

Murder On The Orient Express

Directed by Duff Taylor

Evenings: September 12•, 13-14, 18-21

Sunday Matinee: September 15

Board the exotic Orient Express and hang on for a first class ride! In this clever, comic mystery, Agatha Christie’s most enduring novel takes the stage with a train full of suspects and an alibi for each one. Wax up your mustache, hold on to your passport, and watch Inspector Poirot solve this challenging case.

The Outsider

Directed by Tina Dale

Evenings: November 14•, 15-16, 20-23

Sunday Matinee: November 17

Gubernatorial candidate Ned Newley is terrified of public speaking. His poll numbers are horrible, and he seems destined to fail. But wait – his political consultant has the perfect plan! This insightful, witty comedy skewers politics and celebrates democracy. It’s funny, timely, and dare we say, entirely possible.

•Opening Night Performances

2024 Off-Season Productions

Not included with a Season Package. Admission \$7-\$10 per person at the door. No reservations or pre-sold tickets. Open seating. 7:30 pm and 2:00 pm matinee

A Grand Night For Singing

Evenings: April 26-27, Matinee: April 28

Directed by Barry Law

An engaging musical review of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most popular songs performed by five talented vocalists. It's the Best of the Best – like seeing all your favorite R&H musicals in 90 minutes!

Ann

Evenings: October 3-5

Directed by Jim Moody

An intimate, no-holds-barred portrayal of Ann Richards, the legendary late Gov. of Texas. This inspiring, salty, and blisteringly funny one-woman play brings us the colorful and captivating character who was bigger than her home state.

A Hall And Mark Christmas

Evenings: December 12-14

Directed by Grace Andrews

A big city businesswoman (Hall) returns home for Christmas to find her parents' small town toy factory is in trouble. She connects with an old flame (Mark), and without even trying, she learns the true meaning of Christmas.

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CASTING CALL

Season 2024 Audition Dates

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Audition information subject to change. To confirm, call (479) 783-2966 in the month prior to auditions, find us on facebook, or check www.fslt.org. Suggested ages are approximate.

The Lost Boy

Directed by Joanne Peterson

Auditions: 7 pm, Feb. 26. Callbacks Feb. 27. Production: April 4-13.

Cast: 4+ males ages approx. 13-60+, 3+ females ages approx. 13-60+.

Light Up The Sky

Directed by Melissa Vitale

Auditions: 7 pm, April 22. Callbacks April 23. Production: May 30-June 8.

Cast: 9+ males ages approx. 20-60+, 4+ women ages approx. 20-50+.

Hello, Dolly! (musical)

Directed by Shannon Stoddard, Music George Mann

Auditions: May 13: music only auditions. May 14: callbacks and cold

readings. Auditions held at Goddard United Methodist, 1922 Dodson Ave.

See fslt.org for complete audition details. Production: July 18-August 3.

Cast: 4 males ages approx. 15-65+, 5 females ages approx. 15-65+, plus large ensemble 15-65+.

Murder On The Orient Express

Directed by Duff Taylor

Auditions: 7 pm, Aug. 5. Callbacks Aug. 6. Production: Sept. 12-21.

Cast: 5 males ages approx. 30-65+, 5 females ages approx. 25-75+.

The Outsider

Directed by Tina Dale

Auditions: 7 pm, Oct. 7. Callbacks Oct. 8. Production: November 14-23.

Cast: 4 males ages approx. 30-60+, 3 females ages approx. 20-50+.



