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DIRECTOR'S SPOTLIGHT | JULIE REINBOLD

Watching **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**, with Julie Andrews, was always a ritual at my house when I was growing up. Although I have seen it multiple times (the movie and on-stage), been in it, and, now, directed it twice, I still get goosebumps when the Reverend Mother tells the Von Trapp family, "You'll have help. 'For Ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and hills shall break forth before you into singing.'" Then, the Von Trapps bravely set out over that mountain, away from the Nazis and the oppression that had invaded Austria. It seems, to me, a broader metaphor. The journey of life is often arduous, challenging, and,



sometimes, even harrowing; yet, we are granted those people in our lives who aid and support us in our journey. I am grateful to those who have helped bring this production of **G2K THE SOUND OF MUSIC** to life, and I am appreciative of the opportunity to work with these precious families and young people at GCT. Thank you for supporting live theatre in our community. Enjoy the show!

Julie Reinbold

5 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

1. The musical's original title? The Singing Heart.
2. The von Trapps did escape Austria as the Nazis came to power, but they didn't flee over the Alps, they got on a train to Italy and then traveled to America, where they had a concert tour scheduled. The day after they left, Hitler ordered the Austrian borders shut.
3. It Was The Last Rodgers And Hammerstein Musical.
4. When the von Trapps came to America they settled in Stowe, Vermont. They opened the Trapp Family Lodge, which is operational to this day.
5. Adjusted for inflation, it's one of the highest grossing films ever made, right behind *Gone With the Wind* and *Star Wars*.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mother Abbess	Audrey Chatfield
Maria	Molly Waugh
Sister Berthe	Ava Ciaramitaro
Sister Margareta	Megan Waugh
Sister Sophia	Rebekah Wallace
Captain von Trapp	Christopher Loftis
Frau Schmidt	Caroline Davis
Franz	Lori Pound
Liesl	Abby Hetherington
Friedrich	Patrick Loftis
Louisa	Dilyn Kim Doherty
Kurt	Lucca Scarpace
Brigitta	Fontana Cary
Marta	Melody Loftis/ Lila Amen
Rolf	Micah Loftis
Gretl	Ellie-Dot Sawyer
Max	Robert Ferguson
Herr Zeller	Colby Corkran
Baron Elberfeld	Walker Askins
Admiral von Schreiber	Kieffer Ferguson
German Officials	Nathan Jones, Walker Askins
Trio of the Saengerbund	Jason Lindow, Victoria Lindow, Tessa Loftis
First soloist of Choir of St. Agathe's Church	Megan Spillyards
Nuns	Megan Spillyards, Kiki Southern, Laree Carter, Emma Holley, Callie Sparkman, Micaela DeCremer, Mary Parish, Sophie Younker, Isabella Littleton, Annie Holley, Natalie Austria
Ensemble	Melody Loftis, Lila Amen, Victoria Lindow, Jason Lindow, Tessa Loftis, Emery Jones, Cate Sparkman, Alexandra Holloman, Colby Corkran, Kieffer Ferguson, Nathan Jones, Walker Askins, Megan Spillyards, Kiki Southern, Isabella Littleton, Annie Holley, Mary Parish, Sophie Younker, Laree Carter, Emma Holley, Callie Sparkman, Natalie Austria, Micaela DeCremer

WHO'S WHO



LILA AMEN

(*Marta/Ensemble*) is excited to return to GCT! She is a 5th grader at Richland Elementary. Past credits at GCT include THE MUSIC MAN JR. (Amaryllis). She has also been in shows with Stage Door Production. When not in rehearsal she is busy at Ballet Memphis perfecting ballet skills. Thank you to the best director, Ms. Julie! Happy Birthday to Nana!

fecting ballet



NATALIE AUSTRIA

(*Nun/Ensemble*) This is Natalie's second time on the GCT stage, having performed in THE MUSIC MAN JR. last summer. She recently completed middle school at Colonial, where she was part of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program. Natalie has also performed in ALADDIN JR. and LION KING at Colonial, and THE GHOST TALE OF MR. DICKENS with

Stage Door Productions. She will be a freshman at Central this fall.



LAREE CARTER

(*Nun/Ensemble*) Laree is a junior at HHS involved in the visual arts, theatre and chorale programs. Recent credits: Ensemble, 42ND STREET, HHS, (Best Overall Production at the Orpheum HSMTA), and Charles Wallace, A WRINKLE IN TIME, HHS. Laree was recognized at the 2016 Summer Conservatory at POTS with the Scholarship Award. Thank you to everyone at GCT for this wonderful opportunity!

