

Amarillo Little Theatre
in collaboration with the **ALT Academy**
is very proud to present

The Sound of Music

Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse

Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

Starring

Hunter Lee
as Maria Rainer

Jacob Miller
as Captain Georg von Trapp

Christy Corder
as Mother Abbess

Sabrina Ali Alessandro Dieguez Laken Derington Acelynn Evans
Taylor Henderson Evelyn Johnston Kallie Kilburn Sterling Knight
Piper Laur Graham Moore Chloe Shreffler Alexis Williams
as the von Trapp Children

Featuring

Brooks Boyett
as Max Detweiler

Hanna Green
as Elsa Schraeder

Grason Derington and Jax Ebert
as Rolf Gruber

Julie Coe
as Sister Berthe

Courtney Frazier
as Sister Margaretta

Rachel Stone
as Sister Sophia

Carrie Huckabay
as Frau Schmidt

Jeffrey Pickens
as Franz

with

Rebecca Attaway Rob Attaway Melea Baker Dana Bolin Nels Bjork
Hailey Christmas Mallory Corona Hugh Fristoe Angie Grimes Zoie Hill
Stephanie Kelley Kristin McCarrell John Nite Maddox Nite Kayleigh Reyes
Kiara Tennille Jeri Tidmore Travis Tidmore Alayna Virnau Christina Virnau
Larry Virnau Hugh Wilson Jeff Wyrick

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Music Director

Carla Fristoe
Assistant Director

Velvet Knight
Production Assistant

Tana Roberson
Scenic and Lighting Design

Tiffany Laur
Costume Coordinator

Madeleine Nelson
Asst. Choreographer

Gregg Dunlap
Technical Director

Brandon Khamphoumy
Asst. Technical Director

Noah Lang
Technical Assistant

Sponsored by

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

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Franz	Jeffrey Pickens
Frau Schmidt	Carrie Huckabay
Liesl von Trapp	Kallie Kilburn/Sterling Knight
Friedrich von Trapp	Alessandro Dieguez
Louisa von Trapp	Piper Laur/Taylor Paige Henderson
Kurt von Trapp	Graham Moore
Brigitta von Trapp	Sabrina Ali/Laken Derington
Marta von Trapp	Alexis Williams/Acelynn Evans
Gretl von Trapp	Chloe Shreffler/Evelyn Johnston
Rolf Gruber	Jax Ebert/Grason Derington
Elsa Schraeder	Hanna Green
Ursula	Mallory Corona
Max Detweiler	Brooks Boyett
Herr Zeller	Hugh Fristoe
Frau Zeller	Kristin McCarrell
Baron Elberfeld	Hugh Wilson
Baroness Elberfeld	Angie Grimes
Admiral Von Schreiber	Rob Attaway

ENSEMBLE

Neighbors of Captain Von Trapp	Rob Attaway and Rebecca Attaway Nels Bjork and Zoie Hill, John Nite and Stephanie Kelley Travis Tidmore and Jeri Tidmore, Larry Virnau and Christina Virnau Jeff Wyrick and Melea Baker
Nuns	Rebecca Attaway, Dana Bolin, Angie Grimes, Carrie Huckabay Stephanie Kelley, Kristin McCarrell, Jeri Tidmore, Christina Virnau
Novices	Melea Baker, Mallory Corona, Zoie Hill, Kiara Tennille
Postulants	Hailey Christmas, Kallie Kilburn, Sterling Knight Kayleigh Reyes, Alayna Virnau
Contestants in the Festival Concert	Dana Bolin, Kiara Tennille Maddox Nite, Melea Baker
Waiters	Grason Derington, Maddox Nite
Soldiers	Nels Bjork, Grason Derington, John Nite Travis Tidmore, Larry Virnau, Jeff Wyrick

PRODUCTION STAFF

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Technical Director/Lighting Design Gregg Dunlap
Costume Coordinator Tiffany Laur
Asst. Technical Director Brandon Khamphoumy
Technical Assistant Noah Lang
Asst. Choreographer..... Madeleine Nelson
Sound Design Jason Crespin
Props Velvet Knight and Jason Crespin
Microphone Operator..... Andrew Hawkins
Show Runner..... Carla Fristoe
Light Board Operator Velvet Knight
Stage Manager..... Noah Lang
Performance Track Technician Ricardo Cruz
Spotlight Operators..... Claire Attaway and Payton Alston
Costume Running Crew Allie Groomer, Will Henderson,
AnnaLee Lujan, Sara Virnau and Kameron Wolff

Special Thanks

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of this musical is strictly prohibited.

