



Curtain Call

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

Winter 2011

The Hills Are Alive in Schuylerville Once Again!!

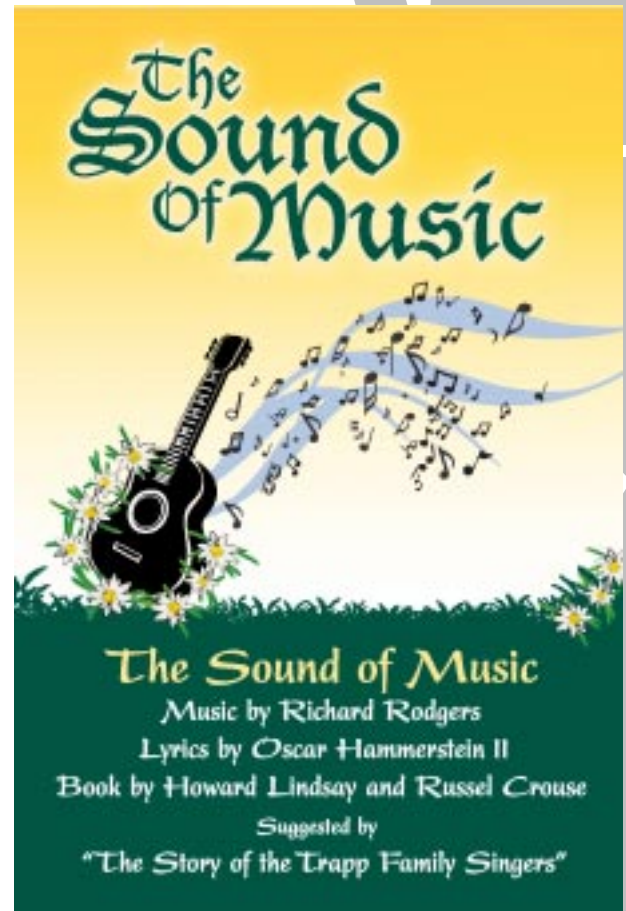
Schuylerville Community Theater is pleased to announce its Spring 2011 Production of *The Sound of Music*. SCT first produced *The Sound of Music* on the Schuylerville High School Stage in 1982 directed by Vicki Wolfe. Back by popular demand, this year's version welcomes Patrick Doyle as the Artistic Director and Richard Butler providing the Musical Direction. Vicki is the Assistant Director and will co-stage manage with Richard Joyce. Co-Producers, Michele Peters and Lorraine Thompson are sure the show will please all.

Directors Doyle and Butler were extremely pleased with the turn out for auditions and were able to fill the roles with a great cast. As Maria, Heather Johnson will once again grace the SCT stage. Jim Chaffin will fill the shoes of Captain vonTrapp, with Dale McKim as his good friend Max. The Baroness, Elsa, will be played by Joy MacKenzie, and Bev McKim will head up the vonTrapp household as the Executive Housekeeper, assisted by Christopher Tucker (an altar server in the 1982 production) as the butler, Franz. SCT members Dale and Bev McKim will be performing together for the first time since they met on a stage in 1972!

Cindy Boyka, as the Mother Abess, will supervise the convent with over twenty nuns singing in the beautiful chorus. Assisting her in the convent will be Deana Tracy as Sister Margaretta, Aime McMaster as Sister Sophia, and Donna Hillebrandt as Sister Berthe. At age 10, Donna was Marta, one of the vonTrapp children, in the 1982 production!!

The vonTrapp children will be played by Jillian Reilly as Leisl; Connor Olney has the role of Friedrich; Jessie MacKenzie is Louisa; her real life brother, Collin MacKenzie is Kurt; Allison Hillebrandt will be Brigitta; Lillian Butler plays Marta and Anna Belden is as cute as a button as Gretl. Rolf, the seventeen year old (going on eighteen), who sweeps Leisl off her feet will be played by Steven Butler, who was Chip in SCT's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Close to 60 performers will be on the SCT Stage, including many family combinations. A highlight of the evening will be a children's chorus made up of over 20 children who will delight the audience with two large numbers including the *Lonely Goatherd* and a surprise musical number at the famous *Salzberg Music Festival*.

