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THE ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL AND THEATRE ASPEN

TO PRESENT

“THE SOUND OF MUSIC IN CONCERT”

JULY 25 & 26

BENEDICT MUSIC TENT, ASPEN

New York, NY & Aspen, CO (January 28, 2022) – **The Aspen Music Festival and School (Alan Fletcher**, President and CEO) and **Theatre Aspen (Jed Bernstein**, Producing Director) announced today that, this summer, their organizations will again collaborate to present a very special concert production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic musical ***The Sound of Music*** on Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 pm in the Benedict Music Tent. This evening builds upon the success of *The Sweetest Sounds: The Music of Richard Rodgers* in 2021 and *South Pacific* in 2019. The evening is presented by special arrangement with The Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization.

"I've wanted to present this show as long as I've been at the Festival," commented **Alan Fletcher**, President and CEO of The Aspen Music Festival and School. "In a way, I owe my life to *The Sound of Music*, since my mother heard the real Von Trapp Family in their first U.S. tour (she was sixteen) and, on her first date with my father, she said that she wanted to have a huge family, all musicians (she was seventeen). I am one of six kids, all musicians. Every single thing about this show is wonderful to me, and it will be a true highlight of the summer to partner again with Theatre Aspen presenting this timeless show that touches our hearts and our humanity.

"We are delighted to be partnering with our friends at the Music Festival to once again bring the best of Broadway to Aspen this summer, with our joint presentation of *The Sound of Music*," added **Jed Bernstein**, Producing Director of Theatre Aspen. "The hills will truly be alive."

Premiering on Broadway in 1959, the musical was a huge success and ran for 1,443 performances, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, out of nine nominations. This concert adaptation captures the boisterous yet compelling nature of the musical and focuses on the beloved score that made *The Sound of Music* unforgettable. Enduring songs include "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Do-Re-Mi," and the title song "The Sound of Music."

Complete casting and the creative team for this special event will be announced shortly.

Tickets are \$110 and \$50; \$30 children's seats (12 and under, available while supplies last). A limited number of \$500 tickets that include premier seating and a post-event cast party will also be available for the July 25th performance. Tickets will be available for purchase through the AMFS Box Office starting in April by calling 970-925-9042 or online at <https://www.aspenmusicfestival.com/>.

Underwriting support provided by Nancy Wall and Charles Wall.

ABOUT THEATRE ASPEN

For thirty-nine years **THEATRE ASPEN** has been rekindling a sense of discovery in audiences who live in and visit the Roaring Fork Valley by producing big theatre in a small space with intimate storytelling. Each season at Theatre Aspen promises to bring world-class theatre dramatically closer, with innovative and imaginative productions of both plays and musicals, complemented by an assortment of community events including late-night cabarets, educational programs and performances, collaborations with other Aspen arts organizations, and new works presentations. Theatre Aspen also boasts an impressive summer Apprentice program, one of the largest in the country, devoted to training the next generation of theatrical artists and administrators. To learn more about Theatre Aspen visit TheatreAspen.org or by phone at 970-925-9313.

ABOUT THE ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL

THE ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL is the United States' premier classical music festival, presenting more than 400 musical events during its eight-week summer season in Aspen. The organization draws top classical musicians from around the world to this Colorado mountain retreat for an unparalleled combination of performances and music education. Nearly 700 music students from 43 U.S. states and 33 countries come each summer to play in five orchestras, sing, conduct, compose and study with 200 renowned artist-faculty members. Students represent the field's best young talent; many have already begun their professional careers, while others are on the cusp.

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