Rated PG 13

TIME
1938

SETTING
Salzburg, Austria

ACT I

- Scene 1 The Nonnberg Abbey
Preludium The Nuns, Postulants and Novices of the Nonnberg Abbey
- Scene 2 A Mountainside Near the Abbey
The Sound of Music Maria
- Scene 3 The Office of Mother Abbess, the next morning
Maria Sister Berthe, Sister Sophia, Sister Margaretta, Mother Abbess and Nuns
My Favorite Things Maria and Mother Abbess
- Scene 4 En Route to the von Trapp Household
I Have Confidence Maria
- Scene 5 The von Trapp Living Room, that afternoon
Do-Re-Mi Maria and the von Trapp Children
- Scene 6 Outside the von Trapp Home, that evening
Sixteen Going on Seventeen Rolf and Liesl
- Scene 7 Maria's Bedroom, later that evening
The Lonely Goatherd Maria and Children
- Scene 8 The Terrace, six weeks later
How Can Love Survive? Max, Elsa, Capt. von Trapp
The Sound of Music (Reprise) The Children and Capt. von Trapp
- Scene 9 The Living Room Party, one week later
So Long, Farewell The Children
- Scene 10 A Corridor in the Abbey
Morning Hymn Nuns, Postulants and Novices
- Scene 11 The office of Mother Abbess, three days later
Climb Ev'ry Mountain Mother Abbess

There will be one 15 minute intermission between Acts.

ACT II

- Scene 1 The Terrace, the same day
The Lonely Goatherd (Reprise) Max and the Children
My Favorite Things (Reprise) The Children and Maria
No Way to Stop It Elsa, Max, Capt. von Trapp
Something Good Capt. von Trapp and Maria
- Scene 2 Ceremony at the Abbey, two weeks later
Gadeamus Domino Nuns, Postulants and Novices
Maria (Reprise) Nuns, Postulants and Novices
Confitemini Domino Nuns, Postulants and Novices
- Scene 3 The von Trapp Living Room, one month later
Sixteen Going on Seventeen (Reprise) Maria and Liesl
- Scene 4 The concert hall stage in Kaltzberg, two days later
Do-Re-Mi (Reprise) Maria, Children and Capt. von Trapp
Edelweiss Capt. von Trapp, Maria and Children
So Long, Farewell (Reprise) Maria, Capt. von Trapp and Children
- Scene 5 The garden of the Abbey, that night.
Finale Ultimo Full Company

Music and Lyrics for "I Have Confidence" and "Something Good" by Richard Rodgers.

CAST BIOS

Sabrina Ali (Brigitta) is a 6th grader at Lorenzo de Zavala and says she is a full-time student, part-time Drama Queen. Sabrina was recently seen in the Academy's productions of *The Wizard of Oz* (Barrister/Flying Monkey) and *It's a Wonderful Life* (Martini Child). Other roles Sabrina has portrayed include Student Host for AISD's *The Secret Classroom*, Chinese Doll/Orange Slice in LSB's *Nutcracker* and cast member at Macon Little Theatre's Summer Kids Camp. Sabrina loves playing violin, reading and hopes to one day travel to all 50 states and 7 continents.

Rebecca Attaway (Nun/Neighbor) is excited to take the stage and make her ALT debut. A proud Academy mom, Rebecca is more used to driving her daughter to rehearsal than having rehearsal for herself. She has her B.S. Degree in Mathematics from Liberty University and is a Math Teacher. When she is not spending time with her wonderful husband Rob or her four great kids, she loves to do as much reading as possible.

