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DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.....

Eastern Illinois University Theatre Company '78 will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," in the theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center beginning Friday, July 28 at 8:00 p.m.

Charlie Brown is the forlorn, ever-losing little kid from the comic strip "Peanuts," who can't win a ball-game, fly a kite, kick a football or summon the courage to speak to the little girl from next door who intrigues him.

Charlie Brown is the central figure of this musical comic strip which drew thronging audiences for a solid four years in New York and has been a record-breaking success in a dozen other large cities. The title is drawn from the chorus of encouragements that his backyard chums give good-hearted Charlie when he meets one of his customary failures.

Based on the universally famous Charles M. Schulz "Peanuts" comic strip, which runs daily in 900 newspapers across the American continent and overseas, the hit musical will begin charming audiences Friday and continue July 29, August 4 and 5 at 8:00 p.m. with two matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. Sundays, July 30 and August 6.

The musical has naturally appealed most to regular readers of the cartoon, to those who already know and appreciate the affectionately portrayed personalities of the pint-size characters -- but not solely to them.

Schulz's endearing kids, with all their humor and unexpected tenderness, have been transformed from the two-dimensional drawings out of Schulz's inkwell, into stage characters by Clark Gesner, author of the amusing, tuneful songs, and by John Gordon, author of the book.

Tickets for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" become available Monday, July 24 at the Fine Arts Ticket Office. Tickets are modestly priced at \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for youth and senior citizens and \$1.00 for EIU students. Phone 581-3110 for reservations and ticket information.

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