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FONTANA CARY

(*Brigitta*) Fontana Cary is an eighth grader at St. Louis School. She is excited to return to the GCT stage for this terrific show! Fontana has performed in many productions throughout our local theaters. She was last seen in A CHRISTMAS CAROL at Theatre Memphis. Fontana is very grateful for this wonderful cast and crew! Huge thanks to the amazing Ms. Reinbold!

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AVA CIARAMITARO

(*Sister Berthe*) Ava Ciaramitaro is an 8th grader at Houston Middle School. Ava is in the HMS band. Past performances include Rising Stars Talent Show, The Delta Fair, The Farm Park and acting in multiple fairytale trail productions through GCT. She loves Harry Potter, church camp, reading,

rescuing and caring for animals in need and friends and family.

AUDREY CHATFIELD

(*Mother Abbess*) A rising sophomore at Lausanne Collegiate School, Audrey has appeared in many school productions, including THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, IF IT'S MONDAY THIS MUST BE CHRISTMAS, and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. She last appeared at GCT in A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD. A few of Audrey's favorite things are musical theatre, reality TV, coffee and Taylor Swift.



CAROLYN DAVIS

(*Frau Schmidt*) Caroline is thrilled to be back on the GCT stage! She is a rising 7th grader at ECS and was most recently seen in the middle school production of PETER PAN. Caroline loves singing, art, karate, and acting, but she mainly wants to know another word for Thesaurus. She thanks Miss Julie and GCT for this opportunity and her friends and family for guidance and support!



MICHAELA DECREMER

(*Nun/Ensemble*) will be a 7th grader at Houston Middle School. She has performed in several musicals and this is her second performance at GCT. She enjoys singing, dancing, writing, drawing, editing and playing with her cat Max. She has really enjoyed being cast in the show and is grateful for the opportunity to perform!



DILYN KIM DOHERTY

(*Louisa*) is a sophomore at Arlington High and she is very excited to be in her first show with GCT! Some of her favorite credits include : THE MATCHMAKER (Ermengarde) at AHS, A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Ghost of Christmas Past) at Theatre Memphis, and CAPTAIN LOUIE (Amy) at NDCT. She is so blessed to have this opportunity. Isaiah 53:5.



KIEFFER FERGUSON

(*Admiral Von Schreiber/Ensemble*) Kieffer is a rising seventh grader at Riverdale School. He has been involved in various productions, including OKLAHOMA, PETER PAN JR., THE WIZARD OF OZ JR., and MR. TOAD'S MAD ADVENTURES. He loves hanging out with his friends and family and singing in the Riverdale Middle School Choir. A big thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make this musical happen, including Miss Julie, Allison and the GCT family! Kieffer is very grateful to be apart of this show!



WHO'S WHO



ROBERT FERGUSON

(Max) Robert is a rising junior at Houston High School where he was a part of the award-winning cast of 42ND STREET. He has been involved in acting since "Miss Julie" cast him as The Boy in GCT's production of THE VELVETEEN RABBIT at nine years old. When Robert is not at school or performing, he is an avid fan of

"The Office" re-runs and playing with his dog, Savannah. Robert would like to thank Julie Reinbold, Allison Miller, The GCT and the cast and crew of The Sound of Music for this incredible opportunity to play Max.



ABBY HETHERINGTON

(Liesl) is so excited to take the GCT stage with an amazing cast and perform this classic story! She has taken part in 15 productions from all around Memphis, her most recent credits include THE LITTLE MERMAID (NDCT), THE MUSIC MAN JR. (GCT), and A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Theatre Memphis). In her free time, she enjoys singing and

playing the ukulele. Enjoy the show!! Psalm 46:1



ANNIE HOLLEY

(Nun/Ensemble) is an incoming freshman at Houston High School. She has previously performed with Theatre Memphis, GCT, Harrell Theatre, Houston High School, and Stage Door Productions. She likes to thank the whole cast and crew and directing team for this fun experience. Thank you to those who have taught and guided me in all my efforts.



EMMA HOLLEY

(Nun/Ensemble) Emma will be an 11th grader at Houston High School. She has both crewed and been in the cast of 16 musical theater productions. Her most recent show was Houston High School's 42ND STREET, where she played Phyllis Dale. She enjoys playing tennis, singing, tap dancing and hanging out with her friends and family.



ALEXANDRA HOLLAMAN

(Ensemble) Alexandra Symone Holloman is a relative newcomer to theater. She has performed in THE MUSIC MAN JR. (GCT) and as "Grand Wizard" in CAN-CAN in a side-by-side concert with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra at Oak Forest Elementary. She loves to sing

and dance at every opportunity and looks forward to other theatrical opportunities.

