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## THE SOUND OF MUSIC OPENS SEPT. 4

It's coming soon! The musical we've been waiting for, "The Sound of Music" opens September 4. The box office is open for your reservations for our great musical. Opening September 4 and ending September 21, the Rodgers & Hammerstein show is scheduled for a three week run. It's a wonderful production for all, complete with action and music, and impressive talent to see from your own area. Don't fail to be in the audience at McClellan Theatre. You'll be glad you saw it. Call 820-CAST for

reservations and remember, groups of 12 or more get a discount. And remember, too, that Thursday nights are pay-what-you want nights, when any price admits you to a priceless show.

The story is set in Austria, 1938. The actors are hard at work these nights getting ready for the opening. Here are just a few of our actors in the show: Sumer Buckner will play Maria Rainer, David Rice will portray Captain Georg von Trapp, Jennie Wall will be Mother Abbess, and Caryl Stahl, Vivian Howard and Pat Strickland respectively will play Sister Berthe, Sister Margaretta and Sister Sophia. Elsa Schraeder will be played by Lolly Payne, Max Detweiler--Howard Johnson, Liesl--Ellie Mellen, and Rolf Gruber--Cody Harrell. You'll see singers and dancers, a butler and maid, and many other colorful characters in a timeless story that stirs the emotions.

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Patrons,

Have you seen our billboard? It's up on Highway 21, going towards Jacksonville, and proclaims our presence and tells how to connect with us. We thank R.D. Downing and the Calhoun County Commission for making this possible, for we feel this underlines our role--live theater in the community. And this live theater can involve you. Let me explain how:

Season tickets are \$65 for the five plays we offer. There is comedy, drama, sentiment, music, and laughs in the season we are offering. It's entertainment for all. We would like to hear from you if you are interested. We had a record

number of people come to the new season's auditions; our pool of talent is growing.

We need volunteers working behind the scenes, we need actors, and we need supporters who will help raise funds each year. It takes lots of money to support a theater but we are certain community theater benefits the community.

The McClellan Theatre will soon be filled with the sound of music! Make your plans now to see it.

See you at the theater,

*Hervey Folsom*

Hervey Folsom, Editor

**WE NEED**  
Antique Setee  
Antique Table  
Small Antique Desk  
1930's Bike (preferably male but not necessary)  
Bosun's Whistle  
Nazi Flags  
1930's Military Uniforms

## EDITOR MEETS NEWCOMERS IN CAST

Among the approximately 36 people in the cast, 17 are walking the CAST stage for the first time. I met two of the newcomers, Andrea Callahan and Linda Lee, last week. They are members of the nuns' chorus and two talented people among many who help fill the show with a full and melodic sound of music.

After all, we must have music in our lives, as Maria Rainer (played by Sumer Buckner) so clearly demonstrates to the von Trapp family.

Andrea, a Registered Nurse at Stringfellow Hospital, sings mezzo-soprano in this musical. She is an award winning southern gospel singer, having won first place in the regional competition in Gadsden sponsored by Gold City Gospel Singing group, and eighth place in the national quartet convention in Louisville, KY in the soloist division. Andrea assists her mother-in-law, Donna Callahan in leading worship music at Faith Presbyterian Church. She is married to Dr. Boyce Callahan, Jr. and stays busy with four 4 year-old Boyce, III, and Annaleigh, age two.

We also welcome Linda Lee. She learned the theater craft first as a dancer, starting at six years of age. Memorable roles Linda has played over 30 years of community theater are Ado Annie in "Oklahoma!" and Golda in "Fiddler on the Roof". Coming to Jacksonville from Oakland, CA (since her son Clay and grandchildren Tyler and Kyle live in Jacksonville) she was attracted to CAST by seeing a flyer for "Once Upon a Mattress" in Java Jolt on the Jacksonville Square. "I was impressed with 'Mattress'." Linda said, "To see a show that was so beautifully executed, and so professional....and the talent phenomenal...I wanted to get involved."

Linda sees the nuns' chorus as a one-voice harmonic that will move the musical along and she is enjoying the people she is working with. Welcome ladies!

## LETTER FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR August 2008



As I begin my fifth season with CAST, my excitement level rises with the anticipation of THE SOUND OF MUSIC. This is the first time I have directed this show and it is such fun working with lots of kids and lots of nuns. The cast is large and is mixed with veteran performers and fresh faces, including David Rice, Sumer Buckner, Jennie Wall, Lolly Payne, Sylvia Malone, George Whitesel, Cody Harrell, Ellie Mellen, Howard Johnson, Marty Davis, Mike Parsons and many more. Why not put together a group of 12 or more (Group Rate) and plan a glorious event, celebrating the joy of live theatre. We suggest that you make your reservations early and that you purchase Season Tickets now. Thank you for supporting live theatre in our community.

The story of THE SOUND OF MUSIC is laced with historical grit as the Nazi regime begins the takeover of Austria during the 1930's; the theme is woven with family, faith and following the heart. The glue is the music -- Rodgers & Hammerstein's glorious score umbrellas the complexities of life for the Von Trapp family during this challenging time.

We are again blessed to enjoy the talents of Atlanta Designer Jim Robinson, and Musical Director Christopher Cannon. A plethora of Volunteers is on board already, but, as always, we can always use more help. Think about joining us.

Kim Dobbs, Artistic Director

**"The Sound of Music" tickets are available at** Farmers & Merchants Bank of Anniston, NobleBank of Anniston & Oxford, Golden Springs Pharmacy, and Crow Drug in Jacksonville. Call CAST at 256-820-CAST(2278) for reservations and group information, or go to our website: [www.castalabama.com](http://www.castalabama.com).

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