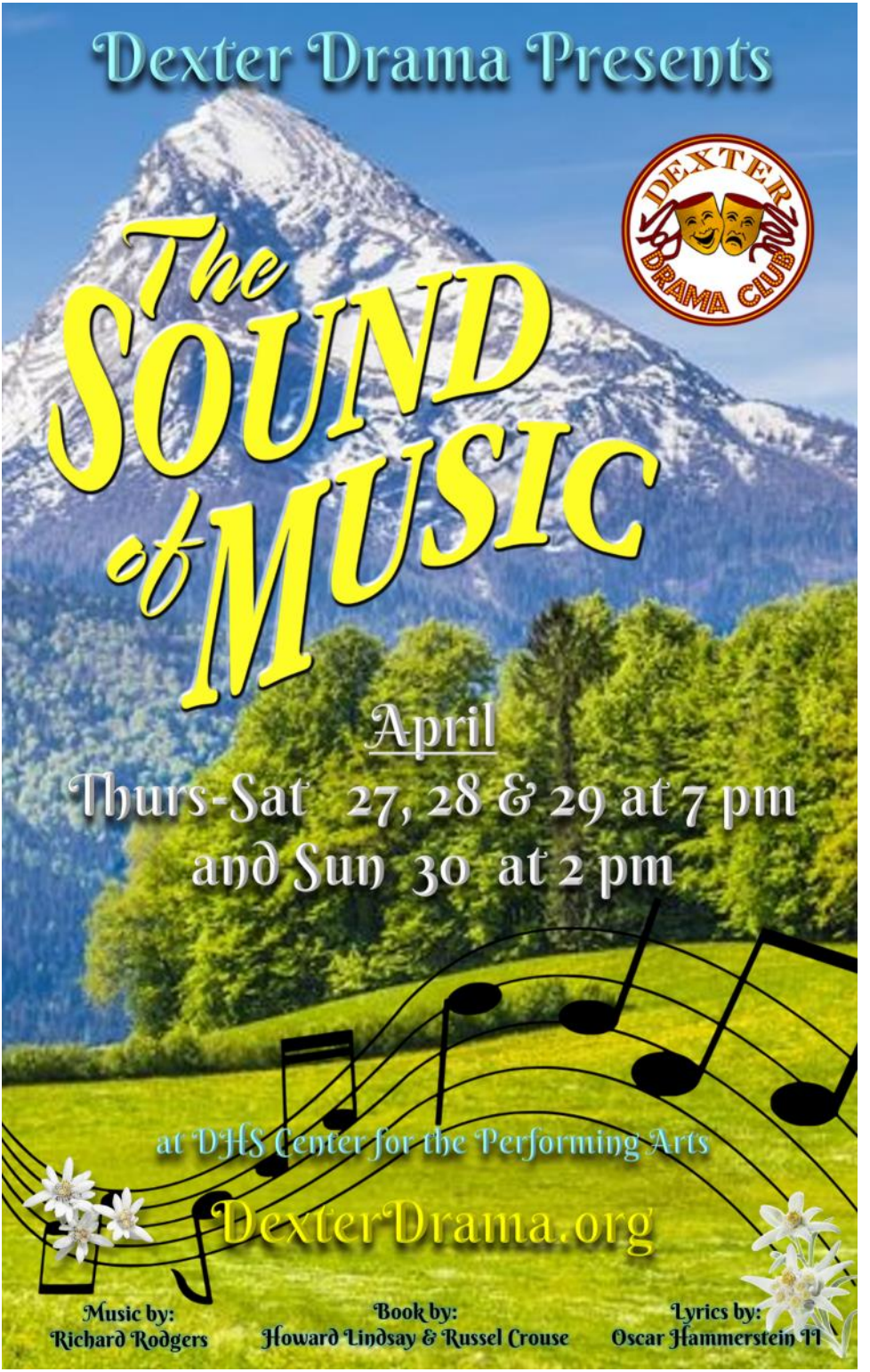
Dexter Drama Presents
DEXTER DRAMA CLUB
The SOUND of MUSIC
April
Thurs-Sat 27, 28 & 29 at 7 pm
and Sun 30 at 2 pm
at DHS Center for the Performing Arts
DexterDrama.org
Music by:
Richard Rodgers
Book by:
Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse
Lyrics by:
Oscar Hammerstein II

Welcome all to Dexter Drama Club's production of *The Sound of Music!*

Set against the backdrop of the beginnings of WWII, the story of the Von Trapp family is truly triumphant and holds an important place in our hearts and history. The original production of the musical premiered on Broadway in 1959 with Mary Martin in its title role and was turned into a beloved film with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer in 1965. More incredibly, it is based on the 1949 memoir by Maria Von Trapp titled The Story of the Trapp Family Singers. It does this history teacher's heart good to tell a story that champions people who, during the many terrible events of WWII, found ways to challenge such a hateful regime. As a director though, I did feel the pressure to ensure our version honors these real-life people and the film that is treasured by so many.

Well, as always, the students of Dexter Drama Club did not disappoint. Maria DeMerell shines in the title role. Yes, it is not lost on us that our Maria is our Maria :) Diego Reyes is a sensational musician. Taking a chance to come out of our Pit Orchestra for his first onstage role, it has been an absolute pleasure to watch Diego evolve into our Captain. Our Captain in more ways than one, too! Diego still leads the Pit Orchestra as our student liaison and has spent the better part of 2 months jumping (literally!) in and out of the Pit to conduct, then act and sing. Emily Fawcett is only a sophomore and one of the most positive professional stage managers I have had the privilege of working with. I can not emphasize enough how Emily continuously sets and resets those around her with her constant positivity. I also would be remiss if I did not mention that a little piece of my heart is also onstage, in the form of my niece tackling the role of Gretl. This fierce little girl surprises me every day with her creativity and dedication, but moreover, I have to thank my Drama students again for being so inclusive. Having a place to belong is powerful, and with so many new and veteran members working together, I feel we have assembled our own family Von Trapp - all of us with an important part to carry the song. Truly "My heart wants to sing ev'ry song it hears"!

Can you tell I am bursting with love and pride for my pit, cast, and crew's ability to navigate the myriad of challenges that awaited them in this production? To be certain, they embraced the theme of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain"! It was refreshing to direct a drama musical with an important message, but an absolute delight and renewal to do it with these students!

I now welcome you to please sit back, be moved, and enjoy Dexter Drama Club's production of *The Sound of Music*!

-Erin Palmer, Director

SYNOPSIS

The Sound of Music is set in Austria on the eve of the Anschluss (annexation of Austria by the German Third Reich) in 1938. The musical tells the story of Maria, who takes a job as governess to a large family, while she decides whether to become a nun. She falls in love with the seven children, and eventually their widowed father, Captain Von Trapp. He is ordered to accept a commission in the German navy, but he opposes the Nazis. He and Maria decide on a plan to flee Austria with the children.

