

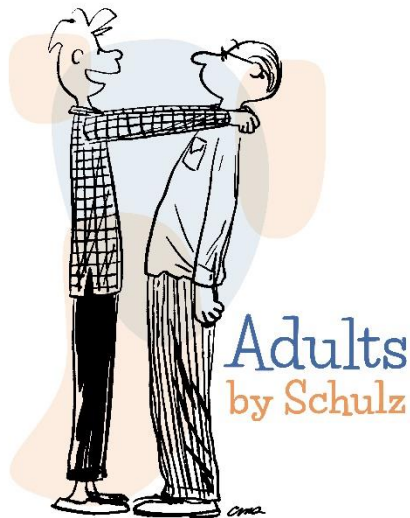


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New exhibition at the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center unveils unpublished comic strip featuring adults

Adults by Schulz (June 17, 2021–January 16, 2022)



SANTA ROSA, Calif. June 2, 2021—Charles M. Schulz created some of the world’s most recognizable young characters, but *Peanuts* was not his only foray into the funny pages. *Adults by Schulz*, on view June 17 through January 16, 2022 at the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, shares Schulz’s process and experimentation in portraying teen and adult characters.

Sometime in the mid-1950s, Schulz developed a concept for a workplace humor strip featuring adults. He titled it *Hagemeyer* after his close friend from the Army. The strip was proposed to United Feature Syndicate as a new strip by Charles Schulz and was drawn on blank *Peanuts* frame templates from this era. Until now, all seven strips have never been seen together in person or in publication.

“You don’t get to say, ‘Here is a brand-new strip from Charles M. Schulz’ many times in your life, but that is exactly what we have,” said Curator Benjamin L. Clark. “The stretched out lanky characters would never fit in a *Peanuts* strip, but looking at them, we can’t help but recognize that they can only be from the pen of Charles Schulz.”

Adults by Schulz allows visitors a rare opportunity to see characters differing from the beloved *Peanuts* Gang. While the museum owned four of the *Hagemeyer* strips already in its collection, the additional three were previously not known to exist prior to acquiring them at auction in 2020.

The exhibition will also feature artwork by Schulz from the *Saturday Evening Post*, along with *Young Pillars*, a single panel comic whose characters resemble *Peanuts* characters as teenagers, and *It's Only a Game*, one of Schulz's only collaborations with another artist.

"Schulz started out drawing adults but ultimately found success drawing children, though we can't help but daydream 'what if,'" said Clark. "It's just extraordinary to unveil four sets of different adult artwork and consider the possibility that one of them could have ended up being the worldwide comic phenomenon."



Courtesy of the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, Santa Rosa, California

ABOUT

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The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center opened in August 2002 to fulfill its mission of preserving, displaying, and interpreting the art of Charles M. Schulz. The Schulz Museum presents changing exhibitions and programming that build an understanding of cartoonists and cartoon art; illustrate the scope of Schulz's multi-faceted career; communicate the stories, inspirations, and influences of Charles Schulz; and celebrate the life of Charles Schulz and the *Peanuts* characters.

HOURS AND ADMISSION

Monday to Friday*: 11:00 am–5:00 pm (*Closed Tuesdays from Labor Day–Memorial Day)
Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Museum Members, children 3 and under: Free
Adults: \$12.00
Seniors 62 and over (with ID): \$8.00
Children 4-18 and college students (with ID): \$5.00

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