



PADRE PRIDE

MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL

TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



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The New Marcos de Niza Sign

In preparation for Marcos de Niza's 50th anniversary the school had the opportunity to order a brand new sign to affix to the front of the auditorium. After many delays, our new sign was finally installed highlighting our amazing Padre design, name and our establishment in 1971. Principal Tolar and district officials spearheaded its purchase and installation as part of the street side facelift that has included a new press box and screens along the softball fields.



Once a Padre, Always a Padre!

HIGHLIGHTED INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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A newsletter to share some of the amazing things our students and staff are doing at MDN.



STAFF NEWS

National Principals Month

October was National Principals Month, we are so grateful for our amazing and dedicated TUHSD principals.

We appreciate and thank our principals for all their hard work. Together they all help us continue to be #TUHSDstronger.

Principal, **Sarah Tolar** represents what being a Padre at MDN is all about, and we can never thank her enough for her dedication.



#TUHSDSTRONGER



Congratulations!

Congratulations to English teacher, **Erin Lillo**, for being accepted into the Modern Classroom Project's October scholarship cohort. From October to January, she will be working with a master teacher mentor and implementing the mastery-based-grading learning model.

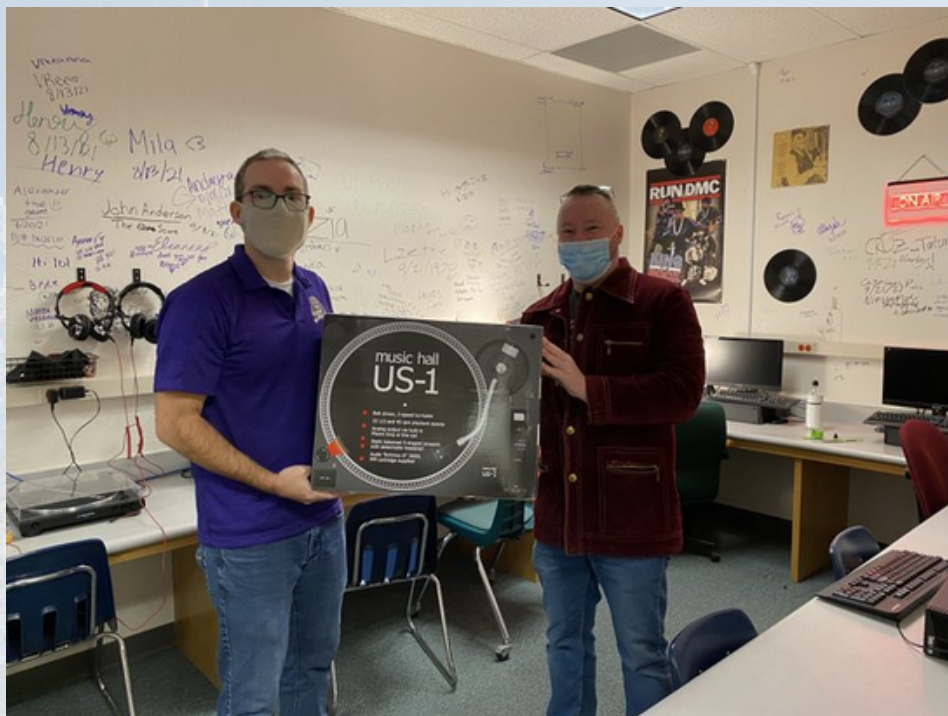


STAFF NEWS

Library Vinyl Program

"We were beyond excited to be able to donate a turntable and take a tour of the vinyl room at MDN Padres in Tempe last week (January 13th)." -Bookmans, Mesa.

Located in the school's library, this amazing program introduces students to the superb sound of their favorite tunes on vinyl. This program and the vinyl room was setup by our amazing Librarian, Mr. Robert Owen-Jones (OJ).



NEW STAFF

Welcome!

Welcome, **Cris Rivera**, Lead of Security and **Bryan Wilson**, IT Technician, to the Marcos de Niza Family.



