



# THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**  
Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**  
Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE**  
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

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# DIRECTOR'S NOTES

We remember *The Sound of Music* for classic songs like “My Favorite Things” and “Do-Re-Mi.” It’s a beautiful love story about Captain von Trapp and Maria and the difficult decisions they make in order to be together. But it’s also a love story about a country on the verge of losing itself and the difficult decisions each character has to make about who they want to be in the new world order.

*The Sound of Music* is set in the late 1930s on the eve of Anschluss, the take over of Austria by Nazi Germany. The adults and soon-to-be adults (like Liesl and Rolf) are forced to reckon with the loss of their country. Some of them are optimistic that they can remain neutral, some join the other side, and some refuse to acquiesce. Friends and neighbors find themselves on opposing sides.

Rodgers and Hammerstein wove together a funny, romantic, heart-breaking, and cautionary tale based on the real life memoir of Maria von Trapp.

Our rehearsal process for this show has been unconventional, to say the least. Through the chaos of our times, this cast has been a dream to work with. They have been patient, flexible, hard-working and supportive of one another.

Julie Mitchell

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## PRODUCTION CREW AND STAFF

Artistic Directors.....	<b>Julie Mitchell/Markus Baldwin</b>
Director/Choreographer.....	<b>Julie Mitchell</b>
Music Director.....	<b>Sheila Herod</b>
Additional Vocal Coaches.....	<b>Darla Bicknell, Glenda Quinn</b>
Set Design/Build.....	<b>Markus Baldwin</b>
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# CAST

in alphabetical order

Louisa von Trapp.....	Anna Arias
The Mother Abbess.....	Darla Bicknell
Brigitta von Trapp.....	Isabella Buckrucker
Friedrich von Trapp.....	Carson Bunch
Liesl von Trapp.....	Kylie Bunch
Gretyl von Trapp.....	Ariana Coile
Maria Rainer.....	Kaitlyn Sullivan
Max Detweiler.....	Alan Eddins
Elsa Schraeder.....	Shannon Eddins
Kurt von Trapp.....	Lane Fowler
Rolf Gruber.....	London Moore
Sister Berthe.....	Darlene Pleiner
Sister Margareta.....	Glenda Kaye Quinn
Franz.....	Dakota Russell
Herr Zeller.....	Samuel Christian Stanley
Sister Sophia/Admiral von Schreiber.....	Kati Tibbits
Frau Schmidt.....	Becca Vaughn
Captain Georg von Trapp.....	Michael Vaughn
Marta von Trapp.....	Abby Welch

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# MUSICAL DIRECTOR



**SHEILA HEROD (Music Director)** was awarded Professor Emeritus status upon her retirement from Navarro College. Last year, she won the Spotlight Award from Texas Nonprofit Theatres for her many years of service to community theaters and artists. She is still an adjunct professor at Texas A&M Commerce, teaching weekly classes. In her long career, she has served on numerous nonprofit and arts related boards and has been music director and accompanist for more shows than she can name. Perhaps, most importantly, she is Suggie to six grandchildren.

## SETTING

*The Sound of Music* takes place in Austria, early in 1938

## SCENIC BREAKDOWN

### ACT 1

Nonnberg Abbey  
Mountainside  
Office of Mother Abbess  
Trapp Villa Living Room  
Outside the Villa  
Maria's Bedroom  
Terrace of the Villa - Six weeks later  
Trapp Villa Living Room  
Office of Mother Abbess

### Act 2

Terrace of the Villa  
Nonnberg Abbey  
Trapp Villa Living Room - weeks later  
Concert Hall  
Garden of the Abbey

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# COMPANY PROFILES

**ANNA ARIAS (Louisa)** is a sixth-grader from Red Oak. She is brand new to theater and is thrilled to be making her debut in *The Sound of Music* here at EPT! She has worked with Mrs. Darla Bicknell for several years and has performed two recitals. She credits Mrs. Darla as her vocal coach and is so grateful for all of her love and encouragement. Anna gets her love of music from her mom but is thankful for both her parents who are her biggest supporters.

**DARLA BICKNELL (The Mother Abbess)** is thrilled to be working on the EPT stage again. Among her favorite productions on Dallas area stages are *Little Women the Musical*, *Into the Woods*, *Hairspray*, and *Cinderella*. Darla stays busy as a vocal/acting coach, and she portrays Mrs. Claus and leads workshops around the country. She thanks the LORD JESUS and her family for their love and support. She is most proud of her three children, their mates, and her eight granddaughters. But her biggest supporter and fan is her beloved husband, Marc.

**ISABELLA BUCKRUCKER's (Brigitta)** theater career has included many productions. You may have seen her perform in the Corsicana Warehouse productions of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Additionally, Isabella performed with the Ennis Public Theatre in their production of *Disney's Frozen Jr.* Isabella is a native of Corsicana TX, attending Bowie Elementary. She is an avid musician, performing piano under the tutelage of Dr. Amanda Hughes, professor of piano at Navarro College. Isabella's hobbies are horseback riding, playing ROBLOX and Minecraft, and spending time with her two cats, Patrick and Oscar, and her two dogs, Lo and Chaka.

**CARSON BUNCH (Friedrich)** is making his acting debut with EPT in *The Sound of Music*. Carson enjoys playing the piano and bassoon, adventure rides, and gaming with his friends.

**KYLIE BUNCH (Liesl)** is excited to be on the EPT stage again! This is her second musical. She enjoys playing the oboe, singing, hanging out with friends, and loving on her dog, Ren.

**ARIANA COILE (Gretyl)** is 7 years old and is in second grade. She's an aspiring actor/singer/musician who has been performing in public since she was 4 years old in various recitals and competition, most recently winning "Best Child Singer" at the Orlando 2021 IMTA competition. You can follow her on Facebook and Instagram @arianacoile.