The curtain goes up on Friday night, April 8th at 7:30 PM, again on Saturday night, April 9th at 7:30 PM, ending the weekend with a matinee on Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students. SCT is offering a very special price of \$12 for children under 12, who are accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased at the door, however reservations are strongly recommended for this popular and timeless musical. Call the SCT Ticket Line at 695-5480 to reserve your seat now!



Schuylerville High School Auditorium Reopened

For 35 years, Schuylerville Community Theater has had the privilege of calling the auditorium of the Schuylerville High School our home theater. For the past two years the school district has been involved in a capital building and improvement project. The auditorium, part of the renovations, was ready for occupancy in the fall of 2010. *The Sound of Music* will be the first SCT musical to be staged in the updated facilities. Not only were all of the seats in the audience refurbished, but state of the art lighting and sound systems were installed, the curtains were replaced, the stage floor was refinished and air conditioning was added!! SCT is looking forward to working with the new equipment and extends major applause to the school district for the continued opportunity to have an outstanding space for the community theater organization.



Dinner Theater a Huge Success

SCT joined forces with two community organizations, the Schuylerville American Legion and the Saratoga Knights of Columbus, and staged a hilarious comedy, *Don't Dress for Dinner* at the Legion and the K of C Hall during the fall of 2010. Directed by Fran Williams, the cast of six entertained a full house of dinner guests with the trials and tribulations of Bernard who attempted to entertain his lady friend while his wife visited her mother. Twists and turns led Bernard's wife, Jacqueline, to postpone her weekend with her mother. Bernard's mistress arrived and had to pose as the maid since the maid was portraying as the lover of Bernard's friend Robert, who, in fact, was having an affair with Bernard's wife Jacqueline! Only when the cook, George, arrived to pick up his wife, the maid, did any of the deceptions surface. Side splitting laughter was evident in the audience throughout the evening as the cast skillfully and wittingly played their roles. SCT performers Donna Hillebrandt, Jeremiah Jenkins, Shelby Johnson, Holly McCormack, Christopher Tucker, and Kevin Williams received thunderous applause at curtain call. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. If you missed it this year, stay tuned as SCT restages a dinner theater in the fall of 2011.

SCT Membership Drive

Applause! Applause! to all of you who jumped on board and became a member of SCT for the 2010-11 Season.



Membership Secretary Patrick Doyle, is ready to accept your membership. Forms are available on the SCT website; www.scttheater.org. All levels of membership benefits include the privilege to vote (with the exception of student level) in the Spring of each year; all have the opportunity to perform or work on a production crew in SCT sponsored productions, and receive the quarterly newsletter, *The Curtain Call*. All membership fees help to offset the administrative costs of the organization including insurance, rental payments, postage, general supplies, etc. A Patron Membership provides the member with two tickets to each performance. A Distinguished Patron Membership not only provides the member with complimentary tickets, but also supports the funding for the SCT Scholarship Program and capital expenditures. Other donations throughout the year are also used to supplement the overall budget needs of the organization. Revenues from the various performances support future productions.

Your support of the organization is greatly appreciated. It is because of this support that we are able to provide quality theater to the Schuylerville community and the surrounding areas and to offer an opportunity for those interested to participate in the exciting world of theater.

It is never too late to initiate or renew a membership. If you are not sure of your own membership level, check your status on the SCT Website, scttheater.org. The Membership Year corresponds with the fiscal year of SCT and runs from June 1 to May 31st.

Directors Needed SCT an established company for over 30 years, is looking for directors to stage musicals and comedies. All degrees of experience will be considered. Interested directors should submit a resume to: Director and Play Selection Committee, Schuylerville Community Theater, P.O. Box 143, Schuylerville, NY 12871 or e-mail scttheater@scttheater.org. For information, call 587-6289.

