

THE CURTAIN CALL

SEASON 2010-2011 THEATRE WINTER HAVEN'S SUBSCRIBER NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011

THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR FAMILY MUSICAL!



The hills are alive- and we're glad we are too--to witness the splendid and magnificent return to our stage of one of the world's most enduring musicals, last performed by TWH in 1994.

Based on the real life saga of Maria Von Trapp, this guitar-strumming governess rekindles a love in the heart of her employer both for music and romance. The story is timeless: a postulant, who occasionally retreats from her abbey to the hills of Austria so the hills may hear her song, is soon employed by a widower with seven children.

Captain Von Trapp has banned the sound of music from his home since his wife's death. He runs his home near Salzburg like the ship he once commanded. That changes when Maria arrives from the convent to be the new governess. Her romps with the children through the hills inspire all to sing and find joy in the smallest things -- like raindrops on window panes. With a renewed zest for life, the Captain hosts a party to introduce his new fiance. Maria knows then she does not want to be a nun.

Eventually he and Maria find themselves falling in love, even though he is already engaged to a Baroness and Maria is still a postulant. The romance makes them both start questioning the decisions they have made. Their personal conflicts soon become overshadowed, however, by world events. Austria is about to come under the control of Germany, and the Captain may soon find himself drafted into the German navy and forced to fight for a system he does not embrace.

Tackling the universally adored role of Maria is **Karissa Barber (CAMELOT, OKLAHOMA!)**, while new-to-our-stage-but-still-with-an-amazing-background is **Mary Grace Gordon** as Mother Abbess, the emotional heart of the musical. Veteran **Mark Hartfield (RAGTIME, GYPSY)** brings life to the stoic Captain Von Trapp. **Michelle Sanderson (ALL SHOOK UP, CAMELOT)**, handles the Baroness Elsa with **Danny Vilnow (RAGTIME, ALL SHOOK UP)** taking on Max.

The seven children are played by **Veronica Cinibulk, Jeff Peacock, Addlyn Teague, CJ Burek, Elayna Serrine, Ildika Fox** and **Chloë Tomlinson**, all with a list of credits longer than Justin Timberlake's.

The trio of nuns responsible for the machinery of the abbey and care of the postulantes and novices include **Kay Prusiecki** as Sister Berthe, **Heidi Thompson** playing Sister Margaretta with **Mary Ramnarine** as Sister Sophia.

Rounding out other characters are **Reagan Osbourne** as Rolfe, **Fredd Gunzel** is seen as Franz, the butler with **Susanna Carey** playing Frau Schmidt, the housekeeper.

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DATES & TIMES

WEEK 1

Thu., Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Feb. 26 at 7:30 pm

Sun., Feb. 27 at 2:30 pm

WEEK 2

Thu., Mar. 3 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Mar. 4 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 5 at 7:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 6 at 2:30 pm

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WEEK 3

Thu., Mar. 10 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Mar. 11 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 12 at 2:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 12 at 7:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 13 at 2:30 pm

WEEK 4

Thu., Mar. 17 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Mar. 18 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 19 at 7:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 20 at 2:30 pm

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Extended Hours begin
February 22; 1 pm - 6 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE WHO'S TOMMY StageRead

March 15 & 16, 2011

DEARLY DEPARTED Mainstage

April 14 - May 1, 2011

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF StageRead

April 5 & 6, 2011

THE SECRET GARDEN Academy

May 20 - 22, 2011



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Summer Mommers Musical
July 22 - August 6, 2011

THE FULL MONTY Mainstage

September - October 2011

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Mainstage

December 2011

THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES Mainstage

January - February 2012

BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story Mainstage

February - March 2012

RUMORS Mainstage

April - May 2012

HAIRSPRAY

Summer Mommers Musical
July - August 2012

Season 42 - Subject to availability

THE SOUND OF MUSIC CONTINUED FROM COVER

Others in the cast include Phil Attinger, Tara Boucher, Gus Carter, Morgan Chesnicka, Rhona Dalusong, Robin Davis, Breanne DiCesare, Trevor Eisinger, Ed Frisbe, Katria Harper, Ashlyn Kearns, Sara Keilty, Lurline King, Ed Lubin, Meredith Nance Meeks, Tonya Mesrobian, Vanessa Otey, Sara Beth Reynolds, Alayna Shumate, Michael Tanner, Joy Smith Wallace, Kristin Wasmund and Lyndsey Wilkerson.

Returning as director is Katrina Ploof, Music Direction is by Terry Thomas, Costumes by Camille McClellan and Charlene Getz,

another veteran, is our Stage Manager. David Casteneda returns from New York to provide lighting for the production.

You'll "climb every mountain" as you witness this enchanting and heart-rending musical from the song sheets of history's most successful Broadway team, Rogers and Hammerstein. It is both a touching and poignant musical that tells a story of struggle and triumph in a way that can be both entertaining, humorous and most of all, moving.

