

MEDIA RELEASE

The Citadel Theatre is Alive with *The Sound of Music*

February 13, 2024

Edmonton, Alberta – Rodgers and Hammerstein’s acclaimed family-favourite musical opens early March on the Shctor Theatre stage.

Set in late 1930s Austria, the free-spirited Maria, set to take religious orders at an abbey, becomes a governess in the home of a widowed naval captain with seven children. In her new position, she brings a new love of life and music into the hearts of each of the children and the surly Captain Von Trapp. A Tony Award winning musical with music and lyrics by **Richard Rodgers** and **Oscar Hammerstein II**. This beloved story as suggested by “The Trapp Family Singers” by Maria Augusta Trapp, with book by **Howard Lindsay** and **Russel Crouse**, contains all the songs and nostalgia audiences know and love.

This show is directed by **Rachel Peake**, Artistic Director of the Grand Theatre in London, Ontario. Recently, Peake directed two fantastic Citadel productions, *9 to 5: The Musical* and *The Garneau Block*. A co-production with Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, which ran in Winnipeg in December 2023, this production boasts a cast of almost 30 actors, including two youth companies who will be alternating performances. The gorgeous, memorable score is brought to life by an orchestra of 11 musicians.

***The Sound of Music* plays March 2 – 31, 2024.** Tickets are available online at citadeltheatre.com or by calling the Box Office at 780.425.1820.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com.

The Citadel will be hosting its first Relaxed Performance on March 30, 2024 at 7:30pm. Relaxed Performances offer an accessible option to audience members who may benefit from a more relaxed environment in the theatre or those who may have not normally felt comfortable attending a live performance. More information can be found in our [FAQ's](#).

The in-person Pay What You Choose event, presented by Alberta Blue Cross, will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024. There is also an opportunity to purchase Pay What You Choose tickets online. More information can be found on our website at citadeltheatre.com.

Photos will be available by Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

CAST

Avery Adams
Oli Arnell
Vance Avery
Pierce Briggs
Penelope Carew
Lara Ciekiewicz
Julia Davis
Renee DeSilva-Bissell
Jesse Drwiega
Charlie Gallant
Katie German
Kristi Hansen
Ben Hill
Kevin Klassen
Halle Leschert
Sarah Luby
Andrew MacDonald-Smith
Priya Narine
Christina Nguyen
Troy O'Donnell
Emma Grace Colobong Rechlo
Amanda Mella Rodriguez
Cooper Nash Rojotte
Garett Ross
Iona Rout
Elizabeth Shakeshaft
Jan Skene
Justin Stadnyk
Elowyn Temme

Brigitta von Trapp (Raindrops cast)
Friedrich von Trapp (Raindrops cast)
Herr Zeller, SS Guard, Priest
Friedrich von Trapp (Whiskers cast)
Marta von Trapp (Whiskers cast)
The Mother Abbess, Party Guest, Fräulein Schweiger
New Postulant, Ursula, Party Guest, Nun
Sister Margaretta, Baroness Elberfeld, Trio
Rolf Gruber, Party Guest, Dance Captain
Captain Georg von Trapp
Sister Sophia, Frau Zeller, Trio
Elsa Schraeder, Nun, Trio
Kurt von Trapp (Whiskers cast)
Max Detweiler
Gretl von Trapp (Whiskers cast)
Party Guest, Nun
Franz, SS Guard
Maria Rainer
Liesl von Trapp, Nun
Admiral von Schreiber, Party Guest
Marta von Trapp (Raindrops cast)
Louisa von Trapp (Raindrops cast)
Kurt von Trapp (Raindrops cast)
Baron Elberfeld, SS Guard
Gretl von Trapp (Raindrops cast)
Louisa von Trapp (Whiskers cast)
Sister Berthe, Frau Schmidt
Party Guest, SS Guard
Brigitta von Trapp (Whiskers cast)

Understudies

Julia Davis
Renee DeSilva-Bissell
Katie German
Sarah Luby

Andrew MacDonald-Smith
Garett Ross
Jan Skene
Justin Stadnyk

Liesl von Trapp; Sister Sophia, Frau Zeller, Trio
The Mother Abbess, Party Guest, Fräulein Schweiger
New Postulant
Maria Rainer; Elsa Schraeder, Nun, Trio; Sister Berthe, Frau Schmidt; Sister Margaretta, Baroness Elberfeld, Trio
Captain Georg von Trapp; Herr Zeller, Priest
Max Detweiler; Admiral von Schreiber, Party Guest
Ursula
Rolf Gruber; Baron Elberfeld; Franz; Herr Zeller, Priest

BAND

Andrew St. Hilaire
Jim Cockell
Mike Lent

Music Director / Keyboard 1
Violin
Bass

Beth Levia	Reed 2
Alden Lowrey	Trombone
Echo Mazur	Reed 1
Mark Segger	Percussion
Dan Sutherland	Reed 3
Stephanie Urquhart	Keys
Russ Whitehead	Trumpet
Molly Wreakes	Horn

CREATIVE TEAM

Rachel Peake	Director
Andrew St. Hilaire	Music Director
Ainsley Hillyard	Choreographer
Lorenzo Savoini	Set Designer
Jessica Oostergo	Costume Designer
Larry Isacoff	Original Lighting Designer
Emily C. Porter	Sound Designer
Sam Hutchings	Intimacy Director & Apprentice Director/Choreographer
Paul Rodermond	Assistant Music Director
Kate George	Assistant Costume Designer
Even Gilchrist	Lighting Design Associate
Carolin Schroeder	German Language Coach
JP Hoekstra	Military Consultant
Madison Henry	Stage Manager
Anna Davidson	Assistant Stage Manager
Zahra Larche	Assistant Stage Manager
Galen Hite	Apprentice Stage Manager
Adam Blocka	Child Supervisor
Austin Kennedy	Child Supervisor

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