



YAOS PRODUCTIONS presents

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# The SOUND of MUSIC



AT THE OCTAGON THEATRE

*The Sound of Music* all began with the true story of the world-famous Trapp Family Singers and Baroness Maria von Trapp's 1949 autobiography, which inspired Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse to create a Broadway musical in 1959.

The show begins in Salzburg in 1938, where Maria is a free-spirited young postulant at Nonnberg Abbey. The Mother Abbess, believing Maria would be happier outside the abbey, sends her to the villa of naval officer Captain Georg von Trapp to be governess to his seven children. The plot evolves against a background of their beloved Austria gradually being overcome by the Third Reich at the start of WWII, but.... can they all escape to freedom?

The unforgettable score features some of the most memorable songs ever performed on stage, including *Edelweiss*, *My Favourite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, *So Long*, *Farewell* and of course, the title song, *The Sound of Music*.

Playing the principal role of Maria is the golden-voiced Sarah Andrew, who joined YAOS in 2017, playing Missy Hart in 9 to 5. Sarah is a multi-talented performer, with piano, cornet, ballet, dance, and a professional cabaret singer amongst her skills. She was a fabulous *Sweet Charity* in Cary Amateur Theatre Society's production in 2019, receiving a David Beech nomination for best female lead.

In the role of Captain Von Trapp, we welcome back Ben Woof, whose first principal role with YAOS was in *Crazy for You* in 2002. He followed this up with his favourite part as Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 2003. His most recent success was at Crewkerne, last year, where he had the audience in tears of laughter as King Arthur in *Spamalot*.

The Hills will be Alive with *The Sound of Music* at the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil, from 11 to 21 March with two Saturday matinees. You had better hurry and get tickets; they are selling fast!