Rob Attaway (Admiral von Schreiber/Neighbor) is not only making his ALT debut but his acting debut as well! Rob attended Liberty University where he earned his Master of Arts from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He leads worship and is the Creative Pastor for Hillside Christian Church. He stays busy raising four awesome kids (Claire, Preston, Ellie, and Audrey) with his best friend and wife of 19 years, Rebecca. For hobbies, he says "I love Jesus, music, reading, trivia, movies, songwriting, coffee, playing golf and eating good food."

Melea Baker (Novice, Neighbor, Festival Contestant) has been a part of ALT's *Mamma Mia!* and *Rock of Ages* as well as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Oklahoma!* and *The Pajama Game* at other stages. She is a substitute teacher for AISD and loves reading, singing, being outdoors and spending time with her family. "I would like to thank my amazing husband for always supporting me in everything I do. I couldn't ask for a better friend and partner for life. Thank you to my children for being so excited for me, I hope I can set an example that life is lived best when including things that make you happy. To my dad, my good luck charm – Thanks for all the endless phone calls! And my mama, my all-time biggest fan. You are missed every day. This one's for you!"

Dana Bolin (Nun/Festival Contestant) is making her ALT debut in this production. She has had previous roles in *South Pacific* (Eliza), *Hansel and Gretel* (Hansel), *Carmen* (Cigarette Girl/Frasquita Understudy), *Marriage of Figaro* (Barbarina) and *It's a Wonderful Life* (Tilly). Dana has her Bachelors of Arts and Masters in Education from WTAMU and is the principal at Willow Vista in River Road ISD. She lists her hobbies as travel, writing, singing and playing the violin.

Brooks Boyett (Max Detweiler) was seen on the ALT stage in *Baskerville* (Actor 2), *Legally Blonde* (Ensemble), *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Eddie McCuen) and *Anything Goes* (Rev. Henry T. Dobson). He is the Founder and Executive Director of Mission 2540, a non-profit working in low-income housing communities. Brooks does magic, loves to exercise and coach a class three times a week at CrossFit 806. He says he also "loves hanging out with my beautiful wife Sunny and my 3 nearly grown-up kids. Thanks to them for all their support and for encouraging me to go be a part of another show at ALT!"

Nels Bjork (Neighbor/Soldier) was last seen at ALT in *Matilda* (Miss Trunchbull). Prior ALT productions include *Rock of Ages* (Joey Primo), *Legally Blonde*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He has also been seen in the Amarillo Opera's productions of *Joshua's Boots* and *Man of La Mancha*. His hobby is performing at ALT. Nels would like to thank Zeke Lewis for inviting him to come and be a part of ALT.

Hailey Christmas (Postulant) is very excited to be making her ALT debut in this show. Amarillo audiences recently saw her in Amarillo College Conservatory's productions of *Hansel and Gretel* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is a Senior homeschool student and works part-time

at The Bagel Place. After Hailey graduates high school, she will be going to Amarillo College to get her surgical technician license. She spends her free time reading and singing and says she can't wait to be in more shows here at ALT!

Julie Coe (Sister Berthe) is honored to make her ALT debut in this production. Her past theatre experience includes *Mamma Mia!*, *The Music Man*, *Cabaret*, *The Sound of Music*, *Carmen* and *Guys and Dolls*. She has her Bachelor degree in Music Education and is the Choir Director at Austin Middle School. In her spare time, Julie enjoys reading and singing.

Christy Corder (Mother Abbess) is no stranger to Amarillo audiences, having performed with both ALT and Amarillo Opera. Her ALT productions include *Mamma Mia!*, *Always a Bridesmaid*, *Sister Act*, *Mary Poppins*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Light in the Piazza*, and *Les Mis*. Christy is a graduate of Texas Tech and has been the music teacher for South Georgia Elementary for the last 21 years. She's been married to her wonderful husband, Doyle, since she was 19, and has three fantastic kids – Everett (and his wife, Haley), Avery and Truett. She loves singing, painting (walls – not art), making things for her classroom and anything she can do with her kids.

