



Thank you for auditioning for

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS - Tour 2021

ROLE: LINUS

For your initial self-tape please prepare:

- Begin with a slate: Name, Height, Location and BRIEF sentence or two on what excites you about this project.
- Shoot in landscape, but include a full body shot.
- 32 bars of a song of your choice that demonstrates range, personality and strong choices!
- Choose ONE side to tape from sides 1-3. We only need you to tape ONE side – your favorite. With this one side, please include two different takes demonstrating different choices.
- If you have any special skills on a professional level that might be useful to this show (instruments, juggling, acrobatics, physical comedy etc.), we'd love to see them included in your submission)

If you are called back for an in-person callback on 9/23 or 9/24, you will be emailed further instructions for callbacks, but you will definitely be asked to prepare the FULL material.

Please reach out to charliebrownxmastour@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding self-tape material.

Thanks so much!

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LINUS SIDES

SIDE #1

Linus is Charlie Brown's best friend. He is wise. He always means well and tries to smooth over any storms that arise amongst the gang.

Charlie Brown: I think there must be something wrong with me, Linus. Christmas is coming, but I'm not happy. I don't feel the way I'm supposed to feel. I just don't understand Christmas, I guess. I like getting presents and sending Christmas cards, and decorating trees and all that, but I'm still not happy. I always end up feeling depressed

~~SIDE #1~~

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.

SIDE #2

Linus

Sure, Charlie, Brown. I can tell you what Christmas is all about.

(Linus walks to center stage, dragging his blanket.)

Lights, please?

You were supposed to get a good tree. Can't you even tell a good tree from a poor tree?

(The lights dim. In a solo spot, Linus begins telling his story. The Kids enter quietly from stage left, one by one, and gather around the stage to listen.)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which will be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

(Linus picks up his blanket and approaches Charlie Brown)

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

SIDE #3

Context— Lucy hands Linus a very long, involved script for the Christmas Pageant.

Linus

I can't memorize these lines. This is ridiculous.

Lucy

Memorize it and be ready to recite when your cue comes.

Linus

I can't memorize something like this so quickly. Why should I be put through such agony? Give me one good reason why I should memorize this ...

Lucy

I'll give you five good reasons. *(Makes a fist, one finger at a time)* One, two, three, four, five.

Linus

Those are good reasons. Christmas is not only getting too commercial, it's getting too dangerous.

Lucy

And get rid of that stupid blanket! What's a Christmas shepherd going to look like holding a stupid blanket like that?

Linus

Well, this is one Christmas shepherd who's going to keep his trusty blanket with him. *(Quickly drapes his blanket over his head)* See? You wouldn't hit an innocent shepherd, would you?