

Portland is alive with 'The Sound of Music'

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Do you sing in the shower? Do you sing along with the radio? Do you sing and pirouette in the aisles of the grocery store?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you may already be qualified to thoroughly enjoy Cinema 21's latest offering: "Sing-Along 'Sound of Music.'"

The 1965 film, which won five Academy Awards back in the day, hasn't been touched up or had scenes added—yes, I'm talking to you, you disappointed "ET" fans. The only change is the addition of subtitles during the song sequences so that everyone can join in the quasi-operatic goodness.

The hostess invites you to not only sing along, but also to hiss at the Baroness, boo the Nazis and more. The audience greets Rolf, the boy-next-door Nazi, with barking noises, and hails the Captain with "Hello, sailor!" They drum their feet

when the Nazis march into Salzburg, and march along with the children when they appear for inspection by Captain Von Trapp, and mimic the actions of other minor characters.

In case that didn't exceed all your expectations of coolness, the theater also hands out bags of goodies. Inside are invitations to the Captain's Ball, curtain-style fabric, edelweiss and firecrackers for waving/deploying during the appropriate songs.

Be sure to come in ahead of time, since important things happen before the show. Besides schooling the audience in how to participate, hostesses emcee several contests. Viewers are encouraged to dress up, and the crowd's costume picks receive Sound of Music themed prizes. Other prizes go to winners of a random drawing.

A note about the actual singing: don't worry. No one's going to look at you like you're crazy, because they're obviously in the same boat. The audience is comprised of fun-loving people, and they don't really care if you don't



Internet Photo

The audience was just as alive in song as Julie Andrews was in the recent showing of "The Sound of Music," at Cinema 21 in Portland.

know how the songs go or can't hit all the notes the Reverend Mother sings.

Still, a word to the wise: these people are hard-core in other ways. I suspect many of my fellow watchers knew the movie backward and forward. I almost wished the entire movie had subtitles, since the viewers sometimes couldn't contain their smart remarks. I couldn't tell what Maria said when the

Captain asked her why she came back, because some jerk in the front row yelled, "It was the schnitzel!" Mostly, though, the audience was respectful and didn't make as many distracting and/or off-color comments as I expected, possibly because I saw a matinee showing with a lot of kids.

Personally, it's beyond my grasp that someone wouldn't be excited about this. Whether

you've seen this classic musical once or one hundred times, or even if you've never heard of it, you'll love the excuse to bellow out "Climb Every Mountain." It's like singing in the shower, just in the dark, in costume, with prizes and a couple hundred other people.

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Horoscopes

by Maggie Jirasek

Aries (March 21- April 19):

Take care of chores that have been hanging over your head. Fitness or weight loss programs will help your self-esteem. Your lucky food: Lettuce.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Put your thoughts on paper. You will have an interesting dream one of these nights. Your lucky food: Rice with soy sauce.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

If you stay focused you might be able to catch two flies at the same time. You may lose a good friend if you don't stop arguing. Your lucky food: Chicken pie.

Cancer (June 21- July 22):

You will have splendid ideas for fundraiser events. You are in the mood to spend money this week. Your lucky food: Spaghetti.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

It's time to clean up the mess in your house. A family member will ask you for help this week. Your lucky food: Soup.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Now is the time to fight back. You have been waiting for this opportunity long enough. Your lucky food: Banana.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Get out and be more active! spiders will invade your house if

you don't pay attention. Your lucky food: Apple.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Be polite even if you are in a bad mood. Someone is trying to get you attention. Your lucky food: Mustard.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Allergies will appear as the

wetter gets nice. Make sure to drink plenty of water. Your lucky food: Tofu salad.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19):

Don't lend money or other types of belongings. It might get you into trouble. You will stay in a safer place. Embrace yourself. You may be your only friend. Your lucky food: Noodles.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You have to believe in yourself and your talents. Take the initiative and go after your goal. Your lucky food: BBQ bread.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

You can't live your life for other. Now it's time to be a little selfish and put you first. Your lucky food: Veggies.



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