Festival of Trees

The first annual SCT Festival of Trees was held on Saturday, December 4th in conjunction with the Feast of St Nicholaas, sponsored by the Schuylerville Area Chamber of Commerce. Area businesses and community members donated the funds to purchase the trees. Organizations and individuals provided the time and decorated the twenty trees that were on display in the court room in the Town Hall throughout the festivities. The trees were available for purchase with the proceeds going to the SCT Production Fund. In addition to the trees, crafters were selling their wares and entertainment was on the stage every half hour throughout the day. For the children, story-telling by local librarian Julie Martin was followed by a related craft activity sponsored by the Chamber. Finally at day's end, the parade honoring St Nicholaas with horses, carriages, carolers and St. Nick himself on his white horse made their way down Broadway stopping at the end of the village for the lighting of the village Christmas tree. SCT is already planning the second annual Festival of Trees. Any organization or individual interested in becoming involved next year is invited to sign up now by emailing SCT at scttheater@sctheater.org or call 695-5480 and leave a message.



There are plans to increase the number of decorated trees!

Remembrance Trees

If you had a chance to drive through the village of Schuylerville during the holiday season, you had the pleasure of seeing the twelve lighted, decorated Christmas trees on the front lawn of the town hall on the corner of routes 4 and 29. Chaired by Anna Welfley, SCT sponsored the well-received Remembrance Trees project. Trees were purchased by community members and organizations in memory of loved ones. Each tree was lit and decorated in time for a beautiful lighting ceremony on Friday evening, December 3rd, followed by a reception in the town hall with a preview of the Festival of Trees. The Remembrance Trees remained lit throughout the Christmas season until the weekend of the New Year and provided a delightful spectacle for residents and visitors traveling in and out of the village. The SCT Board thanks those who helped make this possible, especially Town of Saratoga Supervisor, Tom Wood and the Town Board for the use of the space and the power to light the trees each night and Kenny Macica of Schuylerville Farms for securing the Christmas Trees for SCT. The Remembrance Trees project is already on the calendar for next year with an increase in the number of trees that will be available. Anyone interested in purchasing a tree for the 2011 Season, is invited to contact Anna Welfley and make your reservation now.



On March 19th, the Children's Theater Program will host a Book Fair at the Saratoga (Wilton) Barnes and Noble store. Partial proceeds from any purchase made that day will go directly to the summer program. All you have to do is show our flyer or mention SCT. Please join us for the opportunity to register as well.

2011 SCT Scholarship Program Announced

The Schuylerville Community Theater is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering a one time scholarship to a deserving high school senior who will be graduating in June of 2011 from a Warren, Washington or Saratoga County High School.



Applicants for this scholarship must be entering an accredited college in the fall of 2011 and majoring in Music, Dance, Drama or Theater Arts.

Those applying will also be eligible for one of three other one-time commemorative scholarships offered as well. These scholarships, in whose honor they are named, are in memory of long time SCT members, Sharon Festo, Katherine Hopkins and Ted Shuster.

Students may obtain scholarship applications by downloading the application in its entirety from the Schuylerville Community Theater website, www.scttheater.org or by written request to:

Michele Peters
SCT Scholarship Chairperson
50 Duncan Lane
Gansevoort, NY 12831

Applications are to be submitted using the 2011 application forms. Forms are available on the website at scttheater.org. Auditions will be scheduled during the first week in May

Completed applications must be received postmarked before April 22nd, 2011 to be considered. Audition details will be provided to the applicants upon receipt of the application.

Visit our website: scttheater.org
Check out our Calendar of Events
on the website: scttheater.org

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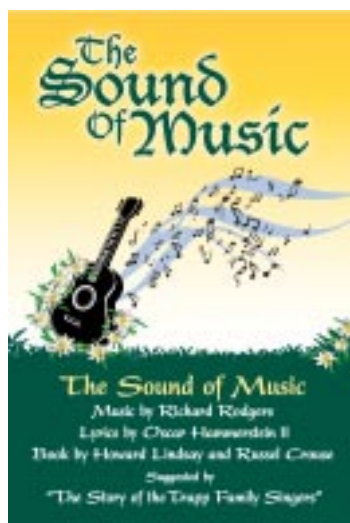
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APRIL 8TH & 9TH
@ 7:30PM
APRIL 10TH @ 2:00
SCHUYLERVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S
THEATER
BOOK FAIR
MARCH 19TH
BARNES &
NOBLE
BOOKSTORE
10:00-4:00

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