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starring

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# **Message From the Producers/Executive Directors**

Welcome to San Diego Musical Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music! The Sound of Music* premiered on Broadway in 1959, where it broke box-office records and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical. We are proud to present to you a terrific cast of 27 and a 23 piece orchestra - enjoy *The Sound of Music!* 

Our next production is *Ain't Misbehavin'* the music of Fats Waller, September 27 - October 13. This rollicking, swinging, finger-snapping revue is still considered one of Broadway's best. *Ain't Misbehavin'* was nominated for many Broadway Tony awards and won the Tony Award for Best Musical.

Finally, we are excited that we will be able to end 2013 with *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*, December 12-22. If you missed it last year, you won't want to miss this wonderful production. Make it a tradition in your family - get into the holiday spirit with *White Christmas*!

SDMT is able to produce quality musical theatre because you are here tonight and because of our generous donors. We are especially grateful to you and to those who have given of their time and talents to help us keep this dream alive. We can't do it without you and thank you for joining us on this musical journey. We would be honored to have your continued support. Enjoy the show!

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Producers and Executive Directors

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(in order of appearance)

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Sister Margaretta, Mistress of Postulants	
Sister Berthe, Mistress of Novices	JENI HAWKES
The Mother Abbess	VICTORIA STRONG*
Sister Sophia	
Maria Rainer, a postulant at Nonnberg Abbey .	
Captain Georg von Trapp	RANDALL DODGE*
Franz, the butler	
Frau Schmidt, the housekeeper	SUSAN BOLAND
Liesl von Trapp	KELLY PRENDERGAST
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Marta von Trapp	HOURIE KLIJJIAN
Gretl von Trapp	GABRIELLA DIMMICK
Rolf Gruber	KEVIN McDONALD
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Max Detweiler	DAVID McBEAN*
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Neighbors & Servants of Captain von Trapp, Nuns, Postulants, Nazis, Contestants In the Festival Concert

SUSAN BOLAND, LAURA BUENO, JANIE d'AVIGNON, MARYANN DIPIETRO, MAX GIDALEY, JENI HAWKES, GLENN HERMANS, JIM MARSHALL, ASHLEE MAYER, CHAD PATTERSON, HALLIE MAYER, PAUL MORGAVO, DEBRA WANGER

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# **Scenes and Musical Numbers**

#### **ACT I**

Scene 1: The Nonnberg Abbey
Preludium
Scene 2: A Mountainside
The Sound of Music
Scene 3: The Abbey Office
Maria Sisters Berthe, Margaretta, Sophia & Mother Abbess
My Favorite Things Maria and Mother Abbess
Scene 4: Travelling
I Have Confidence*Maria
Scene 5: Von Trapp Terrace
Do-Re-Mi
Scene 6: Von Trapp Garden
Sixteen Going on Seventeen Liesl & Rolf
Scene 7: Maria's Bedroom
The Lonely Goatherd
My Favorite Things (Reprise)
Scene 8: Von Trapp Terrace
How Can Love Survive?
The Sound of Music (Reprise)
Scene 9: Party on Von Trapp Terrace
So Long, Farewell
Scene 10: The Abbey Office
Climb Ev'ry Mountain Mother Abbess & Nuns
THERE WILL BE A FIFTEEN-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

To the "SOUND OF MUSIC", Cast, Orchestra and Artistic and Production Team. You are a special part of our SDMT family.

Thank you for helping to make our dream reality.

Love, Gary & Erin

#### **Scenes and Musical Numbers**

#### **ACT II**

Scene 1: Von Trapp Terrace
<i>My Favorite Things (Reprise)</i>
No Way to Stop It Elsa, Max & Captain
Something Good*Maria & Captain
Scene 2: Robing Room in the Abbey
Gadeamus Domino
Scene 3: Chapel Cloister
Maria (Reprise)
Confitemini Domini
Scene 4: Von Trapp Terrace
Sixteen Going On Seventeen (Reprise) Maria & Liesl
Scene 5: Concert Stage
Do-Re-Mi Maria, Captain & Children
Edelweiss Maria, Captain & Children
So Long, Farewell
Scene 6: Abbey Garden
Finale Ultimo Mother Abbess and the Nuns

The original Broadway production of *The Sound of Music* starred Mary Martin in the lead role of Maria, and was initially intended to be a play.