**ALAN EDDINS (Max Detweiler)** has spent the majority of his "theater career" behind the scenes as stage manager and light and sound crew director on shows with the Navarro College Choir in the 1990s. He makes his return to the theater and stage debut as Max Detweiler in this production of *The Sound of Music*.



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**SHANNON EDDINS (Elsa Schraeder)** has been performing since the age of 6. Whether in church, football stadiums, college auditoriums or in the classroom supporting other performers, she truly enjoys audiences. She has held roles in musicals like Eliza in *My Fair Lady*, Maria in *The Sound of Music* and Cindy Lou in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. She has also acted in several plays and church productions. Leading worship, and performing at holiday and personal events is also where she finds a place to share her talents.

**LANE FOWLER (Kurt)** is excited to be making his EPT debut. He enjoys performing in his school and church choir, and has enjoyed being part of several plays at the Warehouse Living Arts Center (*Frozen*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*), where he developed a passion for theater and had a wonderful opportunity to go to TNT last summer in Bastrop where they performed *The Big Friendly Giant*. He recently had a rewarding experience with the Penguin Project as a mentor to Hans in *Frozen, Jr.* at Corsicana High School. Lane is excited about being in a new theater and meeting new people. He would like to thank everyone who is giving him this wonderful opportunity!

**LONDON MOORE (Rolf Gruber)** is excited to make his EPT debut. He enjoys singing in the Corsicana High School Choir and recently was seen in the CHS performance of *High School Musical*. London loves all musicals and has been a part of *Frozen*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the Warehouse Theater in Corsicana. His favorite musical of all time is *Hamilton*.

**DARLENE PLEINER (Sister Berthe)** is a lifelong resident of Ennis and a veteran of the EPT. Past performances include *Nunsense*, *Clue -The Musical*, and *The Glass Menagerie*, to name a few.

**GLEENDA KAYE QUINN (Sister Margareta)** loves all aspects of the theater and is so happy to be part of another EPT production. She was Missy in EPT's *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, Baroness Schraeder in *The Sound of Music*, and Tessie Tura in *Gypsy*. Glenda graduated from the University of Tulsa where she cheered and ran track. She is mom to Tyler, Clayton, and Graham, and wife to Scott.

**DAKOTA RUSSELL (Franz)** has appeared on this stage in *I Hate Hamlet* and *A Christmas Carol*. He is the House Manager and Lighting Designer for EPT. He has a beautiful wife, Lauren, and precious daughter, Artemis.

**SAMUEL CHRISTIAN STANLEY (Herr Zeller)** has appeared in several shows at Ennis Public Theatre, such as *Exit the Body*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *A Christmas Carol*. In addition to singing bass, he also practices Taekwon-do, plays several instruments, and reads voraciously. He lives in Midlothian.

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**KAITLYN SULLIVAN (Maria Rainer)** is very excited to once again be part of the Ennis Public Theatre having been on the EPT stage in our recent fund-raiser, *All Together Now*. Prior to that, she had done theater in high school but took a break when she joined the Navy and started her family.

**KATI TIBBITS (Sister Sophia/Admiral von Schreiber)** is happy to be making her EPT debut. No stranger to the boards, she has acted, designed, and directed from Corsicana to Exeter, England. Kati is currently an Art/Theatre Teacher at Westwood Junior High in Palestine, Texas.

**BECCA VAUGHN (Frau Schmidt)** is beyond excited to not only be making her debut at EPT, but also to be back on stage after her brief seven-year hiatus! She would like to thank her adoring husband, Michael, and her incredible parents, Russell and Nancy, for their never-ending love, support, and constant "do a show already!" pushes.

**MICHAEL VAUGHN (Captain Von Trapp)** is thrilled to be on stage once again at EPT. He recently played Jack in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, as well as Dr. Frankenstein in *Young Frankenstein*. He would like to thank his wife, Becca, and his family for their continued support and patronage.

**ABBY WELCH (Marta)** is happy to be making her EPT debut. She has been interested in acting for several years and is thrilled to be a part of this amazing show! She would like to thank her mom and her friends!

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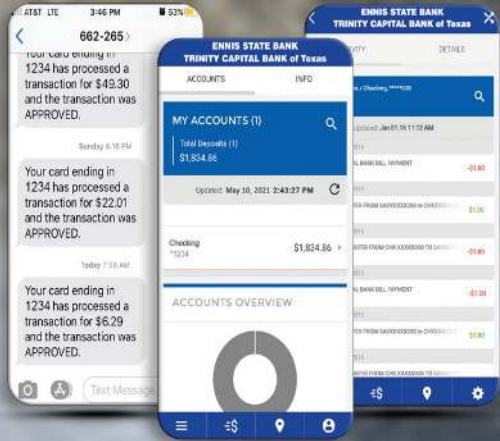
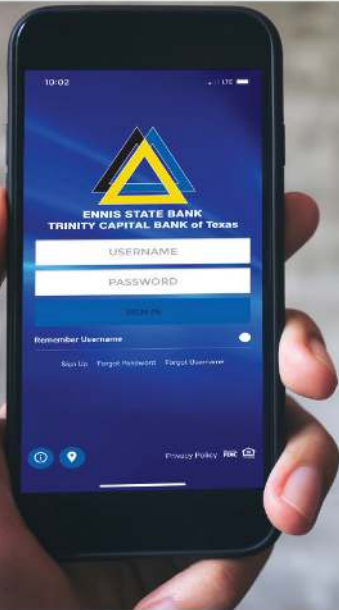
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