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Elisabeth von Trapp

The Sound of Music Festival with Elisabeth von Trapp Coming to the Area

The hills are alive once again with the ***Sound of Music Festival*** October 11-18, presented by the Sandusky State Theatre and Terra Community College.

Featuring ***Elisabeth von Trapp***, granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron Von Trapp, whose story inspired "The Sound of Music," this week-long festival features concerts, educational activities, meet-the-artists opportunities, and walks down memory lane.

"The Sound of Music" is the most beloved and popular musical ever made. When it was released, it took the world by storm earning five Oscars.

Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Von Trapp family singers and invites you to enjoy this wonderful festival that celebrates the music and life of her beloved family. She will be up close and personal and reveal stories of her life as a Von Trapp and her inspirations of her father Werner Von Trapp. By the end of the week you will feel like a genuine Von Trapp family member. Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European Cathedrals to the Kennedy Center and as the Boston Globe has said, "before the concert is over she will have the crowd gasping with the sheer beauty of her voice."

The Sound of Music Festival begins with an opening concert on Sunday, October 11, that pays tribute to the genius passed down through nearly two and a half centuries of music by two great choral composers, J.S. Bach and legendary jazz artist Dave Brubeck.

The Arts Chorale pays tribute to these composers great choral work in "The Essence of Influence: The Music of Bach & Brubeck." The week continues on Wednesday with seminars hosted at Terra Community College that give students and community members an

opportunity to explore the professional world of music, share memories of the Sound of Music, and discuss methods for handling musical problems that occur in performance.

The week concludes with the Gala concert at the Sandusky State Theatre with the program "Rodgers & Hammerstein with Heart," a concert that features Elisabeth von Trapp in concert with the Sound of Music Festival Chorus and Orchestra. The event includes a tribute to the great music of the song-writing team of Rodgers and Hammerstein with special highlights from the beloved musical "The Sound of Music."

A concert for the entire family, tickets are on sale now at the State Theatre Box Office at 419-626-1950 or toll free 1-877-626-1950. Special dinner and show packages are available.

On Sunday, the week concludes with a workshop hosted by Elisabeth von Trapp. This musical workshop reflects on the style of the Von Trapp Family Music Camp of many years ago. Enjoy group sing-alongs, folksongs, and great memories. Open to all ages, this workshop is a great way to develop skills, enhance one's interest in music, and understand the true meaning of "The Sound of Music."

Don't miss out on the week-long celebration! Schedule of events listed below:

Sound of Music Festival Opening Concert:

Sunday, October 11 ~ 4 p.m.

The Essence of Influence: The Music of Bach & Brubeck!

Featuring Bach Cantata No. 80 and choral selections by Dave Brubeck

Terra Arts Chorale and Special Guests

First Presbyterian Church

120 S. Park Street, Fremont

Admission Free

Sound of Music Festival Seminars:

Wednesday, October 14

4 p.m. - A Long, Long Way to Run (*Building E, Room E110*) *Touring and Managing a Musical Career with Elisabeth von Trapp's manager and business partner, Ed Hall.*

5 p.m. - My Favorite Things (*Building B, Atrium*) *Community Reception with Elisabeth von Trapp. Meet renowned singer and grand-daughter of the legendary Von Trapp family. Come and share your favorite Sound of Music stories as Elisabeth shares hers.*

7:30 p.m. - Climb Every Mountain, Search High and Low! (*Building E, Room E110*) *How do you solve a "musical" problem? Join Elisabeth von Trapp in conversation and sharing of issues surrounding performance.*

Terra Community College
2830 Napoleon Road, Fremont
Seminar Admission Free

Sound of Music Festival Gala Concert:

Rodgers & Hammerstein with Heart!
Saturday, October 17 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Elisabeth von Trapp and
Sound of Music Festival Chorus and Orchestra
Sandusky State Theatre
107 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky
Call State Theatre Box Office at 419-626-1950 or toll free 1-877-626-1950
Admission ~ \$20 per person
Dinner & Show Package \$42
Concert Sponsored by: Bettcher Industries, Inc.

Sound of Music Festival Workshop:

Workshop with Elisabeth von Trapp
Sunday, October 18, 2009 ~ 1:30 - 4 p.m.
Sandusky State Theatre
107 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky
Registration Fee - \$35 per person