Mallory Corona (Ursula/Novice) is making her ALT debut and could not be more excited. Her past theatre experience includes *The Miracle Worker* (Annie Sullivan), *The Not Knowing* (Carrie), *Loverboy* (Daughter) and *Wyeth Airlines* (Miss Walden). She has her B.A. in Theatre and Dance from the University of Texas at Austin with an emphasis in acting and playwriting. She is currently a barista for Palace Coffee. Mallory hopes to become a film writer/director and tell stories about the reality, hope and possibility of human connection. She enjoys reading, going on walks, attempting to care for houseplants and talking with the people around her.

Grason Derington (Rolf/Waiter/Soldier) is thrilled to be back at the ALT Mainstage where he was last seen as Peter in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Grason is a Senior in high school with this being his 8th year involved with ALT. Some of his favorite performances at ALT include *Sweeney Todd* (Ensemble) and the Academy's production of *The Wizard of Oz* (Cowardly Lion). He has also been seen in productions with Moonlight Musicals, Amarillo Opera and Lone Star Ballet. After graduation, Grason is hoping to pursue further training for a career in Musical Theatre and Acting. Grason would like to thank all his ALT instructors, Kristen Loyd, and his friends and family.

Laken Derington (Brigitta) is a twelve-year old who has been in the ALT Academy for nine years. Her first production was *Aladdin, Jr.* and her most recent performance was in *Matilda, the Musical* where she played Matilda. This will be her third Mainstage collaboration show. Laken has been dancing for eight years, has had vocal training for four years and studied acting since she was five. In her free time, Laken enjoys playing piano, playing with her dog and cats, and crafting. Laken would like to thank Jason Crespín and the production team for their love and encouragement, her family, friends, and each of her instructors who have been instrumental to her training.

Alessandro Dieguez (Friedrich) is so excited to be making his ALT Mainstage debut. Alessandro is a student in the ALT Academy and was seen as Henry in *Newsies* and in the ensemble of *Frozen Jr.* He is a 6th grade student at Lorenzo DeZavala Middle School. In his spare time, he enjoys swimming, table tennis, basketball, soccer and playing the viola. He is the oldest of four children and says that because it gets pretty crazy in his household, you can find him hiding out reading *Harry Potter* or watching the Marvel Avengers movies on repeat. He was born in New Jersey and would love to end up living in NYC. His ultimate goal is to become a famous Broadway actor/singer.

Jax Ebert (Rolf) is thrilled to be making his ALT debut in this production. He is the Theatre

Director at Dumas High School where he most recently directed *Matilda*. He has his B.A. in Theatre Education from West Texas A&M. While at WT, Jax was a part of *The Wolves* (Asst. Director), *A Flea in Her Ear* (Camille) and *House & Garden* (Jake Mace). Jax's other previous theatre experience includes *TEXAS Outdoor Musical* (Hospitality) and Lubbock Moonlight Musicals *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (Bud Frump). Jax loves tabletop gaming, piano, and running. He hopes to one day direct and operate his own community theater. "Thanks to my friends, family, and students for all the support and Jason for the opportunity to perform again!"

Acelynn Evans (Marta) is a 3rd grade student at Western Plateau and ALT Academy student. She was last seen in the Academy productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Honk!* In her spare time, she loves to sing, dance, do gymnastics and arts and crafts. She wants to dedicate this show to her amazing family for all their love and support!

Courtney Frazier (Sister Margaretta) was in the ensemble for Amarillo Little Theatre's *Mary Poppins* and was on the ALT Academy's production team for *Frozen, Jr.* Before moving to Amarillo, Courtney had been in the ensemble for many musicals in the Greater Boston Area including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oliver* and *My Fair Lady*. Courtney has a Bachelor of Science in English Literature and Middle School Education from Gordon College, Wenham, MA where she graduated in 2001. She is a stay at home mom for her ten-year-old son Aidan. She enjoys traveling, reading, singing and photography.

Hugh Fristoe (Herr Zeller) is making his ALT debut in this production. Hugh, an Academy parent for the past 10 years and husband to volunteer extraordinaire, Carla Fristoe, has finally found himself bitten by the theatre bug once again. His last acting experience was over 16 years ago. While this is his first production at ALT, he hopes it to be the first of many. He would like to thank his family, but his children most of all for being such angels while their parents engaged in this production.