STUDENT NEWS

The Massing of the Colors Patriotic Ceremony

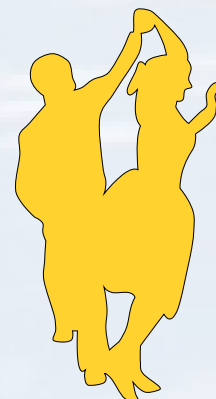
On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the day before Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the Tempe Union High School District JROTC cadets gathered in the gymnasium with cadets from around the East Valley, parents, faculty, administration, and veterans for the Massing of the Colors Patriotic Ceremony, which is held to rededicate our faith in the United States and to present our support to the National Colors and the servicemen and women who serve our country. **Major Robert Fore** and **Sergeant Peter McBroom** spearhead this program each year for the community. As far as we know, we are the only school that uses the colonial uniform to mass the colors. Our **TUHSD JROTC cadets** proudly wore the colonial uniforms and represented our dynamic JROTC program. In addition, other **veteran groups** presented their colors in this solemn assembly of remembrance. Finally, **Ms. Lenica Ruiz**, **Ms. Michelle Lukin**, and the **MdN Culinary Arts** classes added to the celebration by cooking for the Veteran's Breakfast following the ceremony. It was an amazing celebration of our flag, our country, our freedoms and our sacrifices.



STUDENT NEWS

Padre Homecoming Game and Dance

We had a great time celebrating Homecoming in November. We had an awesome turnout at our Padre Homecoming Game and Dance. Students had a fun time celebrating Marcos de Niza and our traditions. Congratulations to our Padre Homecoming King **Nathan Sanchez** and Queen **Solana Reyes**.



Christopher Villamar Marcial, Sophia Jimenez, Aaron Zamora Garcia, and Shaylee Luna

STUDENT NEWS

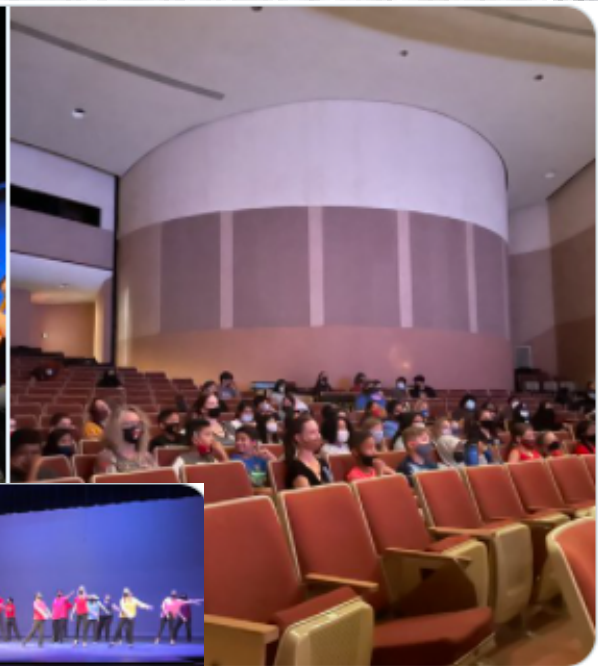
Midnight at Marcos Orchestra Concert and Broadway Choir Concert

On September 15th, Dr. Diane Grieser and her orchestra performed their fall concert *Midnight at Marcos* for the Rover Elementary orchestra students, and Dr. Grieser took the time to specifically draw parallels between what the high school students were doing on stage and what the elementary students were currently learning in their classes.

Thank you to the **Rover Elementary students** who watched our orchestra students perform *Midnight at Marcos*. It was a great experience for all involved and our students were so excited to answer all of their questions and show them what being a Padre is all about.

On October 1st, our **vocal performance students** performed their *Broadway Choir Concert* for the Rover Elementary choir students under the direction of teacher Ms. Courtney Evans. At the end of the show, Ms. Evans led a Q and A between the Rover students and our choir students, and it was incredible to see our choir students advocate on behalf of Marcos and the fine arts academy. They were phenomenal ambassadors for our school and generated a ton of enthusiasm and excitement amongst the Rover students.

There is a incredible outreach work being done by our performing arts teachers and students to our feeder schools, especially Rover Elementary. These outreach efforts have been spearheaded by Mr. Patrick McChesney, who has made a very strategic effort this year to share the amazing things we do at Marcos with our feeder schools. His drama students performed for both Rover and Fees. Congratulations to these students and instructors for their efforts on behalf of our school community.