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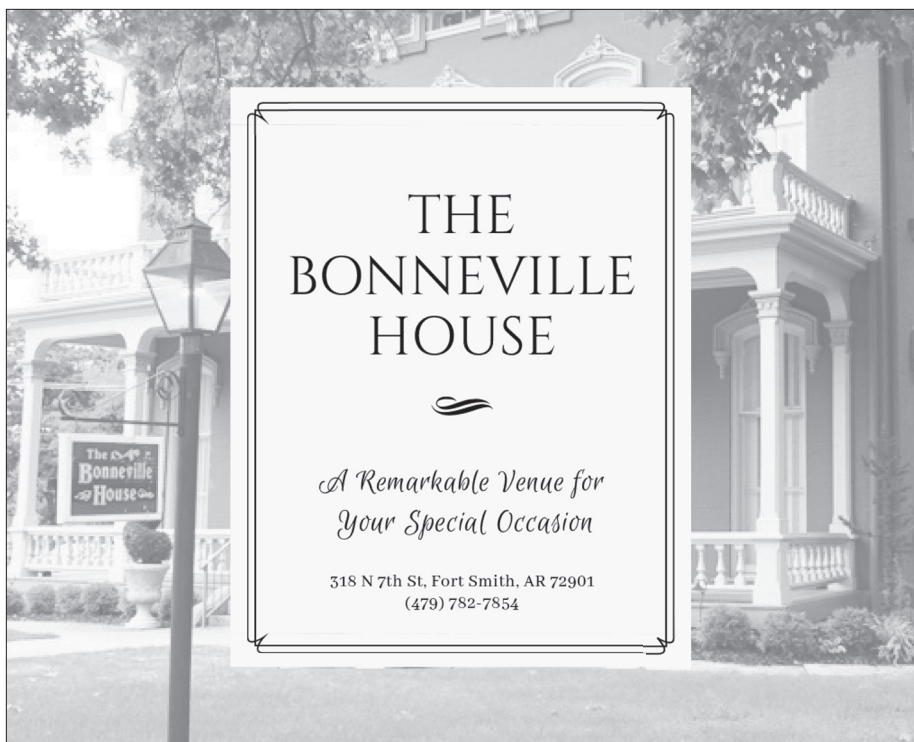


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the broadway musical

Feb. 15-25, 2024

directed by brandon bolin

music direction by george mann

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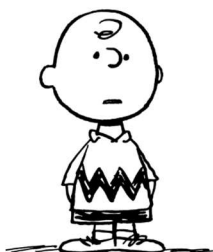
CAST

(In order of appearance)

Coleman Smith as
Linus van
Pelt



Wesley Fox
as Charlie
Brown



Shannon Stoddard as
Sally Brown



Crew

Director:
Brandon
Bolin

**Musical
Director:**
George
Mann

Stage Manager:
Audra Sargent
Choreographer:
Shannon
Stoddard

Co-Producers:
Tina Dale &
Sharla
Cameron

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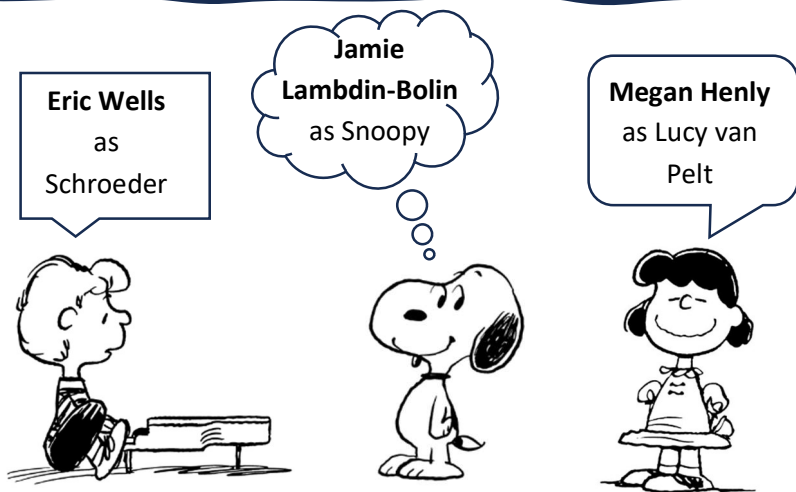
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Light Board Operator:
Joanne Peterson &
Megan Bagley

