Director's Notes

What an honor it is to be back directing at Kitsap Forest Theater for my second show along side an amazing staff! I am so proud to be directing one of my favorite musicals and the only show I've done three times. Based on the 1949 biography of Maria von Trapp and her family, it shows how the power of music brings together a family and a nation despite the atrocities of the Nazi regime.

My first opportunity to perform the stage version came in 1987 as Sister Berthe and then in 1998 when I was lucky to portray Maria. As an actor I researched and studied the real-life story of Maria von Trapp and her family. While the play and movie take great liberties, the heart of the story comes back to the core values of love of family, faith, music, culture and nation. It strikes at the things that matter most to people which is why we come back to this story again and again.

We are fortunate to have the chance to feature the two songs written by Richard Rodgers that were in the movie (*I Have Confidence* and *Something Good*). Those who have not seen the play version will also be happy to see that two non-singing characters in the movie (Elsa and Max) sing two songs!

Lastly, be sure to enjoy the lovely music sung by the Nuns of Nonnberg Abbey. This music was so well written that you would think it was a piece from centuries ago! It is truly my favorite part of the show – and to see and hear it here at the Kitsap Forest Theater - how lucky are we????

Enjoy the show!!

Trina Williamson

Come back for our summer show!

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Kitsap Forest Theater Camp

Grow ✦ Inspire ✦ Perform

Escape the Ordinary ✦ Create the Extraordinary

New for 2023 • Theater Camp • Aug. 7-11

Campers entering 5th–8th grades will rehearse a musical theatre review featuring songs from a variety of Broadway shows. You will learn the joys of the outdoor theater experience while developing teamwork, creative problem solving and confident performance skills.

This will be an intensive and inspiring week of learning music/dance. Sign-up if you are ready to grow while working hard, learning new skills, and striving to be the best you can be. The camp ends Friday with a performance for family/friends, followed by an optional family dinner and family camp-out. August 7-11. Please see KFT website for details.

Salmon Safari

Join Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp's Julie Shusterman (a Salmon Docent) for a fun and informational adventure in the forest and at Chico Creek. Every year during November, seagoing salmon migrate from their feeding grounds to the rivers and streams of their birth. Chico Creek is the largest chum salmon run in Kitsap County. A perfect adventure for the whole family. Watch website for details.



Big Tree Trail

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by the Rhododendron Preserve – a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest. Ancient western red cedars abound with many other trees, ferns and wildlife. One of the biggest trees on the Kitsap Peninsula is located on the preserve. The trail to 'Big Tree' is about 1/2 mile long and starts near the historic Kitsap Cabin, ending at one of the 10 largest Douglas Fir trees in the world (2nd largest in Kitsap County). The tree itself is over 30' in diameter. The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley, blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons and many other native trees and plants.

If you hike the trail after the show, please be sure your car is not blocking anyone in. Please note that the first part of the trail is steep – wear walking shoes and enjoy your trek into another time and place!

The Mountaineers Players Committee (2022-2023)

Kitsap/Players Coordinator	Jerry Dreessen
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Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp

play ★ explore ★ create

Did you know that we offer two one-week day camps for kids entering grades K-4th grade every July at this beautiful forest property with a Friday overnight for families? It's a great way to unplug your kids. There are still a few openings for Week 1. See our web site for details.

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Director:	Trina Williamson
Music Director:	Linda Kappus
Choreographer:	Laura McFarlane
Costumes:	Amy Fancher
Sets:	George Pledger
Props:	Stewart Shusterman

Kitsap Forest Theater — Mountaineers Players

Music by Richard Rodgers • Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstien II
Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse
Co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty, and Eric Idle
Suggested by "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp
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The Sound of Music — Synopsis of Scenes

Austria, early in 1938

Act One

Scene 1 **The Nonnberg Abbey**
Preludium ..... The Nuns of Nonnberg Abbey

Scene 2 **A Mountainside near the Abbey**
The Sound of Music ..... Maria

Scene 3 **The Office of the Mother Abbess, the next morning**
Maria .... Sisters Berthe, Sophia, Margaretta, & Mother Abbess
My Favorite Things ..... Maria & Mother Abbess, Students

Scene 4 **A Corridor in the Abbey**
I Have Confidence ..... Maria

Scene 5 **The Living Room of the von Trapp Villa, that afternoon**
Do-Re-Mi ..... Maria & the von Trapp Children

Scene 6 **Outside the Villa, that evening**
Sixteen Going on Seventeen ..... Rolf & Liesl

Scene 7 **Maria's Bedroom, later that evening**
The Lonely Goatherd ..... Maria & the Children

Scene 8 **A Hallway in the Villa**
Reprise: *The Lonely Goatherd* ..... Gretl

Scene 9 **The Terrace of the Villa, six weeks later**
How Can Love Survive? ..... Max, Elsa & Capt. von Trapp
Reprise: *The Sound of Music* ..... The Children & Capt. von Trapp

Scene 10 **A Hallway in the Villa, one week later**

Scene 11 **The Living Room, the same evening**
So Long, Farewell ..... The Children

Scene 12 **A Corridor in the Abbey**
Morning Hymn ..... The Nuns

Scene 13 **The Office of the Mother Abbess, three days later**
Climb Ev'ry Mountain ..... Mother Abbess

Act Two

Scene 1 **The Terrace, the same day**
Reprise: *My Favorite Things* ..... The Children & Maria
No Way To Stop It ..... Elsa, Max & Capt. von Trapp
Something Good ..... Maria & Capt. von Trapp

Scene 2 **The Office of the Mother Abbess, two weeks later**

Scene 3 **A Corridor in the Abbey, immediately following**
Gaudeamus Domino ..... The Nuns

Scene 4 **A Cloister Overlooking the Chapel**
Reprise: *Maria* ..... The Nuns
Confitemini Domino ..... The Nuns

Scene 5 **The Living Room, one month later**
Reprise: *Sixteen Going On Seventeen* ..... Maria & Liesel

Scene 6 **The Concert Hall Stage, three days later**
Reprise: *Do-Re-Mi* ..... Maria, Capt. von Trapp & the Children
Edelweiss ..... Capt. von Trapp, Maria & the Children
Reprise: *So Long, Farewell* ..... Maria, Children & the Capt.