\*Music and Lyrics by Richard Rodgers

In the original play the Captain and Baroness separate due to ideological differences: the Baroness refuses to stand up against the Nazis, and the Captain refuses to compromise with the Nazis.

Portia Nelson was the only member of the original Broadway cast to reprise her role in the film version.

The song Edelweiss was written for the musical and is little known in Austria. The song was the last that Oscar Hammerstein II wrote before his passing in 1960.



**ALLISON SPRATT PEARCE\*** (*Maria Rainer*) is honored to be a part of SDMT! Allison was in the original casts and albums of the Broadway and Off Broadway, Cry-Baby, Curtains, Good Vibrations and Enter Laughing. Favorite roles include: My Fair Lady as Eliza (Capital Repertory Theater), The Girl In The Frame as Evelyn (Goodspeed Musicals and Manhattan Theatre Club), Cabaret as Sally (National tour), As You Like It as Phoebe, Emma as Jane and Tweflth Night as Viola (The Old Globe/USD). Film and television credits, The Smurfs, He Got Game, NY-70 (NBC pilot), numerous national commercials and hosting on HSN. Allison can be seen in the national Lee Riders Jeans ads. Next she will be playing Victoria in Side Ways at The La Jolla Playhouse. She holds an M.F.A. in Drama from The Old Globe/USD and B.F.A. in Music Theatre from Elon University. www.allisonsprattpearce.com. Allison is a private coach for MTCA, which provides college audition preparation for musical theater and acting programs. www.mtcollegeauditions.com



RANDALL DODGE\* (Captain Georg von Trapp) San Diego Musical Theatre debut! Favorites elsewhere: South Pacific, Chicago, Pirates Of Penzance, The Fantasticks — The Welk Resort. Sweeney Todd, Annie, Crazy For You, Annie Get Your Gun, Thoroughly Modern Millie, The Sound Of Music, Seussical, Beauty and The Beast, Most Happy Fella — Moonlight Stage Productions. Thoroughly Modern Millie — Drury Lane Oak Brook; How The Grinch Stole Christmas — Old Globe; Children of Eden — Cape Fear; A Little Night Music — Cygnet Theatre; The Secret Garden — Lamb's Players; No Way To Treat A Lady — NCRT. Randall would like to dedicate his performance to his wife Brenda and their two beautiful children, Michael and Stella. www.randalldodge.net



VICTORIA STRONG\* (The Mother Abbess) Victoria is thrilled to be making her SDMT debut. She was last seen as Golde in Fiddler on the Roof at Moonlight Stage Productions and The World Goes Round at Downey CLO. National Tour: Ragtime - Mother. Other Regional: My Fair Lady - Eliza (Tempo Magazine Award), The King & I - Anna, Carousel -Nettie, Kiss Me Kate - Lily, Annie Get your Gun - Annie, 1776 - Abigail, Camelot - Guinevere, The Sound of Music, Maria, Oliver - Nancy, The Will Rogers Follies - Betty, A Little Night Music - Desiree (Inland Theater Award), The Light In The Piazza - Margaret (L.A. Regional Premiere) received Drama-Logue Awards for Sarah - Guys And Dolls and Lily - The Secret Garden, Jekyll & Hyde - Emma. Thanks to Gary and Erin Lewis, Todd and Don for inviting me into this beautiful production. Deep gratitude to my voice teacher Edward Sayegh and much love to my dear husband Ralph who never fails to guide me toward my dreams.

# **Cast Profiles**



JILL VAN VELZER\* (Elsa Schraeder) is overjoyed to return to San Diego, where she was last seen dancing around a stripper pole at San Diego REP (Pippi in The Great American Trailer Park Musical - Craig Noel nominee, Best Featured Actress). Elsewhere, Jill has played a junkie punk queen (Gertrude in God Save Gertrude - Backstage Garland Award,) a First Lady (Abigail Adams in 1776 - L.A. Ovation Award), and a TV producer with really big hair (Velma in Hairspray). National tours: The King & I (Anna). Regional: Emma (Mrs. Elton -Arizona Theatre Co), The Heiress (Pasadena Playhouse - Mrs. Montgomery, opposite Richard Chamberlain), Boeing, Boeing (Gloria), Blithe Spirit (A Noise Within - Ruth), The Matchmaker (Utah Shakespeare - Irene Molloy), Harvey (Myrtle Mae, dir. by Charles Nelson Reilly), and a heck of a lot of musicals... The Music Man (Marian), Camelot (Guenevere), The Most Happy Fella (Rosabella), Kiss Me, Kate (Lilli/Kate), Brigadoon (Fiona), Into The Woods (Witch, Baker's Wife), and She Loves Me (Amalia), to name just a few. Ps.115:1



