

THE PICKWICK PLAYERS PRESENT

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The Sound of Music

NOVEMBER
4-6 & 11-13, 2021



CAPITAL COMMUNITY CHURCH, ASHBURN

Book by Howard Lindsay & Russell Crouse

Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II (Orchestrations by Robert R. Bennett)

Music by Richard Rodgers (Choral Arrangements by Trude Rittman)

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Scenes

The story takes place in Austria, early in 1938

Act I

Scene 1: Nonnberg Abbey

Scene 2: Mountainside Near the Abbey

Scene 3: The Office of the Mother Abbess

THE NEXT MORNING

Scene 4: Outside the Abbey

Scene 5: The Living Room of the Trapp Villa

THAT AFTERNOON

Scene 6: Outside the Trapp Villa

THAT EVENING

Scene 7: Maria's Bedroom

LATER THAT EVENING

Scene 8: The Terrace of the Trapp Villa

SIX WEEKS LATER

Scene 9: A Hallway in the Trapp Villa

ONE WEEK LATER

Scene 10: The Living Room

THE SAME EVENING

Scene 11: A Corridor in the Abbey

Scene 12: The Office of the Mother Abbess

THREE DAYS LATER

Act II

Scene 1: The Terrace

THE SAME DAY

Scene 2: A Corridor in the Abbey

TWO WEEKS LATER

Scene 3: The Office of the Mother Abbess

Scene 4: A Cloister Overlooking the Chapel

Scene 5: The Living Room

ONE MONTH LATER

Scene 6: The Concert Hall

THREE DAYS LATER

Scene 7: The Garden of the Nonnberg Abbey

THAT NIGHT



Cast



Maria Chelsea Zeidman
Captain Von Trapp Spencer Milligan

CAST A
11/4, 11/6, 11/13 MATINEE

Liesl	Sophia Grado
Friedrich	Knox McKinley
Louisa	Brighton Johns
Kurt	Andrew Doyle*
Brigitta	Olivia Cianciaruso
Marta	Rachel Sheppard
Gretl	Lilybean Gasque-Kuhn

Lily Takemoto
Vaughn Mussmon
Addison Wivagg
Nicholas Heisler*
Ella Diawatan
Soraya Turner
Amelia Vranas

Max Detweiler Bill Kirkendale
Baroness Elsa Schraeder Molly Kay Johns
Mother Abbess Natalie Paukstys
Sister Berthe/ Kimberly Zeidman
Baronness Elberfeld
Sister Margaretta Amanda Buhler+
Sister Sophia Amy Gooen+
Sister Frances/ Wendy Ricci
Frau Zeller
Sister Esther/ Kimberly Donohue+
Admiral's Wife
Rolf Gruber Isaac McCurdy+ 11/4-11/6
Christian Rodgers+ 11/11-11/13



Cast Continued



Frau Schmidt Lindsay Merritt
Franz/Baron Elberfeld Jeff Mitchell
Herr Zeller Ken Middleton
Max Detweiler Bill Kirkendale
Admiral von Schreiber/ Dylan Patrick Connell
Lieutenant Steinhardt
Brünnhilde Opera Singer Donna Russell
Strong Man/Ensemble Brandon Buhler
Ursula, a Maid Aubrey Werner**
Maid Emma Barts
Maid Aleyna Francis**
Postulants/Nuns' Ensemble Emma Barts
Bethany Elliott*
Josie Horsch
Emma Nicholson
Sofie Saitta
Children's Ensemble Aurelia Buhler
Sarah Grace Gruessing
Adeline Jensen
Lexi Krimsky
Isabella Krimsky
Elsie Latimer
Elena McCurdy
Natasha Merritt
Elia Paukstys
Lincoln Paukstys
Piper Stewart
Lucy Whitehead