STUDENT NEWS

MDN Theatre's Fall Play Faith County



The MdN Theatre program successfully produced the comedy *Faith County* this past fall. As always, the parents and adult volunteers worked diligently to design and build amazing costumes, props, and sets for the production, while the students memorized, learned blocking (movement), and developed their characters... to perfection. "We were very proud of this show and it felt good to get back into the Theatre again after such a long hiatus." shared from Mr. Patrick McChesney, the director.



MARCOS DE NIZA THEATRE PRESENTS

FAITH COUNTY

Written by Mark Landon Smith

NOVEMBER | 18-20 | 7:00p

Marcos de Niza High School Auditorium
6000 South Lakeshore Drive
Tempe, Arizona 85283

Jam Packed with FUN!

MARCOS DE NIZA THEATRE



FAITH COUNTY: Somewhere in the middle of nowhere in the south, there's a place where the beehive hairdo is still the rage and Saturday nights are reserved for the tractor pull in nearby Pickler.



STUDENT NEWS

MDN Dance Concert Infinite Space

On December 2nd and 3rd, we had a dance concert in our auditorium. This dance concert was a combined concert with Fees College Preparatory. All dance students from both programs performed. Our students worked really hard this semester to put this show together and we are so proud of them and our Dance Director Mrs. Tahlia Remer.

We also had the honor of Helen Buck-Pavlick, ADE Arts Education Specialist who attended our dance concert and presented MDN Dance with a letter and certificate from the Arizona Department of Education.



Arizona Department of Education

Educator & School Excellence Unit- Arts Education

Dear Marcos de Niza High School,

Thank you for inviting ADE: Arts Education to attend your performance. We really enjoyed the opportunity to see the amazing work that Ms. Remer and the dance students are creating and making in the arts. The numbers "The Fight" and "Disco Star Wars" were just two of many outstanding performances! It was also wonderful to see a collaboration across districts that celebrated the neighborhood connection between Fees College Preparatory Middle School and Marcos de Niza High School.

To quote Sebastian in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, "I can no other answer make, but, thanks, And thanks, and ever thanks" (Act III, Scene 3). We celebrate your commitment to arts education and to demonstrating that arts are ESSENTIAL to our schools and students. We know that arts classrooms serve as a bedrock, providing students with spaces for meaningful personal and inter-disciplinary connections, and as an outlet for much needed emotional expression.

Arts programs are not just nice to have, they are an essential part of a well-rounded education system. Arts education fosters critical thinking skills, improves overall academic performance, and sparks creativity. In short – we need the arts to ensure students realize their full potential.

- Superintendent Kathy Hoffman

The arts (Dance, Media, Music, Theatre, and Visual) are essential components of a complete and well-rounded education. Through the arts, we share and celebrate humanity's highest achievements and develop enduring historical and cultural understandings of ourselves and the world around us. The mission of the Arizona Department of Education - Arts Education is to provide support to arts educators, classroom teachers, school and district administrators, and arts stakeholders – including arts and education organizations, community groups, and service organizations – so that every student can experience the power and beauty of the arts, and the joy, creativity, and intellectual stimulation that instruction in the arts provides. Thank you for your support of the arts and your ongoing commitment to supporting a well-rounded education for every student to achieve their potential.

Yours in collaboration,

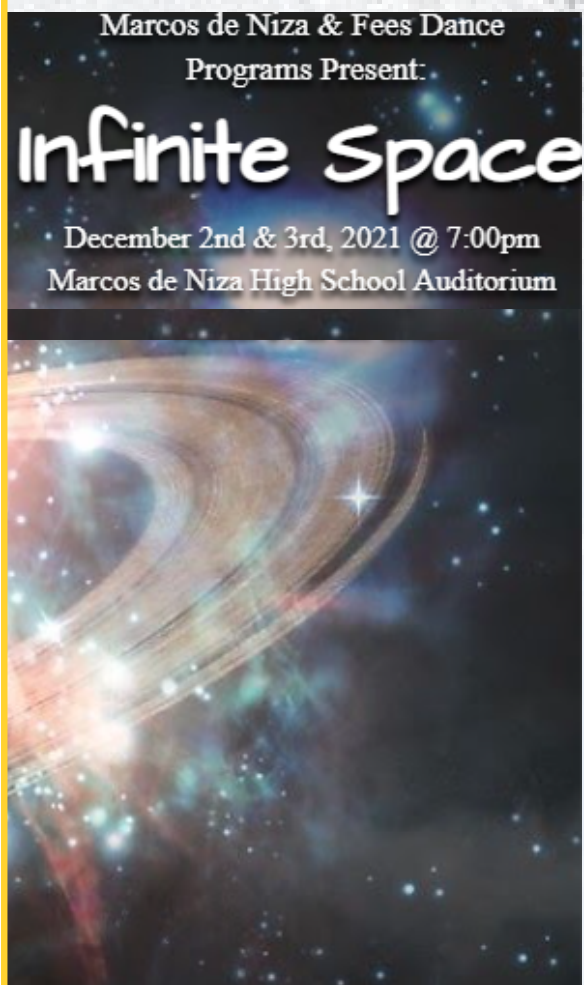
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STUDENT NEWS