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PROGRAM:

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Scene Breakdown

Act I

Scene 1 – Nonnberg Abbey
"Preludium"

Scene 2 – Austrian Mountainside near the Nonnberg Abbey
"Sound of Music"

Scene 3 – Nonnberg Abbey Chapel
"Maria"

Scene 4 - Nonnberg Abbey Office of Mother Abbess
"My Favorite Things"

Scene 5– Townsquare
"I Have Confidence"

Scene 6 – Von Trapp Villa Family Room
"Do – Re – Mi"

Scene 7 – Garden & Gazebo
"Sixteen Going on Seventeen"

Scene 8 – Maria's Bedroom
"My Favorite Things"

Scene 9 - Garden & Gazebo
"The Lonely Goatherd"
"How Can Love Survive

Scene 10 - Upper Balcony & Ballroom
"So Long, Farewell"

Act II

Scene 1 -– Nonnberg Abbey
"Morning Hymn"

Scene 2 - Nonnberg Abbey Office of Mother Abbess
"Climb Every Mountain"

Scene 3 - Von Trapp Villa
"No Way to Stop It"

Scene 4 - Garden & Gazebo
"Something Good"

Scene 5 – Nonnberg Abbey
"Gaudeamus Domino"

Scene 6 – Nonnberg Abbey Chapel
"Processional"
"Confitemini Domino"

Scene 7 - Living Room of the Von Trapp Villa
"Sixteen Going on Seventeen" (Reprise)
"Do-Re-Mi" (Reprise)

Scene 8 - The Concert Hall
"Do-Re-Mi"
"Edelweiss"
"So Long, Farewell"

Scene 9 - Nonnberg Abbey
"Climb Ev'ry Mountain"

CAST

Maria Rainer — Maria DeMerell^
Captain Von Trapp — Diego Reyes

Liesl — Ella Smith^
Friedrich — Spencer Briggs
Louisa — Abbie Moraschinelli^
Kurt — Aidan Zeglis
Brigitta — Emily Prall^
Marta — Zoë Harker
Gretl — Gwendolynn Hoffman

Elsa Schraeder — Shelly Beach^
Max Detweiler — Alec Althoen^
Rolf Gruber — Adam DeGregorio^
Franz — Griffin Patel
Frau Schmidt — Juno Bursch^
Ursula — Emily Schultz

Herr Zeller — Lucas Greatorex
Frau Zeller — Emma Ockerman^
Baron Elberfeld — Caleb Drummond^
Baroness Elberfeld — Averi Rose^
Admiral Von Schreiber — Evan McDonald

Mother Abbess — Kennedy Lint^
Sister Berthe — Evie Weiszhaer
Sister Margaretta — Emma Blankenship
Sister Sophia — Avery Meloche^

Maids

Maeryn Gillespie - Abbi Kempf - Violet Vrsek

Nun Ensemble

Maddy Caldwell - Josie Demers - Maeryn Gillespie - Maddie Leach^
Cassidy McElroy - Allie Morse - Dani Sherman - Jessie Wagenschutz

The Lonely Goatherd Tap Ensemble

Josephine Bottai - Mike Fifelski - Connor Gleespen^ - Maddie Leach^
Abbie Moraschinelli^ - Emma Ockerman^* - Emily Prall^
Averi Rose^ - Kate Rossow^* - Josh Treat^ - Aidan Zeglis

S.S. Officers

Brock McIntyre - Brendan Sedlar - Caden Thisse - Noah Wiseman

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* Indicates Dance Captain

CAST

Austrian Townspeople

Fern Arnold
Josephine Bottai
Owen Carlson
Caleb Drummond^
Mike Fifelski
Petey Fifelski
Jadon Fischer
Connor Gleespen^
Lucas Greatorex
Abbi Kempf
Dexter Krueger
Evan McDonald
Brock McIntyre
Viv Mergler^
Briar Mesko
Emma Ockerman^*
Anne Ralls
Averi Rose^
Kate Rossow^*
Emily Schultz
Brendan Sedlar
Caden Thisse
Josh Treat^
Violet Vrsek
Noah Wiseman

PIT ORCHESTRA

Bass
Thomas Campbell
Otto Krueger

Violin
Kiersten Crosby
Elena Lu
Liam Mauer
Chance McArtor
Parker Williams

Cello
Simone Kasischke
Elise Lu
Dominic Shaw^

Piano
Anna Grace Smith

Viola
James McGuire
Anita Popelka

Flute
Zana Christmas
Mara Dorsch

Clarinet
Abigail Nahorski
Nick Sherman
Chloe Van Noord
Jack VanSickle

Oboe
Matthew Casavant
Malia Yalisove

Bassoon
Audrey Benson
Josie Bota

Trumpet
Amelia Musleh

Sax/Horn
Owen Carlson

Trombone
Phineas Moazami

Percussion
Conner Masterson

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CREW

Production Stage Manager
Emily Fawcett^*

Assistant Stage Manager
Spencer Collin*
Bridget Jordan*
Eve Lupa*

Running Crew/Flys
PJ Carty
Ellasophia Leidy-Frausto
Addison Lint
Isabel McCleary^
Anaka Perry^
Kate Rossow^

Lights Crew
Lion Morse*
Dia Biggs^
Ryan Hershner
Samuel Jones
Rett Katz
Liam Lemon
Ben Lippens

Lavs Crew
Ryan Bursch*
Owen Carlson
Jill Dorsey
Emily Fawcett
Nick Dunn
Isabella Madden
Aly Robertson

Sound Crew
Ryan Hershner *
Annabelle Barnes
Nate Borel
Catie Hoffman
Erin Hudson

Props Crew
Nai Amber*
Willow Anderson
Abby Fillion
Erin Hudson
Aly Robertson^
Maya Roys
Layla Stewart

Hair Crew
Analisa Leadbetter*
Chloe Barnes
Jeanine Cieply
Robin Ferguson
Kaden Murrel
Emma Ockerman^
Averi Rose^
Téa Salemi^

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Kaela Laurin*
Tia Barnes
Ellie Barrick
Sophia Grusche
Riley Merrow

Costumes Crew
Izabella Hartmann*
Maddie Leach^
Sylvie Neff
Ashtyn Nesbitt
Kate Rossow^

Costumes Stage One Crew
Echo Suino*
Nate Borel
PJ Carty
Adam DeGregorio^
Caleb Drummond^
Sarah Gould
Abbie Moraschinelli^

Publicity Crew
Cam Arbour*
Jade Batiyeva-Lepler
Dia Biggs
Barnabas Cox
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Serena VanOrnum
Tess Walters

*Indicates Head of Tech

Angelgrams

Fern Arnold

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain ." ~ Dolly Parton
Enjoy those rainbows, beautiful girl…you've proven over and over again that you can handle the rain. We adore you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Sophie, Owen (and Captain & Bucky)

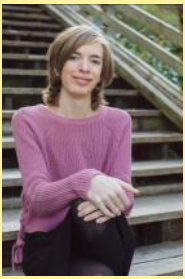
Alec Althoen

Alec, you are crafty but kind, just like Max! We are proud to see you onstage singing and enjoying all of your hard work to make such a beloved show. It's going to be hard to say, "So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good night!"
Love:
Mom, Dad, Clara & Grandpa

Shelly Beach

Congratulations on your final high school show! We are so proud of all the work you have put into drama club and we know you will 'climb every mountain' in your future. Love, Mom, Dad, and River

Dia Biggs



From the time you were a little frog in the *Lion King* ensemble; to being the stage manager on more recent productions. We love you and are so proud of you Dia!

Ryan & Juno Bursch

Even at a young age, we knew you were destined for the stage! How could five years of Dexter Drama come and gone? We are so amazed at all you have both accomplished. You put so much heart into your craft and it has been such a joy watching you shine.

Angelgrams

Ryan Bursch

What began as moral support for Juno on the "Oliver!" audition turned into five years of dedication and hard work. What a ride it's been! You take such pride in managing lavs, and each show is better because of it. We are so proud of you Ryan!

Juno Bursch

It is such a treat watching you shine in your element. No matter what the role, you put your heart and soul into every performance. A true entertainer! We love you and are so proud of each new challenge you take on.

Owen Carlson

"Keep reaching! We are so proud of you!! Mom, Dad and John

Pete and Mike Fifelski & Diego Reyes

The Seale family is so proud of all of you!