Props: Sharla Cameron
Wardrobe: Jamie
Lambdin-Bolin

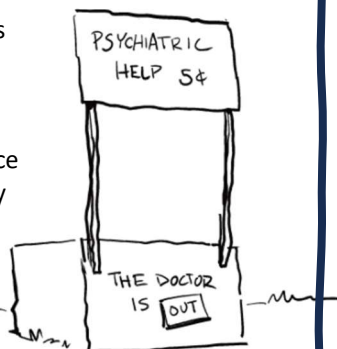
Set Design: Gary Cameron
Set Construction: Gary Cameron,
Micheal Fox, Jamie Lambdin-Bolin,
Brad Nance, Coleman Smith,
Shannon Stoddard, Eric Wells





Director's Note: Happiness is...teamwork. ...getting to work with an incredibly talented cast. ...spending your evenings with friends, rehearsing a show to gift your community. These are feelings I have associated with the word "happiness" since the beginning of the year, and I can now add "watching patrons see some of their favorite childhood characters come to life onstage" to that list. Over the next couple of hours, you'll see your favorite Peanuts members bring the characters right off the comic section of the newspaper and straight into your hearts as they talk about, sing about, and dance about things like feeling insecure or inadequate, dealing with a crabby mood, sibling dynamics, and the everyday frustrations that seem so big to us at the time we are in them. Things that never plague mature adults, right? However, they'll also talk about things like using your imagination, being a little bit zany sometimes, enjoying time with friends, and finding happiness in even the most seemingly mundane of circumstances. These are important lessons that Peanuts teaches us stuffy, important grown-ups, and I

hope they make as much of an impact on you as they have on me in the last month and a half. I want to thank this amazing cast for their hard work and trust in me and the crew for their tireless efforts to bolster the actors' performance with their technical skill. And I want to thank my dear friend George Mann for his abilities that he has shared with us, his work in the musical aspects of this show, and for his friendship and support. Enjoy the show!



Song List

Act I

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
Schroeder
Snoopy
My Blanket and Me
The Kite
The Doctor Is In
Beethoven Day
The Book Report

Act II

My New Philosophy
The Baseball Game
Glee Club Rehearsal
Little Known Facts
Suppertime
Happiness

Actors' Biographies

Wesley Fox (Charlie Brown), a Fort Smith Little Theatre member since '07, finds joy in sharing laughter through improv and musical comedy. Known for past roles as a dance instructor, Wesley appreciates the community's enduring support.

Megan Henley's (Lucy van Pelt) tale is intricately woven into FSLT's tapestry. Her parents first met at the O Street Theatre in the early 80's, she was helping backstage by the age of 12, and finally graced the FSLT stage herself at 19. To perform on this stage is to connect to her roots, and she relishes the opportunity.

Jamie Lambdin-Bolin's (Snoopy) recent fun at FSLT includes Elaine in "The Graduate" and Lily St. Regis in "Annie." Her script, "Coffee Shop," debuted here in 2022. Jamie wants to thank patrons for supporting local performers like herself and her friends. Happiness is life onstage.

Coleman Smith (Linus van Pelt) is excited for another opportunity to perform alongside his FSLT friends. He has been involved since 2018 and is ready to be a part of this iconic show. It is always a joy to bring stories to life either on stage or behind the scenes and he hopes that Fort Smith continues this tradition.

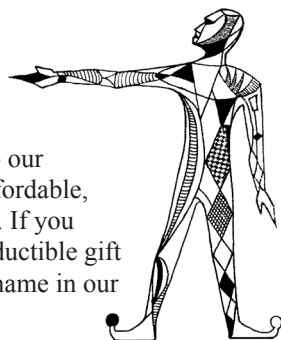
Shannon Stoddard (Sally Brown) is excited to be a part of this incredible show! Some of her recent credits include the "Fairy Godmother" in Cinderella and "Grace Farrell" in Annie. Shannon has been enjoying being a part of FSLT since 2010 and can't wait to see what this season has in store!

