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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Charlie Brown, Linus, and the rest of the Peanuts' gang are coming to Illinois Wesleyan University April 15-17 for five performances of the rollicking musical, "The World According to Snoopy."

The two-act play, which brings to life the entertaining comic strip characters created by Charles Schulz, will be performed April 15 at 6:30 p.m., and April 16-17 at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

All performances are in McPherson Theatre, 304 E. Graham St., Bloomington.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The McPherson Theatre Box Office is open from 12:30-4 p.m. on Tuesday, and 12:30-5 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The play features a series of vignettes, filled with songs and dances, covering a year in the life of Charlie Brown and his friends.

Snoopy is seen in his typical pose, perched atop his house, and later playing the role of the Easter Beagle. Charlie Brown revels in his new role as a safety patrolman and is seen as a student in school. Lucy's psychiatric booth appears on stage as she tries to sort through Charlie Brown's laundry list of difficulties.

Among the lively tunes the cast belts out are "Edgar Allan Poe," which explores the mystery of a teacher who only seems to call on students when they don't know the answer; "Clouds," which brings on musings about Mount Rushmore, dragons, and 20 milk-white horses; and "Where Did that Little Dog Go?," sung by a Charlie Brown who's dejected over the independence of his pet, Snoopy.

Other songs include "Poor Sweet Baby," "Don't Be Anything Less Than Everything You Can Be," and "Daisy Hill."

Cast members include:

- Pete Koenig, a sophomore drama major from High Ridge, Mo., who plays Charlie Brown.

- Rachael Warren, a sophomore music theatre major from Hanover, Kans., who plays Lucy.
- T.J. Cimfel, a sophomore drama major from Mundelein, Ill., who plays Linus.
- Tesha Buss, a sophomore theatre major from Augusta, Ill., who plays Sally Brown.
- Amy McInerney, a sophomore music theatre major from St. Louis, who plays Peppermint Patty.
- Heather Lane, a sophomore music theatre major from Belvidere, Ill., who plays Woodstock.
- Mara Hesed, a sophomore music theatre major from St. Louis, who plays Snoopy.