Hanna Green (Elsa Schraeder) returns to ALT for her second show and is thrilled to be back! Some of her most recent stage experience consists of WTAMU's *The Musical of Musicals; The Musical!*, *Spring Awakening* (Ilse), *The Wolves* (#14), *Our Town* (Mrs. Webb) and ALT's *Anything Goes* (Reno's Angel). Hanna graduated from WTAMU in 2020 with a BA in Musical Theatre. She is currently working on getting her teaching degree. She loves to explore the vast world that is theatre and learn something new every day!

Angie Grimes (Baroness Elberfeld/Nun) returns to ALT as a nun! Her last role was a singing sister in *Sister Act*. Angie went to Harding University and is a Speech Therapist for AISD. Angie says she loves to sing, garden and can veggies/fruits/jams. She says "I delight in little things and love to see all the blessings around me. If I can make someone smile, it makes me happy. I want to thank my husband who patiently lets me go each night to practice without too much fuss and Jo Smith who is always so encouraging and gives the best hugs! Thank you Jason for this opportunity."

Taylor Paige Henderson (Louisa) is so excited to be back on the ALT stage with this amazing cast and crew! Some of her favorite productions at ALT include *Fun Home* (Small Alison) and *Mary Poppins* (Jane Banks). Taylor made her Off-Broadway debut in Sarah Silverman's *The Bedwetter* at The Atlantic Theater in NYC. Taylor has also performed in regional theater productions across the country including *Matilda* (Matilda) and *Fun Home* (Small Alison). Most recently, you can hear her as the voice of the title role in the Studio Ghibli movie *Earwig and the Witch*. Taylor would like to thank Jason for this amazing opportunity to be back on stage doing what she loves and all of her cast and crewmates for making this art happen in a time when we all need it so much! @taylorpaigehenderson

Zoie Hill (Nun/Neighbor) is excited to be in her first musical at ALT. She was previously seen as Shelby in *Steel Magnolias*. Zoie has a Bachelor's degree in English from WT and is a stay home mom. She loves hanging out with her husband Thomas and daughter Stellie and lists baking, doing hair and makeup for events, painting and working out as her hobbies.

Carrie Huckabay (Frau Schmidt, Nun) won ALTAs for *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *The Fantasticks*, and *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Some of her other work at ALT includes *Calendar Girls*, *Always a Bridesmaid*, *Savannah Sipping Society*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Enchanted April*, *The 39 Steps*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Best Little Whorehouse...* and *Dixie Swim Club*. Carrie is in her 19th year as an acting instructor for the ALT Academy, teaching Theatre IV and Senior Company classes. Carrie holds a BFA in Theatre Arts Performance from the University of Texas at Arlington, where she met her husband, Nolan. Carrie and Nolan have two wonderful sons, Ethan and Aaron. When not at ALT, Carrie enjoys spending time in the kitchen, reading, and singing in the choir at First Baptist Church.

Evelyn Johnston (Gretl) is so excited to be doing her first show ever! She has taken several classes in the ALT Academy with Ms. Lugene. Evelyn is in the first grade at Woodlands Elementary. Evelyn wants to continue starring in shows at ALT and enjoys singing, dancing and playing with friends. She wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

Stephanie Kelley (Nun/Neighbor) is also making her ALT debut and says she hasn't performed since high school. She has her Bachelors degree from WTAMU in Interdisciplinary Studies. Stephanie is a nanny and personal assistant of Dan and Nicole Koetting as well as the Assistant Music Director and Religious Education Assistant at St. Thomas Apostle Church. Her hobbies include traveling to Disney, spending time with her dogs, singing, arts and crafts. Her goals are to travel to ALL Disney Parks around the globe, have a lead role in a production, see all the continents, and raise a fun, fine arts loving family.