Abby Fillion

We love that you have found a home in theatre these last two years and we look forward to many more years watching your work. Love, Mom, Dad, Emmy, Zoey, Atomic Fireball and Butterfinger

Liam Lemon

It is always pure pleasure to be in the audience watching the productions you have been a part of in a variety of roles, LG! We know how much you enjoy being a cog in the Drama Club Wheel! Keep going, doing your excellent work!

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Adam DeGregorio

From your very first audition, to every tech role you've explored, your enthusiasm for theater is contagious and we couldn't be more proud!
Love, Mom, Matt, Dad, Sarah and Nana

Kennedy and Addison Lint

You have always had such a sense of adventure! Love watching you both grow into such wonderful people!
So proud of you both!
Love, Jon, Mom, Braden, Grace and Nick

Vivian Mergler

Viv: We are so proud of you. Have fun with your last show! Keep your bright spirit and your drive.
Love, Dad, Mom, Jason & Percy

Abigail Moraschenelli

Abigail… Sister in life, sister on stage! Your old soul fits right into this show and we can't wait to hear you singing in the hills! We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Penelope and Buddy

Emily Schultz

We are so proud of you for trying something new your senior year. Your strength and passion shine more each day and we've enjoyed watching you on a new stage this year.
Love, Mom and Dad

Brendan Sedlar

Wish we could be there. Enjoy your time in *The Sound of Music*.
So proud of you. With love, Grandma and Grandpa Pilch

Creative Team

Erin Palmer
Director &
Drama Club Advisor

Amanda Webster Choreographer	**Brian Rose** Pit Orchestra Director	**Julie Bassett** Vocal Director	**Jennifer Moraschinelli** Scenic Designer
Victoria Ward Choreographer	**Jodi Helmholtz** Producer	**David Moan** Assistant Vocal Director	**Taryn Wachowiak** Directing Intern
Emily Fawcett^ Production Stage Manager	**Eve Lupa** Assistant Stage Manager	**Bridget Jordan** Assistant Stage Manager	**Spencer Collin** Assistant Stage Manager
Analisa Leadbetter Head of Hair	**Bella Hartmann** Heads of Costumes **Echo Suino** Costumes Stage One	**Ryan Bursch** Head of Lavs	**Ryan Hershner** Head of Sound
Cameron Arbour Head of Publicity House Manager	**Nai Amber** Head of Props	**Kaela Laurin** Head of Makeup	**Lion Morse** Head of Lights & Lighting Designer

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Creative Team Biographies

Erin Palmer (Director / Drama Club Advisor) is enjoying her sixteenth year at Dexter High School as a history teacher and Drama Club advisor. She is a proud alumna of Kalamazoo College where she earned a BA in History and minors in Psychology and Theatre Arts. Palmer has a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Michigan-Flint. Always the adventurous spirit she has taken her passion for teaching overseas, where she taught English in Poland through performance. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Palmer taught virtual classes for Dexter's BCC program for students in China. Palmer has also spent several summers in the forests outside Portland, Oregon where she facilitated teen experiential learning programing on challenge courses. As the advisor of the Dexter Drama Club and Improv Club, she is the proud sponsor of 4 main productions and 3-4 Improv shows annually. Drama definitely keeps her busy. Previous directing credits with the Dexter Drama include *The Odd Couple, Anything Goes, Hello, Dolly!, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Back to the 80s, A Year With Frog and Toad, Guys and Dolls, Alice in Wonderland, The Music Man, Willy Wonka, Into the Woods, Disney's The Jungle Book, Crazy For You, Grease, Disney's Sleeping Beauty, Chicago, Hercules, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, Disney's The Lion King Jr., On the Town, Peter Pan or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up, Little Shop of Horrors, Wizard of Oz, Sherwood, Disney's Tarzan, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Footloose, Disney's Descendants,* and now *The Sound of Music*. Palmer would like to enthusiastically recognize her student designers and officers for all they do to make these productions incredible, as well as her parent booster club for all their efforts! Shout out to Jen Moraschinielli, Booster President, whose set design is nothing short of professional quality! Dexter Drama productions would absolutely NOT be possible without the talents of her "partners in crime": choreographers Amanda Webster and Victoria Ward and vocal directors Julie Bassett and David Moan. Please enjoy the show!

Julie Bassett (Vocal Director) is currently Director of Choirs at Dexter High School and Mill Creek Middle School. Mrs. Bassett holds a BA in music and a BS in vocal and instrumental music education from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. She has completed Masters course work in Choral Performance from Eastern Michigan University. This is Mrs. Bassett's 17th year teaching in Dexter where she has taught sixth through twelfth grade choir and has served as the vocal director for Dexter High School Drama Club. Mrs. Bassett would like to thank her fellow directors, the Drama Boosters and the cast and crew for all their extra efforts to make this show happen!

Creative Team Biographies

Brian Rose (Pit Director) is pleased to be back with Dexter Drama Club. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance and a Masters of Music Degree in Choral Conducting from Western Michigan University. He has performed as a soloist, accompanist and music theater director throughout MI. He is currently Operations Manager for Reinforcement Inc., an AV production company in Livonia. Brian can be seen in many area pits serving as Music Director or pianist including, The Encore, The Dio, Crosswell Theater, UM Music Theater, Runyonland Production, and for several area High Schools including Skyline and Community H.S. He also teaches private piano and voice, and is highly sought after as piano collaborator. Brian and his wife Stacie live in Dexter, Mi. He wants to thank all the students, parents, staff and fellow Directors who continue to support Dexter Drama.

Amanda Webster (Choreographer) graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Elementary Education and currently teaches 4th grade at Heritage Elementary in Saline. She received her Masters in Educational Technology from MSU. *The Sound of Music* marks her 21st production with the DDC, and she couldn't be more excited to bring this classic show to life! Amanda has danced for RhythM Tap Ensemble on UM's campus, is an instructor for A2 Movimiento Latino in Ann Arbor, and has taught dance technique and Zumba Fitness classes in the surrounding areas for the past 15 years. She would like to thank her amazing "partners in crime" and visionary team--Erin, Victoria, Julie, Brian, Jodi, and Jen for their constant support. To all of the other artists, parents, and students I had the pleasure of working with on this production: You are all incredible, and I love creating art with you every day! I couldn't be prouder of the Dexter Drama family.

David Moan (Vocal Director) is so excited to be back directing with the Dexter Drama Club. David has been a member of the Dexter Drama family for five seasons as improv coach and directed last year's production of *Romeo and Juliet* last Fall's *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. Outside of the DDC, David has been an active director and musical director in educational theatre for over 15 years having worked with schools and community theaters throughout Southeast Michigan and the mid-west. When not teaching, David can be seen onstage in the region at theatres like The Encore Musical Theatre Company, Detroit Opera, The Dio Dining and Entertainment, and Go Comedy Improv Theatre. David would like to thank "every member of the Dexter Drama Club for enthusiastically diving into this unique process and continuing to spread joy and passion through Theatre.

Creative Team Biographies

Victoria Ward (Choreographer) is a current junior at Loyola University Chicago, majoring in Psychology. She has over 15 years of dance experience in various studios. This is her fourth year choreographing with Dexter Drama. Her previous choreography credits include *The Wizard of Oz, Fiddler on the Roof, Sherwood, Tarzan, the Little Mermaid, Romeo and Juliet, Footloose,* and *Descendants*. Victoria is thankful as always to work with such a talented group of students. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Taryn Wachowiak (Intern Director) is so excited to be back with the Dexter Drama Club for her fourth production on the Directing Team! Taryn is studying English and Psychology at the University of Michigan, where she has been on several technical crews, including lighting, hair and makeup, and costumes, for numerous student-directed shows. With the Dexter Drama Club, Taryn has helped out as the Directing Intern for *Footloose*, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, and *Descendants* and is so grateful for the opportunity to work with these students and directors. While Taryn has only been a part of the Dexter Drama family for a year, she can't imagine her life without these kids and would like to thank every student and director for constantly inspiring her.

