



SHOW CONTENT INFORMATION SHEET

SYNOPSIS: The final collaboration between Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II, *The Sound of Music*, has become a play beloved around the world. Based on the true story of the *Von Trapp Family Singers*, *The Sound of Music* tells the tale of young postulant Maria Rainer, whose free spirit has trouble fitting into the rules and regulations of Nonnberg Abbey. Commissioned by the Mother Abbess to serve as the governess for seven motherless children, Maria transforms the Von Trapp family home from a place of dour rules and regulations to one filled with joy, with laughter, and with music. In the process, Maria wins the hearts of all seven children--and their widower father, Captain Von Trapp. With the Mother Abbess' blessing, and to the children's delight, Maria follows her heart, and she and the Captain marry. Upon returning home from their honeymoon, Maria and the Captain learn that their beloved Austria has been taken over by the Nazis, and the retired Captain is asked to report for immediate service in the Nazi Navy. When the Nazis show up at their door to take Captain Von Trapp away, it is a family singing engagement (wily navigated by their friend Max) that buys the family time to make their narrow escape. Their Austrian convictions compel Maria, the Captain, and the children to flee over the mountains of Switzerland to safety, taking the words of the Mother Abbess to heart: "Climb Every Mountain... till you find your dream."

AGES: We recommend this show for all ages, however, it is a full-length musical so may be too long for our youngest audience members. Parents are encouraged to use their own judgement and discretion when choosing shows for children based on their maturity and interest level.

DETAILS: By today's standards if this show were given a movie rating, it would be rated G. There is no bad language in the show. There is discussion about war and fear for the family's safety in part of the show.

LENGTH: Approximately 2 ½ hours with an intermission.

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