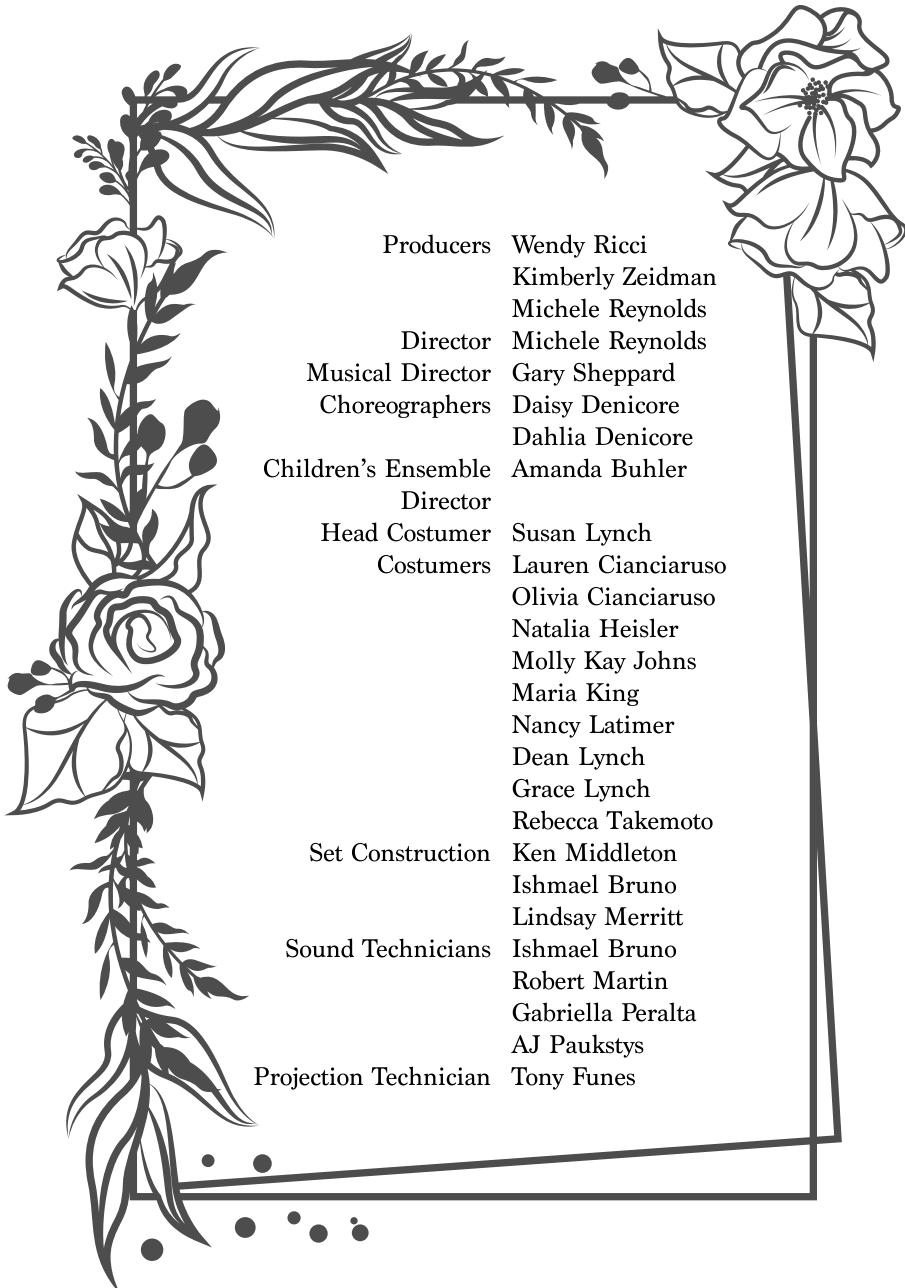
*Double Cast as Children's Ensemble

**Double Cast as Nuns' Ensemble

+Double Cast as Ensemble

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Credits



Producers	Wendy Ricci Kimberly Zeidman Michele Reynolds
Director	Michele Reynolds
Musical Director	Gary Sheppard
Choreographers	Daisy Denicore Dahlia Denicore
Children's Ensemble	Amanda Buhler
Director	
Head Costumer	Susan Lynch
Costumers	Lauren Cianciaruso Olivia Cianciaruso Natalia Heisler Molly Kay Johns Maria King Nancy Latimer Dean Lynch Grace Lynch Rebecca Takemoto
Set Construction	Ken Middleton Ishmael Bruno Lindsay Merritt
Sound Technicians	Ishmael Bruno Robert Martin Gabriella Peralta AJ Paukstys
Projection Technician	Tony Funes

