

# ARTS

## Musical hits Hult stage

By Layne Lakefish  
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The vision of a woman named Maria galloping through the hillsides singing is a scene most people in this country would recognize.

The story of *The Sound of Music* is not an unfamiliar one. It's been around since 1959, and the production of the musical has grossed more than eighty million dollars.

This weekend the show will take to the Hult Center's Silva Concert Hall stage for two 8 p.m. performances, one on Friday night and the other on Saturday night. Tickets, which will cost \$25, \$22.50, \$18.50 and \$15, can be purchased by calling the Hult Center box office at 687-5000.

For anyone who might be a little rusty on the Von Trapp story, it goes as follows. Maria, a young woman in a convent, is sent away from her secure life to become a governess to seven young children.

The father of this household, a widowed Navy Captain, has run his house like a tight ship, but Maria eventually changes that. The result is the reviving of laughter, fun and, of course, song, into the once quiet home.

The production that is making its way to Eugene is a national touring company

from New York. "They revive Broadway plays and put them on tour," said Patricia Cusick, Hult Center assistant marketing director. "People can expect a touring Broadway caliber production."

*Variety* magazine said, "The show is one of the select list of about a dozen durable giants of the musical stage repertoire. It's a beautiful work."

The show will include a cast of 27 members, full sets, and "gorgeous costumes," Cusick said.

"Broadway musicals are what the people in this community want to see," Cusick said. "They are definitely strong sellers."

Because the musicals are big sellers, the Hult Center puts together a Broadway Series every year. *The Sound of Music* is the last of that series for this year.

"We're not aiming to sell out because we're doing this show two nights," Cusick said. "But this show, it will be the biggest seller in this year's series."

The Broadway show itself, originally the work of Rodgers and Hammerstein, has earned itself eight Tony awards and has been labeled New York musical theatre's fourth longest-running show.

Then, after its 1959 Broadway opening, Twentieth Century Fox secured the rights to the show, and in 1965, *The Sound of Music* opened as a motion picture. That film, which starred Julie Andrews, earned eight Academy Awards.



The musical *The Sound of Music* comes to Eugene's Hult Center's Silva Concert Hall for Friday and Saturday performances.

## Family Album show gives students opportunity to exhibit works

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Staff, volunteers and instructors from the EMU Craft Center are displaying their works at The Family Album Show in the EMU Fir Room through Feb. 17.

Sixty artists with over 120 pieces, many of which are for sale, are taking part in this 11th annual show.

"The exhibit allows us to show off our talents and to encourage students and staff to use our facility," said craft

center coordinator Tom Urban. "With the short time the show will be up, it is very worth people's time to come and see what we can do."

Included in the show are photographs, ceramics, jewelry, oil paintings, woodwork, stained glass, sculpture, and many other creative uses of media. This year's show also features a hand-made wedding dress.

Urban said that although all of the staff members at the center are experienced artists and craftspeople, many ex-

hibit their works only at these yearly shows.

"Having your work in a show does something to the piece," Urban said. "The atmosphere is cleaner, and the works take on a new form."

The craft show is also beneficial to artists not yet experienced or comfortable with displaying their work.

Work study student Sean Bolly is a first-time exhibitor in this year's show, and said he is excited about the public viewing his piece, the "Safe Sex Cart."

The cart, Bolly said, is "utilitarian" because it is both a creative and aesthetically pleasing work and will be used to encourage safe sex when complete. The project is commissioned by the Student Health Center and "can be taken out and wheeled down the street as the person behind it distributes condoms and safe sex literature," Bolly said.

Frank Gosar has been a potter at the Craft Center for three years and has a number of ceramic pieces in the show, including a Japanese sake set, a teapot

and a vase. "This show is the largest and certainly one of the best," he said.

Gosar said he is enthusiastic about selling the pieces as well as gaining valuable feedback. "When somebody is so touched that they must have a piece of your work — that is the ultimate review," he said.

The show will run through Feb. 17 in the EMU Fir Room. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 4 p.m. on weekends.

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