

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse

MEN

Capt. Von Trapp

40's/ 50's baritone. Retired Austrian naval captain. Polished, but military in the way he runs his life. Outward sadness over the death of his wife - but underneath is warm, understanding, and determined.

Max Detweiler

40's/ 50's baritone. Charming, a man of sophistication who enjoys the good life. True and loyal friend to the von Trapps.

Rolf

17 year old Baritone. Suitor to Liesl. Telegram delivery boy, later a Nazi soldier. A pleasant young man, somewhat aggressive but in a gentle way.

Male Ensemble

Strong singer/ actors to play Nazis, neighbors, friends of Capt. Von Trapp, etc. Roles of Franz, Herr Zeller, Baron Elberfeld, Admiral von Schreiber, etc. will also come out of the ensemble.

WOMEN

Maria

20's Soprano. Young, free spirited, warm, gentle and kind with determination. Loves music.

Mother Abbess

50's/ 60's legit Soprano. Motherly, understanding. Strong and authoritative, but kind.

Elsa Schraeder

30's Alto. Attractive Baroness of taste and elegance. Sophisticated, dignified, and mature.

Sister Berthe/ Ensemble

Mezzo. Can be anywhere 40's to 70. Mistress of the Novices. Prudish, straight laced with a quick tongue. Less tolerant than the other nuns.

Sister Margareta/ Ensemble

Mezzo. Can be 40's to 60's. Mistress of Postulants. Very kind, understanding, concerned.

Sister Sophia/ Ensemble

Mezzo. Can be 30's-50's. Sticks with the rules- neither demanding, nor critical.

Liesl

16 year old Mezzo Soprano. Blossoming into a young lady with an interest in boys. Has a maternal edge to her. Cares very deeply for her younger siblings.

Female Ensemble

Strong singer/ actors to play Nuns, neighbors, friends of Capt. Von Trapp, etc. Roles of Frau Schmidt, Baroness Elberfeld, Ursula, etc. will also come out of the ensemble.

YOUTH/ KIDS**Friedrich**

Boy to play 14 years old. Tough exterior. Trying to be the "man" of the family.

Louisa

Girl to play 13 years old. Rebellious attitude.

Kurt

Boy to play 10 years old. Unchanged boy soprano. Gentle and mischievous.

Brigitta

Girl to play 9 years old. Smart, reads a lot.

Marta

Girl to play 7 years old. Very sweet and gentle.

Gretl

The youngest girl. 7/8 years old to play 5 years old.