Credits

Prop Committee	Stephanie Krimsky Jasmine Jensen Lindsay Merritt
Publicity Committee	Amy Gooen Wendy Ricci Laura Wivagg
Box Office	Beth Barts Julie Elliott
Stage Manager	Kavya Santhanam
Stage Crew	Avannie Ure Colton Middleton Christopher Doyle
Concessions	Christine McCurdy Amy Denicore
Program	Natalie Paukstys

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Biographies

Emma Barts (Postulant/Maid/Ensemble) is very excited to be in *The Sound of Music*. She is 12 and this is her first Pickwick show. Emma has been involved in her Girl Scout Troop for the past seven years as well as being active in youth theatre. She loves performing and is so happy to be back after the pandemic.

Olivia Cianciaruso (Brigitta, Cast A) can't wait to perform in *The Sound of Music!* Olivia has been in two other Pickwick shows and is excited to keep performing with them! Olivia is an 8th grader at Harmony Middle School. Olivia enjoys playing tennis, singing, acting, having fun with friends and family, and much like Brigitta, she loves to read. Enjoy the show!

Dylan Patrick Connell (Admiral Von Schreiber/Lieutenant Steinhardt/Ensemble) had his first role in Sterling Playmakers' *Beauty and The Beast* as a Gargoyle, then Frankenstein's Monster in *Eerie Evenings In The Dark*, some roles in *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, then did *Goose Creek Players It's A Wonderful Life* as Mr. Martini and *Potter's Body Guard*, *Floyd Summers* in *The Lottery*, and Mr. Fezziwig, Mr Applegate, a party guest, and a shop owner in *A Christmas Carol*. He graduated from NOVA with a Communications degree and plans on going back to get a computer degree to REVIVE THE EDUTAINMENT GAMING GENRE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ella Marie Diawantan (Brigitta, Cast B) is excited to perform and participate in her second show with Pickwick Players. Ella was recently cast as Matilda in *Matilda* with Pickwick. She has also been seen in *Mulan, Jr.* and *Moana, Jr.* Her hobbies include dancing, singing, and being with friends and family. Ella is an 8th grade student at Brambleton Middle School in Ashburn, VA. Musical theater and singing is her passion. She wants to thank her family and friends who came out to support her! Thanks to the rest of the audience for coming out. Enjoy the show!

Kimberly Donohue (Sister Esther/Admiral's wife), a recent graduate from William and Mary is excited to be performing with the Pickwick Players in *The Sound of Music*. Coming from a musical family, she is excited to be back up on the stage, and previously performed in the musicals *Seussical*, *Annie*, and *Cats*.

Andrew Doyle (Kurt, Cast A) is a 7th grader at Blue Ridge MS appearing in his first Pickwick show. Favorite past roles include The Baker in *Into the Woods Jr.* and Lurch in *Addams Family*. Andrew enjoys spending time with his friends, Minecraft and Pokemon. He is grateful for God and his family for supporting his talents and goals!

Bethany Elliott (Postulant/Children's Ensemble) has participated in numerous theatrical choir productions since she was a young girl. This is her first show with The Pickwick Players. She is very excited to be in *The Sound of Music* and would like to thank her family and The Pickwick Players for making this amazing experience possible.

Aleyna Francis (Postulant/Maid/Ensemble) is excited to perform with The Pickwick Players for the first time ever. When she's not working at her family's wedding venue or

playing piano and singing in her free time, she loves to perform. She also loves to write, read, and daydream, and has dreams of becoming an actress one day. She would like to thank her family for their love and support, and would like to thank everyone in the show for making it happen.

