

IMTA ALUMS MARIEL SHEETS & WILLIAM WUNSCH IN *THE PEANUTS MOVIE*

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The Peanuts Movie opens nationwide on Friday, November 5

There are very few children or adults who are not familiar with the Peanuts gang that was created 65 years ago by the late Charles Schultz. There are the comic strips, annual television holiday specials (*It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*) that are required viewing in millions of homes, theatrical productions (*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Snoopy*), greeting cards, merchandise, books...all lasting tributes to the group of children who never age while providing timeless lessons on life and living.

With a fresh take on the techniques of production — but without changing the essence of the characters — comes *The Peanuts Movie*, co-written by Schulz's son Craig and grandson Bryan,



along with Cornelius Uliano. This is the fifth theatrical Peanuts film after *A Boy Named Charlie Brown*, *Snoopy Come Home*, *Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown*, and *Bon Voyage, Charlie Brown (and Don't Come Back!!)*. It is the first to use computer-animation and the first to be filmed in 3D.

In *The Peanuts Movie*, Charlie Brown — the world's most beloved underdog — embarks upon an epic and heroic quest, while his best pal, the lovable beagle Snoopy, takes to the skies to pursue his arch-nemesis, the Red Baron. Two young IMTA alums were selected to make their big screen debuts voicing characters in the movie: NY11 alum Mariel Sheets as Sally and NY12 alum William Wunsch as Shermy.

Sheets came to IMTA with Ain't It Good Productions and was the NY11 Child Actor of the Year as well as Most Sought Female Talent. She signed with Landis-Simon Productions and CESD. Wunsch came to IMTA with Main Line Models – King of Prussia and was 1st Runner-Up Child Actor of the Year. He is represented by Shirley Grant Management.

As Sally, Sheets plays Charlie Brown's little sister who believes the world owes her an answer for some of its most perplexing problems: Why does she have to go to school? Why doesn't Linus, her Sweet Babboo, love her? Sally's mood can change at the drop of a hat. She can be her brother's biggest fan, then turn around and wish they weren't related.



Wunch's character of Shermy is an all-around good guy. Strait-laced and dependable, he's friends with all the kids in the Peanuts gang — although that wasn't always true. Shermy actually had the very first lines of dialogue in the Peanuts comic series in 1950, lines that ended with, "Good ol' Charlie Brown . . .



How I hate him!" Another little known fact -- he also cuts a mean "zombie" dance.