**DAVID McBEAN\*** (*Max Detweiler*) This is David's first show with SDMT and he is grateful for the opportunity! Recent credits include: A Christmas Carol, The Radio Play, Dirty Blonde, A Mid-Summer Nights Dream, and Little Shop of Horrors. Other favorite credits include: Fully Committed (Craig Noel Award), Pageant (Patte Award), Psycho Beach Party, and OR.



KELLY PRENDERGAST (Liesl von Trapp) is the recipient of the 2012 Old Globe Honors for Outstanding Achievement in High School Musical Theatre which included a \$1,000 scholarship. She recently was recognized by National Youth Award for her roles as Ilse in American Rose Theatre's production of Spring Awakening. Favorite Roles: Liesl in The Sound Of Music with San Diego Junior Theatre, Peppermint Patty in Snoopy with Pickwick Players, Logainne in The 25th Annual...Spelling Bee with San Diego Junior Theatre and Veruca Salt in Willy Wonka with Young Actors Theatre. She's very excited to have been a part of The Old Globe's Shakespeare Intensive last summer and enjoys being a student at the Grossmont Middle College High School program where she will complete her Junior and Senior year with 79 other students, while earning undergraduate credits. She is extremely excited to play the young and sweet Liesl once more!



JONAS McMULLEN (Friedrich von Trapp) is thrilled to be making his debut with San Diego Musical Theatre. Most recently, Jonas appeared in The Old Globe's 2012 Shakespeare Festival as Edward, Prince of Wales in Richard III. Previously he was seen in How The Grinch Stole Christmas also at the Old Globe Theatre as Boo Who 2009 and Danny Who 2011. Other credits include, Patrick Dennis in Lyric Opera San Diego's 2011 production of Mame and San Diego Opera's 2011 season in Turnadot and Der Rosenkavalier. Additionally, he appeared in the 2011 National Tour of The Wizard of Oz at the San Diego Civic Theatre. He has also been fortunate to work with other community theatre groups in San Diego such as J\*Company Youth Theatre, California Youth Conservatory, Actors Conservatory Theatre. A special thank you to Miss Leigh for all her love and guidance. Most importantly, he is grateful for the love and support from his family and friends



ANNIE BUCKLEY (Louisa von Trapp) is a 13-year old seventh grade student at Parkway Middle School in La Mesa. She has twice played Annie Who in How The Grinch Stole Christmas at the Old Globe Theatre. Other credits include Duffy in Moonlight's Annie and Lily in An American Christmas at Lamb's Players Theatre. She has performed at Peter Pan Junior Theatre in The Music Man and Peter Pan. She enjoys playing soccer, shopping, creating art, singing and dancing. Annie is so excited to be taking on the role of Louisa at SDMT. She would like to thank her family and friends and the amazing cast and crew. Special thanks to Nancy Carr and to Gramma Jackie for encouraging her to be her best ... and also to her mom and dad for being so supportive!



LUKE BABBITT (Kurt von Trapp) is thrilled to be making his debut with The San Diego Musical Theater in The Sound Of Music. Luke has previously performed at The Old Globe Theater in Dr. Seuss's How The Grinch Stole Christmas in both 2011 and 2012. Additionally, he has participated in Youth Theater programs throughout San Diego including: Peter Pan Junior Theater Guys and Dolls, Highland Players Seussical, Verge Theater Les Miserables, San Diego Junior Theater Peter Pan and Kroc Kids The Sound Of Music, Aladdin, Once On This Island, A Christmas Carol, and Joseph...Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. His favorite roles have included Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol and Benjamin in Joseph. Luke would like to give special thanks to all of his family and friends for their love and support, and he hopes that you all enjoy the show!

