

## **THE SOUND OF MUSIC CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Maria Rainer** - (musical theatre mix/soprano) □ A postulant at Nonnberg Abbey – young, free spirited, warm, gentle and kind with much determination.

**Captain Georg von Trapp** - (baritone) □ A retired Austrian naval captain. Polished, yet very military in the way he runs his life to repress his sadness over the death of his wife; underneath, he is warm, understanding, and determined.

**Von Trapp Children** - All children, apart from their character description must be able to be both conservative with their emotions as well as gregarious and playful at different times in the show.

**Liesl** (mezzo, dance, 16) □ The oldest child, blossoming into a young lady. She has a maternal edge to her and cares very deeply for her younger siblings.

**Friedrich** (age 14) □ Tough exterior, very much trying to be “the man” of the family.

**Louisa** (age 13) □ Rebellious attitude.

**Kurt** (age 10, falsetto) □ Gentle and mischievous.

**Brigitta** (age 9) □ Smart, reads a lot.

**Marta** (age 7) □ Very sweet and gentle.

**Gretl** (age 6) □ Youngest, and loveable.

**Max Detweiler** - (tenor/baritone) □ Charming and vital; a man of sophistication who enjoys the good life; true and loyal friend to the von Trapp family.

**Mother Abbess** - (legit soprano, wide vocal range) □ Motherly, understanding, strong and authoritative, but kind.

**Sister Berthe** - (alto) □ Mistress of Novices, prudish, straight laced with a quick tongue, less tolerant than other nuns.

**Sister Margaretta** - (mezzo) □ Mistress of Postulants, very kind, understanding and concerned.

**Sister Sophia** - (soprano) □ Neither demanding nor critical, sticks with the rules.

**Elsa Schrader** - (mezzo soprano) □ A baroness of taste and elegance, sophisticated, dignified and mature.

**Rolf Gruber** (low tenor, dance) □ Suitor to Liesl, telegram delivery boy, later Nazi soldier. A very pleasant young man, somewhat aggressive but in a gentle way.

**Franz** - The von Trapp butler, rather formal but not without spirit, he is very German and loyal to the Fascist cause.

**Frau Schmidt** - The housekeeper, stoic; she does her job efficiently but without affection. Strong and somewhat dominating.

**Herr Zeller** - Stern and unsmiling, a typical Nazi official whose primary concern is to see that everyone follows rules.

**Nonnberg Abbey Nuns**

**Male Ensemble** – Nazi soldiers, Austrian Citizens.

**Female Ensemble** – Austrian Citizens, Contestants in the Festival Concert

**Kids Ensemble** - Nonnberg Abbey School Kids, boys and girls