



J*Company Youth Theatre 17th Season 2009-2010

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J*COMPANY CONTINUES SEASON OF
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN MUSICALS WITH
The 50th Anniversary Production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC

This Production Features Company's Largest Cast and Orchestra Ever

LA JOLLA, CA – The award-winning J*Company Youth Theatre, a program of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, is pleased to announce its production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's ever-popular *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*. The production will run **March 4-21, 2010**, at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre.

Based on the memoir of Maria von Trapp, the final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical. When a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. She gradually captures the hearts of both children and father. The family's narrow escape from the Nazis over the mountains to Switzerland provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in the theatre. The musical includes some of the greatest musical theatre pieces ever created such as "Climb Every Mountain," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," and "Edelweiss." Just like brown paper packages tied up with string, this J*Company 50th Anniversary production will prove to be one of your favorite things.

"J*Company is alive with *The Sound of Music*. I can't believe that we have been in existence for 17 years and have never previously brought this show to life," said Joey Landwehr, J*Company Artistic Director. "After record breaking attendance at auditions for this show (over 200 young people), I am

proud to say that we have collected one of the largest and finest casts of *The Sound of Music* ever assembled, consisting of 98 young artists, with choreography by Deven P. Brawley.”

“We have also topped ourselves with the largest orchestra to ever be assembled on the J*Company stage,” said Landwehr. “Tim McKnight will conduct an orchestra of 23 fine young musicians.”

Landwehr is directing *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*. He has worked extensively as an actor and director in New York City, both on and off Broadway, as well as in national tours and regional theatre. He has studied under such instructors as Betty Buckley, Marcel Marceau, Francis Sternhagen, F. Murray Abraham, Twyla Tharpe, and has had the privilege of working with great performers such as Phyllis Diller, Sam Harris, Joel Grey, Kaye Ballard, Michael Feinstein and Howard Keel. Landwehr is a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) and Actors’ Equity Association (AEA). Landwehr was honored in 2006 by *San Diego Metropolitan Magazine* as one of the 40 San Diego residents under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to the community. Landwehr most recently directed *Into the Woods*, *Fireflies*, *South Pacific*, and *The King and I* for J*Company.

Heading the cast of *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* are:

Ali Viterbi	Maria	17	San Diego Jewish Academy
Scott Peterson	Captain von Trapp	14	San Diego High – School of the Arts
Mother Abbess	Naomi McPherson	16	High Tech High International
Darien Sepulveda	Max Detweiler	16	High Tech High International
Danielle Smotrich	Baroness Schrader	17	High Tech High International
Maddie Houts	Liesl	15	Canyon Crest Academy
Zachary Herzog	Rolf	16	Westview High School
Josh Shtein	Friedrich	13	Standley Middle School
Celia Tedde	Louisa	12	San Diego Cooperative Charter School
Jesse Carpentier	Brigitta	16	Julian Charter School
Myles Collinson	Kurt	14	The Bishop School
Brooke Posnock	Marta	11	La Jolla Country Day
Sierra Lieb	Gretl	9	Sage Canyon Elementary

Show Dates and Times:

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. (School Show)
Saturday, March 6, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 7, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. (School Show)
Saturday, March 13, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 14, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 20, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 21, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC Movie Musical Sing-A-Long

Join J*Company for a magical movie experience and bring the entire family! Watch *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* (the movie) on the big screen at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, as you sing-a-long, clap-a-long and following the bouncing ball to lyrics. First 50 attendees receive a special goodie bag on that night!

Dress up as your favorite character from *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* and sing along with the film. A prize will be awarded for best costume. Admission price is \$8.00/JCC members and \$10.00/Non-members with half off for season subscribers; Season Subscriptions available until December 13, 2009.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC Movie Musical Sing-A-Long will be held on **Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Special On-Stage Seating

On-stage seating for J*Company's production of *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* will be available for every performance except the school shows. This includes:

- Seating at a small cabaret table (on stage)
- Strudel and a beverage served at your table
- A special "Brown Paper Package Tied Up with String" memento

For full details and availability contact the JCC Box Office at 858-362-1348.

General Information

Tickets for *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* are \$13 for children and \$17 for adults and are available online at www.sdcjc.org/jcompany or by calling the JCC Box Office at **858-362-1348**. The David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre is located at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS at 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla.

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About the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture

The San Diego Center for Jewish Culture is the largest Jewish institution in San Diego dedicated solely to presenting high quality, nationally recognized programs which are unique to San Diego County. The mission of the SDCJC is to expand and enrich cultural life in San Diego by presenting the finest in Jewish artistic expression, encouraging the preservation of Jewish culture and heritage, and

nurturing new creativity in the arts. A core belief of the SDCJC is to promote respect for diverse cultures and build community tolerance.

The SDCJC offers a wide variety of multi-disciplinary artistic programs that explore cultural identities and perspectives, promote cross cultural understanding, and highlight human themes of family, tolerance, compassion, and hope. These programs, including the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, the San Diego Jewish Book Fair, New Jewish Plays Project, the San Diego Jewish Music Festival, a Holocaust Education Program, and the J*Company Youth Theatre, foster ideas of cultural appreciation and respect. Its facilities feature a 500-seat theatre, a Judaica library, an art gallery, and a community Holocaust Memorial Garden. Approximately 40,000 tickets are sold or provided annually to residents, visitors, and students for San Diego Center for Jewish Culture events.

About the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS

The mission of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is to provide social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs to individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, and financial, physical and mental abilities. Likewise, the JCC provides equal opportunity employment to individuals of all religions and backgrounds. The JCC welcomes San Diego's diverse Jewish community and the community at large. The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is located at 4126 Executive Drive in La Jolla.



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