THANK YOUs!

Owen Brooks : DCS Theater Manager

Josh Lisiecki & Sarah Mertz Lisiecki: Acting Coaches

Guest Performer:

Gwen Hoffman started acting with Dexter Drama when she was 9 moths old as baby Mowgli in *The Jungle Book* ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO! Her other credits include a knight in *Sherwood* and Ozian girl/munchkin in *Wizard of Oz.* She is a natural on stage loving to sing, dance and get attention! Her favorite thing in the show is performing My Favorite Things! She also loves making up her own waltz dance in the ball scene! She wants to thank her Ms. Amanda for loving/ supporting her her whole life and driving her to practice because she couldn't be here without her :) She also wants to thank the amazing director Erin Palmer for believing in her and casting her! To everyone else she is "Palmer" or "Ms. Palmer" but Gwen feels so lucky to call her "Auntie".

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SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

Shelly Beach^ (Elsa Schraeder) is a Senior participating in her 16th Dexter Drama Club production. In past shows, Shelly has played the part of Maleficent in *Disney's Descendants,* Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*, and Aunt Louise in LWW. Shelly is the President of the Drama Club and alto section leader of the Dexter HS Chamber Choir. Shelly spends her spare time doing all kinds of crafts, including silver-working and crocheting. Thank you for coming and "climb every mountain"!

Dia Biggs^ (Lights Crew), is excited to do her last show in the Dexter Drama Club! She is on lights crew for her final run. Dia has done every show that she could for the past 6 years and is ready for what's next. In the fall she is attending Heidelberg University for production and theater design. She hopes you enjoy *The Sound of Music*!

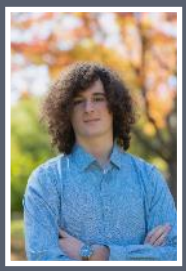
Ryan Bursch,^ (LAV Crew). This is Ryan's 10th time on lavs and his final show in the program, and 15th show with the DDC, I hope you enjoy our final show, and Lav it as much as I will.

Owen Carlson, Austrian (Townsperson & Alto Saxophone) is sad to announce that the Carlson legacy will be dying out after he finishes his final show with DDC. His brother, John Carlson, blessed the club with his last name before Owen did, but now, as the youngest, Owen must leave DDC Carlsonless. As sad as this is, Owen has put as much Carlson as he could into this show, appearing both onstage and in the pit, as to hopefully have the legacy linger on for longer. Enjoy the show, as it is the last Carlson show you will see. Thanks Mom and Dad Carlson!

Barnabas Cox, (Publicity Crew) has had a blast being a part of DDC since his 1st show in 2019 and he's excited to do one more show.

SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

Petey Fifelski (Austrian Townsperson) says “His drama club experience was wild.”



Jaydon Fischer, (Austrian Townsperson) is making his triumphant return to the stage. He is especially excited to be in *the Sound of Music* as that is his favorite show and he knows the words to every song. When not on stage he horseback rides and practices his math skills for his future job as a nuclear engineer. His hope is to continue his education at The University of Vienna and join the band there as a flute player.

Lucas Greatorex, (Herr Zeller). Guten morgen, Lucas is trés exité for you to see his performance in *the Sound of Music*! He has no prior experience in theatre but believes this role was made for him. Make you sure you fasten your seatbelts because you all are in for a wild ride!

Ryan Hershner^, (Head of Sound Crew), has had a long journey through DDC and has, at last, landed on his last show. But no better role to have in his final show than the sound in *The Sound of Music*! Although, from his perspective, Ryan is participating in the show: "The Sound AND Light of Music." While curating the sounds that bless your ears, a final DDC show could not happen without Ryan coming full circle to the first crew he was on, lights. Lights has filled his heart throughout HS and will be a hard goodbye. Enjoy!

Elena Lu (Violin) is excited to be back in the pit for her final production with the Dexter Drama Club! She has been involved in the club since freshman year, participating in *Fiddler on the Roof, Romeo & Juliet, Descendants,* and the annual DDC Film Festival. She is so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this community, and she would like to especially thank her family and friends for supporting her. This fall, she’ll be studying film at Northwestern University. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Howard Hanna

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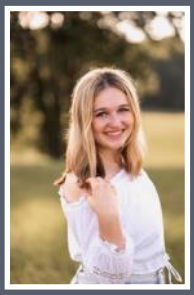
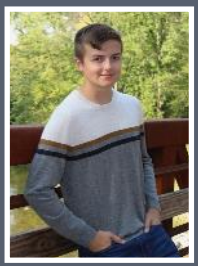
Evan McDonald (Admiral Von Schreiber). This is Evan's first show. When not on stage, Evan is loves to dress up as a pirate (arrr matey) and go to anime conventions. His favorite anime is One Piece and he would love to talk about his favorite bits of lore with you after the show. He plans on attending LSU and studying culinary arts. One last thing is that he gets to explore the entire state of Arkansas this summer and could not be more excited! He hopes that his performance wows you!

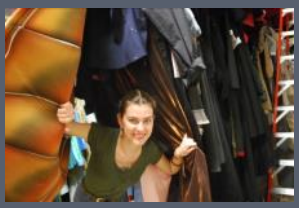


Vivian Mergler^, (Austrian Townsperson & Goat Ensemble). This is Viv's second show acting with the Dexter Drama Club. She started her junior year by dancing her heart out in *Footloose* as a cowgirl and is now ending her senior year ballroom dancing in *The Sound of Music.* She would like to thank her parents & younger brother for encouraging her to shine wherever she goes. Specifically, she would like to thank her mom for always being her Super Trouper in the audience. Finally, she hopes you enjoy the show!

Brock McIntyre, (Lieutenant/S.S. Officer/Austrian Townsperson) likes drama and hopes you enjoy the show!



Briar Mesko, (Austrian Townsperson) only joined the Dexter Drama Club in her junior year, but the second she stepped onto the stage she loved it. This is her 4th show she has ever been in and she is so excited for *The Sound of Music*! When she isn't in the theater or working on her homework she spends her time playing the violin and drawing. *The Sound of Music is* her last show as a senior and she couldn't have asked for a better last hurrah.



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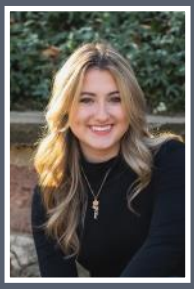
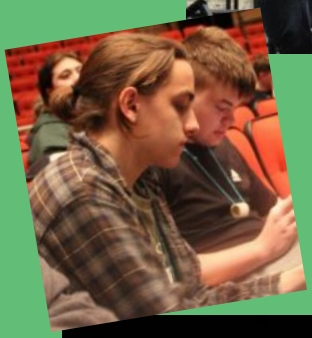
Emma Ockerman^ (Frau Zeller / Austrian townsperson / Tap ensemble / Hair Crew) welcomes you to her tenth and final show. While balancing a life of hair crew and acting she made many incredible friends that she will miss dearly. Emma wants to thank Emily Prall for always being there for her and pushing her to do her best, her family for supporting her financially and emotionally throughout her life, and her directors and choreographers that have been by her side every step of the way. Welcome to *The Sound of Music*!

Griffin Patel (Franz) has been training a lifetime for this role, and he hopes he'll knock your socks off. Nobody said it'd be easy, but Griffin is proud to wear the apron and represent hard working butlers everywhere.