Padre Pride Marching Band

Our Padre Pride Marching Band finished 3rd place in the Division IV State Championship on November 20th. Congratulations to Mr. Mike Hall and his incredible students on this accomplishment.



Our Padre Pride Marching Band also appeared in their sixth Fiesta Bowl Parade on December 18th. The band and colorguard did a great job and many cheered from the sidelines. It was a nice conclusion to an extraordinary Marching Band season.



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Winter Art Show

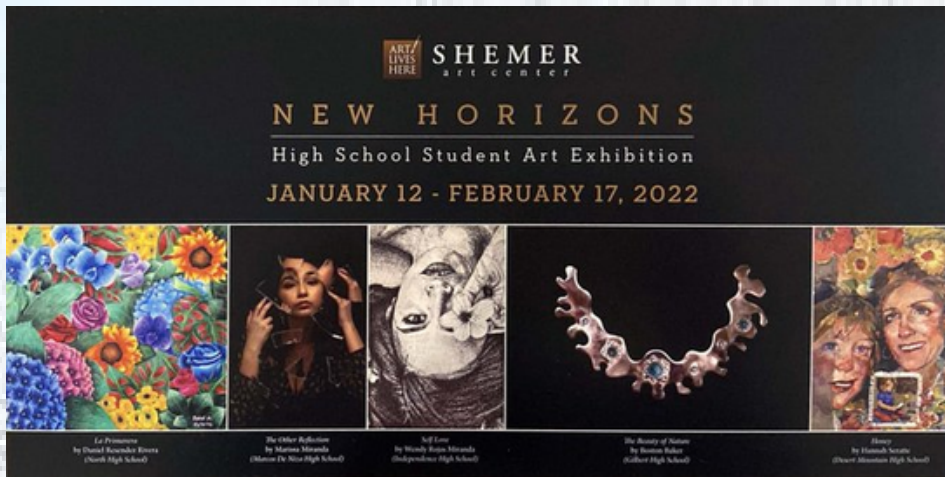
On January 13th, we proudly presented our Winter Art Show. The courtyard in front of the bookstore hosted a variety of drawings, paintings, photographs, computer graphic arts and ceramics representing the talents of Marcos students enrolled in our Visual Arts Programs. A special thanks to our visual arts teachers, **Jasen Evoy, Janet Scott and Reagan Guzman.**



STUDENT NEWS

New Horizons Student Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Photography student **Marissa Miranda** as one of her photographs was selected to be in the upcoming New Horizons Student Art Exhibition at Shemer Art Center. Shemer has also chosen to use Miranda's artwork on promotional materials. The New Horizons Student Art Exhibition will be on display beginning January 12th and student work will be showcased through February 17th.



Marissa Miranda and her photo, "The Other Reflection" won two Linton-Barnhill awards which included a \$150 scholarship.



Kim Nunez Figueroa's painting was also chosen for the exhibit.

STUDENT NEWS

4A Arizona Varsity Awards

December 1, 2021

Congratulations to our 4A Desert Sky All Region athletes: 1st Team All Region, 2nd Team All Region and Honorable Mentions.



STUDENT NEWS

ATHLETICS - Football

Each TUHSD school participated in the MLK Dream Classic on Jan 17th, honoring a member of their community due to that person's advocacy of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

At halftime, MdN Athletics football Head Coach **Anthony Figureoa** was honored because of his work, belief, and advocacy of ALL students on campus. He feels inclusion is the foundation for young people to create better world. Principal **Sarah Tolar** and Assistant Principal **Lenica Ruiz** were the presenters.



