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Welcome! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Civic Playhouse for another season of outstanding classic favorite plays and musicals. All eight of our regular productions have at last found their way home to our own Playhouse this year, and we couldn't be more excited!

We're in the process of sprucing up the theatre with new seats (thanks to our Chair Campaign donorsi), a new look for our exterior (keep your eyes open for exciting design changes!), and a few other surprises.

For the past two seasons, AACT has presented more award-winning productions than any other theatre in the Ann Arbor area, with audience and critical raves alike. This season promises no less. We're proud to present: the classic plays On Golden Pond and Romeo and Juliet; the locally written Off-Broadway produced musical The Snow Queen; the sublime drama of The Trip to Bountiful and The Rainmaker; the hilarious one-liners of Neil Simon's Rumors; the Pulitzer-Prize winning musical How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying; and the time-honored heart-tugging The Sound of Music. This promises to be a season of favorites long to come.

Enjoy your evening at AACT. I thank you for joining us in celebrating productions that local critics have hailed as "eye-popping and perky", "magical", "magnificent", and "can't be topped." That was last season. There's more to comel It's no wonder that the single most common phrase heard around the box office this year has been "I'm coming back to Ann Arbor Civic Theatre." Welcome home. As usual, if you enjoy the show, please tell your friends.

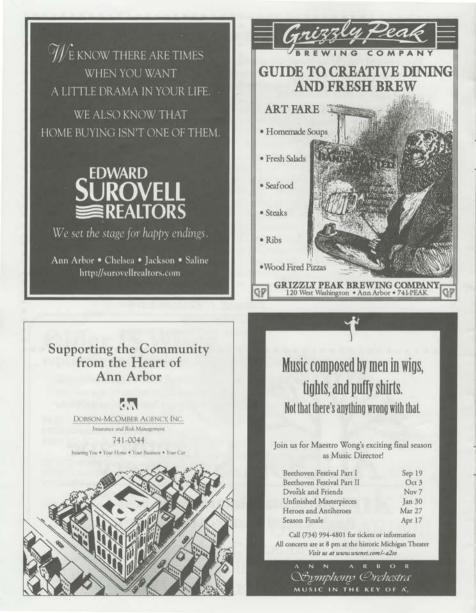
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# The Sound of Music Music

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Directed by

**Ronald Baumanis** 

Maria Captain von Trapp	
Elsa Schrader.	
Mother Abbess	
Rolf	
The Children of Captain von Trapp	Ariel Buck (Leisl)
	Michael Mahoney (Friedrich)
	Liz Jaffe (Luisa)
	David Hamstra (Curt)
	Natalie Korzon (Brigitta)
	Elizabeth Dwyer (Marta)
	Mollie Ruth (Gretl)
Franz	
Frau Schmidt	Rachel Francisco
Herr Zeller	
Admiral von Schreiber	
Baron Elberfeld	
Sister Margaretta	Portia Krieger
Sister Sophia	
Sister Berthe	Ruth Dwyer
Nuns, postulants and party guests	Sheri Jaffe, Evelyn LaLonde, Catherine Lang
Michelle Magda, Jamie Platt, Col	by Spencer, Ann Spiess, Susannah Stempkey
Guards and party guests	evin Branshaw, T. Adam Goos, Jason Miller
	Kyle Newmeyer, Eric Renz, David Rowe

Understudies and standbys never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement for the appearance is made at the time of the performance. Understudy for Ms. Buck, Colby Spencer

#### There will be one 15-minute intermission

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#### Musical Numbers

#### Act One

Preludium	Nuns
The Sound of Music	Maria
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Sister Margaretta, Sister Sophia, S	Sister Berthe

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#### Act Two

Entre'Acte	Orchestra
Opening Act II	
No Way to Stop It	Elsa, Max, and Captain von Trapp
Something Good*	Maria and Captain von Trapp
Wedding Processional	Nuns
Reprise: Sixteen Going on Seventeen	Maria and Leisl
The Concert Do-Re-Me	Maria, Captain von Trapp and the Children
Edelweiss	Captain von Trapp, Maria and the Children
Reprise: So Long, Farewell	
Finale Ultimo	

\* Lyrics by Richard Rodgers

#### **Directors** Note

I was five years old when my mother took me to see the movie version of The Sound of Music, at a long-torn-down old massive theatre in downtown Cleveland. It became a turning point in my young life, and turned me on to musical theatre and movie musicals. Since that time, I've been involved with many Sound of Music productions at different theatres, but none has been closer to my heart than this production. I have been blessed with a truly outstanding cast of both children and adults, onstage and off. The set design by Leo Babcock is postcard perfect. Andrea Leap's musical direction truly makes this production sound like, well, music! Patty Mazzola's choreography is stylish and charming. I could not have had a better production team to work with. Over the years, it's that memory of the movie, much more so than the musical theatre piece itself that audiences have come to remember, hence I am pleased to have negotiated with Rodgers and Hammerstein Music Library to include both Something Good and I Have Confidence in this production. With a song in one's heart, with a touch of a step, with the building of a chorus, and the play of a flashlight across a pretty face...I am very proud to bring The Sound of Music back to Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. May you bloom and grow. Ron

#### **Additional Crew**

Additional Set building and painting crew Ron Baumanis Ellie Christensen Jamie Choate Mark Hays Kathy Marrero Megan Martin Victoria Mazzola Jason Miller Lauren Opra Eric Renz Curt Waugh Carrie Wilson Additional Costume Builders Ruth Dwyer Connie Ruth Peter Ruth Renae Cynny Spencer Barb Wells

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- Our last two productions of the year are *The Trip to Bountiful*, May 13 23, and Neil Simon's *Rumors*, June 17 27, with auditions April 25, 26?
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- AACT is the proud recipient of a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for our musical series?
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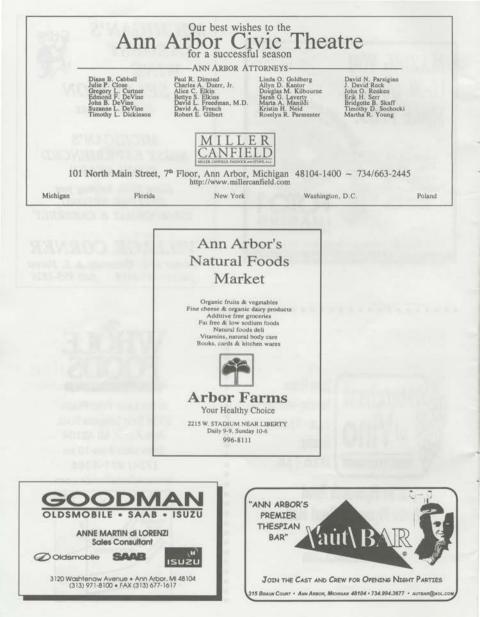
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