Lilybean Gasque-Kuhn (Gretl, Cast A) is excited to be performing in her very first Pickwick production. She is a 5th grader at Village Montessori and enjoys dancing at the Loudoun School of Ballet in their contemporary and ballet companies, baking delicious desserts with her dad, and drawing.

Amy Gooen (Sister Sophia). Being back on stage with Pickwick is one of Amy's favorite things! This is Amy's third Pickwick production on stage - she also appeared in *Scrooge the Musical* and *Mary Poppins*. Amy has costumed, produced and done publicity for Pickwick. Of course, her proudest role is pilot's wife and mom to her three kids (the mathematician, the singer/actor and the chef).

Sophia Grado (Liesl, Cast A) is excited to be making her Pickwick Players debut in one of her favorite musicals! She is a parishioner and cantor at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (Potomac Falls, VA) and is planning to make a career in Musical Theatre. Her past credits include *HONK! The Musical* (Penny/Pinkfoot), *Mamma Mia!* (Rosie), and *Pride and Prejudice* (Caroline Bingley). Sophia would like to thank The Pickwick Players, especially her fellow Von Trapp siblings, for a wonderful experience, and her family for their constant love and support.

Sarah Grace Gruessing (Children's Ensemble/Flower Girl) is a 7th grader at HPMS. She loves being part of the Pickwick family! Favorite past roles include Alice in *Matilda*. SG plays the violin, enjoys anime, and adores dogs. She thanks her family for being her biggest fan club and taxi service!

Nicholas Heisler (Kurt, Cast B) is ecstatic to make his onstage debut with Pickwick! Nick is a 7th grader at Brambleton Middle School. Nick's hobbies include chess, reading, and swimming. Nick cannot wait to hear what you think of Do-Re-Mi (Fa Sol and so on!).

Josie Horsch (Postulant/Ensemble) is in 8th grade and homeschooled. This is her first Pickwick show and she is very excited. Previous to this, she performed in *Aladdin*, showcases with Voices of Loudoun, and small parts at her church. She would like to thank her family for keeping up with her love of music!

Adeline Jensen (Children's Ensemble) is excited to perform on stage for the first time. Her favorite part of being in the show has been singing with the cast and making new friends. She is in 6th grade at Blue Ridge Middle School and loves to sing, dance, and read. She'd like to thank her Mom and Dad for being supportive throughout the process.

Molly Kay Johns (Elsa Schraeder/Nun) has sure missed having live theatre in her life and is so happy to be back on stage. Favorite past roles have included Lily in *The Secret Garden*, Lucy in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, and Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins*. She especially loves sharing her love of Musical Theatre with her daughter who has been in the last 3 shows she has done, including this one.

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As always, she thanks her amazing husband and family who have always supported her.

Brighton Johns (Louisa, Cast A) is so happy and so grateful to be able to do this fun show! Brighton has been in *Mary Poppins* and *Matilda* with The Pickwick Players. She has also sung The National Anthem at several baseball games. Some of her hobbies are singing, dancing, playing tennis, making videos, and crafting! Thank you for coming to watch the show! Enjoy!

Bill Kirkendale (Max Detweiler) is a resident of Lansdowne, the Chief Information Officer for CSOSA, a Federal law enforcement agency, a former Marine, graduate of Arizona State University, and proud Dad of Billy, Chris, and Carly. This is Bill's 13th Pickwick show since catching the acting bug when he first stepped on stage in 2012 as Shamus Tobin in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. Bill's favorite roles have been as Alfred P. Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Joseph Pulitzer in *Newsies*, and his legendary performance as Aldolpho in *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

Isabella Krimsky (Children's Ensemble) is excited to be acting again. She has been part of community productions before but this is her first with Pickwick players. She is an eighth grader at Harmony Middle, and thanks her family, friends, and teachers for their support.