NATHAN JONES

(German Official / Ensemble)

Nathan Jones is a third grader at Richland Elementary and is excited to return to the GCT stage! Previous roles include Michael Darling in PETER PAN at POTS, Winthrop in THE MUSIC MAN JR. at GCT, & Tiny Tim in A CHRISTMAS CAROL at TM. He would like to thank Ms Julie for this opportunity, and his family/friends for their support!



EMERY JONES

(Ensemble) Emery is excited to be making her GCT debut.

She has previously been in THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGENT EVER at Harrell Theatre. She is 6 years old and is an upcoming 1st grader at Riverdale Elementary. She likes to sing and dance and loves unicorns. When she grows up she wants to be an artist and crafter like her Aunt Bunny or be a marine biologist so she can play with dolphins and see a star fish.



JASON LINDOW

(Trio of the Saengerbund/ Ensemble)

Jason is excited to make his stage debut. Previous acting experience has been a couple years with GCT Fairy Tale Trail. Jason is a homeschool 3rd grader who also enjoys soccer & playing with his cat Loki.



VICTORIA LINDOW

(Trio of the Saengerbund/ Ensemble)

This is Victoria's fourth performance with GCT's A.C.T. and she has loved working with this cast and staff and Ms. Julie again! Victoria is a sixth grade homeschool student who also enjoys soccer and horseback riding.



ISABELLA LITTLETON

(Nun/Ensemble) Isabella is

excited to be returning to GCT, having previously been seen in their Senior Conservatory Camp AIDA and last summer's production of THE MUSIC MAN JR. In addition to GCT, Isabella recently played the role of Mrs. Darbus in St. Mary's production of HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR. When Isabella isn't singing she can be found baking something sweet in the kitchen!



WHO'S WHO



CHRISTOPHER LOFTIS
(*Capt. Von Trapp*) just completed his freshman year at Houston High School where he was class president, award-winning member of DECA, and the Houston High School Band. He enjoys playing trumpet, basketball, and reading anything related to American history. Past stage appearances include Marcellus (MUSIC MAN JR.), curly (GETTING TO KNOW OKLAHOMA - at Riverdale), & King of Hearts (ALICE IN WONDERLAND). This is his 7th appearance on the GCT stage. He will be a sophomore with HomeLife Academy in the fall. Molly, thanks for being a great friend and outstanding leading lady. Loved all the "Booyah!" moments. I won't forget them. Thanks to Ms. Julie, Leah, Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Allison, and all the cast for making this a great show. 2 Timothy 2:15



MELODY LOFTIS
(*Marta*) is thrilled to be playing the part of Marta this year. Her past performances include MUSIC MAN JR., ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR., PETER PAN JR. and SLEEPING BEAUTY JR. all here at GCT. This rising 4th grader with HomeLife Academy enjoys singing, art, ballet, soccer, and clarinet. Thank you, Ms. Julie, for giving me the opportunity to play Marta. It's my new favorite role! I would also like to thank Ms. Cheryl for her encouragement and good advice this summer. Thanks also to Ms. Allison and Ms. Leah for making the journey so much fun. Colossians 3:23



MICAH LOFTIS
(*Rolf*) has spent most of 2017 recovering from hip surgery due to a condition called SCFE. He's been looking forward to being well enough for this production! This is his 6th GCT appearance following his favorite role of Oliver Hix in THE MUSIC MAN JR. Micah loves to sing, act, and play sports. He will be in the 8th grade with

HomeLife Academy in the fall. Thank you, Ms. Julie, for casting me in this role. Thanks Mom and Dad for driving us everywhere we need to go. Philippians 4:13.



PATRICK LOFTIS
(*Friedrich*) will be a 6th grader with HomeLife Academy in the fall. He first took the GCT stage as an Oompah Loompah in WILLY WONKA JR. at the age of 4. Since then, he's participated in four other GCT productions with his brothers and sisters. Besides acting, his favorite activities are baseball, playing with Legos, and working with computers. Thank you

to Ms. Julie, Ms. Leah, Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Allison, and Ms. Tammy for helping me continue my acting pursuits! Philippians 4:13.

TESSA LOFTIS

(*Trio of Saengerbund/Ensemble*) is a rising 2nd grader with HomeLife Academy. This is her second production with her brothers and sisters at GCT, following THE MUSIC MAN JR. A few of her favorite things are reading, art, and crafts. She would like to thank Ms. Julie and all of the GCT staff for making this such a fun experience. John 3:16



MARY PARISH

(*Nun/Ensemble*) Residing in Collierville, Mary Parish is in the sixth grade and is home-schooled. Mary was a part of the ensemble for ANNIE JR. at the Kroc Center and has also been in several productions at GBC with the Hosanna choir. She is excited to join Germantown Community Theater in THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Mary also enjoys ballet, swimming, and gymnastics.