Diego Reyes (Captain Von Trapp) Is that the Pit guy? Yes, yes it is. Diego thought it was time to become a cast member in his final show. He is extremely grateful for the memories and opportunities he's had since his first show, Fiddler on the Roof. The Dexter Drama Club has given him much more than he had anticipated his freshman year, and he greatly appreciates the support he has received from directors, friends, and family to make it all possible. He thanks you for attending the show!



Averi Rose^ (Baroness Elberfeld & Hair Crew) is so excited to be a part of the production of Sound of Music! She is playing Baroness Elberfeld and also is on the hair crew. She has played Queen Belle in *Descendants,* one of the Nymphs *for The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe*, and been a part of several other productions. Averi is also your Thespian Liaison Officer for DDC's 2022-2023 school year! Although sad that this is her last show, she is happy to spend it with the people she loves most.



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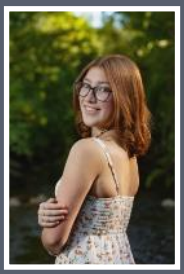
Téa Salemi^ (Hair Crew) has participated in seven different shows either acting or doing tech. She is excited and also very sad that this will be her last Dexter Drama Club production, but she is looking forward to college where she will double major in theater and education. This Drama Club has sparked an interest in performance and public speaking for Tea, and she hopes to spread that positivity to others interested in drama.

Emily Schultz (Ursula). This is Emily's third Dexter Drama Club Production. She is so excited to end her senior year with an amazing cast, crew, and show! Hope you enjoy *The Sound of Music*!

Jack VanSickle (Clarinet). This is Jack VanSickle's final show, he has been in Drama for all four years of high school, both playing in the pit and acting on stage, Jack will be attending a college to get a degree in law while minoring in dentistry (teeth are cool), Jack hopes you enjoy the show, handbreaded.



Jessie Wagenschutz (Nun Ensemble) is a senior and *The Sound of Music* is her first show with the Dexter Drama Club, as well as her first show ever! She's very excited to have a chance to be on stage and is incredibly proud of the work everyone has put into the show. She would like to thank her friends and family for encouraging her and supporting her decision to take a leap and do this show!

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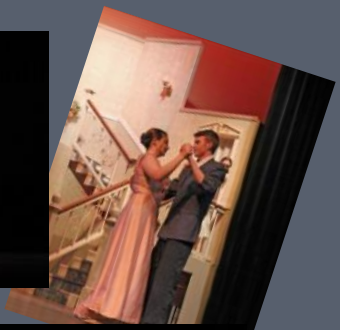
Tess Walters (Publicity Crew) loves watching movies and spending time with family. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Malia Yalisove (Oboe) is back with her trusty oboe. She is excited to finally get off League of Legends with Griffin and Jadon to perform in one last show. *The Sound of Music* is very special for Malia. She was born in Deutschlandsberg Austria and moved to the U.S at five years old so this story taking place in Austria reminds her of home. When not on stage she is playing volleyball as she has a full ride volleyball scholarship to UCLA. She is ready to win a championship with the Bruins!

Evie Weiszhaar (Sister Berthe) is super grateful to be a part of this show. She's always wanted to be a nun, although her nose piercing might say otherwise.



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Alec Althoen^ (Max Detweiler) is overjoyed, nervous, anxious but excited and prepared for his first duet onstage after only singing in Ensembles in past shows. Speaking of shows, this is Alec's sixth DDC production and third one as part of the Cast. Alec was born to play Max, a crafty but lovable character who knows how to enjoy the finer things in life, as long as someone else is paying for it. Alec would like to give a Shout Out to Mr. Moan and Mrs. Bassett for their vocal coaching and to his friends and family!

Nai Amber (Head of Props Crew) This is Nai's 10th show with the Dexter Drama Club and their 3rd time as head of props. They've had a really fun time with their friends creating this show and they hope you sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.

Willow Anderson (Props Crew) is happily rejoining props crew again for her 4th and final show this year.These months have been tough, to say the least, but Drama has been a major highlight, even if it seems to go by too quickly. She would like to lovingly thank Megamind and all friends and family that have been there for her throughout this amazing experience, and say goodbye to all the great seniors.To quote a wise man, “Things could be a lot worse. Oh, that’s right…I’m falling to my death. Guess they can’t.”~Megamind

Cameron Arbour (House Manager/Head of Publicity). This is Cameron's second time heading Publicity. He has done many crews such as Lavs, Props and Publicity. He hopes you enjoyed the show!

Fern Arnold (Austrian Townsperson) hopes you really enjoy the show.

Annabelle Barnes (Sound Crew) This is Annabelle’s second show and first time doing sound.

Chloe Barnes (Hair Crew) This is Chloe’s first time working on a show and is very excited to be a part of it!

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Tia Barnes (Make-up Crew) has thoroughly enjoyed their time in the Drama Club and wants to thank her friends who got her into doing something so out of her comfort zone.

Ellie Barrick (Make-up Crew) is in her second production with Dexter Drama. She is excited to work alongside an amazingly talented make-up crew. She hopes you enjoy the show and the make-up.

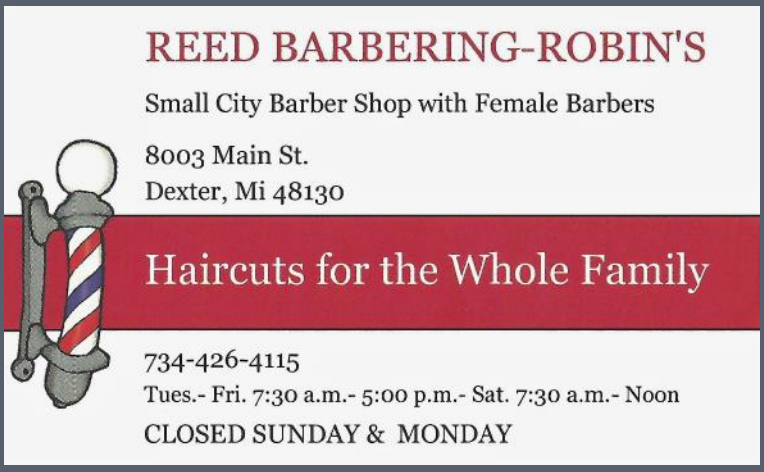
Jade Batiyeva-Lepler (Publicity Crew) has always been interested in anything art. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Audrey Benson (Bassoon). This will be Audrey's third show in the DDC! This is also her third time in pit! She is extremely excited to make music with her friends. squad 23 supremacy !!

Emma Blankenship (Sister Margaretta) is new to Dexter Drama Club, and this is their first show. She is bright and giggly and is very excited to perform for you.

Nate Borel (Sound Crew & Costumes Stage One). After having the wonderful experience of being an Assistant Stage Manager during 3D and *Disney's Descendants,* Nate is excited to expand his technical knowledge with both Sound and Costumes Stage One crews!

Josie Bota (Bassoon) is excited to be a part of the Dexter Drama Club's production of *The Sound of Music*! This is her second show in the pit, *Footloose* being her first. She wants to thank her dad and her sister for the endless support.



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Josephine Bottai (Ensemble). This is Josephine's 8th show at DDC and Josephine's 17th show overall. She is so excited to be in *The Sound of Music* because it was the movie that made Josephine fall in love with musicals. Josephine would like to thank all the directors and all the boosters for making this show possible and hopes u enjoy it!!!