Kallie Kilburn (Liesl/Postulant) was most recently seen by ALT Mainstage audiences *Sweeney Todd* (ALTA Nominee for the *Beggar Woman*), *Rock of Ages* and *Once*. She grew in the ALT Academy and her favorite roles include Mayzie LaBird in *Seussical the Musical* (National Youth Award winner for Supporting Performance in a Musical, Little Red Riding Hood/Rapunzel in *Into the Woods* (National Youth Award for Supporting Performance in a Musical) and Queenie in *Honk!* (National Youth Honorable Mention Nomination for Featured Performance in a Musical). Kallie is currently attending Amarillo College as a full-time student and working part-time as an Eye Technician. She enjoys acting, singing, and dancing. Her goal is to make people happy through her talents and to continue a career in musical theatre.

Sterling Knight (Liesl/Postulant) is a Senior at Amarillo High School and a student of the ALT Academy. Her most recent Academy productions include *Frozen Jr.* (Anna), *Newsies*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Honk!* and *Annie*. Her hobbies include painting, clay and jewelry. She hopes to always make friends and be happy. She loves being able to do theatre and thankful that she gets to make theatre magic with her mom who is also a part of this show.

Piper Laur (Louisa) is an 8th grader at Ascension Academy and was most recently seen in ALT's Matilda (Lavendar). She is a proud student of the ALT Academy where she began taking classes at age 4. With over 12 productions under her belt, she lists Christian in *Fun Home* as her favorite. Her hobbies include acting, playing flute/piano, art and cross country running. Her latest goal is to be on the A honor roll.

Hunter Lee (Maria Rainer) is thrilled to be making her ALT debut! A native of Arizona, Hunter's previous theatre experience includes *TEXAS: The Outdoor Musical*, *The Sound of Music*, *Into the Woods*, *A Few Good Men*, *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, *Theory of Relativity*, *Suite Surrender* and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. She is currently pursuing a double BFA in Musical

Theatre and Costume Design at West Texas A&M University. Hunter works as a server at the Rockin' Zebra Soda Shoppe in Canyon, Texas. Her goal in life is to be happy and make other people happy too.

Kristin McCarrell (Frau Zeller/Nun) is making her ALT debut and hasn't done theatre since college. Kristin has her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Music from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Central Texas. Kristin is a homeschool mom and part-time tutor. She says she loves to learn about anything and everything from the laws of science, to playing new instruments, to foreign languages to people! Her personal goal is to leave the world more beautiful than I find it.

Jacob Miller (Captain Georg von Trapp) was recently seen by ALT audiences in *Sweeney Todd* (Sweeney) - ALTA for Best Lead Actor in a Musical, *Fun Home* (Bruce), *Little Women* (Mr. Laurence/Mr. Dashwood), and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Jacob was also the pianist and a very proud Cow #2 for the Academy's production of *Into the Woods*. He currently serves as Associate Pastor for First Christian Church of Amarillo. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from Texas Tech University, his emphasis being in musical theatre and opera. Jacob received his MM and BM in church music with a piano performance concentration from Baylor University. When Jacob is not working or performing, you will find him spending time in his garden.

Graham Moore (Kurt) is a 4th grade student at St. Andrew's and proud student of the ALT Academy. Graham has been seen as a Hidden Folk in *Frozen Jr.*, Tommy Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, and a Tough Guy Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*. This is his first production outside of the Academy. Graham enjoys taking tennis lessons, playing the piano and the string bass, and playing with his dog, Winnie. He loves being on stage so he can make people laugh and smile. Graham wants to thank his parents and grandparents for driving him to endless theater rehearsals, and his sister Hannah for being the best sister in the world.

John Nite (Neighbor, Soldier) will be in his second theatre and ALT Mainstage performance. He is excited to be performing with his son again, ALT Academy student Maddox Nite. John's hobbies include spending time with his beautiful wife Kaleena and his kids, going on breakfast/bike cruises and tinkering in the garage. Academy Dads represent!

Maddox Nite (Waiter, Festival Contestant, Altar Boy) is currently a Junior in High School and was most recently seen on the ALT stage in *Matilda the Musical*. He was also involved in the Academy productions of *Winnie the Pooh*, *Ramona Quimby*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *The Adventures of Huck Finn*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Anne of Green Gables*. Maddox enjoys writing for his school paper, reading, sleeping, and video games.