Lexi Krimsky (Children's Ensemble) is very happy to be a part of her first community theater production. She is a sixth grader at Harmony middle who loves anything artistic. She is grateful to her family, friends, and teachers for their encouragement.

Elsie Latimer (Children's Ensemble) is very excited to be in her first show. She is in the 6th grade at Trailside Middle School and enjoys reading, being outside, singing, and playing sports.

Susan Lynch (Costume Director) is thrilled to have realized a lifelong dream of creating a full set of play clothes from curtains. This is her first show with The Pickwick Players, and has been part of the costume team for other productions including *Little Women*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Mary Poppins*. She is an IT Program Manager by day as well as a mom to two of her favorite things, Grace and Dean, who have been a big part of the costume team.

Elena McCurdy (Children's Ensemble) is thrilled to be in her first Pickwick show. She recently played Pandora in a one act production of *Pandora's Box*. She is in sixth grade and enjoys basketball, cross country, track, and year-round swimming. Elena has four older brothers and is excited to be performing with her oldest brother, Isaac.

Isaac McCurdy (Rolf, 11/4-11/6) first appeared as a member of the Vienna Boys Choir and Children's Ensemble in the Pickwick Players' 2008 production of *The Sound of Music* and is thrilled to be back again playing Rolf this time, especially since he gets to perform alongside his little sister, Elena. Last May, Isaac graduated from Cornell University where he studied Chinese and Korean and dabbled in Shakespearean acting and will begin serving as an active duty officer in the US Army Infantry this November.

Knox McKinley (Friedrich, Cast A) is excited to join

Pickwick once again! This is Knox's fourth show with Pickwick, previously appearing in *White Christmas*, *Matilda*, and *The Fantasticks*. Knox is a senior in high school. His hobbies include hanging out with friends, singing, and thrifting. Knox would like to thank his parents for all of the support and hopes you enjoy the show.

Lindsay Merritt (Frau Schmidt/Nuns Ensemble) is appearing in her 2nd Pickwick show following her debut performance as Rachel Lind in *Anne of Green Gables*. Lindsay works in corporate real estate and loves the creative outlet that community theater has to offer! She loves the outdoors, running and interior design, and thanks her family and friends for all of their support!!

Natasha Merritt (Children's Ensemble), a 6th grader at J.L. Simpson Middle School, is appearing in her 2nd Pickwick show following her performance in *Anne of Green Gables*. Natasha enjoys being creative, writing stories, running and doing gymnastics. She thanks her family and friends for coming to the show and cheering her on!

Ken Middleton (Herr Zeller) has been in every major Pickwick production for the last eight years and currently serves on the board. He works as the set designer and builder and sings with the Pickwick Singers.

Spencer Milligan (Captain Von Trapp) is a Loudoun local who is so excited to finally bring this show to the stage! Some of his previous credits include *Little Women*, *Godspell*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Les Miserables*, and *The Fantasticks*. In the rare moments when he is not rehearsing, he enjoys singing in the shower, skeet shooting, swing dancing, and reading the latest Star Wars novel. He would like to thank you all for supporting local theatre and hopes you enjoy the show!!

Jeff Mitchell (Franz/ Baron Elberfeld /Strong Man/Soldier) is a regular with the Pickwick Players, either on stage or behind the scenes running music. His shows as an actor or music director/support include *My Fair Lady*, *Newsies*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Matilda*. He is also the Director of Pickwick Singers. Look for the Pickwick Singers during the upcoming holiday season!

Vaughn Mussmon (Friedrich, Cast B) is excited to perform in his 3rd production with Pickwick. Vaughn's most recent performances include *Sky in Guys and Dolls*, *Archie* in *13 The Musical*, and *Peter Cratchit* in Ford's Theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol*. He would like to thank his friends and family for all their support.

Emma Nicholson (Postulant/Ensemble) is extremely excited to perform in her first Pickwick show. She attends Simpson Middle School. Emma has spent the last 5 years of her life on stage singing, dancing, and acting, and is so excited to get back on the stage after a year-and-a-half of sitting at home.

