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Taking Care with Peanuts



Beau Hunter, 5, of Mashpee, occupies Snoopy's house at the Take Care with Peanuts exhibit at the Cape Cod Children's Museum & Discovery Center in Mashpee on Aug. 13. The exhibit has extended its run until the end of September. RON SCHLOERB/CAPE COD TIMES

New exhibit brings Charlie Brown to Cape Cod

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Cape Cod Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

Snoopy and the gang have found their way to Cape Cod in time for their 75th anniversary.

The Cape Cod Children's Museum & Discovery Center is now showing the Take Care with Peanuts travelling exhibit, in partnership with the Charles Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibit focuses on topics that were important to Peanuts creator Schulz, featuring Peanuts comic strips dating back to the '50s and '60s that talk about nutrition, fitness, and taking care of yourself and your community.

"What I learned from doing this is that Charles Schulz was way ahead of his time," says Lisa Bates, executive director of the Museum & Discovery Center. "Going back to the '50s and '60s he was a proponent of physical fitness, of mental health, of talking about the climate and how we protect the Earth."

The exhibit has "a ton of history" about Schulz, his life and how he became a cartoonist. Blown-up copies of his Peanuts cartoon strips are on display with background info on each.

There is an interactive component, too.

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Alyssa Wang named Cape Symphony's music lead

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Alyssa Wang, award-winning co-founder and conductor of the Boston Festival Orchestra, has been chosen as the Cape Symphony's music director.

She replaces Jung-Ho Pak, who led the Cape Symphony for 17 years before leaving in 2023.

Wang, 30, was one of five finalists who conducted a public concert during the two-year search. She led "Symphonie Fantastique" by Hector Berlioz in November as part of her audition for the new position. It was not her first time on the Barnstable Performing Arts Center stage in Hyannis.

"When I was a grad student in Boston, I was looking for gigs to make some money and I played violin in the Cape Symphony for one concert in 2017. It's kind of a unique thing that I had that experience of playing with the group that I will be leading," Wang said Monday, Aug. 18, in a telephone interview.

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Teens' 'digital descent' led to tragedy

Report traces path that led to school shootings

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USA TODAY

He was a 17-year-old student in Nashville. She was 15 and living in Wisconsin. They joined the same chatroom, followed each other online, and months later found themselves part of a growing club: U.S. school shooters.

Investigators at the Anti-Defamation League found striking similarities between the two young killers and the path they took that shattered families and communities, according to an Aug. 21 study provided to USA TODAY.

That path included watching videos of graphic violence, following white supremacists online and celebrating other shooters, investigators found. Solomon Henderson, 17, wound up killing a student and injuring another in January at Antioch High School in Tennessee. Natalie Rupnow, 15, killed two students and injured six in December at Abundant Life Christian School in Madison, Wisconsin. Both committed suicide.

The ADL says the report, "Two Teens. Two School Shootings. One Digital Descent," shows the deadly influence of online extremist communities.

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