

'Sound of Music' to hit the big screen April 13

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The plains are alive with the Sound of Music! Phillips County Arts Council in conjunction with the Peerless Theatre are bringing locals the unique opportunity to watch one of the most beloved musicals of all time on the big screen.

Sound of Music will be presented in crystal clear Blu-ray digital projection and sound Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Peerless Theatre.

“When you see it up on the big screen—that’s cool,” said organizer Joe Hall. “I got goosebumps!”

Movie-goers are encouraged to stay for a fun sing-a-long to selected Sound of Music songs following the showing of this wonderful family classic.

Phillips County Arts Council will be taking donations for a commemorative program to raise funds for their annual concert series. A portion of the proceeds from the concession stand will also go to this local organization.

The mission of Phillips County Arts Council is to bring the residents of Phillips County the best in arts-related activities. “When a community shows a strong foundation for the arts and an atmosphere where the culture of creativity is supported, it simply makes it a better place to live,” said Hall.

The Story of the Trapp Family Singers, a 1949 memoir written by Maria Augusta von Trapp, and The Trapp Family, a 1956 West German film about the von Trapp family, were the inspirations for The Sound of Music.

The successful Broadway musical, with music and lyrics by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened in the fall of 1959. It was later produced as a popular U.S. motion picture, earning five Academy Awards including the honor of Best Picture in 1965.

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The movie follows the life of Maria (Julie Andrews) who is hired to be the governess for the seven children of Georg von Trapp (Christopher Plummer) in 1930s Austria. Maria's kindness, understanding and sense of fun brings some much-needed joy into the von Trapp family.

Many of the songs from the much-loved musical have become classics, including The Sound of Music, Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Climb Ev'ry Mountain and Do-Re-Mi.