Scene 7 **The Garden of the Abbey, that night**
Finale Ultimo ..... The Company

Music and Lyrics for *I Have Confidence* and *Something Good* by Richard Rodgers.

Cast of Characters

Maria Rainer, a Postulant at Nonnberg Abbey ..... Ila Faubion Dreessen
Captain Georg von Trapp ..... Royce Napolitino
Liesl von Trapp ..... ✤ Jasmine Harrick
Friedrich von Trapp ..... Clara Pettiross
Louisa von Trapp/Postulant (5/28, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17) ..... Ella Brotherton
Louisa von Trapp/Postulant (5/29, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18) ..... Evelyn Brotherton
Kurt von Trapp ..... Erin Fall
Brigitta von Trapp ..... Olivia Markle
Marta von Trapp ..... Maisy Walters
Gretl von Trapp ..... Reeve Walters
Rolf Gruber ..... Oliver Girouard
The Mother Abbess ..... Gail Foster
Sister Berthe, Mistress of Novices ..... Jo Johnson
Sister Margaretta, Mistress of Postulants ..... Jordy Berretta
Sister Sophia ..... Olivia Sutherland
Elsa Schraeder/Nun ..... Emily Brotherton
Max Detweiler ..... John Lange
Franz, the butler ..... Stewart Shusterman
Frau Schmidt, housekeeper/Nun/Fräulein Schweiger ..... ✦ Carol Stanley
Herr Zeller ..... Mark Walters
Admiral von Schreiber/Father Abbott ..... Walt Foster
Baron Elberfeld/Nazi soldier ..... Russell Johnson

Nuns, Novices & Postulants/Party Guests
Ursula ..... Danette Lam
Postulant ..... Eileen Balet
Nun/Frau Zeller ..... Alison DeGregorio
Nun/Trio of Saengerbund of Herwegen ..... Ava Manning
Nun/Trio of Saengerbund of Herwegen ..... Rachael Scott
Postulant/Baroness Elberfeld/Trio ..... Emma Shusterman
New Postulant ..... Ashlyn Templin

Students
..... Ellie Brotherton
..... Caroline Donovan
..... Lilyan Donovan

Party Guests/Nazi Soldiers
..... Jude Manning
..... Seth Markle

✤ von Trapp Kids Dance Captain ✦ Adult Dance Captain

THE MOUNTAINEERS CENTENNIAL • 1923 – 2023

The rich history of The Mountaineers Players began on a Spring day in 1909 when a 'local walk' by a group of 66 hikers to view the wild blooming rhododendrons around Wildcat Lake went astray. They wandered into Hidden Valley Ranch and met Edward Paschall and family, starting a fast friendship that began one of The Mountaineers most enduring traditions.

Skits around campfires grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923, marking the birth of The Players who went on to produce an annual spring show every year except 4 years during World War II and 2020. A summer show was added in 2007.

The Mountaineers Players are one of the oldest, continuously operating community theater groups in the country, performing in one of the oldest outdoor theaters in North America. Read about our history and our early shows on our web site ("History" tab under "About Us") - the history page will take you to our past shows.

Music & Dance Staff

Music Director ..... **Linda Kappus**
Choreographer ..... **Laura McFarlane**
Accompanist/Band Leader ..... **Jay Rauchenstein**
Drums/Guitar ..... **Mark Jackson**
Flute/Piccolo ..... **Clarice Nash**
Violin ..... **Liz Binnington**

Production Staff

Director ..... **Trina Williamson**
Stage Managers ..... **Leanne Markle, Danette Lam**
Intimacy Director ..... **Sophie Walters**
Costume Design & Construction ..... **Amy Fancher**
Anne Marie Fall, Janet Felty, Shelley Hagle, Courtney Lindahl, Ashlyn Templin, Alex Rosner, Shirlee Mavar
Special thanks to KCMT & BCT for use of costumes
Set Design, Construction, Painting ..... **Leanne Markle, George Pledger**
Liz Binnington, Diane Cole, Jenny Dreessen, Michael Fall, Jasmine Harrick, Tod Harrick, Lyd Jack, Jim Johnson, Danette Lam, Olivia Markle, Seth Markle, Rachael Scott, Carol Stanley, Angela & Ashlyn Templin
Prop Master ..... **Stewart Shusterman**
Ta'Mara Bale, Dustin Cole, Diane Cole, Danette Lam, Julie & Emma Shusterman, Lowell Skoog – Mountaineers Archives
Sound Design ..... **Kevin Matthew**
Sound Engineer ..... **David Whitemarsh**
Sound Technical ..... **Greg Brown**
Trail Decorations ..... **Beaven & Sophie Walters**
Emily Brotherton, Alison DeGregorio, Christian Donovan, Schuyler Walters
Publicity Manager ..... **Jerry Dreessen**
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