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*The West's Oldest Theatre Company*



## Tacoma Little Theatre

presents



# *The Sound of Music*

by Rodgers & Hammerstein

## *The Cast*

Maria Rainier .....	Annie Bree Haser
Sister Berthe, Mistress of Novices .....	Frances Rankos
Sister Margaretta, Mistress of Postulants .....	Barbara Hendrickson
The Mother Abbess .....	LeeAnne Campos
Sister Sophia .....	Margaret Daniel
Captain Georg von Trapp .....	Scott Eagan
Franz, The Butler .....	Terry Elvrom
Frau Schmidt, the Housekeeper .....	Lydia Smith
The Children of Captain von Trapp:	
Liesl .....	Jessica Michaels
Friedrich .....	Tanner Vea
Louisa .....	Ashton Eather
Kurt .....	William Meyers
Brigitta .....	Miranda Hill
Marta .....	Ami Tajiri
Gretl .....	Brigitta Smith
Rolf Gruber .....	Jeremy McColeman
Elsa Schrader .....	Maria Valenzuela
Ursula .....	Sylvia Savary
Máx Detweiler .....	Mike Storslee
Herr Zeller .....	John Pfaffe
Baron Elberfeld .....	Michael Osier
Admiral von Schreiber .....	Josh Kors
Ensemble (Nuns, Neighbors, Nazis):	
.....	Cindy Boettger
.....	Nicole Robinson-Brick
.....	Clay Morse
.....	Sylvia Savary
.....	Scott Sterling
.....	Heidi Stoermer
.....	Chad Smithson
.....	Alicia Steiner
.....	Terrie Tilotta

# The Sound of Music

Nonnberg, Austria, 1938

## ACT I

Scene 1	Nonnberg Abbey
Scene 2	Mountainside
Scene 3	Mother Abbess' Office
Scene 4	Abbey Corridor
Scene 5	Von Trapp Villa
Scene 6	Villa Terrace
Scene 7	Maria's Bedroom
Scene 8	Von Trapp Villa
Scene 9	Villa Terrace
Scene 10	Villa Great Hall
Scene 11	Villa Great Hall
Scene 12	Mother Abbess' Office
Scene 13	Mother Abbess' Office

## ACT II

Scene 1	Villa Terrace
Scene 2	Mother Abbess' Office
Scene 3	Mother Abbess' Office
Scene 4	Nonnberg Abbey
Scene 5	Villa Great Hall
Scene 6	Kaltzberg Festival Hall
Scene 7	Nonnberg Abbey Garden

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### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE

Suggested by "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers"

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## Cast & Company Biographies

**Annie Bree Haser** (*Maria Rainier*) This is Annie's first production at TLT and she is thrilled to be playing Maria. Annie has a BA in Theatre Arts from UPS. "Many thanks to Mom, Dad, Curt and my friends. This is dedicated to my Grandma Margaret."

**Frances Rankos** (*Sister Berthe*) Frances has been active with many local groups, both as a vocalist and costumer. Singing, costumes, hair and makeup are her first love, but her day job is with Pierce Transit as a Travel Trainer.

**Barbara Hendrickson** (*Sister Margareta*) Barb is pleased to be making her TLT debut. She thanks her husband, relatives, friends and God for the gift of music.

**LeeAnne Campos** (*Mother Abbess*) LeeAnne has performed in numerous operas and concerts, and currently teaches at Pacific Lutheran University.

**Margaret Daniel** (*Sister Sophia*) Many thanks to TLT for the wonderful opportunity, my daughter Katey for her help, and the Dominican Sisters for providing many models for "Sister Sophia." Ave!

**Scott Eagan** (*Captain Georg von Trapp*) Scott has performed at TLT in the past, as well as The Washington Shakespeare Festival. Prior shows have included *Merchant of Venice*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Guys & Dolls*, and *Mistletoe Madness*.

**Terry Elvrom** (*Franz*) Terry would like to thank his family & friends for their encouragement. He is currently portraying a bartender at a restaurant near you.

**Lydia Smith** (*Frau Schmidt*) Lydia, Gretl's mom, has a degree in music education. She and her husband homeschool their six children with a strong emphasis in music.

**Jessica Michaels** (*Liesl*) This is Jessica's second TLT production. She has played the title role in *Annie*, and minor parts in several productions. "Lots of love to friends!"

**Tanner Vea** (*Friedrich*) This is Tanner's first show at TLT, but he has been acting at Green River's summer camp for four years. He has enjoyed working with the entire cast and making the Von Trapps come alive!

**Ashton Eather** (*Louisa*) Ashton is thrilled to be in *The Sound of Music!* She enjoys working and learning with the talented staff and cast, and dreams of one day becoming an actress!