Spencer Briggs (Friedrich). This is Spencer's first show with DDC. Spencer has been in numerous shows with Dexter Community Players, including *Shrek Jr* (Shrek), *The Wizard of Oz* (Cowardly Lion), *Alice in Wonderland* (White Rabbit), and Encore Theater's production of *Les Miserables*. Spencer loves theater. He also loves to play the saxophone, sing , meet new people, and make new friends. Spencer has had a great time in this production and hopes to participate in future shows with DDC.

Juno Bursch^ (Frau Schmidt). This concludes Juno's fifth year of the Dexter Drama Club. Commonly found underneath at least three wool blankets, Juno loves creative writing, Phoebe Bridgers, and The Crane Wives. *The Sound of Music* is Juno's fifteenth show. You may have seen them before in *The Little Mermaid* as Chef Louis, *Romeo & Juliet* as Mercutio, and *Disney's Descendants* as Maurice. Now, Juno tends to the Von Trapp household as Frau Schmidt.

Maddy Caldwell (Nun Ensemble) is excited to be returning to drama with *The Sound of Music*! This is her fourth show with DDC, and she hopes you enjoy!

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Thomas Campbell^ (Bass). After a ferocious first performance in *Descendants,* Thomas steps into the ring once again to rustle and tussle with the bass parts of *The Sound of Music*. Spending hours of his free time perfecting his mind, body, and soul with his mentor Griffin "Griffin IV" Patel, Thomas is ready to claim his championship title in the pit during this production.

PJ Carty (Running Crew and Costumes Stage One). This is PJ's 7th show with the Drama Club, he hopes you enjoy the show!

Matthew Casavant (Oboe) is very excited for his return to pit in *The Sound of Music*! He really loves the movie and is excited to be in such a wonderful production. When he's not doing Drama, he is out running for Track and Field and playing in the band. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Zana Christmas (Flute) is excited to be participating in her second DDC production. After making her debut in the pit for *Footloose,* she has high hopes for her return. Zana has always enjoyed watching *The Sound of Music*, especially the soundtrack, and hopes you can enjoy the DDC's adaptation just as much!

Jeanine Cieply (Hair Crew) is super excited to be a part of hair crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Spencer Collin^ (Assistant Stage Manager) is in the 10th grade and *The Sound of Music* is his 8th show at Dexter High School. He has done all sorts of tech crews in the past, including lights, sound, and even LAVs, but for this show, he is excited to be an assistant stage manager! He hopes you enjoy the show and silence your phones.

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Kiersten Crosby (Violin) is in her second Drama Club production. She enjoyed being a part of the pit for *Descendants,* and is now looking forward to playing for a more classical music-sounding show like *The Sound of Music*. Enjoy the show!

Adam DeGregorio^ (Rolf Gruber & Costumes Stage One Crew) is thrilled to be a part of his 12th production with the Dexter Drama Club. Previously he has served as the PSM (*Descendants*), an ASM (*The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe,* 3D), and Costume Designer (*Footloose, Romeo and Juliet, Little Mermaid*). This production will be his first return to the stage since he was 12, acting in *Les Mis* (Prouvaire), *A Christmas Story* (Ralphie), *School of Rock* (Andrew), and many other various productions—Shoutout to Emily Fawcett.

Maria DeMerell^ (Maria Rainer) is elated to be playing Maria! She has dreamed of being in this musical for her entire youth and childhood, and she has confidence that you will love it. Recently, you may have seen Maria as "Mal" in *Disney's Descendants,* which is very different from Maria. This will put her to the test! Maria wants to thank Mrs. Palmer for always trusting her capabilities. Maria must have done something good to be able to work with such a wonderful mentor; older and wiser and telling her what to do!

Josie Demers (Nun Ensemble) is very grateful for the amazing experience of participating in the Drama Club. She is very happy for the experience she got to share with her peers and now gets to present to you. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Mara Dorsch (Flute). This is Mara's third Drama production playing flute in the pit! She was also in the pit for *Footloose* and *Disney's Descendants!* In her free time she likes to listen to music, watch movies, cook, read, sing, and hang out with her family! She can't wait for you to see the show and she hopes you enjoy it!

Jill Dorsey (LAV Crew) This is Jill's 10th show with the Dexter Drama Club! She's really excited to be on lavs with really knowledgeable and fun people. She wants to say "so long fare thee well to all" her favorite seniors :) She hopes you lav the show!

Caleb Drummond^ (Baron Elberfeld & Costumes Stage One Crew). This is Caleb's 8th show with the Dexter Drama Club. He is so excited to welcome you all to *The Sound Of Music*! He would like to thank all of his directors for such a great opportunity in the club. Caleb hopes you enjoy the show!

Nicholas Dunn (LAV Crew). I am so Dunn with lavs, but I still lav lavs!

Emily Fawcett^ (Production Stage Manager) is so excited to return to stage management, this year serving as Head of Sound for all productions and Head of Lavs for 3D. This is her first time as PSM, but she has served as an ASM many times, including *Footloose* (2022) and *Romeo and Juliet* (2022). Shoutout Adam DeGregorio!

Clara Ferguson (Hair Crew) enjoys theater and everyone in it. Clara thinks it's chaotic and fun and messy and wonderful. She thanks her family for taking time to drive her and feed her, she thanks her friends for always supporting her even at her most chaotic moments, and she thanks her dad & brothers for supporting her and making her laugh.

Michael Fifelski (Austrian Ensemble & Goatherd Tap Ensemble). This is Mike's tenth show with the Dexter Drama Club and he loves doing drama soo much. You will get to see him tap dancing and waltzing in this epic production.

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Abby Fillion (Props Crew). This is Abby's 7th show with the Dexter Drama Club, and her 4th time on Props. She's so glad she got to work with such an amazing crew, and hopes you enjoy their efforts as much as she does. Enjoy the show!

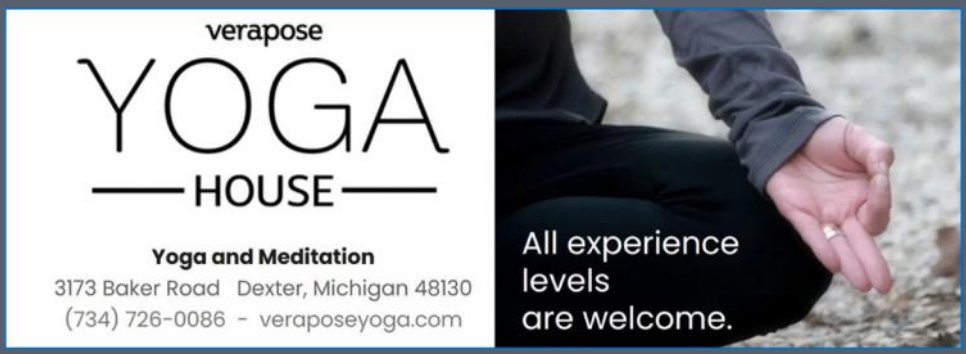
Maeryn Gillespie (Maid & Nun Ensemble). This is Maeryn's fourth theatre production as a freshman. She is excited to sing with her friends and cast mates. Maeryn hopes you enjoy the show!