Eric Wells (Schroeder) is thrilled to be part of this talented group in bringing these timeless characters to the FSLT Stage. 2024 marks his 15th year here at FSLT and he's so blessed for the opportunities and relationships he has built over time. Here's to another 15 years of making magic!

Special Thanks:

Micheal Fox	Abigail Freeman	Lynne Gustafson	Jolene Leding
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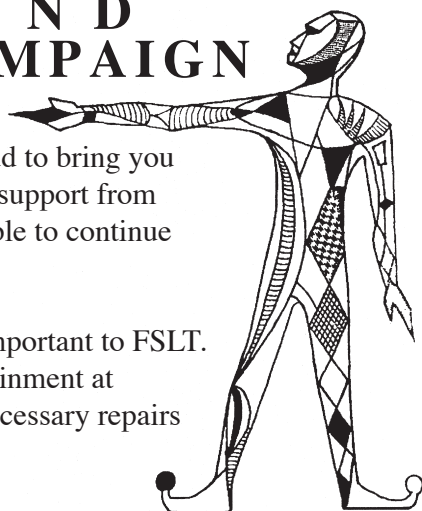
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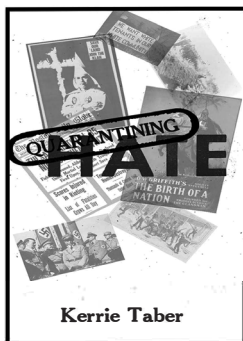
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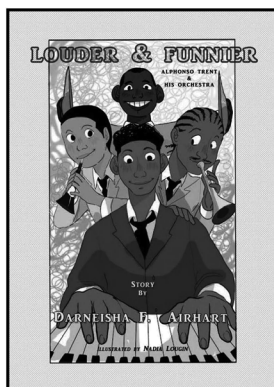
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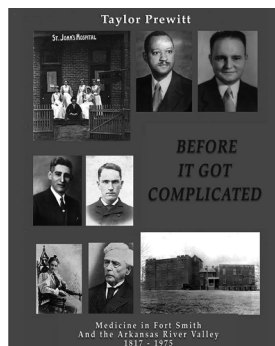
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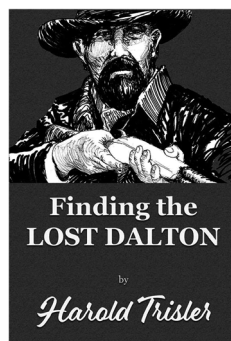
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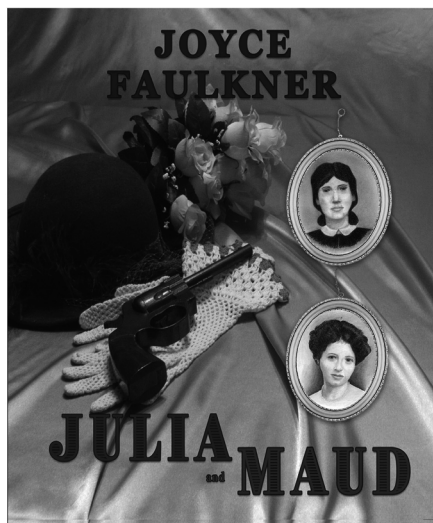
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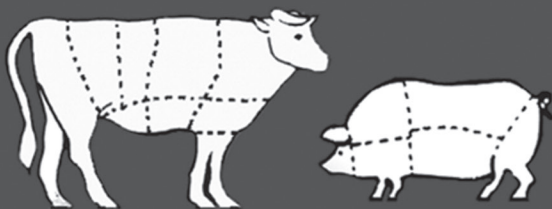
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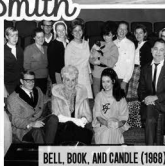
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