**William Myers** (*Kurt*) Currently performs with the Tacoma Youth Choir, and has performed solo work with The Tacoma Opera Company, as well as others.

**Miranda Hill** (*Brigitta*) "I am very pleased to be in this performance, since I've just taken an interest in acting and singing. I hope you enjoy the show."

**Ami Tajiri** (*Marta*) Ami is seven years old and has been singing on stage since she was four. She loves singing, swimming, reading, and writing stories.

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**Brigitta Smith** (*Gretl*) Brigitta turned six during rehearsals for the show! She loves singing, reading, memorizing movies, and learning to play piano & violin.

**Jeremy McColeman** (*Rolf*) Jeremy was last seen in TLT's *Servant of Two Masters*. "For Kristina."

**Maria Valenzuela** (*Elsa Schraeder*) "A big 'muchas gracias' to family, friends & colleagues who manipulated their schedules so I could participate in the show!"

**Sylvia Savary** (*Ursula & Nun*) For the last eight years Sylvia has been involved in *The Living Nativity* at the Victorian Country Christmas in Puyallup.

**Mike Storslee** (*Max Detweiler*) Mike demonstrates exactly why he was cast as the mute king in *Once Upon a Mattress*. He last appeared as the father who left his kids with Grandma in *Lost in Yonkers*.

**Hans Pfaffe** (*Herr Zeller*) Hans was last seen on TLT's stage as Albert in *A Thousand Clowns*. He has worked with Lakewood Players, The Performance Circle, Last Ditch Efforts, & the Pierce County Playwright's Festival. *Viel Spass!*

**Michael Osier** (*Baron Elberfeld*) "The play is the thing."

**Josh Kors** (*Admiral Von Schreiber*) A native Tacoman with no prior experience, Josh is working towards his first \$20,000,000 acting check.

**Cindy Boettger** (*Nun*) This is Cindy's first play! "Thanks to God, church and family for the support of fulfilling childhood dreams."

**Nicole Robinson-Brick** (*Nun*) "I've been singing in public most of my life, but never in a musical! It's been a great experience!"

**Clay Morse** (*Nazi, ensemble*) Clay is a theatre major at UPS, and has been involved in theatre since age 11. He also enjoys the outdoors a great deal.

**Scott Sterling** (*Ensemble*) He is a local musician/composer who loves musicals.

**Heidi Stoermer** (*Frau Zeller, nun*) "I love music & theatre, so when I get to put them together, it's an incredible experience!"

**Chad Smithson** (*Nazi, ensemble*) After graduating from law school, Chad realized it was more exciting doing theatre *outside* the courtroom!

**Alicia Steiner** (*Postulant, ensemble*) "As a recent UPS graduate & veteran actress, I'd like to thank the TLT cast & crew and my family & friends!"

**Terrie Tilotta** (*Nun, ensemble*) Terrie spent the summer playing Glinda the Good Witch in an outdoor production of *Wizard of Oz*. "Thanks to Mom, Steve, Dad & Tia!"

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**Michelle Gillette** (*Director/Choreographer*) Michelle recently moved to Seattle after completing her M.A. at Western Washington University. She has directed numerous productions, including *Kiss Me Kate*, *The Music Man*, *The Crucible*, and *The Birthday Party*. Michelle thanks the cast, crew & production staff at TLT for making this show so enjoyable!

**Deneen Grant** (*Musical Director*) Deneen is a professional vocalist and pianist who has performed at many local events. She studied music education at Pacific Lutheran University. This is Deneen's fifth show with TLT.

**Martin J. Gallagher** (*Orchestration*) Martin is an award-winning national musical director, computerized musical arranger and sound designer. He is a featured presenter and writer for the U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology, and has just returned from a theatrical technician's exchange with The People's Republic of China. Martin has a web site about theatrical sound design located at [www.teleport.com/~mjgallag](http://www.teleport.com/~mjgallag). He claims to have *paid* for his tickets to the Woodstock Festival in 1969.

**J.D. Cullen** (*Scenic Designer*) This is Judy's six-billionth scenic design for Tacoma Little Theatre. She has been on staff at TLT as Production Manager since 1993. As a professional scenic designer, Judy has worked for numerous theatres, but considers TLT--the only amateur theatre she has ever worked for--her home. Thanks to Mom, Maura, and Boo for their patience and love!

**Alex Lewington** (*Costume Designer*) Alex rarely does musicals, but she couldn't resist *The Sound of Music*--120 costumes or not! Currently, she is hard at work designing *Medieval Revels* at the Rialto in December.

**Brian Rink** (*Lighting Designer*) Brian's last design at TLT was *Little Shop of Horrors*. He has designed numerous other productions in the area, including *Gypsy* and *West Side Story* at Tacoma Musical Playhouse.

