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THE HILLS ARE ALIVE! THE SOUND OF MUSIC COMES TO IU AUDITORIUM JANUARY 31

WHAT: The Sound of Music
WHEN: Wednesday, January 31 & Thursday, February 1
WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$17 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$29 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The beloved musical *The Sound of Music* comes to IU Auditorium January 31 and February 1. This brand-new production tells the story of Maria and the von Trapp family with classic music and lyrics by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, responsible for some of the most iconic songs of our time.

This Tony, Grammy, and Academy Award-winning musical is inspired by *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, a memoir by Maria von Trapp. The story follows a free-spirited nun, then Maria Rainer, who is sent outside the abbey to assume the role of governess for the von Trapp children before fully committing herself to life as a nun. The von Trapps and Maria soon experience their need for each other, especially with the looming threat of World War II at Austria's doorstep.

Although many have encountered *The Sound of Music* through its record-breaking 1965 film starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, the musical originally opened on Broadway at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on November 16, 1959, running for 1,443 shows. Due to this success, the show continued its on-stage run with shows across the United States, an original production in London's West End, and subsequent revivals.

The creative team for this new production includes direction by Matt Lenz, based on the national tour's original direction by three-time Tony Award winner Jack O'Brien (*Hairspray*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Coast of Utopia*). Original choreography by Danny Mefford (*Dear Evan Hansen*, *Fun Home*, *The Bridges of Madison County*) has been recreated by Jonathan Warren, with music supervision by Andy Einhorn (*Hello, Dolly!*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *The Light in the Piazza*).

With songs such as "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Edelweiss," and the famous titular song, *The Sound of Music* remains a heartfelt and joyous musical about love, family and what happens when you "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" to find your dream.

"While the movie is a sensation in its own right, the stage production of *The Sound of Music* gives audiences the chance to more fully experience these memorable songs and moments live on stage," Executive Director of IU Auditorium Doug Booher said. "This musical is near and dear to so many people's hearts, and we're excited to share this treasured story with our own audiences."

For more information about *The Sound of Music* and the rest of the 2017–2018 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's

performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

The Sound of Music at IU Auditorium is presented in partnership with IU Credit Union, Indiana University Health Southern Indiana Physicians, and Lamar Outdoor Advertising. IU Auditorium's 2017–2018 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, Cook Medical, and IU Division of Residential Program and Services.

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