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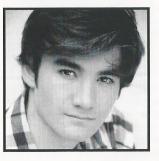
KATELYN KATZ (Brigitta von Trapp) is honored to be making her SDMT debut. She is eleven-years old and a fifth grade honor student at Sage Canyon Elementary School in Carmel Valley. She loves acting, singing, and dancing. Theater credits include The Wizard of Oz (ACT San Diego), Go! Dog Go! (San Diego Junior Theater), Stinky Cheese Man (San Diego Junior Theater), Honk (San Diego Junior Theater), Once Upon A Mattress (ACT San Diego), Annie (San Diego Junior Theater), How I Became A Pirate (San Diego Junior Theater), and Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells Batman Smells (San Diego Junior Theater). Film credits include Just Another Lost Soul and Teddy. Ms. Katz hopes everyone enjoys the show!



HOURIE KLIJIAN (Marta von Trapp) is honored and grateful to be a part of The Sound of Music and to perform with San Diego Musical Theatre! She has also appeared in Christmas On My Mind at Lamb's Players Theatre, Fiddler on the Roof at Moonlight Amphitheatre, Celebrity Sonnets at the Old Globe Theatre, Annie, and Peter Pan, Jr., each at San Diego Junior Theatre, and A Gala Musical Review, at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre, and has made solo vocal performances at a number of venues in San Diego. She also sings regularly in her Church choir, and loves watching old musicals during family movie night. She thanks and gives her love to God and her family!



GABRIELLA DIMMICK (*Gretl von Trapp*) is a six year old homeschooler who is thrilled to be playing her dream role of Gretl in her very first musical theater production. Ms. Dimmick began performing at age 4 in California Ballet's *Nutcracker* as a Bon Bon-Waver, a role she has reprised twice. Other roles with California Ballet productions include Baby Mouse in *The Nutcracker*, The Dormouse in *Alice in Wonderland*, and a Vampire Victim in *Dracula*. Ms. Dimmick enjoys singing, dancing, piano, reading, biking, giggling, and playing with her big sister, Sophia. As an avid theater fan, Ms. Dimmick has enjoyed and admired the work of several of her cast family, and she considers herself the "happiest girl in the world" to be a part of this wonderful show.



**KEVIN McDONALD** (*Rolf Gruber*) is thrilled to be back on the San Diego Musical Theatre stage! Favorite credits include: *Legally Blonde: The Musical* (Moonlight Amphitheatre), and *Footloose* (San Diego Musical Theatre). Special thanks to SDMT, as well as the entire production team for providing such an awesome experience.



SUSAN E. V. BOLAND (Frau Schmidt/Ensemble) SDMT debut. San Diego credits include: Fiddler on The Roof (Yente), Little Women (Aunt March and Mrs. Kirk), Stepping Out, (Mrs. Fraser), Threepenny Opera (Mrs. Peachum), Pirates of Penzance (Ruth), Ragtime (Emma Goldman), Oklahoma (Aunt Eller), Oliver (Widow Corney), and My Fair Lady (Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Pearce). Regional credits include: Barefoot In The Park (Ethel Banks), Cabaret (Fraulein Schneider) And the "older but wiser" women in The Sound Of Music, Bye Bye Birdie, The Most Happy Fella, Music Man, Damn Yankees, Guys and Dolls, Man of La Mancha, The Red Mill, Ten Little Indians, Time Remembered and The Supporting Cast. Sue is a retired CPA and is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, NYC.



JIM MARSHALL (Franz) is a familiar face to San Diego audiences, appearing at Starlight, CCT, Lyric Dinner Theatre, Valley Music Theatre and Lamplighters in various productions over the years. Some of his past roles include, Lumiere in Beauty and the Beast, Colonel Pickering in My Fair Lady, Benny Van Buren in Damn Yankees, Motel and the Rabbi in Fiddler on the Roof, The Duke in Big River, Ali Hakim in Oklahoma, King Pelinore in Camelot, Lord Battersby in Me and My Girl, Everett in Crazy For You, one of the two Gangsters in Kiss Me Kate, Pinkerton in Babes in Toyland, Dauntless in Once Upon A Mattress and Dr. Finsdale in Lil' Abner. Jim would like to thank his wife Deborah for her unfailing support of his theatre addiction. And lastly, he'd like to thank the Lewis' for their continued work and commitment to keep Musical Theatre alive in San Diego, and urges everyone to support their efforts, buy tickets or Donate (preferable both!).



