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Broadway Rose Theatre Company is Alive with the Sound of Music

Tigard, OR – The Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 2012 season of Great Escapes with one of the most beloved musicals of all time, *The Sound of Music*. This classic and endearing musical is based on the book *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*. It features an unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi" and "Climb Ev'ery Mountain." *The Sound of Music* will be performed at the Deb Fennell Auditorium. Preview performance is June 28 with opening night on **Friday, June 29**, and performances continue through **July 22**, **2012**. Evening performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, July 14 and 21. **The Deb Fennell Auditorium** is located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard. Tickets **start at \$30** for adults, with discounts available for groups and youth. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit <u>www.broadwayrose.org</u> or call the box office at 503.620.5262.

When a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval captain. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her love of music and generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern captain, and they marry. Upon returning from their honeymoon they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis, who demand the captain's immediate service. The family's narrow escape over the mountains to Switzerland on the eve of World War II provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in the theater. With its unforgettable score that includes musical favorites like "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," and "The Lonely Goatherd," *The Sound of Music* is the perfect family musical experience.

The music for *The Sound of Music* was written by Richard Rodgers with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein. It was the last collaboration between the prolific writing team. The book is by Howard Lindsey and Russell Crouse and was suggested by "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers."

The Broadway Rose cast of *The Sound of Music* includes Leah Yorkston as Maria, Isaac Lamb as Captain Von Trapp, and Margie Boulé as the Mother Superior. The production is directed by Sharon Maroney with musical direction by Alan D. Lytle.

Broadway Rose's Title Sponsor is **Platt Electric Supply**. Production Sponsor for *The Sound of Music* is **Pearson Financial**, and the Media Sponsor is **The Oregonian**. Broadway Rose's 2012 season is funded in part by the **Regional Arts & Culture Council** and **Work for Art** as well as the **Oregon Arts Commission** and **the City of Tigard**.

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a not-for-profit arts organization, has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney. As the only professional musical theater company in Washington County, Broadway Rose plays an important role in enriching the community's cultural arts. Committed to increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts and working to retain Portland's talent pool and attract new talent to the area, Broadway Rose is resolved to keep live theater affordable and make its productions accessible to all ages and members of the community. The Broadway Rose Theatre was selected as one of the "100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon" by Oregon Business Magazine in 2009, 2010, and 2011, and it was selected as the 2009 "Business of the Year" by the Tigard Chamber of Commerce.

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