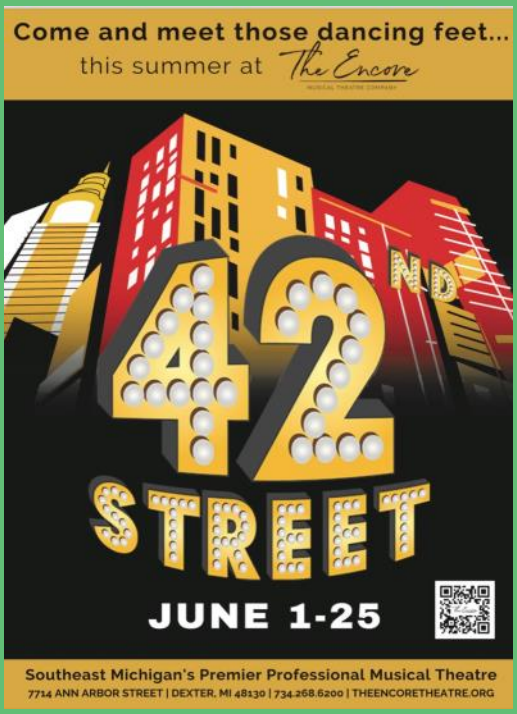
Connor Gleespen^ (Ensemble) is extremely excited to be a part of this amazing show! This season he has performed as Mouse in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,* Frank (Bushes of Love) and Actor 3 (The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon) in the 3D Series, and Carlos in *Descendants*! In his free time, he enjoys eating cheese and taking naps. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he loves being in it!

Sarah Gould (Costumes Stage One Crew) is very excited to have the opportunity to be a part of this production. She can't wait to get more experience in costumes.

Sophia Grusche (Make-up Crew) is participating in her 3rd production with Dexter Drama Club. She has returned to the makeup crew after doing Descendants with the costumes crew. When she's not behind the scenes, Soph plays field hockey with the Dexter Field Hockey team. If Mrs. Palmer decides to throw in crews (hair, makeup, or costumes) as extras, you may see her on stage. She hopes you enjoy the show :)

Zoë Harker^ (Marta Von Trapp) is very excited to bring her first year at Dexter Drama to a close with *The Sound of Music*. She has worked very hard and would like to thank her parents, family, friends, and boyfriend Isak for supporting her. She is super excited for this production and hopes you enjoy the show!!





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Izabella Hartmann (Head of Costumes Crew) is very excited for her seventh show with the Dexter Drama Club! This is her third time heading costumes and is thrilled to show her and her crews hard work. She wants to thank friends and family for the support as she could not do it without them. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Catie Hoffman (Sound Crew). This is Catie's second Drama Club production, and she is excited to be on sound crew again! She would like to thank her friends and family for their support and encouragement. She would never be able to do this without them. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Erin Hudson (Sound Crew & Props Crew) is so excited to be a part of *The Sound of Music*! It reminds her of middle school, when she would watch it on a weekly basis (mostly for the nuns). Although she wishes she was chilling in Austria right now, she also thinks the DDC's production is pretty unbeatable. She hopes you love it just as much as she does!

Samuel Jones (Lights Crew) is super excited for his 5th show and to do lights again. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he does.

Bridget Jordan^ (Assistant Stage Manager). This is Bridget's seventh show with the Dexter Drama Club! She is sad to not be doing costumes again for this show but was super excited to try something new as an Assistant Stage Manager. Bridget has always loved to watch *The Sound of Music* since she was a kid and hopes you enjoy the show!!

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Simone Kasischke (Cello) is so excited that you're here for *The Sound of Music*! This is her second drama performance this year and has had a fun time preparing. She hopes you soak in all the music and especially hopes you'll listen for the cellos ;) Enjoy!

Rett Katz (Lights Crew) is excited to join the Lighting Tech Crew again for his second production at DHS. He wants to thank his family for encouraging him to get involved in the Winter production of *Disney's Descendants.* He appreciates what an amazing program we have here in Dexter. Rett would like to thank the entire Drama Club, especially the Lighting Tech Crew, for such a rewarding and fun experience!

Abbi Kempf^ (Maid) is thrilled to have been cast in *The Sound of Music*. You are welcome, Grandma Ray-Ray :) Enjoy the show.

Dexter Krueger (Austrian townsperson) is once again excited to participate in his 4th Dexter Drama Club production. As someone who struggles with dancing, he is excited to get better with Austrian ballroom dancing in the show. He is ecstatic for this opportunity and he hopes you enjoy the production!

Otto Krueger (Double Bass). Going from on stage to the pit should be a fun experience!

Kaela Laurin (Head of Make-up Crew). This is Kaela's 7th show and 5th time on makeup crew. She is so excited to be head for the first time and has loved working on the shows before. Enjoy the show!

Maddie Leach^ (Nun Ensemble & Tap Dancer & Costumes Crew) is super excited to end this season with *The Sound of Music*. She is excited to be singing and dancing a lot because outside of Drama singing and dancing is what she enjoys to do in her free time. Maddie has been with the DDC since 7th grade, this will be her 11th show. She hopes you enjoy the show.

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Analisa Leadbetter (Head of Hair Crew). This is Analisa's 4th high school DDC production being on hair crew. This is also her first time being head of hair crew! Analisa is so excited to be working with all her friends and such amazing people throughout the production! She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Ellasofia Leidy-Frausto (Running Crew) is in her fourth Dexter Drama Club production. For this show she is on running crew! She is excited for new experiences this show and hopes everyone enjoys it!

Liam Lemon (Lights Crew). This is Liam's 11th show in the Dexter Drama Club and is really hoping you will enjoy *The Sound of Music*.

Addison Lint (Running Crew) is on running crew and hopes you enjoy the show.

Kennedy Lint^ (Mother Abbess) would like to thank her "homies", Addison Lint and Owen Carlson, her Sisters in Christ, the Garf Gang, and all of Off-Q Improv for supporting her recent devotion to the abbey. Enjoy the show!!

Ben Lippens (Lights Crew). This is Ben's first drama production joining the tech crew. Although new to theater he is excited for the new experience.

Elise Lu (Cello) is excited to participate in her second production with the Dexter Drama Club. She has been playing cello for six years. When she's not in the pit, she plays field hockey and tennis. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Anna Lueken (Publicity Crew) is a Freshman and really enjoys doing drama. *The Sound of Music* is her third show, and she hopes you enjoy watching!

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Eve Lupa (Assistant Stage Manager). This is Eve's 7th show in the Dexter Drama Club, she is so excited to share this show experience with the other SM's, all of the amazing actors, and all of the hardworking tech crews behind the scenes! She hopes you enjoy this production as much as she does!

Bella Madden (Lav Crew). This is Bella Madden's first production with Dexter Drama Club. She is excited to be a part of and work with such an amazing group of people for Lavs. She hopes you enjoy the show!

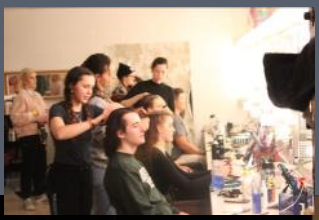
Conner Masterson (Percussion) loves Band and is in the Percussion section and wants to do more related to that. This is Conner's first show and he hopes it is enjoyable.

Chance McArtor (Violin) is joining the Dexter Drama Club for his first ever production in the pit. He is excited to play his violin in a new setting with a great community.

Bella McCleary^ (Fly Crew) has enjoyed being in the recent productions and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Cassidy McElroy (Nun Ensemble) is very excited to act after previously stage managing and heading lights this year. She can't wait for her nun debut with the other fabulous nuns. She hopes you enjoy the show!

James McGuire (Viola). This is James's first time in drama and hopes that everyone enjoys the production.



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Avery Meloche^ (Sister Sophia). This is Avery's 8th show with DDC and 14th show overall. Avery is super excited to play a nun in *The Sound of Music* because she really wanted to sing in this show, which she gets too! Alongside the Drama Club, Avery is also a member of the DHS Choir and Band. In her free time, she likes watching recipe videos online and hangin' with her bff, Connor. She was going to include a funny joke, but, sadly, she has NUN!

Riley Merrow (Make-up Crew) hopes you all enjoy the show, everyone worked so hard on it!