**DEBRA WANGER** (Sister Margaretta) returns to SDMT after rockin' the 80's perm in Footloose. San Diego: Hamlet at Intrepid Shakespeare (Gertrude); Permanent Collection at Mo'olelo; Anything Goes! (Reno) Oliver! (Nancy) and Babes in Arms at Lyric Opera San Diego; Carousel and The Sound Of Music at Lawrence Welk; The Importance of Being Earnest (Gwendolen) at Vantage; Gershwin's Gold/Rodgers' Wishes at La Jolla Stage; My Nights with George, Kurt And Cole at NCRT & 6th@Penn (AASD & Billie Awards); Triumph of Love (Hesione, SD Premiere, Pate Award.) Selected Regional: The Fantasticks & Ladies at The Alamo at Actors' Rep; Fiorello! and Elizabeth and Essex at Florida Rep; The Mikado at Palm Beach Light Opera; HMS Pinafore and Berlin to Broadway on The Showboat Majestic; Nine. Pirates of Penzance, Man of La Mancha, and Robber Briadegroom at Seaside Music Theatre. M.F.A. from SDSU. Her CD, Driving My Own Heart is available on Amazon & iTunes.

# **Cast Profiles**



JENI TIMPKE HAWKES (Sister Berthe) is a Voice Teacher, Director, wife, and mother of four from Encinitas, CA. She has performed in theatres nationally. Some of her theatre credits include leading roles in: The Sound of Music, Annie, Secret Garden, West Side Story, I Do! I Do!, The Rimer's of Eldritch, The Dining Room and The Baker's Wife. Television appearances include commercials, Extreme Rescue and Dawson's Creek. She holds a BFA in Music/Dance/Theatre from Brigham Young University. For more info on Jeni you can visit her website at PremierVoiceStudio.com. Jeni would like to thank her family for their constant support!



MARYANN DIPIETRO (Sister Sophia) is excited to join SDMT for The Sound Of Music as her first West Coast musical! She has most recently been seen on stage as April in Company and Ida in Honk. Some past performances include: The Wizard Of Oz (Glinda), Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs (Snow White), Handel's Messiah (Soprano Soloist), Grease (Sandy), Meet Me In St. Louis (Rose). She has also been featured on TV on ABC's The Neighbors (Zabvronian), on Body of Proof (Jackie Johnson), and as a recurring model on SyFy's Face Off. MaryAnn graduated from The Ohio State University in Music, and continues her studies through Professional Voice Instruction with Rachael Lawrence, Improv at Second City and studying at Anthony Meindl's Actors Workshop. She would like to thank the cast, friends, family, Joe and Snoogles!



CHARLES MAZE (Herr Zeller) Charles is happy to be back with the wonderful SDMT; last October he played Wes Warnicker in Footloose. Recently, Charles worked at ion theatre as Dr. Harvey in Punk Rock, played Bruno in Spider Baby The Musical during Comi-Con, and was asked to return to the 10th Avenue Theatre in October for an extended run. He completed 180 performances of The Car Plays (winner of Craig Noel Award for Special Theatrical Event) at the La Jolla Playhouse last March. Previously, he performed in the highly successful production of John Steinbeck's Of Mice And Men (nominated for Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Dramatic Production) at New Village Arts theatre, and Poster Boys for Moxie and Diversionary Theatres. Charles toured Much Ado About Nothing with the National Players. He is SAG-AFTRA and trained at RADA. Thank you to Nanci Washburn at Artist Management, and the amazing management team at ActorInsight.com.



PAUL MORGAVO (Admiral von Schreiber/Ensemble) is thrilled to make his debut with SDMT. Paul has performed in venues all across The United States, Canada and England. Recent roles include Leo Clark in Leading Ladies and Eddie Brock in Born Yesterday for Moonlight Stage, Guildenstern in Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead for OnStage Playhouse and Claudius in Hamlet. Some favorite credits include: How The Grinch Stole Christmas (Papa Who) at The Old Globe; Big River (The Duke) and Pump Boys and Dinettes (Jackson) at Moonlight; Urinetime and Ragtime at San Diego Civic Light Opera (aka Starlight); Hair (Claude) at the Lyceum Theatre; the west coast premiere of Rags; and Footfalls at Oxford University. Throughout June Paul will be appearing as Sir Galahad in Spamalot at The Welk Resort Theatre. Thanks to Erin & Gary and everyone at SDMT.



