

Charlie Brown Christmas

- Select one monologue below
- Prepare 1 minute of a Christmas song of your choice

ROLES:

Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally, Schroeder, Pig Pen, Frieda, Violet, Patty, Shermmy and Snoopy (no lines in the production so bring the character!)

CHARLIE BROWN

Well, it's good seeing you all here. As you know, we are going to put on the Christmas play. Due to the shortage of time, we'll get right down to work. One of the first things to ensure a good performance, pay strict attention to the director. I'll keep my directions simple. If I point to the right, it means focus attention stage right. If I make a slashing motion across my throat it means cut the scene short. If I make a revolving motion with my hand it means pick up the tempo. If I spread my hands apart, it means slow down. It's the spirit of the actors that counts. The interest that they show in their director. Am I right? I said, am I right? (no one is listening) (Sigh)

LINUS

Charlie Brown, you're the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem. Maybe Lucy's right. Of all the Charlie Browns in the world, you're the Charlie Browniest.

LUCY

Wait a minute. Before you begin, I must ask, that you pay in advance. Five cents, please. (he drops a nickel in the can) Boy what a sound. How I love hearing that old money plate, that beautiful sound of cold, hard cash...that beautiful, beautiful sound. Nickels, nickels, nickels. That beautiful sound of plinking nickels. (back to professional persona, clears her throat) You need involvement. You need to get involved in some real Christmas project. How would you like to be the director of the Christmas play? Sure Charlie Brown. We need a director. You need involvement. We've got shepherds, musicians, animals, everyone we need. We've even got a Christmas Queen. Don't worry. I'll be there to help you. I'll meet you in the auditorium. Incidentally, I know how you feel about all this Christmas business, getting depressed and all that. It happens to me every year. I never get what I really want. I always get lots of stupid toys or a bicycle or clothes or something like that. I want Real Estate.

SALLY

Dear Santa Claus, How've you been? Did you have a nice summer? How is your wife? I have been extra good this year, so I have a long list of presents that I want. Please note the size and color of each item and send as many as possible. If it seems too complicated, make it easy on

yourself. Just send money. How about tens and twenties? All I want is what I have coming to me. All I want is my fair share.

SNOOPY

Why is it I always have my supper in the red dish and my drinking water in the yellow dish? One of these days I'm going to have my supper in the yellow dish and my drinking water in the red dish. Life is just too short not to live it up a little!