Liam Meurer (Violin) is excited to be in the Pit for his fourth Dexter Drama Club production. He has previously been in cast for *Footloose* and *Descendants*, and in Pit for *Tarzan.* He would like to thank everyone who made this show possible. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Phineas Moazami (Trombone) is excited to hear what music sounds like, even though he can't hear it underwater because of his pathetic, air-adapted human ears. He has taken inspiration from the octopus in his fluid-like trombone playing, but still is maintaining the speed and precision of a cuttlefish's tentacles. Even though he lacks chromatophores, he tries to match his sound with that of surrounding musicians, albeit less successfully than a cephalopod could match their environment.

Abbie Moraschinelli^ (Louisa Von Trapp & Costumes Stage One Crew) This is Abbie's 10th show and 4th year in the Dexter Drama Club. She wants to give an extra special thank you to everyone who put so much love, work and time in backstage as this all wouldn't be possible without them. Enjoy the show!

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Aleigha Morse (Nun Ensemble) is very happy to be in this show! Her family loves this movie and she is so happy to be a part of this production.

Lion Morse (Lighting Designer) is very enthusiastic about this show as it will be the first one he has ever solo designed lighting. He is very excited to have this learning opportunity, and is excited to design more in the future. Training his crew has been a pleasure and he is very grateful to them for being such an amazing crew. He thanks his family as well for being so supportive in his theatrical endeavors. He hopes you enjoy the show and have a good night.

Kaden Murrel (Hair Crew) is excited to be participating in his second show with Dexter Drama Club. Kaden is looking forward to using his newly mastered hair skills while working hair crew for the second time.

Amelia Musleh (Trumpet) loves playing the trumpet. She is so excited to be doing her second show! Sound of Music is one of her favorites, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Abby Nahorski (Clarinet). This is Abby's fifth Dexter Drama Club production and second time in Pit.

Sylvie Neff (Costumes Crew) is happy that you are here.

Ashtyn Nesbitt (Costumes Crew). This is Ashtyn's 6th show with the Dexter Drama Club. She is super excited to be on costumes for this show. She wants to thank her amazing head of costumes Bella Hartmann for being an amazing head! Ashtyn loves Sound of Music and she hopes you enjoy the show!

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Anaka Perry^ (Running Crew) is really excited for *The Sound of Music* and they hope you enjoy the show!

Anita Popelka (Viola) has been playing the viola for seven years now and continues to love it. On top of music, she enjoys painting, skiing, and reading in her free time. Anita is constantly looking for new experiences to take part of and this show, *The Sound of Music*, will be just that! She wants to thank her parents for always encouraging her to do the things she loves most. Every member of the Dexter Drama Club has worked hard on their spring musical, *The Sound of Music*, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Emily Prall^ (Brigitta) is in her third year in the Dexter Drama Club and has enjoyed many new experiences this year from being improv captain, going to New York and Thespian Festival, to writing and directing a 3D show, but being a part of this show has been one of her "favorite things," this year. She knows she won't be glad so say "so long, farewell" to it. She has "confidence" you will.

Anne Ralls (Austrian Townsperson). *The Sound of Music* is Annie's first show, and she's excited to be a part of the production. A sophomore, Annie is an Austrian Townsperson. She is also a member of the swim and basketball teams, and she loves to read.

Aly Robertson^ (Props Crew) is in 10th grade and is excited to be on props! This will be her 9th show with DDC. They hope this show will fill your heart with *The Sound of Music*.

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Kate Rossow^ (Tap Ensemble and Austrian Townsperson). This is Kate's seventh show with DDC and she is very happy to be back. She is very honored to be Dance Captain and help lead her fellow cast mates through tap dancing goats and ballroom blitz! She loves bringing shows like this to life with the magic of theater and hopes you sit back and enjoy the show!

Maya Roys (Props Crew) is a junior at Dexter High School and this is her 9th Dexter Drama Club production. She is on props crew for *The Sound of Music* but she has also been on sound crew, running crew, and publicity. She is so excited to be on props crew for the third time and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Brendan Sedlar (S.S. Officer). This here production hath been Brendan's fourth, and the first one that he had to watch the movie of, as he has not seen it before. He is the blondest one in the S.S. group, and he was confused by the ending of Grease. Why did the car fly? He didn't and still doesn't know. He hopes that you enjoy the show.

Dominic Shaw^ (Cello). This is Dominic's seventh show and first time in the Pit orchestra. He hopes you enjoy *The Sound of Music*!

Dani Sherman (Nun Ensemble) is excited for her first show with DDC, and she wants to thank The other nuns and the rest of the cast and crew for making this an amazing experience.

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Nick Sherman (Clarinet). For *The Sound of Music*, Nick will be playing clarinet as a member of the Pit Orchestra. This is Nick's 5th show, but it is their first time in the Pit. During their previous shows, they were a member of the Lights Crew, working as a spot operator. They hope you enjoy the show!

Anna Grace Smith (Piano) is excited for her second show with Dexter Drama Club. She loved getting to play the piano for Descendants, and can't wait to play the music of the all-time classic, *The Sound of Music*.

Ella Smith^ (Liesl). This is Ella's 9th show with DDC and she is beyond excited to be in this timeless show as Liesl! This show has been an extraordinary experience, thanks to all the hardworking people involved. Ella would like to thank her Von Trapp family/friends for making every rehearsal so much fun, as well as her real parents for always being her biggest support. She has confidence you will love the show!!

Layla Stewart (Props Crew) is a member of the Dexter Drama Club and she loves it. She would recommend it to many other people interested in joining. Her first 3 shows, she did sound and loved it. She is now in props and enjoys it just as much.

Echo Suino (Head of Costumes Stage One) This is Echo's 5th show with the Dexter Drama Club! As well as Echo's first time heading a crew! Echo loves Drama (especially costumes) and hopes you enjoy this production!

Caden Thisse (S.S Officer and Austrian Townsperson) is excited to be involved in his third Dexter Drama production. He previously did lighting for *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and appeared as "Joe" in The Final Rose for the 3D Productions last fall. He hopes you enjoy the show!

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Josh Treat^ (Tap Ensemble & Austrian Townsperson). This is Josh's seventh show with DDC. He is very excited to see his friends perform in this show. He is excited to be a part of bringing this show to life.

Chloe Van Noord (Clarinet) is in her second drama production. She's excited to be coming back for another show. When she's not in the pit she's in the marching band and on the golf team. While this is only her second show, she's looking forward to many more in the future. Enjoy the show!

Serena VanOrnum (Publicity Crew) loves working with the Drama Club and is excited to be finishing the year with Sound of Music! She wants to thank her family and friends for supporting her!

Violet Vrsek (Maid & Austrian Townsperson) loves the theatre and all of the friends she's made along the way! This show is going to remain in Violet's memories for the rest of her life.

Parker Williams (Violin) loves to sing, play the piano, violin, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and to fiddle around with all sorts of other instruments, but where he draws the line is dancing. Parker strongly dislikes dancing, so why not join the pit? Parker enjoyed pit so much that he had to do it again and play his first learned instrument, the violin. Who knows, maybe someday he'll end up on stage. In the meantime, he hopes you enjoy *The Sound of Music*.

Noah Wiseman (S.S. Guard & Austrian Townsperson) is a Junior and is performing his 11th Show with Dexter Drama Club. He has enjoyed getting to work with many of his friends on the production. He is excited for all of you to watch the show and hopes you enjoy.

Aidan Zeglis (Kurt) is a freshman in his first year in Dexter Drama Club. He's so excited to be a part of the wonderful cast and crew! Genießen Sie die Show (Enjoy the Show)!

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