

The Sound of Music

Notes from The Director

Dear 5th through 7th grade students who are planning to audition for “The Sound of Music”,

There are several principal children’s roles in this show for which you may be auditioning. Unlike last year’s show, “Annie”, this show does not call for a large youth ensemble/chorus, but only these principal roles. Therefore I am planning to do the following:

I going to form an “Austrian Youth Choir” comprised of select students who sing well but were not cast in one of the principal children’s roles. Together and under the direction of Mrs. Borbas, a music educator, this choir will prepare and sing Austrian folk music in the auditorium lobby prior to each performance while the audience members purchase tickets and wait to find their seats. I am considering other opportunities to showcase these performers as well. I may have them sing on stage at the end of the intermission as an invitation for audience members to return to their seats and/or I may have them sing in Act 2, Scene 6, which is the concert hall scene. I would like to have these choir members dressed in period costumes in the Bavarian style. As an extension of the ensemble, these participants will be asked to help assemble their own costumes. Lederhosen would be perfect but it is likely that a white, collared dress shirt and dark dress pants or dark skirt will be the foundation of their costume.

If you have any questions students and/or parents feel free to email me at msteinberg@rsd6.org.

Thank you,

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