Jeffrey Pickens (Franz) is no stranger when it comes to ALT. Audiences will remember him from his ALTA awarding performances in *The Addams Family* (Uncle Fester) and *Les Misérables* (Bishop). Some of his other favorite roles include Amos Hart in *Chicago*, Dr. Fine in *Next to Normal* and Freud in *Freud's Last Session*. He is a proud 1977 ACU graduate and went on to receive his M.D. From the University of Texas Medical Branch. Jeff recently retired from being a physician and enjoys his time hiking, cooking, reading and listening to music. "Thanks to my wife Bonnie, my heart and soul."

Kayleigh Reyes (Postulant) is a Senior at Borger High School and is making her ALT debut in this show. She has been doing theatre since 2nd grade and loves to perform. She has been a part of the One Act Play competition throughout high school and is excited to portray Ariel in Borger High School's upcoming production of *Footloose*. When Kayleigh is not working at United Supermarkets you can find her a part of Borger's band and speech and debate team. Her goal is to attend college and one day become a psychiatrist.

Chloe Shreffler (Gretl) is making her acting debut! Chloe is in the 2nd grade at Puckett Elementary and a student of the Academy. She enjoys dance and gymnastics and is a great assistant in the kitchen. She thanks her family for bringing her to rehearsals and getting her ready for this show.

Rachel Stone (Sister Sophia) is thrilled to be a part of this show and make her ALT debut this classic musical. Her previous theatre experience includes church Easter pageants and some high school theatre. She has her B.A in Mass Communications from WTAMU. She is a homeschool mom and worship leader at Washington Avenue Christian Church. She loves singing, playing the piano, watching movies, and raising her beautiful family.

Kiara Tennille (Novice/Festival Contestant) has been in over 30 shows at Amarillo Little Theatre but this show marks her debut under her new name! "Herstory" in the making, y'all!! Kiara is 30 going on 31 and has lived in Amarillo all her life apart from brief stints in Dallas and Austin, respectively. She is a proud transgender woman and is honored to represent for her community onstage this season! She would like to thank Jason Crespin and every beautiful person in this show for creating a safe space and re-welcoming her with open arms! Love and light to all!

Jeri Tidmore (Nun/Neighbor) was mostly recently seen in this season's *Calendar Girls*. She has had the privilege of being in a number of musicals on the ALT Mainstage, one of her favorite roles being the Bird Woman in *Mary Poppins*. You also might have seen her in *Anything Goes*, *Sister Act*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. She has her Masters degree in Education and is a third grade teacher at Highland Park. She says she loves being at ALT and loves hanging out with her husband and kids.

Travis Tidmore (Neighbor/Soldier) discovered his love of theatre in 8th grade when his choir did a medley from *Phantom* but his stage fright left him unable to appear on stage. Once he overcame his stage fright, he auditioned and was cast in *Sister Act* as Joey. He has since appeared as Issacar in *Joseph* and Lonny in *Rock of Ages*. He is loving doing this show with his wife Jeri and says that he misses his two beautiful children.

Alayna Virnau (Postulant) is also making her ALT and acting debut. Alayna is a college student who enjoys singing and dancing. She hopes to be cast in more ALT shows in the future and can't wait to graduate college.

Christina Virnau (Nun/Neighbor) is new to ALT and excited to making her debut with this show. Her previous theatre experience includes *Sweeney Todd*, *Tales of Hoffman* (Olympia), *Dido* and *Aeneas* (Orchestra Pit Conductor) as well as a principle actor in several student written and produced plays. Christina has a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and is a Library Assistant. Her goals are to travel to Greece, Israel, Holland, and to see the cherry blossoms in Japan. She loves to play and her hobbies include all manner of fun! Some enjoys water sports, hiking, camping, dancing, singing, and everything else she can do with her family. "Worshipping together at our church is one of our favorite things to do."