**M.J. McGalliard** (*Master Carpenter*) A graduate of The Evergreen State College, M.J. has toured extensively in the U.S. and Canada. His recently formed theater support company, THEATER 911, is consuming much of his time, as is refining his current screenplay, *Craters of the Moon*. He is very happy to be working with so many talented people on this labor of love.

**Frank Einstein** (*Rag Doll*) In addition to being a world traveller, Frank is the unofficial Office Manager/Comptroller. He has been known to sit in with J.D. Cullen on the sound board as well as hob-knob with big-wigs like international superstar Klaas Hofstra (*Picasso's War*). His first love is travel, but theatre and taunting cats is a close second.

**Cleo** (*Cat*) Cleo--short for Cleopatra--is Tacoma Little Theatre's new "Official Theatre Cat in charge of Rodent Relocation". She can often be found lounging on the ticket computer in the box office, or sleeping on the Marketing & Development Director's chair (whether she's there or not).

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## *Celebrating our 80th Season!*

Our 80th season continues with Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic *The Sound of Music*, just in time for the holidays! Our season resumes in February with *Twelve Angry Men*, *Steel Magnolias* in April, and *The Pirates of Penzance* in June. Be sure that your name is on our mailing list so you will receive updates on our shows and special events!

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## *Give the Gift of Theatre!*

Tacoma Little Theatre offers gift certificates and flex-passes for all your gift-giving needs! Gift certificates can be for any amount, and flex-passes can be redeemed for any of our mainstage shows, in any combination. Gift certificates and flex-passes are valid through the last performance of the current season (*Pirates of Penzance*, June 1999).

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## *The Russians are Coming!*

Tacoma Little Theatre and Freehold Theatre co-sponsor the Vladivostok Chamber Drama Theatre's production of *The Lower Depths*, by Maxim Gorki. Directed by Leonid Anisimov.

Originally directed by Stanislavsky at the Moscow Art Theatre in 1902, *The Lower Depths* descends into the murky world of a crowded boarding house. The residents—including a drunken ex-actor, a fallen nobleman turned pimp, and a wild young thief—struggle towards love, hope and deliverance. Performed entirely in Russian, with live English translation and plot synopsis provided.

*The Lower Depths* plays for two days only at Tacoma Little Theatre:  
Friday, November 27th, 4:30-9:30pm,  
& Saturday, November 28th, 2:00-7:00pm.

Seating is strictly limited to 50 seats per performance, as the audience will be onstage with the performers. Admission is by suggested donation of \$10, and tickets are available at the TLT box office.

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## *Production Staff & Crew*

Director .....	Michelle Gillette
Assistant Director .....	Bryce Britton
Choreographer .....	Michelle Gillette
Musical Director .....	Deneen Grant
Orchestration .....	Martin J. Gallagher
Stage Managers .....	Dean & Robbie Lapin
Dance Captain .....	Alicia Steiner
Vocal Coach .....	Lee Anne Campos
Scenic Designer .....	J.D. Cullen
Costume Designer .....	Alex Lewington
Lighting Designer .....	Brian Rink
Assistant Lighting Designer .....	Sam Izenman
Stage Crew .....	The Lapins, Matt Osier
Light Operator .....	Gary Huston
Sound Operator .....	Joe Izenman
Master Carpenter .....	M.J. McGalliard
Scenic Construction .....	Carl Ritting, Allen Johnson, Miranda Lopez, Dale Sysum, John Holgren, Kim Johnson, Taylor Haskell, Dean Lapin
Properties .....	JD Cullen, Tim Kelly, Tracy Berryman, Alex Lewington, Chevi Chung
Painting .....	Kim Izenman, Chevi Chung, Loren Osier
Wardrobe Supervisor .....	Heather McDougall
Hair Consultant .....	Barbara Hendrickson
Costume Construction .....	Michele Graves, Cyndi Ball, Tracy Berryman, Jimmie Warnell, Cathy Hill, Paula Tajiri, Debbie Myers, Percy Gausssdin, Francis Rankos, Robbie Lapin, Marian Hawkins, Tani Lovejoy, Colleen Schmersal, Miranda Lopez, Judy Sysum, Marlene West, Marlene Stoermer, Judy Cullen, Alex Lewington
Light Hanging & Focusing .....	Joe & Sam Izenman, Matt Osier, Gary Huston, Brian Rink
House Manager .....	Loren Osier

## *TLC for TLT*

Robbie Lapin, Linda McClary, Kim Izenman, Marion Moore, Tracy Berryman, Betty Cullen, Maura Cullen, Lynette Fairbanks, Bonnie Jean Hill, Lauren James, Rebecca Rex, Paula Swenson, Laura Conn, Charlotte Wooldridge, Deborah Hughes, Loren Osier, Jason Circelli

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