

PEACHCRAFT STUDIOS

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PEACHCRAFT STUDIOS PRESENTS RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*

PeachCraft Studios of Drama, Voice + Filmmaking, of Summit, NJ, is proud to present Rodgers & Hammerstein's 1959 classic, *The Sound of Music*, based on the memoir of Maria von Trapp, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*. This environmentally friendly production, featuring a cast of talented young performers from across the state, is directed by **Aimee Barnes**, with musical direction by **Adam Gilbert** and choreography by **Adrian Arrieta**. PeachCraft founder and director **Kate Kennedy** serves as producer.

Performances are **Friday, July 22 at 7 PM** and **Saturday, July 23 at 2 PM and 7 PM** in **Morristown-Beard School's Founders' Hall**, a state-of-the-art 450-seat theater located at **70 Whippany Road** in **Morristown**. **Tickets are available by calling PeachCraft Studios at (908) 673-1485.**

The Sound of Music cast:

Maria Rainer, a Postulant at Nonnberg Abbey
The Mother Abbess
Sister Berthe, Mistress of Novices
Sister Margareta, Mistress of Postulants
Sister Sophia
Captain Georg von Trapp
Franz, the butler
Frau Schmidt and others
Liesl von Trapp, age 16
Friedrich von Trapp, age 14
Louisa von Trapp, age 13
Kurt von Trapp, age 10
Brigitta von Trapp, age 9
Marta von Trapp, age 7
Gretl von Trapp, the youngest
Rolf Gruber, age 17
Elsa Schraeder
Max Detweiler
Frau Zeller and others
Fraulein Zeller and others
Baron Elberfeld and others
Baroness Elberfeld and others
A postulant and others
A postulant and others
A postulant and others
A Butler and others

Amy Wesson, 14 (Summit)
Emily Martuscello, 19 (Morristown)
Melissa Juliet Lawson, 15 (Parsippany)
Dorothea Miller, 11 (Madison)
Kaitlyn Avery, 14 (Summit)
Matthew Marvin, 14 (Summit)
Tomas Russo, 12 (Fanwood)
Lizzy Tenny, 13 (Summit)
Abby Tizzio, 15 (Westfield)
Matthew Fertakos, 15 (Chatham)
Alexa Rojek, 14 (Chatham)
Or Behiri, 9 (Summit)
Julia Tizzio, 13 (Westfield)
Anna Elston, 13 (Chatham)
Liana Tizzio, 10 (Westfield)
Gregory Archer, 15 (Summit)
Jody Mullen (PDVF Guest Faculty Artist, Hoboken)
Jake Robbins, 14 (Mountainside)
Fallon Sullivan, 13 (Chatham)
Haydn Anidjar, 12 (Summit)
Jeremiah Hall, 10 (Hillside)
Lauren Katz, 11 (Short Hills)
Charlotte Harris, 11 (Summit)
Sophie Coull, 13 (Summit)
Morgan Temple, 13 (Summit)
Casey Rojek, 11 (Chatham)

PEACHCRAFT STUDIOS OF DRAMA, VOICE + FILMMAKING (PDVF), founded by renowned actor, writer, director, and producer **Kate Kennedy**, opened its doors at 371 Springfield Avenue in Summit, NJ in 2005. PDVF offers a safe environment for talented young performers to engage in rigorous training through acting, voice, and filmmaking programs. Since its inception, the studio has launched the acting, singing, dance, and filmmaking careers of many talented young artists, some of whom have worked alongside Meryl Streep, Amy Adams, Alec Baldwin, Tina Fey, Brad Pitt, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, and Kyra Sedgwick, among others. Additionally, students regularly receive entrance into their top-choice colleges and professional schools. PDVF's focus is on enhancing the artist's special abilities through training with the highest level of distinguished professional faculty in the industry. For more information, please visit www.peachcraft.net.

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AIMEE BARNES is a musical theatre performer, director, and teaching artist based in New York, with performance credits that include Dr. Carol in *Pieces* at the Turtle Shell Theatre in NYC; New York productions of *A Christmas Carol*, *The Envelope Please*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Tamer Tamed*; performance work with the Puppetry Arts Theatre; a national tour of *Cinderella* (as the Fairy Godmother); and regional productions of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *A Christmas Carol*. A Phi Beta Kappa member, she graduated *magna cum laude* from American University. Her directing experience includes the summer programs at the Lake Dillon Theatre Company and the Emma Willard School. Ms. Barnes currently teaches voice and piano with Soyulla Artists.

University of Miami alumnus **ADAM GILBERT** is an active singer, songwriter, composer, music director, producer, and teacher. His two CD releases have received national airplay and five-star ratings on iTunes, and *NeuFutur* Magazine described his single "Break Through Today" as "a modern masterpiece of songwriting with an innovative sense of musical adventure; the resulting sound achieved ... is something that has not previously been heard." His schedule includes engagements at the Bitter End in Greenwich Village, classical concerts, and producing/mixing gigs for venues like PBS. Mr. Gilbert serves as music director at a church in Vernon and at Centenary College. His students have received acceptances to many renowned college music programs. He is a member of the Vocal Conservatory Faculty at PeachCraft Studios.

ADRIAN ARRIETA, a former acting and voice student at PeachCraft Studios, is now the first member of its Dance faculty. He served as choreographer and played Archibald Craven in PDVF's summer 2010 production of *The Secret Garden*. Mr. Arrieta received a Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award for his performance in *The Producers* at his alma mater, Summit High School. His professional credits include *Peter Pan* and *Disney's High School Musical* at the Paper Mill Playhouse. He has danced (on full scholarship) with the Manhattan Youth Ballet and studied at the prestigious CAP21 conservatory in New York City.

KATE KENNEDY, founder and director of PeachCraft Studios, is a professional film producer, master acting coach, and casting director with over 25 years of experience in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Marymount Manhattan College, Ms. Kennedy began her acting career touring with San Francisco's famed Lilliput Players Theatre Troupe and made her television debut in NBC's "Midnight Caller." Beginning with *The Joy Luck Club*, she has amassed a distinguished list of casting director credits from the major motion picture studios and TV networks in Los Angeles, including DreamWorks Studios, Paramount Pictures, the Walt Disney Studios, Miramax, HBO, NBC, and CBS. At PeachCraft, Ms. Kennedy teaches a distinctive imagination-based technique for inspired acting, fusing the methods of Constantine Stanislavski, Michael Chekhov, and Stella Adler with her own concepts.

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