



Many of us of a certain age grew up anticipating each year at Christmas time the airing of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on TV. The animated cartoon with its jazz piano soundtrack delivers an unmistakable mood that, for many, is as meaningful as the smell of a Fraser fir or the mellow strains of "Silent Night."

This year for our annual Christmas drop, we bring you our reading of Vince Guaraldi's Christmas carol from that TV special, "Christmas Time Is Here." This time we were joined in the studio by New Orleans saxophonist Rob Wagner on alto channeling Johnny Hodges in his first appearance on a Panorama track. For a different sonic texture, instead of

the classic combo of tuba and tenor banjo, we shift banjo man Gary Washington over to his primary instrument, upright bass and moved tuba player Mark Rubin over to tenor guitar. Also, check out Michael Ward-Bergeman's accordion solo on the second "B" section double-tracking a line in octaves that I wrote for him.

Thanks for listening,
Ben Schenck
Clarinetist / Leader
Panorama Jazz Band
New Orleans, LA

Credits:

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Panorama Jazz Band

Ben Schenck - Clarinet

Rob Wagner - Alto Saxophone

Charlie Halloran - Trombone

Michael Ward-Bergeman - Accordion

Mark Rubin - Tenor Guitar

Gary Washington - Upright Bass

Doug Garrison - Drum Set

Songwriters - Vince Guaraldi, Lee Mendelson (LEE MENDELSON FILM PROD INC)

Arranger - Ben Schenck (Snack Daddy Music/ASCAP)

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