Larry Virnau (Neighbor/Soldier) is the third Virnau who is also making his ALT debut! His last acting experience was as a cast member in the Christmas musical *The Journey of Hope*. Larry has his Bachelor of Arts in German/English from Baylor University and his Master of Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Larry served as a worship pastor in churches in Ohio and Texas and now serves as a Hospice Chaplain. Additionally, he has worked as a high school English and German teacher in the D/FW area and in Amarillo. He enjoys writing songs, singing, and travelling to other countries. He is currently working on a cybersecurity certification through Amarillo College.

Alexis Williams (Marta) is a third grade student and has participated in ALT's summer camps and classes for several years. She has also attended Amarillo Opera's summer camp and appeared in its production, *Of Mice and Mozart*. Alexis plays the violin and piano; takes gymnastics, loves dancing and hanging out with her friends.

Hugh Wilson (Baron Elberfeld) is no stranger to the ALT stage, having made his debut in 1974. *Sound of Music* marks his 43rd ALT production. His most recent appearance was as Isaac in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Hugh has volunteered in multiple ways with ALT, including being the ALT Board President during the 80-81 season. In addition to ALT, Hugh has performed in 32 productions with Amarillo Opera. Having retired from Corporate Systems, he is now a permanent substitute at Amarillo High School. Hugh is an Air Force Vet and loves his wife Renee who he has been married to for the past 59 years.

Jeff Wyrick (Neighbor/Priest/Soldier) is a Production Planner at Caviness Beef and fairly new to the ALT stage. After seeing his kids in numerous ALT Academy productions, he made his acting debut in last season's *Matilda* (Sergei). In his free time, Jeff enjoys running, writing, spending time with his awesome family and playing with his dogs.

PRODUCTION BIOS

Jason Crespin (Artistic Director/Choreographer) is entering his first season as the newly named Managing/Artistic Director. Jason was previously the Academy Director for 15 years and has been volunteering at ALT since 1999. He is a proud 2006 graduate from WTAMU where he was recently inducted into the Communications Hall of Fame. As the ALT Academy Director, Jason directed and choreographed over 40 ALT Academy productions bringing national attention with many productions. No stranger to the stage, Jason is also a veteran actor for ALT where he has appeared in over 45 ALT productions. He thanks you for attending live theatre and hopes you "find your light" at ALT.

Jennifer Akins (Music Director) is a veteran of ALT and has served as Music Director, Assistant Music Director and pianist for over a decade. She is a graduate of WTAMU with a degree in Music Education. When not directing musicals, she plays piano at First Christian Church. She enjoys being married to her husband, Mike (a computer programmer and writer) and is very proud of her daughter Kate and her three bonus kids Emily, Andrew and Aaron. Her greatest joys in life are her two grandchildren, Zander and Emma. She loves them to the moon and back!

Carla Fristoe (Assistant Director) did theatre in high school and college, but her most recent theatre experiences have been behind the scenes on backstage crews, costume teams, production teams, etc. This is Carla's third show to be Assistant to the Director, under Jason's leadership. She has her Bachelors in Nursing from WTAMU and is a Registered Nurse. Carla enjoys spending time at the theatre as a patron and a volunteer. She has enjoyed working with Jason on this production, his first as ALT's Artistic Director and hopes the opportunity presents itself again. This has been an extra special experience because she got to share it with her husband, Hugh. Special thanks to my kids who have had to be without their parents the last few months.

Velvet Knight (Production Assistant) has been an ALT Academy parent for over 15 years and loves being behind the scenes! Velvet has a Bachelors of Science degree in Interior Design from the University of Texas - Hook 'Em! She is the Interior Designer/Owner of Velvet Knight Designs. Velvet has helped in many aspects backstage over the years and has been a Production Assistant on many Academy shows. Because of Velvet's dedication, she was recently awarded a Keeper of the Flame award for her service to ALT. This is her first time to be on the production team for a Mainstage show and she says it has been such a blast!

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1936-2020

Martha Collaer was an avid ALT fan who rarely missed a production. She would enter the theatre lobby and light it up with her wonderful smile and demeanor. She would regularly attend ALT Talk Back sessions after an Adventure Space production and she definitely had an opinion.

Martha was a valued patron of ALT and local Arts organizations throughout her life. After Martha's passing, we learned that we were included in her will and would be the beneficiary of a sizable gift.

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