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This Hill Was Alive . . . With *The Sound of Music!*

If you had asked the cast two months ago, none of them could have anticipated that all three shows of *The Sound of Music* would sell out before the weekend even began. Audiences afterwards said MLC's production was the most fantastic rendition of the classic story they'd ever seen.

"When I was cast as Maria," says **Alli Dorn** (*Illinois LHS / Trinity-Crete IL*), "I was in disbelief, completely humbled, and excited for the experience ahead of me. During the show I learned so much from the staff and actors and actresses around me. Everyone was so supportive, and it meant so much."

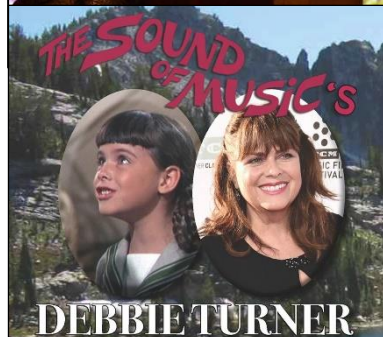
Almost 50 students were involved with this year's musical, with children from the community playing the younger von Trapps.

"The musical was such a blessing," says **Will DeMarce** (*LPS / Grace-Oskaloosa IA*), who played Captain von Trapp. "It made my transition into my first year here incredibly easy, and I met so many amazing people. Working with the kids was an incredible and inspiring experience. They had so much energy and worked so hard, it was infectious. I'm going to miss seeing them every day."

The Forum staff puts on four productions a year, and each one is a must-see. The bond between cast members, crew volunteers, and student directors is unforgettable, and they're always looking for new talent. Consider auditioning when you come to campus, and you won't regret it!



Back: **Lydia Wasserman** (*Luther / Mt. Calvary-La Crosse WI*) as Liesl, **Alli Dorn** as Maria, **Will DeMarce** as Captain von Trapp, **Hannah Heyer** (*FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI*) as Louisa, **Caleb Carlovsky** as Friedrich; front: **Aubree Schmidt** as Marta, **Holly Klammer** as Gretl, **Dora Grubbs** as Brigitta, and **Isaiah Scharf** as Kurt



Grown-Up Marta Comes to the Hill

MLC's Aulic organization contacted Debbie Turner, the actress who played Marta von Trapp in the original 1965 *Sound of Music* movie. She came to campus and spoke about her acting experience—working with Julie Andrews and spending months abroad as an 8-year-old movie star. She elaborated on how she got the part and how she continued her education, and then highlighted her favorite scenes.

"It was an awesome experience to listen to her speak about her time filming," says **Luke Dorn** (*Luther / St. John-Lewiston MN*). "I enjoyed looking at all the pictures she had of the set and candid photos of the von Trapp family that were never made public."

"Sometimes you forget that they're real people and not just the characters they play," adds **Emily Schmidt** (*KML / Crown of Life-Hubertus WI*). "It was fascinating to hear what things were like behind the scenes and how the cast are still friends today."

Aulic has a knack for finding interesting people to speak to our students and community, and they sure delivered with Debbie Turner! She visited with MLC's cast afterwards, and they loved every minute.