Elia Paukstys (Children's Ensemble) is participating in her third Pickwick production. When she isn't singing, she can be found spending time with her family or best friend, doing nails for her little sister, making food in the kitchen or at work at her family's cookie business, or sewing and selling her creations to neighbors and friends.

Lincoln Paukstys (Children's Ensemble) is looking forward to his second Pickwick production, this time with both his sister and mother. He loves all kinds of Legos,

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Harry Potter, history, and playing the violin.

Natalie Paukstys (Mother Abbess) is stoked to be performing one of her dream roles in her second Pickwick production. When she isn't trying to get Maria in line, she's managing her own battleship of six children, two of which she is thrilled to be performing with in this show. She breeds rabbits ("The pandemic made her do it") in between owning, building and managing several Crumbl Cookies locations here in Northern Virginia. She can't thank her best friend and confidante, Dovy, enough for supporting her, building her up, and putting up with long practices and late nights. She wouldn't be on this stage without him.

Wendy Ricci (Sister Frances/Frau Zeller), a mom to three kids and three "fur-babies," is an elementary school Library Media Specialist appearing in her 4th Pickwick production! Wendy enjoys traveling with her family, spending time outdoors, reading, and cooking. She thanks her husband for keeping the household in order during all the rehearsals and her family for cheering her on!

Christian Rodgers (Rolf, 11/11-11/13) has performed in several plays with various production companies in Northern Virginia. There is no role that he is not willing to play. His favorite and most recent role was Conrad Birdie in *Bye Bye Birdie* in 2019. After taking a two-year hiatus due to recent events, Christian is excited to be back on stage.

Sofie Saitta (Postulant/Ensemble) is excited to be performing in her first Pickwick show! Sofie is in 7th grade at Franklin Middle School. She has performed in *Shrek the Musical*, *Peter Pan Jr.*, and *Emma the Musical*. She loves singing, drawing, and playing Genshin Impact. Sofie would like to thank her family and friends for their support!

Rachel Sheppard (Marta, Cast A) appears in her third Pickwick Players show, having played in both *Matilda* and *Anne of Green Gables* in 2019. When she's not singing, dancing, and acting, she enjoys archery, volleyball, and swimming.

Gary Sheppard (Music Director) directed the music for *Matilda* in 2019 and has either played music or sung, acted, and danced in most of the Pickwick Players' musicals since 2009, playing the leading man in *Anne of Green Gables* (2019), *The Secret Garden* (2014), and *Singin' in the Rain* (2012). He enjoys this brilliant cast and never dreamed that he would get to spend 22 months with them, off and on. He thanks his lovely wife, Tracy, for her support and patience and congratulates his daughter, Rachel, on her performance as Marta.

Piper Stewart (Children's Ensemble) is appearing in her first show with the Pickwick Players. When she's not at rehearsal, Piper can be found practicing her guitar, sewing and baking. Piper has enjoyed this entire process and hopes you enjoy the show.

Lily Takemoto (Liesl, Cast B) is currently a senior at Loudoun County High School and is happy to be performing in her first ever Pickwick show! Lily has always had an appreciation for musical theater and has been in several shows. Some of her favorites have been: *Peter Pan*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

Lily would like to thank her family, her friends and all of those involved in helping her prepare for this show!

Soraya Turner (Marta, Cast B) loves being in each new Pickwick production and the opportunity she has to develop her dramatic talents. She's been in several previous productions, such as *Matilda* (Amanda Thripp), *Anne of Green Gables*, and *Newsies*, and is a member of Pickwick Singers Jr. Soraya is a 4th grader at Kenneth Culbert Elementary.

Amelia Vranas (Gretl, Cast B) is excited to perform the role of Gretl in her first Pickwick show. Previously, CAPAC cast her as Tessie in the musical *Annie*. Amelia's hobbies include reading, swimming, singing, acting, crafting, writing music, spending time with friends, and playing the uke and piano. Her dream is to lead worship at church. She'd like to thank her family, friends, and Jesus for all of their love and support.

