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Suggested by *The Trapp Family Singers* by Maria Augusta Trapp

**THE NEW NATIONAL TOURING PRODUCTION OF**

# ***THE SOUND OF MUSIC***

**RETURNS TO PHILADELPHIA APRIL 24 – 29 AT THE KIMMEL  
CENTER'S MERRIAM THEATER**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2018) — A brand new production of ***THE SOUND OF MUSIC***, produced by NETworks Presentations, is back in Philadelphia by popular demand

beginning April 24 – 29 at the Merriam Theater on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus. For more information, please visit [www.SoundOfMusicOnTour.com](http://www.SoundOfMusicOnTour.com).

***“The Sound of Music*** is one of the most successful and celebrated movie musicals of all time and we can’t wait for the return of this beautiful new production to Philadelphia,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “It’s the perfect way to pay tribute to the beloved songs and story that fans have grown up with.”

***THE SOUND OF MUSIC*** features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, and was suggested by *The Trapp Family Singers* by Maria Augusta Trapp. The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony®, Grammy®, and Academy Award®–winning Best Score, which includes “My Favorite Things,” “Edelweiss,” and the classic title song.

***THE SOUND OF MUSIC*** enjoyed extraordinary success as a live television production when *The Sound of Music Live!* aired on NBC in December 2013, a broadcast watched by over 44 million people. 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the film version, which continues to be the most successful movie musical in history.

In the words of Ted Chapin, President of Rodgers & Hammerstein, “I waited for a moment when we could rediscover ***THE SOUND OF MUSIC*** as it was originally created. Because of the enormous success of the film, few were aware that it started life as a hit Broadway show—and a very big hit at that! The artists behind this production embraced what the authors wrote, looked at it all through modern eyes and, in so doing, found depth and resonance that has been recognized by critics and audiences across the country. It’s like visiting an old friend but finding yourself surprised as well. It’s also a reminder of why this show is such an evergreen.”

The creative team for this new production includes direction by Matt Lenz, based on the national tour’s original direction by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O’Brien (*Hairspray*, *The Full Monty*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Coast of Utopia*). Original choreography by Danny Mefford (*Dear Evan Hansen*, *Fun Home*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*) has been recreated by Jonathan Warren, with music supervision by Andy Einhorn (*Hello, Dolly!*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Rodgers + Hammerstein’s Cinderella*, *The Light in the Piazza*). The design and production team is comprised of Tony Award® nominee Douglas W. Schmidt, set design (*The Front Page*, *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, *Into the Woods*); Tony Award® winner Jane Greenwood, costume design (*The Little Foxes*, 2014 Special Tony Award® for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre); six-time Tony® Award winner Natasha Katz, lighting design (*Long Day’s Journey Into Night*, *An American in Paris*, *Once*, *Aida*, *The Coast of Utopia*, *The Glass Menagerie*); and Shannon Slaton, sound design (*Present Laughter*, *The Humans*). Casting is by Stewart/Whitley.

## **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

### **Merriam Theater on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus**

#### Dates and times:

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm*

*Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm*

*Friday, April 27, 2018 at 8:00 pm*

*Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm*

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$40.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999, visiting [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

### **The Shubert Organization**

For more than 100 years, The Shubert Organization has been in the forefront of the American theatre. Under the leadership of Philip J. Smith, Chairman, and Robert E. Wankel, President, the Shubert Organization owns and operates 17 Broadway theatres and six Off-Broadway venues, as well as the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia. The company has produced and co-produced hundreds of plays and musicals, including the original Broadway production of *CATS*, *Dreamgirls*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Amadeus*, *The Real Thing*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Equus*, *The Elephant Man*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *School of Rock The Musical*, and *The Humans*. The Shubert Organization is proud of its ongoing refurbishment program for its theatres, seeking to preserve the historic character while modernizing them to accommodate the needs of today's audiences.

### **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, The Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly Pops, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

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