ATHLETICS - Cheer

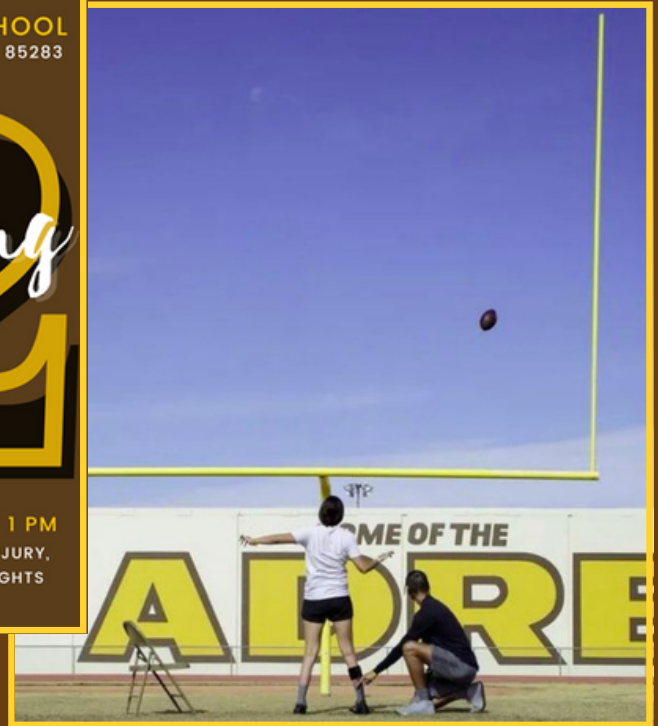
Padre Cheerleaders participated in the AIA Gameday State Competition over the December holiday break. The girls rocked the Division III mat as defending 2021 champions in the show cheer category and made it to the finals for the second day of the competition. They left it all on the floor with their fantastic performance, and ended up taking home second place in Division III Gameday. We are so proud of how they have represented Marcos both on and off the mat this season.





STUDENT NEWS

Padres Hosted Event in Support of Former MDN Kicker Krysten Muir



Marcos de Niza High School hosted a special event on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1 PM, in support of former Marcos varsity football kicker **Krysten Muir**. Muir was involved in a serious car crash in January 2021 and was diagnosed with a broken vertebra and damage to her spinal cord. Saturday, just a year after the crash, she kicked through the uprights at Marcos once again.

Krysten graduated from Marcos de Niza in 2017. During her time as a Padre, she played volleyball, soccer, ran track and played varsity football as a place kicker. Over the past year, Krysten has gone from being told she would never walk again, to coaching Marcos' kicking team, and now, kicking again herself.

Krysten has worked extensively with **Chad Dunn**, a Marcos alumnus who owns MOVE Human Performance Center & Physical Therapy Clinic in Chandler. "This is so much bigger than sports," Dunn said. "This is the game of life. And Krysten has shown us that she has what it takes."

Marcos Athletic Director **Lenica Ruiz** was thrilled at the opportunity to host the event. "Krysten is an incredible person, and she is the very definition of what it means to be a Padre. Watching her come back from such a serious injury has been inspiring, and she has the support of the entire Marcos de Niza family behind her – it's a privilege to have her kicking on our field again."

"I've had my ups and downs over the past year," Krysten said. "But I've accomplished my goals and now have room for new ones. Being able to kick means so much to me. It shows me that I'm going to be able to do anything I set my mind to."

Marcos de Niza had previously hosted a football kicking camp, in collaboration with the Arizona Cardinals and AZ Kicking & Training, in April 2021 to benefit Krysten and her family. They also dedicated their September 3, 2021 varsity game to Krysten, who participated in the coin toss that evening.

STUDENT NEWS

ATHLETICS - Basketball

Basketball Phoenix Union Coyote Classic

Congratulations to the Varsity boys basketball team for taking 1st place in the PUHSD Coyote Classic Silver Bracket on November 27th.



