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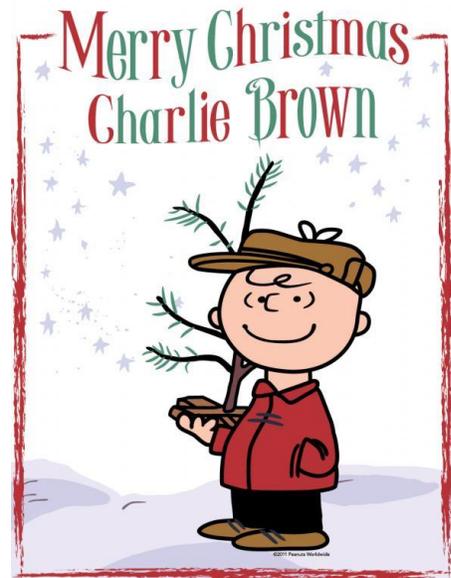
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Virginia Museum of History & Culture to welcome *Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!* Special Holiday Exhibition on View for Limited Time

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) will welcome a special exhibition this holiday season. *Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!* will arrive at the VMHC on Saturday, November 23. The exhibition shows Charles Schulz's special vision marked by both humor and philosophical insight, told through antics of Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy and their pals. This iconic animated program from 1965 has been delighting generations of viewers with its timeless story of how Charlie Brown and his friends find the true meaning of Christmas amid the frustrations and commercialism of modern life.

"For millions of Americans, the holiday season wouldn't be complete without a viewing of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*," said VMHC President Jamie Bosket. "We're thrilled to have this joyful family exhibit, which will bring back happy memories for many, and delight a new generation who are just meeting Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang."

The exhibition explores the artistic genius of Peanuts creator Charles Schulz and his unique take on the Christmas season. It features 50 Peanuts comic strips from the 1950s through the 1990s addressing various aspects of the holiday season. In addition, it includes an officially released reproduction of an animation cel from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* of the Peanuts kids dancing, and a documentary video about the making of the Christmas special that provides a special look into Schulz's creative process. Vintage novelty items such as ornaments, puzzles and a 3-D version of the iconic spindly Christmas tree will be on display as well. Family-friendly activities including a 'Write a Letter to Santa' station and a Make-Your-Own Comic Strip station, a special breakfast with the Peanuts characters will allow all guests to be part of the Peanuts story. The VMHC will also be hosting more family-friendly holiday events. Chocolate-Making Demonstrations, will begin on Saturday, November 30 where guests will see how chocolate was prepared and enjoyed in 18th-century Virginia using reproduction cooking tools and equipment, and sample American Heritage Chocolate's gourmet hot cocoa. Then on Sunday, December 15, guests can enjoy a free afternoon of festive fun at the Virginia House Holiday Open House, where all will see the halls decked for the season, decorate a gingerbread man while listening to holiday classics and fill up on cookies and hot cider while exploring this treasured home.



The exhibition will open on Saturday, November 23 and will be on display through January 12, 2020. *Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!* is organized and toured by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, California and is sponsored Katherine and Jack Nelson with their grandchildren Emerson, Nora, Timothy, and Reed.

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The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum

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