GLENN HERMANS (Baron Elberfeld/Ensemble) is excited to be making his SDMT debut. Some of his previous theater, television and film roles include; Sir Evelyn Oakleigh in Anything Goes, Days of our Lives, High Incident, Set it Off, and Requiem for an Actor. Glenn would like to thank his family and friends for their encouragement and continued support. And of course, a big thanks to SDMT for continuing to provide San Diego with an outlet for theater lovers, whether it's onstage, or in the audience.



JANIE d'AVIGNON (Baroness Elberfeld/Nun/Ensemble) is so glad to be a part of SDMT and grateful for the opportunity to be in this show. She is a credentialed music and private voice instructor and has taught in Christian Unified School District and with Christian Youth Theater for over 30 years. She has musically directed over sixty shows and twenty-seven Tour Groups. Janie's passion is singing and her past acting roles include: Maria Von Trapp, Hodel, Guenevere, Marian Paroo, Glinda, the Good Witch, Anna Leonowens, Irene Malloy and Marmie from Little Women. Her favorite role is wife to Christopher and Mom to her grown kids, Angella and Aleks.

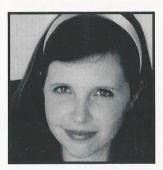


LAURA BUENO (*Nun/Ensemble*) was most recently seen as Tessa in Lyric at the Birch's 2011 production of *The Gondoliers*. Other Lyric at the Birch roles include Gigi in *Gigi*, Petra in *A Little Night Music*, Hope in *Anything Goes*, Iolanthe in *Lolanthe*, Peep Bo in *The Mikado* and Molly Brazen in *The Beggars Opera*. Other credits include Wendy in *Peter Pan*, The Secretary in *The Consul*, Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, Zaneeta in *The Music Man*, Chava in *Fiddler on the Roof*. She also performs extensively with the San Diego Opera chorus. Laura has directed/choreographed several children's shows and show choirs, danced for 25 years and teaches ballroom dance to children throughout San Diego County with Edudance-Classrooms in Motion. Laura has a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia and studies voice with Dianna Ruggiero.

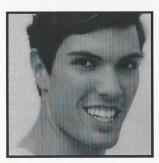
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ASHLEE MAYER (Nun/Ensemble) is thrilled to be returning to the SDMT stage after joining this wonderful company in last season's performance of White Christmas. Ashlee has a BFA from AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts. Other credits include: Respect (Act11/SDRep), The Way Out (Santa Monica Playhouse), Cinderella (Choreographer /Shine!LA), Little Women (Dir. by Danny Gurwin), Seussical (AMDA), How To Succeed... and Bye Bye Birdle (CTE). Ashlee would like to thank all her family and friends for their loving support, and for the team at SDMT.



HALLIE MAYER (Postulant/Ensemble) is an Orange County native, and is excited to be making her San Diego Musical Theatre debut! She was most recently seen in Broadway Sings It Again! and A Song For Christmas at the Encore Dinner Theatre in Tustin. Other credits include: Kiss Me Kate (Kate), Romeo and Juliet (Juliet), Our Town (Emily), Into The Woods (Milky White), and a variety of staged readings with the Academy of New Musical Theatre in North Hollywood, and at the York Theatre off-broadway. She received her B.A. in Drama with Honors in Musical Theatre from UC Irvine, and would like to send special thanks to her mom and dad for their undying support and love.



MAX CADILLAC GIDALEY (Ensemble) After shaking off all the snow left over from White Christmas, Max is warmed up and ready to rejoin the SDMT family in their spring spectacular, The Sound of Music. Having the opportunity to be part of a musical that began his passion for theater and lead to a BFA in Musical Theatre is truly this performer's delight. "Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by the things that take your breath away. Thank you to my amazing musical family members. Your constant whistling and singing always made me feel like we lived the Von Trapp lifestyle, thankfully without the extensive role call."



CHAD PATTERSON (Ensemble) This is Chad's first production with San Diego Musical Theatre and he is grateful for the opportunity to keep learning and growing as an actor. Now that he is living in San Diego and on the verge of a bachelor's degree in Biology from CSU Monterey Bay, Chad is thinking about pursuing acting more seriously in all aspects. He would like to thank his parents for being supportive and his coach Cris O'Bryon for the intricate role he is playing in creating a professional foundation for him as an actor. He is also excited to share the stage with this talented cast. Who cares what I've done in the past! I hope everyone can really sit back, relax, and enjoy the beauty of live theatre. LIFE IS SHORT, SO DO YOUR BEST TO LIVE THE DREAM!

