



**Available for the First Time Ever
Vince Guaraldi's
Complete Soundtrack for the 1969 Animated Classic
It Was a Short Summer, Charlie Brown
Limited Release in Celebration of the
Special's 55th Anniversary**

**The Entire Soundtrack Plus Never-Before-Heard Bonus Tracks Not
Used in the Special**

**Available Exclusively on Camp Green Vinyl (12", 45 RPM) for Record
Store Day on April 20th, 2024**

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*"The soundtrack to *It Was a Short Summer, Charlie Brown* proves another great addition to this year's field of new soundtracks and hopefully not the last Peanuts soundtrack to come from Lee Mendelson Film Productions."*

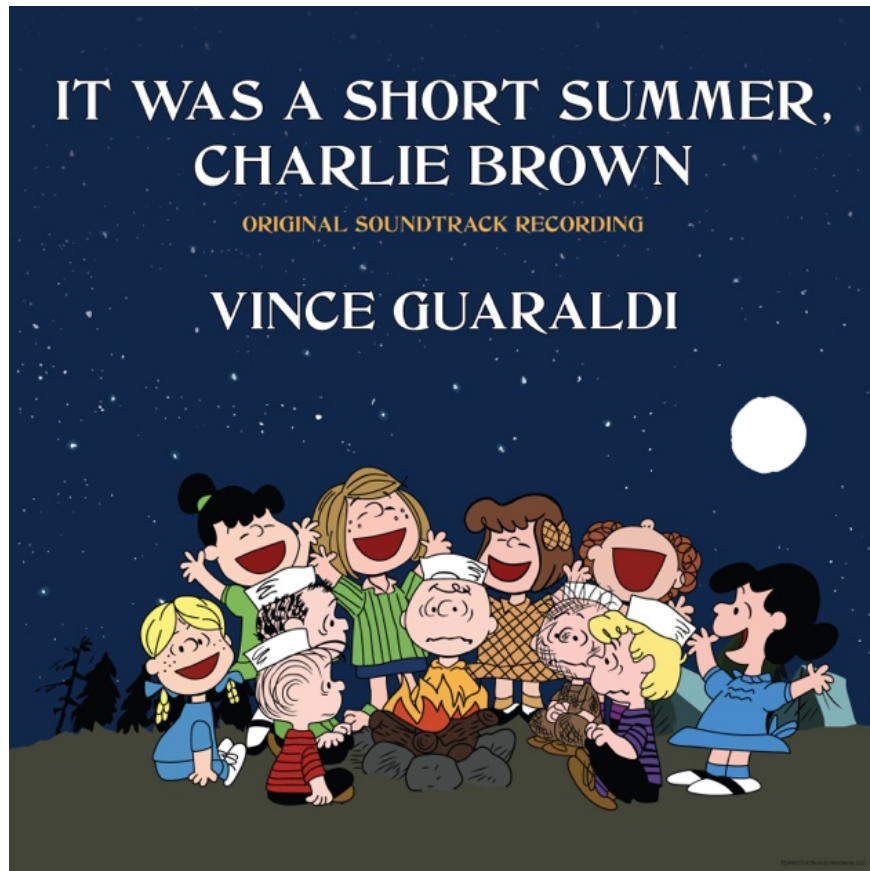
— [Phil's Picks](#)

*"Happiness is not just a warm puppy — it's also the music from *It Was a Short, Summer, Charlie Brown*, from the rolling title tune to the Latin boogie-woogie 'Linus and Lucy.'"*

— [The Times \(UK\)](#), 4.5 stars

“This entire score is can’t-be-played-often-enough ear candy. It’s as fresh and vibrant today — and as swinging — as when it was laid down 55 years ago: yet another captivating display of Guaraldi’s compositional genius and keyboard wizardry. Summer never sounded so sweet.”

— From the liner notes by Derrick Bang, Author, Vince Guaraldi at the Piano



Lee Mendelson Film Productions (LMFP) is thrilled to announce the release - for the first time ever – the complete **Vince Guaraldi** soundtrack to *It Was a Short Summer, Charlie Brown*, the timeless 6th animated *Peanuts*® special, from writer and creator Charles Schulz, director Bill Melendez and producers Melendez and Lee Mendelson. Originally airing on September 27, 1969 on CBS-TV, the special is currently available for streaming on Apple TV+.

The album includes the original recordings that comprise the song cues of the Special, **plus another six bonus or alternative tracks that have never been released or heard before.**

Guaraldi lovingly created the soundtrack for the summer camp adventure where Charlie Brown and his gang face off against the girls’ camp lead by Peppermint Patty. The large jazz combo album also includes the best rendition of Guaraldi classic, “Love Will Come (Nova Bossa)” as well as the first use of additional percussion in Victor Feldman.

The recording features **Guaraldi** (piano), **Monty Budwig** (double bass), **Jack Sperling** (drums), **Conti and Pete Candoli** (trumpet), **Frank Rosolino** (trombone), **Victor Feldman** (percussion), **Herb Ellis** (guitar), **William Hood and Peter Christlieb** (woodwind),

and **John Scott Trotter** as the orchestra leader. The soundtrack was produced by Sean Mendelson and Jason Mendelson and restored and re-mastered by Vinson Hudson.

The album will be available exclusively at a participating store starting April 20, 2024 as part of Record Store Day. Find stores and more information at recordstoreday.com

The 12" 45 RPM LP comes in Camp Green and will have liner notes that give a track-by-track analysis by Derrick Bang and notes from Sean Mendelson, son of *Peanuts*® producer Lee Mendelson and co-producer of the record. The release includes images from the special and from the original tape boxes recently re-discovered that led to this release.

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For an extended version of the press release and more information, including the track list, click [here](#).

About *Peanuts*:

The characters of *Peanuts* and related intellectual property are owned by Peanuts Worldwide, which is 41% owned by WildBrain Ltd., 39% owned by Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc., and 20% owned by the family of Charles M. Schulz, who first introduced the world to *Peanuts* in 1950, when the comic strip debuted in seven newspapers. Since then, Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the *Peanuts* gang have made an indelible mark on popular culture. In addition to enjoying beloved *Peanuts* shows and specials on Apple TV+, fans of all ages celebrate the *Peanuts* brand worldwide through thousands of consumer products, as well as amusement park attractions, cultural events, social media, and comic strips available in all formats, from traditional to digital. In 2018, *Peanuts* partnered with NASA on a multi-year Space Act Agreement designed to inspire a passion for space exploration and STEM among the next generation of students.

About *Lee Mendelson Film Productions, Inc.*:

Lee Mendelson Film Productions (LMFP) is the Publisher of the Vince Guaraldi musical catalog associated with *Peanuts*. LMFP is also the producer of the classic *Peanuts* television specials, including *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*, and *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, along with the Hollywood animation studio Bill Melendez Productions. LMFP also produced over 50 other network *Peanuts* specials, 12 prime time *Garfield* specials, 121-program series "Garfield and Friends" and many other film and television animated, documentary and entertainment programs. Founded by the late Lee Mendelson in 1963, Lee Mendelson Film Productions, Inc., has received 11 Emmy Awards (from 45 nominations) and four Peabody Awards, as well as producing projects that have received Grammy and Academy Award nominations.

Vince Guaraldi · *It Was a Short Summer, Charlie Brown*
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