

# Spotlight on...

# Fremont Community Theatre



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## THE (PAINTED) HILLS (ON THE FCT STAGE) ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The ever popular musical, **The Sound of Music**, is back after nearly ten years and ready to entertain audiences of all ages at the Fremont Community Theatre. This show is the final collaboration between Rodgers and Hammerstein and represents one of their most beloved musicals. With such memorable songs as “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi,” “Edelweiss,” and the inspiring “Climb Every Mountain,” you’ll be humming these show tunes for weeks to follow.

Our journey with this musical began in February with a Saturday audition for children. With nearly fifty children trying out for seven roles, it was tough deciding whom to cast. We did end up casting two different groups of kids to portray the Von Trapp family and they will perform on an alternating schedule. The adult cast was then selected next. Toss in a Captain and a Maria, an excellent group of singing nuns, a talented supporting cast, and a few Nazi officers and you have a wonderful family show.

Next we started our musical rehearsals. Under the direction of Darla Brown with help on the piano from Bill Burkett, Linda Bell, and Donella Wilt, the cast began to learn their notes for each of the songs. With each practice, you could hear the confidence in their

voices grow as they began to blend together with better harmonies. Orchestra rehearsals are also now under way with approximately twelve musicians scheduled to fill the FCT pit.

The set went up faster than usual and is still being worked on every Saturday. Thanks to a dedicated crew of workers (Hank Povolny, Pete Lowry, Tim Bolton, Mike Fraley, Michael PJ Foos ) helping out every week. You can bet that once Mitch Antesky and his crew add their special touches to the set, it will look spectacular.

Sue Stotz and her bevy of seamstresses have also been kept busy sewing habits, dresses, and lots of other costumes for the

show. Kendra Keegan will also be choreographing many of the musical numbers while Randy J. Brown and Mindie Ottney are busy blocking and working with the actors as the director and assistant director respectively.

It sure has been a hectic spring, full of lots of rehearsals. But come opening night, we hope to have a top-notch show for Fremont and all the surrounding areas to see. We invite you all to call and reserve your seats early for this show. Production dates are **May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22** with Friday and Saturday shows beginning at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday matinees at 2:00 P.M.. Reservations can be made by calling **419-332-0695**.

### CAST

Maria Rainer.....Candi Barickman  
Captain Georg von Trapp.....Tim Bolton  
The Mother Abbess.....Mary Jo Foos  
Sister Berthe.....Kendra Keegan  
Sister Margaretta.....Mandy Burris  
Sister Sophie .....Stephanie Book  
Franz.....Mike Amos  
Frau Schmidt.....Brittney Forster  
Liesl.....Delilah Foos, Alex Bell  
Friedrich.....Sam Detwiler, Josh Heard  
Louisa.....Allison Hohman,  
.....Jessica Holland  
Kurt.....Isaac Fraley, Ryan Book  
Brigitta.....Taylor Adams, Kayla Hunter  
Marta...Sophia Estep, Addison Burmeister  
Gretl.....Zoe Holland, Rebecca Holland  
Rolf Gruber.....Ethan Craft  
Elsa Schraeder.....Donielle Yates  
Max Detwiler.....Jeff Buchanan  
Herr Zeller.....Mike Fraley  
Baron Elberfeld.....Brandon Wurgess  
Admiral von Schreiber.....John Brewer

Nuns/ Postulants/ Chorus.....  
Courtney Cantu, Laura Buchanan, Claire Zimmerman, kyleigh Harrison, Lauren Raymond, Julia Dagg, Ember Ollom, Becky Holland, Cindy Estep, Brittney Forster



## NEW BOARD & OFFICERS ELECTED

The annual election meeting was held on April 16th at the Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church.

Members voted in the new officers and board members.

President:

Tim Bolton

Vice President:

Pete Lowry

Treasurer:

Cyndi Hineline

Secretary:

Claire Zimmerman

New board members:

Sue Doell, Hilary Frater, and Sue Stotz

Continuing board

members:

Jeff Buchanan, Becky White

## SECOND YOUTH CAMP IS GOING TO THE DOGS

The 2011 summer Youth Theatre camp will be held July 25-29, August 1-5, (Mon-Fri 1-4 PM) with performances on August 6 @ 7 PM and August 7 @ 2 PM.

Auditions this year will be Sunday, July 17 @ 6 PM. Pending approval of the rights, this years camp will prepare the budding musical theatre stars of tomorrow by performing Disney's *101 Dalmations*. A large cast

with major speaking and singing roles along with a large chorus is needed for this fast, fun energetic musical. All former campers will receive registration info by mail, new participants ages 6-12 should leave contact info at the theatre business line, 419-332-0775. Join the Fremont Community Youth Theatre facebook page for more upcoming details or [www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org).

## PLAY IN A DAY AT BSA

An exciting 24 hour theatre event is coming to a theater near you! FCT's own Mitch Antesky is founder and artistic director for PLAY IN A DAY hosted by the Bellevue Society for the Arts, June 24 & 25th.

For those of you who might not understand how PLAY IN A DAY or 24-hour theatre works, here's the nutshell. On a Friday night, a group of dedicated actors, writers, directors and techies gather. During a social get-to-know-each other hour, head shots are taken. A very brief one-minute audition process begins and within the first hour, directors have selected casts. At 10 p.m., actors and directors go home and

sleep. A predetermined number of writing teams then begin the process of writing a short 10-15 minute play to be written, rehearsed and performed at 8 p.m. the next day, ready or not! To keep the shows fresh, a variety of randomly chosen themes and mystery props must somehow be incorporated into each show. Writers work through the night and by Saturday morning, the shows are ready for the directors to read finished versions, then writing teams go home and soon the casts are back to begin the memorizing and rehearsal process. Techies begin finding props, costumes and even working on a limited scale building or creating any special

items that have appeared in the new scripts! Rehearsal times on stage are shared and much practice is staged wherever one can find a quiet corner. After quick meals and some more rehearsals, the curtain goes up Saturday night on a group of world premiere works, the general public sits back and is amazed at what they are watching, knowing NONE of it existed one day earlier!