# **Artistic & Production Team Profiles**

TODD NIELSEN (Director/Choreographer) is thrilled to return to SDMT having directed their hit holiday show last season, White Christmas. An award winning and oft nominated director/choreographer, recent projects include Master Class for ICT in Long Beach, *Proposals* for the Norris Theatre, *Company* for Chapman University, Dames At Sea for the Colony Theatre in Burbank, A New Brain for Musical Theatre Guild, The Wiz for AMDA, The Robber Bridegroom for ICT, Urinetown for Chapman University and 1776 for Glendale Centre Theatre. Todd served as Resident Director for the Cheetah National tour of Disney's The Lion King. For the International Mystery Writers Festival in Owensboro, KY, Todd directed the world premiere mystery, Absolutely Dead featuring Kathy Garver. Other past projects include Urinetown, Lend Me a Tenor and Godspell for Chapman, Phantom for Moonlight Stage Productions, No Sex Please We're British for the Norris Theatre, Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune and How the Other Half Loves at ICT, Plaid Tidings for the Oregon Cabaret Theatre, Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Welk Resort and Disney's Beauty and the Beast for the Croswell Opera House. He has also directed and choreographed several concert stagings including Little Me with Jason Graae, Seesaw, Out of This World and Merrily We Roll Along for the Musical Theatre Guild in LA. Todd also works extensively with the Nine O'Clock Players, a charity organization that produces children's theatre. He hopes you enjoy this classic and universally loved musical. Huge thanks to Erin, Gary, Jill, Tarin, David, Don and our great company of artists and creative staff! XOJA

**DON LE MASTER** (*Musical Director/Conductor*) As San Diego native, Don has been involved in theater for over 30 years. Being a concert pianist as a youth, he decided to try theater and worked at Moonlight Amphitheater as pianist and eventually Musical Director/Conductor. For two years he worked at Junior Theater and as staff accompanist for the MFA Theater program at SDSU. Don spent 7 years as Musical Director at Performance Riverside where he was nominated for Outstanding Musical Direction for 1776 at the 2004 Ovation Awards. He has worked for many other theaters across Southern California, Cygnet, South Bay, Starlight, The Globe and McCoy Rigby to name a few. As resident MD for SDMT, Don received the Outstanding Musical Direction award at the 2007 Theater Critic Circle Awards for SDMT's inaugural production *The Full Monty* and a nomination for *A Chorus Line*. Most recently, he was seen onstage, conducting the SDMT orchestra in *White Christmas* and *Chicago*. He entertains at the Caliph Lounge and Inn At The Park with the fabulous Ria Carey on weekend nights. "Without music, my life would be a mistake!"

MATTHEW NOVOTNY (Lighting Design) Matthew is back to light The Sound of Music after lighting San Diego Musical Theatre's production of Chicago. Matthew has been designing for almost 20 years, working with North Coast Repertory Theatre, Miracle Theatre Productions, Lyric Opera San Diego, among others locally. He has a BA from San Diego State University, and a Masters in Lighting Design from Boston University, where he was the assistant lighting designer for the Pre-Broadway engagement of August Wilsons Gem of the Ocean, starring Phylicia Rashad. Matthew designed the lighting for two historic musical events videoed for DVD, Primal Twang, a documentary concert about the history of the Guitar, and Love In, a Musical Celebration commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Love In. Matthew has an amazing wife, and former sea lion trainer, Amanda, and two beautiful daughters, Ragan and Harper.

JR BRUCE (Set Design) is a freelance scenic designer and technician. Originally from Iowa, he moved to California to work as a scenic artist at the La Jolla Playhouse. He now lives and works in Los Angeles. After earning his MFA in Scenic Design at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he took turns working for the circus, ice shows, and museums before returning to theatre. He has worked as a designer, painter, and props artisan at theatres across the country, and is thrilled that The Sound of Music is his San Diego Musical Theatre debut. You can see more of his work at www.JRBruceDesign.com.