"This year's team is coming together and competing with solid senior leadership." - Dave Stark, Head Coach



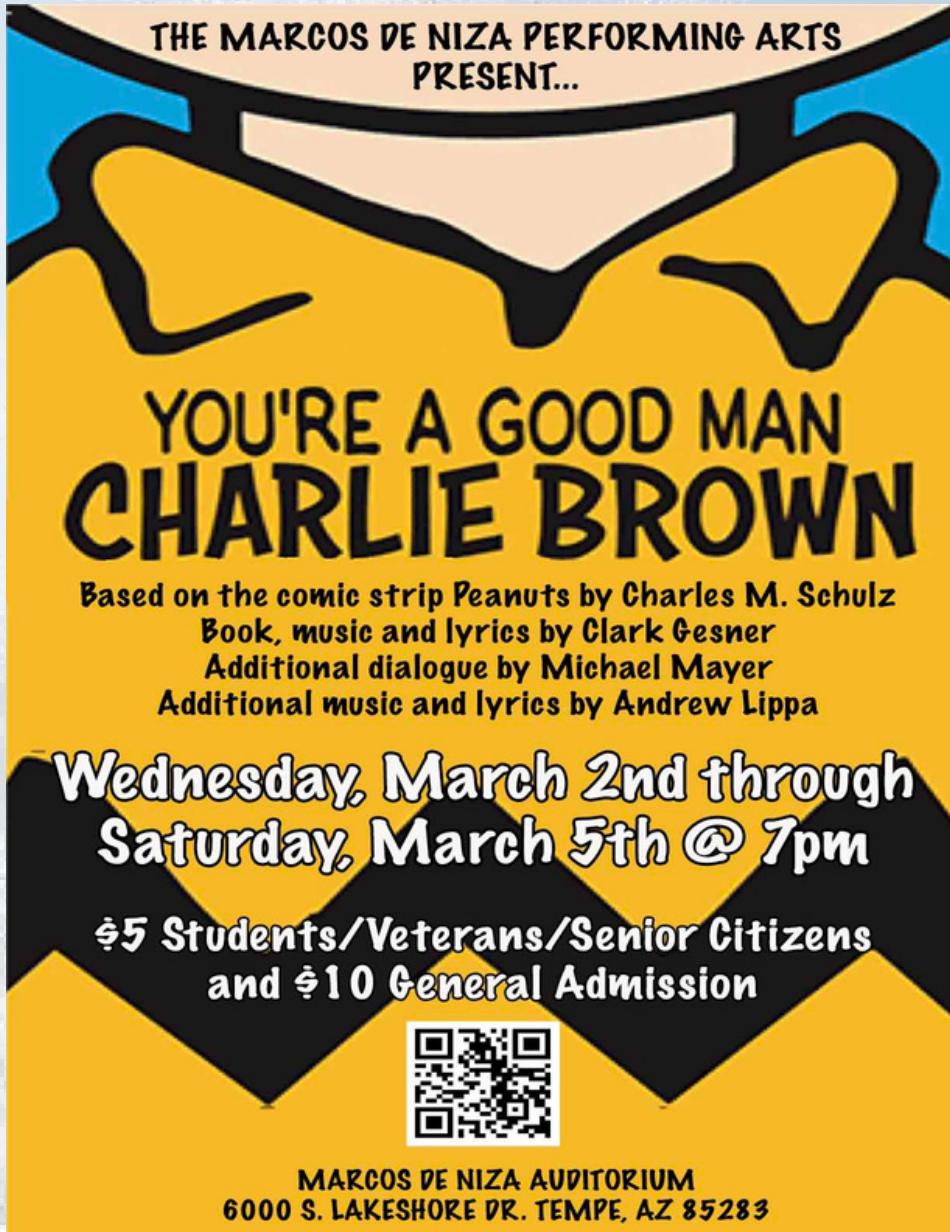
UPCOMING EVENT

PERFORMING ARTS PRESENT...

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown



THE MARCOS DE NIZA PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENT...




**YOU'RE A GOOD MAN
CHARLIE BROWN**

Based on the comic strip *Peanuts* by Charles M. Schulz
Book, music and lyrics by Clark Gesner
Additional dialogue by Michael Mayer
Additional music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa

**Wednesday, March 2nd through
Saturday, March 5th @ 7pm**

**\$5 Students/Veterans/Senior Citizens
and \$10 General Admission**



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