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ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY AND THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION PRESENT RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN’S ACCLAIMED MASTERPIECE, *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*, AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, MARCH 31–APRIL 5, 2026

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (January 27, 2026) – Ensemble Arts Philly and The Shubert Organization present the return of *The Sound of Music*, back in Philadelphia at the Academy of Music from March 31–April 5, 2026. Produced by **Concord Theatricals** and **NETworks Presentations**, this critically acclaimed North American tour honors the 65th anniversary of the musical’s original stage debut.

Directed by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O’Brien, the smash-hit musical classic will transport the next generation of theatergoers to the hills of Austria, captivating audiences with its universal themes of love, resilience and the power of music.

“As the region’s preeminent presenter of blockbuster, Tony Award-winning Broadway shows, Ensemble Arts is excited to bring *The Sound of Music* back to Philadelphia for the first time in eight years,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “One of the most celebrated stage and movie musicals of all time, this production pays tribute to the long-running classic that continues to capture the hearts of fans of all ages.”

The spirited, romantic, and beloved story of Maria and the von Trapp family features an unforgettable Tony, GRAMMY® and Academy Award®-winning Best Score, including legendary favorites “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi,” “Climb Ev’ry Mountain,” “Edelweiss,” and “The Sound of Music.”

Tony Award nominee Christiane Noll as the Mother Abbess will join rising star Cayleigh Capaldi as Maria Rainer and Broadway veteran Kevin Earley as Captain Georg von Trapp.

Nicholas Rodriguez will play the charismatic impresario Max Detweiler, and Kate Loprest brings elegance and ambition to Elsa Schraeder. Ariana Ferch portrays Liesl von Trapp, the eldest daughter full of spirit and first love, and Ian Coursey plays Rolf Gruber, a boy striving to prove himself in uncertain times.

The Sound of Music features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, suggested by *The Trapp Family Singers* by Maria Augusta Trapp. The 60th anniversary of the Oscar®-winning film, which continues to be one of the most successful movie musicals of all time, was celebrated in 2025.

This production is directed by Jack O’Brien (2024 recipient of Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre), and choreographed by Danny Mefford (Broadway’s *Kimberly Akimbo*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Fun Home*). The design and production team is comprised of Douglas Schmidt, Set Design (Tony Award nominee: *The Front Page*, *Into the Woods*); Jane Greenwood, Costume Design (2014 recipient of Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre), Natasha Katz, Lighting Design (Eight-time Tony Award winner: *Sweeney Todd*, *MJ The Musical*, *Long Day’s Journey Into Night*, *An American in Paris*); Kai Harada, Sound Design (*Dead Outlaw*, *A Wonderful World*, *Merrily We Roll Along*); Andy Einhorn, Musical Supervisor (*Gypsy*, *Carousel*, *Hello, Dolly!*); Tom Watson, Hair/Wig Design (*Spamalot*, *Harmony*, *Parade*); and Casting by The Telsey Office – Rachel Hoffman, CSA, Rashad Naylor, CSA.

According to director Jack O’Brien, “A few years ago, I was part of a group of collaborative artists who, almost inadvertently, stumbled on original conceptions for the stage mounting of *The Sound of Music* that had never found their way into production. We felt as if we were awakening Sleeping Beauty herself, and the results exposed a version of this classic virtually unknown before, and yet more dramatic, more detailed, more rapturous and more touching than any we had experienced.

“It is with extreme enthusiasm and a keen sense of anticipation those same artists once more return to complete the work we began, and give this most beloved of all musicals the creative facelift it deserves. We truly believe the original authors would be thrilled. And we believe you will be, too!”

Producer Sean Patrick Flahaven, Chief Theatricals Executive of Concord, said, “It’s a great privilege to bring a new tour of this landmark musical to theaters across North America. People of all ages will discover or rediscover their love of this classic story that remains so appropriate

for our time. Thanks to our distinguished team, led by the master Jack O'Brien, audiences can expect a truly magnificent production of *The Sound of Music*."

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Facts and Figures about *The Sound of Music*

- The original Broadway production (1959)
 - Won five Tony Awards including Best Musical
 - Original Cast Album won the GRAMMY Award
- National Tour, 2015-2019
 - Toured the US and Canada for four seasons
 - Played 224 cities and 1,099 performances
 - Seen by more than 2 million theatergoers
- Worldwide
 - Tens of thousands of productions worldwide, with over 500 professional, amateur, and school productions each year in North America alone
- The motion picture (1965)
 - Won five Academy Awards including Best Picture
 - One of the most successful movie musicals in history and top-grossing films of all time
- The Music
 - Decades of popular artists have recorded songs from *The Sound of Music*
 - Soundtrack ranked as Billboard's #2 Greatest Album of All Time
 - *The Sound of Music* motion picture soundtrack drives more than 55MM+ streams in the U.S. every year

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TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ensembleartsphilly.org, by calling 215-893-1999, or in person at the Academy of Music Box Office (240 S. Broad Street) daily from 10 AM – 6 PM. For more information, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

Groups of 10 or more save money! For information about group availability and pricing, call 215-790-5883 or email at groupsales@ensembleartsphilly.org.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Academy of Music
March 31–April 5, 2026
Show Times Vary

American Sign Language and Audio Description Performance: Friday, April 3, at 7:30 PM
Captioning Performance: Saturday, April 4, at 1:30 PM

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