JANET PITCHER (Costume Co-Ordinator) has costumed over 65 productions in San Diego and is honored to return to San Diego Musical Theater co-ordinating costumes for The Sound of Music! After designing costumes for Chicago for SDMT and Welk theaters, Austria is a refreshing change of pace! Other Credits include Rent, How to Succeed in Business and A5678 (Welk Theatre), Titanic project, Oklahoma, Music Man, Grease (ART), Les Miserables, Seussical, Hairspray, Spring Awakening (ACT-SD), Cinderella, Joseph, Godspell (C-Ment), The Little Mermaid, A Christmas Carol, Once on This Island, Sound of Music (Kroc Theatre). Awards: San Diego Performing Arts League Star Award and Outstanding Costume Design for the National Youth Arts (Once on This Island). In addition to her award winning costume design, Janet is a published artist and jewelry designer, her art jewelry is sold in top galleries across the country and at the SDMT gift shop! Janet thanks her husband Mark and her entire family for their support in following her dreams!

BONNIE DURBEN (Property Master) Season 2012-2013 - Moonlight Productions: Leading Ladies, Life Could Be a Dream; New Villiage Arts: Same Time Next Year, Plaid Tidings, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Much Ado About Nothing; Mira Costa College: Guys and Dolls, 39 Steps; Intrepid Theatre: Hamlet; Member of The Society of Prop Managers and Artisans.

JILL TOWNSEND (Assistant to the Director) is thrilled to be back at SDMT assisting Todd Neilson on one of the classics! Offstage at SDMT, she has assisted on 5 productions and stage managed *The Story of My Life*. Onstage, she has played Kim in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Val in *A Chorus Line* and Judy in *White Christmas*. Other favorite credits include: Ms. Brown/Hannah Understudy in the world premiere of *Allegiance* at The Old Globe, Luisa in *The Fantasticks* at North Coast Rep, Winnie Tate in *Annie Get Your Gun* and Patty Simcox in *Grease* both at Sacramento Music Circus, Columbia in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Universal Studios Hollywood, Miss Dorothy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and Eileen in the west coast premiere of *I Love A Piano* both at Musical Theatre West, The Mistress in *Evita* at Fullerton CLO and touring the country in the National tours of *A Chorus Line* (Maggie) and *Camelot*. www.jillandrobert.com

TARIN HURSTELL\* (Stage Manager) Previously with SDMT: Rent, Joseph ... Dreamcoat. La Jolla Playhouse: Chasing the Song, Glengarry Glen Ross, American Night, Little Miss Sunshine: The Musical, Peer Gynt, Surf Report. The Old Globe: A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. Lamb's Players: Mixtape, A Servant of Two Masters. North Coast Repertory Theatre: A Christmas Carol, The Tempest. Indiana Repertory Theatre: To Kill A Mockingbird, Rabbit Hole. La Jolla Music Society: Summerfest 2011. She has also worked in stage management for Moonlight Stage Productions, Marin Theatre Company, PCPA Theaterfest, Utah Festival Opera, and Illinois Shakespeare Festival. She holds a B.A. in theatre from James Madison University.

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#### **Production Staff**

Director/Choreographer	Todd Nielsen^
Music Director	Don LeMaster
Set Designer	JR Bruce
Lighting Designer	Matthew Novotny
Scenic Concept	Todd Nielsen
Costume Co-Ordinator	Janet Pitcher
Prop Master	
Stage Manager	Tarin Hurstell*
Assistant Stage Manager	David Friedman
Deck Crew	Jay Schenk
Wardrobe Mistress	
Dresser	
Hair & Wigs	
Sound Engineer	Scott Nielsen
Sound Assistant	Carlton Jones
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Clarinet 1: Matt Gill

Clarinet 2: Matt Best

Basoon: David Burnett

Horn 1: Lisa Cherry

Horn 2: Nicolee Kuester

Trumpet 1: Bill Caballero

Trumpet 2: Steve Ebner

Trumpet 3: Krista Coppedge

Bass: Isaac Crow

Trombone 1: Jordan Morita
Trombone 2: Brandon Jagow

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Piano: Luke Nelson

Violin 1: Michael Tagart

Violin 1: Laura Wanek

Violin 2: Sarah Sutton

Violin 2: Madilyn Stewart

Viola: Bryce Newall

Cello 1: Caitlin Fahey Crow

Cello 2: Sharon Taylor

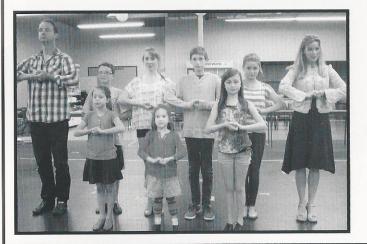
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