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A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS: THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI

PRESENTED BY RLTP NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 13

Concert event showcases the music of a beloved holiday favorite

*Road Less Traveled
Productions
2009 – 2010 Season:*

GRENADINE

World premiere by
Neil Wechsler
Directed by Scott
Behrend
Sept. 11 (Curtain Up)
– Oct. 11

AMERICAN DEAL

World premiere by
Tom Naples & Jon
Elston
Directed by Kyle
LoConti Oct 30. –
Nov. 22

A LIGHT LUNCH

By A.R. Gurney
Directed by Scott
Behrend Jan. 29 –
Feb. 21

THE GOAT or WHO IS SYLVIA?

By Edward Albee
Directed by Derek
Campbell
American Theatre
Masters Series
Selection April 23 -
May 22

INSIDIOUS

By Ibn Shabazz
Directed by Doug
Zschiegner
New Play Workshop
Selection July 17 –
Aug. 1

NOVEMBER 12, 2009, BUFFALO, NY - Road Less Traveled Productions' announces a very special addition to its regular five-play season: **A Charlie Brown Christmas: The Music Of Vince Guaraldi** presents the classic holiday jazz album in a festive family-oriented production.

Directed by RLTP Artistic Director Scott Behrend, the evening will present the entirety of "A Charlie Brown Christmas", the hugely popular soundtrack album by the Vince Guaraldi Trio, performed by a live jazz trio and children's chorus, and presented in a theatrical framework. "This is an album that was originally released in 1965," said Behrend, "But it's never gone out of print or out of style. This is music that we look forward to hearing every year during the holidays... in fact, it's one of the few defining albums of modern Christmas music."

Running November 27 – December 13, the concert will feature such instantly recognizable Guaraldi originals as "**Christmas Time is Here**" and "**Linus & Lucy**", as well as traditional standards that were reimagined and re-immortalized on the album, like Guaraldi's transcendent takes "O Tannenbaum!" and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing".

The production will be hosted by actress and dancer Bonnie Jean Taylor, who has collaborated with Behrend on many popular RLTP productions, such as **Grenadine**, **Triangles**, and **Humpty Dumpty**. The jazz trio is comprised of Julie Arlotta (piano), Patrick Mannella (drums), and Melissa Bender (bass). The children's chorus is composed of experienced theatre and chorus students from WNY schools.

"**A Charlie Brown Christmas** is a timeless holiday classic", says Behrend, "and this production will capture all of the magic of Vince Guaraldi's music. It's perfect family fun for the Holiday Season!"

Tickets are **\$15 for Adults** and **\$10 for Children under 12**. Tickets are **ONLY** available at The Road Less Traveled Theater Box Office or by calling **629-3069**. The Road Less Traveled Theater is located at: 639 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14205 (inside the Market Arcade Film & Arts Centre).

Road Less Traveled Productions (RLTP) is a professional theatre company dedicated to the development and production of new theatrical works by Western New York playwrights, as well as presentations of esteemed modern dramas of outstanding literary merit. RLTP is located in the Market Arcade Film & Arts

Center in the theater district of downtown Buffalo. For ticketing information call 716.852.5000 or visit www.RoadLessTraveledProductions.org. RLTP's work is made possible through public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

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