

Young Artists Ensemble

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MEDIA ALERT FOR THEATRE EDITORS AND CALENDAR LISTINGS



YOUNG ARTISTS ENSEMBLE Holds Auditions for THE SOUND OF MUSIC

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. – Young Artists Ensemble holds auditions for *The Sound of the Music* directed by Michael Fischer with music direction by Susan T. Calkins at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 West Hillcrest Drive. Auditions are held September 6 and 7 by appointment only. Time slots begin at 9:45 Saturday morning and 12:15 Sunday morning and are held at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 West Hillcrest Drive. Actors are requested to prepare a one-minute memorized song. Please bring sheet music as an accompanist will be provided. Prerecorded accompaniment is not permitted. Actors may be asked to do a cold reading from the script and some improvisation and movement. Callbacks will be held Monday, September 8 from 5:30 to 10:00 pm. Performances are November 7 - 23, 2014, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

All participants must be at least 10 years old and not yet 20 years old by November 23, 2014, AND actors as young as 7 (by November 23, 2014) will be considered for some of the children's roles. Character descriptions and all other information is available on the YAE web site. Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm beginning Wednesday, September 10. All cast and parents must attend a mandatory welcome meeting on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. If cast, there is a \$180 participation fee. Financial Assistance is available. Call (805) 381-2747 or visit www.yaeonline.com if you have any questions.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC is based on the memoir of Maria von Trapp, The Story of the Trapp Family Singers, with music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. A family favorite for every generation, this is the beloved tale of "Maria" the would-be nun instead realizes she has found that some of her "Favorite Things" are the lovely children and lonely widower of the Von Trapp family. Your family will be "Do-Re-Mi-ing" long past the time we say "So Long, Farewell!" Single show tickets for THE SOUND OF MUSIC are \$17 for adults and \$16 for children, students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased by calling 805-

381-1246 or at www.yaeonline.com. There is a 10% discount for groups of ten or more for a single performance. Call (805) 381-2747 or visit www.yaeonline.com if you have any questions.

Young Artists Ensemble has received many accolades in the past 34 years including the Encore Statue Award from the City of Thousand Oaks for Excellence in the Arts, and Best Innovative Program 2011, Large District from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts. Most recently, it received top honors in the National Youth Arts Awards for the 2013 Teen Summer Musical **42ND STREET** and for its innovative Conejo Theatre for Everyone production of **THE HOBBIT**.

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DETAILS FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

AUDITIONS

WHAT: AUDITIONS FOR RODGERS' AND HAMMERSTEIN'S THE SOUND OF MUSIC. A family favorite for every generation, this is the beloved tale of "Maria" the would-be nun instead realizes she has found that some of her "Favorite Things" are the lovely children and lonely widower of the Von Trapp family.

WHEN:

TIME SLOTS:

Saturday, September 6, 9:45am, 11:30am, 1:15pm and 3:00pm

Sunday, September 7 at 12:15pm and 2:00pm

CALL BACKS:

Monday, September 8, 5:30 – 10:00pm

WHERE:

Hillcrest Center for the Arts

403 W. Hillcrest Drive

Thousand Oaks, CA

HOW: (805) 381-2747 or www.yaeonline.com for audition appointment.

PROCESS: Please prepare a one minute song and bring sheet music. A live accompanist will be provided; no pre-recorded music is permitted. Wear clothes that are comfortable and easy to move in. Be prepared to do a cold reading and improvisation.

IF CAST: There is a fee of \$180. Financial Assistance is available. Mandatory Parents' meeting on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Rehearsals begin Saturday, September 14. Rehearsals are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

OTHER: Free parking is always available.

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WHAT: RODGERS' AND HAMMERSTEIN'S THE SOUND OF MUSIC. *A family favorite for every generation!* Don't be a "Lonely Goatherd," bring the whole family, even if they are "16 Going on 17," to enjoy this beloved musical tale of "Maria," the would-be nun who instead realizes she has found that some of her "Favorite Things" are the lovely children and lonely widower of the Von Trapp family. Your family will be "Do-Re-Mi-ing" long past the time we say "So Long, Farewell!"

WHEN: Performances: November 7 - 23, 2014:

Fridays, November 7, 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, November 8, 15 and 22 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sundays, November 9, 15 and 23 at 2:00 p.m.

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TICKETS: Reserved: Adults \$17, Children, Students and Seniors \$16. Groups of ten or more receive a discount of 10% if purchased in a single transaction.

OTHER: Free parking is always available. Accessible seating available by calling (805) 381-1246. Assisted Listening devices available in the Box Office.