MEET THE CO-PRODUCER OF THE SOUND OF MUSIC

HILL NISSAN, INC., a long time and highly respected Winter Haven business, can be found at 6401 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Hill Nissan wants to "help you get the vehicle you want as soon as possible" and they continue to support your community's theatre, TWH, to include co-producing last season's RAGTIME, and previously CATS, CAMELOT, OKLAHOMA! and KISS ME, KATE.

TOMMY & LYNN OAKLEY, are active supporters of TWH, co-producing last season's RAGTIME. Lynn, a Trustee, recently served as co-chair for our very successfully Duelin' Divas II fundraiser this past fall.

DR & MRS. FRANK FISCHER, JR AND DR. & MRS. FRANK FISCHER III, continue to maintain their tradition as co-producers. The Fischer family, each year at our Pierrot awards ceremony, present The Fischer Technical Award to the outstanding young person whose backstage efforts are awarded with a scholarship. Mrs. Kathy Fischer is an active member and former president of our Board of Trustees. The Fischer family have previously produced: 42 STREET, JEKYLL AND HYDE, PETER PAN, LES MISERABLES, CATS, OKLAHOMA!, CAMELOT, KISS ME, KATE and last season's RAGTIME.

THE CENTER FOR RETINA AND MACULAR DISEASE, was founded in 1991 by Dr. David Misch, with six Board Certified Physicians currently on staff dedicated to providing available treatment. Alone with its state-of-the-art facility on Ave K in Winter Haven, the Center also has locations in Clermont, Sebring, Lakeland, Zephyrhills and Haines City. The center remains on the cutting edge of new treatments and technologies and provides patients with the medical care they require, regardless of their ability to pay for it. Their primary concern is to protect or improve the vision of all their patients.

STAGEREAD SERIES CONTINUES

Theatre in Mind - Contemporary plays for Discriminating audiences

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Mar. 15 & 16

Peter Townshend's tale of a young boy's journey from pain to triumph is the most electrifying evening of rock and roll ever to play in a theatre! After witnessing the accidental murder of his mother's lover by his father, Tommy is traumatized into catatonia, and as the boy grows, he suffers abuse at the hands of his sadistic relatives and neighbors. As an adolescent, he's discovered to have an uncanny knack for playing pinball, and when his mother finally breaks through his catatonia, he becomes an international pinball superstar. Featuring the Elton John mega hit "Pinball Wizard." Nominated for eleven Tony awards and made into a dynamic major film.

Presented on the Mainstage in concert format.

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JANUARY EVENTS: PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES AND ABBA



Backstage Banter

Next Season -- includes three musicals and no increase in prices if you renew by May 1st!! Be certain to fill out your Early Subscription form you'll find in your The Sound of Music program.

ABBA-THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC drew over 1,200 in attendance at the Polk Theatre. This joint venture with The Lakeland Community Theatre generated astounding reviews.

The 11th annual A GATHERING OF ANGELS was a huge success. We're already planning for January 2012!

The new StageRead series is one of the most electric and ambitious ever. Join us for Theatre in Mind, as we celebrate the literature of successful playwrights and song writers with our selection of bold and audacious titles.

The Christmas Concert to benefit the Street Angels was a sellout. Thanks for attending.

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THE BRIGHTEST STAR - a performing arts competition for Youth. Cash prizes awarded. When? March 25. Auditions Sunday February 27.

Blend - the a cappella group that tours America is returning for one performance only, June 12. Tickets are available online or at the Box Office.

EVITA will be the Summer Mummies Musical in July. Andrew Lloyd Webber's haunting story of arrogance and ambition. Tickets are on sale now!

Group rates are available for every Mainstage production. Contact Tony at the Box Office to inquire about tickets for groups of 10 or more!

ACT IV, the senior arm of TWH is available for performances at your local community centers, mobile home parks, nursing homes and/or club organizations. To schedule call Carol at 537-6237.

High School & College Drama Students are admitted free on opening night, if seats are available! Have your student I.D. handy and enjoy the show.

Audition Notice

Brightest Star

February 27

The Sword in the Stone

March 20 & 21

The Secret Garden

April 3 & 4

Evita

May 29 & 30

Call 299-2672 for more details

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February 24 - March 20



HAMHOCKS * OF THE MONTH



Fred & Sharleen LaRue

Originally from Massena, NY, Fred & Sharleen have been volunteers at TWH for the past 6 years. While both help in the box office with mailings, ushering and ticket sales, Sharleen has been an active member of ACT IV, TWH's senior touring troupe. Fred retired from Reynolds Metals and Sharleen retired after 35 years as a registered nurse.

Fred served three years in the army and belongs to the America Legion and AMVETS. Sharleen stays busy painting, crafts, sewing, cooking, e-mailing friends visiting family and donating her time to ministering to the sick at St. Matthew's. They have three daughters, six sons and fifteen grandchildren.

Along with volunteering at TWH, they both participate in activities at their park, traveling, camping, working puzzles and Fred's a big fan of classic John Wayne movies.



*HAMHOCK
 (ham-hock). Noun.
 The "backside" of the theatre team. Makes the show go. Not known for receiving applause.

Here's a big OINK! OINK! to our Hamhocks of the Month.