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Shows on 13/14/15 November 2014

German premiere of Broadway musical "The Sound of Music"

(Hamburg, 29 October, 2014) November promises a highlight to all fans of musicals: A student ensemble of the International School of Hamburg (ISH) performs "The Sound of Music" for the very first time on a German school stage. The composition by the Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein celebrated its world premiere on Broadway in 1959. Tickets (€5/€10) for the (English) performances on 13/14/15 November are available at the school's reception desk.

The 25 male and female Secondary School students of ISH have chosen a highly regarded piece of musical history. "The Sound of Music" saw more than 1.400 performances on Broadway won a total of 5 Tony Awards, the most important theater and musical award in the United States. Two of its songs ("The Sound of Music" and "Do Re Mi") made it onto the list of the top 100 movie songs and the movie adaptation of 1965 ranks number 4 on the list of the most important musical films of all times.

Be it song, dance, acting, set design, make-up or stagecraft: The ensemble and its directors do it all themselves. Since the very beginning of the school year they have been rehearsing the upbeat family-friendly musical several times a week. According to Andrew Cross, Secondary School Principal: "ISH has a long tradition of excellence in performing arts. This year we are particularly delighted to be able to perform "The Sound of Music", one of the most popular musicals of all time. Everyone's very welcome to join us for a wonderfully entertaining evening with our singing and dancing students."

Musical "The Sound of Music"

Story Line

"The Sound of Music" (Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse) is set in Austria just before WWII. The musical is based on the true story of Maria Rainer, novice at the cloister of Nonneburg near Salzburg. From there she is sent to Baron von Trapp to take care of his seven kids. The widower and former naval Captain pays much more attention to his new partner Elsa Schrader than to his children. Maria fills that gap in the lives of the small ones by teaching them song and dance. It's the beginning of an exciting career as a family choir....

Ensemble and art direction

The ensemble consists of 25 male and female students of various nationalities (grades 7-10). Led by music teacher Chris Graham the band comprises both students and professional musicians. The musical production as a whole developed as a result of the cooperation between 3 teachers at ISH: Emma Avila Collazos (Direction), Michiel de Beer (Music Direction), and Alexia Delbridge (Choreography).

Performance dates

13/14/15 November 2014 from 19-21.45h (20 minutes break)

Tickets

Tickets are available as of 2 November at ISH's reception desk (open Mo-Fr 8-16.30h, phone reservation 040/8000 50-0). Price: €10 for adults, €5 for students and youths

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International School of Hamburg (ISH)

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