This event is open to anyone who is interested in joining the fun for a first time experience or a lightning fast paced version of what you already do so well. More information can be found by joining the PLAY IN A DAY group Facebook page or contacting Mitch at 419-356-6959, Registration fees cover an event T-shirt, snacks and beverages throughout the event. A

dessert reception is planned immediately following the performances at the Maple Street theatre, Bellevue. The evening is highlighted then by adjacent fireworks at dusk during the Bellevue Community Days Festival.

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- Please circle Saturday evening, June 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Our annual Laurels awards banquet will be held that evening at the Fremont Federation of Women. Letters with details will be going out

## NEWS BRIEFS:

- soon.
- The Northwest Ohio OCTAfest will be held June 10-12 in Maumee. FCT will be taking an excerpt from *Leaving Iowa*.
- FCT has purchased 8 booster seats. Please let your usher know if you require one for your child.

**Proudly presenting the 56 TH season**

**OUR TOWN**

*by Thornton Wilder*

**October 7,8,9,14,15,16 2011**

**NUNCRACKERS**

Book, Music and Lyrics by Dan Goggin

**December 2,3,4,9,10,11 2011**

**OUT OF STERNO**

*By Deborah Zoe Laufer*

**January 20,21,22,27,28,29 2012**

**THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR**

*By Jones, Hope and Wooten*

**March 9,10,11,16,17,18 2012**

**THE SECRET GARDEN**

*Book and Lyrics by Marsha Norman*

**May 4,5,6,11,12,13,18,19,20 2012**

**SEASON TICKETS**

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(Age 55 & Over)

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## FCT TEENS TO PERFORM *HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL*

Hello! Now is the time of year when teen theatre members are closing their high school plays and bringing their talents to the community stage. We recently chose the summer teen theatre show.

This year's production will be Disney's *HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL*. The show consists of six lead roles, a few minor roles, and a large chorus. The chorus participates in musical numbers that require great vocal talent and exciting choreography. The musical consists of the famil-

iar songs heard in the movie version. Teen advisor Randy Brown is excited to be directing this well-loved musical with its familiar plot and popular music.

Auditions will be May 8th and 9th at 6:30. Teens age 13 through 19 may audition. Please bring a prepared song with sheet music. A pianist will be provided by FCTT. You will also be asked to read from the script and possibly learn a portion of choreography.

*HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL* production dates are July 15, 16, 17, and 22, 23, 24. We encourage interested teens in becoming an official member of FCTT. To do so, please pay \$5 to advisors Randy Brown or Joe Bibler or to vice president Aaron Brown. Paid members are invited to meetings and permitted to vote on teen theatre issues, elections, and future productions.

Our next meeting will be held at FCT at 1:00 on May 7th. If you are not a member, you

are still welcomed to attend the meeting to see what we are all about.

Teen theatre is a great way to meet friends from many different schools in and around the Fremont area. Your teen theatre memories and friends will be close to your heart for the rest of your life!

*Delilah Foos*, FCTT President



## NOTES FROM 'DA PREZ'

An old Chinese proverb (from the AACT website): "Tell me and I'll forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I'll understand."

When I was a little kid, my folks talked about going to a show at the local community theatre, except in my home town, it was called a civic theatre. I quickly forgot about the planned outing, but to this day, I remember attending the actual performance, which was a puppet show about Rumpelstiltskin

(well, maybe it was a different story, but I know it was played with puppets!) As I grew up, we saw several shows there, the most memorable one being "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" -- my brothers and I just loved the Snoopy character and his "Supper" song. It wasn't until my teen years though, when I got a part in my first community/civic theatre production, that I really started to find out what this community theatre thing was all about. Over 32 years later, I'm

still "finding out", and enjoying it just as much as that first puppet show.

And in case you don't see the value in the experiences we amateur thespians share, another quote from the AACT site:

"An actor without techies is a naked person standing in the dark trying to emote. A techie without actors is a person with marketable skills." --

Mark Leslie

This final quote from John Kander, of the songwriting team Kander and Ebb, helps to explain why we tend to stay involved once we get here : "There is a kind of classlessness in the theater. The rehearsal pianist, the head carpenter, the stage manager, the star of the show--all are family."

Please consider joining our FCT family.

— *Tim Bolton*, FCT president

## HELP FCT AS YOU SHOP AT KROGER

Help FCT by shopping at Kroger. Fremont Community Theatre (FCT) is a part of Kroger's Community Rewards program!

Now members, family, and friends of FCT can designate FCT to receive points in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. By participating in this program you will be painlessly donating to FCT

whenever you shop at Kroger and use your Plus card at checkout. This will in no way reduce your discounts at Kroger stores or gas stations. It's simply the method Kroger has chosen to distribute 5 million dollars to charitable organizations like ours.

This past season, our first time with this program, Kroger do-

nated over \$105 to FCT thanks to seven families who chose FCT to receive this free-to-you benefit!

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May 6-8, 13-15, 20-22.....*The Sound of Music*  
May 7.....Teen meeting, 1pm  
May 8-9 .....Teen Theatre auditions, 6:30pm  
May 17.....board meeting, 7pm  
June 10-12.....Northwest OCTAfest  
June 18.....Laurels awards banquet  
June 21.....board meeting, 7pm  
June 24-25.....Play in a Day at BSA  
July 25-29, Aug. 1-5.....Youth Theatre Camp  
August 6-7.....Youth Camp performances