Aubrey Werner (Postulant/Ensemble) is a singer and actor and has been performing since she was six years old. This is her second Pickwick show, having been in *Newsies* before. Her favorite show she's done is *Beauty and the Beast* and she also performs in Langley High School's choir and orchestra.

Lucy Whitehead (Children's Ensemble) is excited to be on the stage for the first time. She is a 5th grader at Newton-Lee Elementary School and loves to sing, play soccer and basketball.

Addison Wivagg (Louisa, Cast B) is beyond excited for her third show with Pickwick! Her past shows with Pickwick include *Matilda* and *The Fantasticks*! When Addison isn't busy playing Louisa, she is normally singing, dancing, or hanging out with friends! She's thrilled for everyone to see the show and says thank you to the audience, her family, and all of the amazing people in Pickwick for being so supportive!

Chelsea Zeidman (Maria) is beyond thankful to be on stage performing again and thrilled to be playing this iconic and beloved character. She is so excited for another chance to share the stage with her mom! Most recently she has been seen playing Louisa in *The Fantasticks* and Miss Honey in *Matilda*. Other noteworthy roles and shows include Wenda in *Spring Awakening*, Stepsister in *Into the Woods*, and Ensemble Lead/Three Blind Mice in *Shrek*. Chelsea would like to thank everyone for coming out to support local arts and helping us to bring theaters back to life after months of being dark. She would like to especially thank Taylor, her family, and friends for their endless love and support. To the wonderful cast of *Sound of Music* – thank you for your hard work and dedication to this show. It has been a joy!

Kimberly Zeidman (Sister Berthe/Baroness Elberfeld) is thrilled to be appearing in this beloved production along with her daughter, Chelsea. Most recently, Kimberly appeared in Pickwick's *The Fantasticks*, and in past shows including *Matilda*, *Mary Poppins* and *My Fair Lady*. Kimberly sings and performs with The Pickwick Singers, leads a book club, and sings in her church choir. She thanks her family for their support and encouragement in pursuing her love of the arts.

Information

Stay Tuned!

The Pickwick Players'

Spring Musical Production will be announced in December via our website, facebook, and email distribution list.



Auditions held in late January

Performances in mid-May

Watch our website for upcoming details.

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The Pickwick Singers

present

Chocolate Christmas Carols



A family celebration of the season, featuring songs and stories that will bring Christmas cheer.

Chocolate goodies will be served.

Entrance fee: a plate of Christmas cookies, home or bakery made.

Saturday, Dec. 11th, 7:00 pm

Trillium Gathering Building, Purcellville

Children's Drama Camp - Summer 2022

Pickwick's annual drama camp will be presented this summer for children ages 7 - 13. Dates, venue and mini-musical to be determined.

Watch our website for a detailed announcement in January and for registration information.



Pickwick Jr. Singers

The Jr. Singers have just started rehearsing holiday music to be presented at various functions around the community. For ages 7 - 16 this group of young singers rehearse weekly, learning vocal skills and harmonization techniques as they prepare choral music in a group setting, as well as in individual vocal coaching sessions.

It is not too late to join! Contact thepickwickplayers@gmail.com ASAP if your child would like to join us to sing Christmas music in December. Detailed info on our website, including tuition, rehearsal dates, performance venues, etc.





The Pickwick Players

Founded by: Trina Neel, Suzy Chapman, Michele Reynolds

Check out our website at www.thepickwickplayers.com for announcements of upcoming shows, auditions, and pictures from past performances. Auditions and performances are also announced via our email contact list. Sign-up now to receive this information by contacting us at thepickwickplayers@gmail.com

Pickwick Players info: The Pickwick Players was incorporated as a non-profit community theater in April of 2005, and is a registered non-profit charitable organization. Since its inception, the Players have presented over 55 other musicals, comedies, dessert theaters and musical concerts. The Pickwick Players are dedicated to producing quality, wholesome, family-oriented musical theater for the Ashburn-Leesburg area.

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