ELLIE-DOT SAWYER

(*Gretl*) Ellie started her future in the public eye as a LeBonheur Hospital child representative, cutting the ribbon for the opening of the Brian Selznick exhibit at the Dixon gallery at age 4. She landed the role of Dorothy in THE WIZARD OF OZ at her school and is on her sixth year as a drummer for the Renegades of Rhythm.



LUCCA SCARPACE

(*Kurt*) is a fourth grade home-school student. This marks his 5th theatre production. He was recently seen as older Simba in THE LION KING JR. Lucca enjoys singing, dancing, acting, drawing, playing the piano, and playing basketball. He would like to thank Miss Julie and the entire cast, crew, and production team for this wonderful opportunity and experience.



KIKI SOUTHERN

(*Nun/Ensemble*) is thrilled to be a part of the cast of The Sound of Music. Previous roles include July in ANNIE JR, Young Nala in THE LION KING and the Dodo bird in ALICE IN WONDERLAND - all at Farmington Elementary. This fall she will be part of the cast of HAIRSPRAY with Stage Door Productions at the Kroc. Thank you to Ms Julie, Ms Alison and their crew for all the support.



WHO'S WHO



CALLIE SPARKMAN

(*Nun/Ensemble*) is thrilled to be playing the part of a Nun in her second performance with Germantown Community Theatre. Callie has previously performed in various productions around town, most recently as a Storyteller in SHREK JR. and Rafiki in THE LION KING JR. She loves to sing, dance, draw, and

spend time with friends and family. This is an extra special performance for Callie, as her little sister Cate joins her on stage for the first time.



CATE SPARKMAN

(*Ensemble*) could not be more excited to perform in her very first play! She just turned 7 and is about to start 2nd grade at Riverdale Elementary. Cate loves to sing with her sister, swim in her mermaid tail, and keep her friends and family laughing with her crazy antics! Cate also likes to tumble and is a cheerleader at Memphis

Pride. Cate would like to thank her big sister, Callie, for helping show her the ropes on her first production.



MEGAN SPILLYARDS

(*Nun/Ensemble*) will be in the 7th grade at Holy Rosary this fall. She has appeared in several Fairy Tale Trails at GCT. Previous credits also include: ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, ANNIE JR., SHREK JR., and ALADDIN JR. at Stage Door Productions. Megan would like to thank Ms. Julie and GCT for this wonderful opportunity!

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REBEKAH WALLACE

(*Sister Sophia*) is a 12 year old from Olive Branch, MS. Over the past three years she has appeared in over 12 mid-south shows including ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND, SEUSICAL JR., and FIDDLER ON THE ROOF at Stage Door, THE LITTLE MERMAID at DFT and most recently CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF at Theatre Memphis. This is her GCT debut.



MEGAN WAUGH

(*Sister Margaretta*) is a rising seventh grader at Houston Middle School, and this is her fifth show at GCT. She has also performed in numerous school productions, her favorite role being Scar in THE LION KING JR. She loves to act, sing, dance, and play

outside. Megan wants to thank God and everyone who has worked on this show.

MOLLY WAUGH

(*Maria*) is a rising junior at Houston High School, where she was last seen in 42ND STREET. This is her fifth production at GCT, and she is thrilled to be playing this role! She loves theatre, photography, and superheroes. Molly thanks God for this blessing and wants to congratulate everyone who has worked on this show!



SOPHIE YOUNKER

(*Nun/Ensemble*) Sophie Younker is thrilled to be making her GCT debut! Past credits include BEAUTY AND THE BEAST and OLIVER at Theatre Memphis, BILLY ELLIOT at Playhouse on the Square, THE KING AND I at DFT, ANNIE at Stagedoor and SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK at New Day. She is a 7th grader at St. Mary's School and a dancer with Roudnev Youth Ballet.



COLBY CORKAN

(*Herr Zeller/Ensemble*) Is excited for this opportunity to debut at GCT. Colby is an incoming 8th grader at Riverdale, where he has been in several school productions including SHREK JR. (Gingy), INTO THE WOODS JR. (Jack), and PETER PAN JR. (Michael) all under the direction of Lynden Lewis Jones. Other performances include PETER PAN at Playhouse and OLIVER! at Theatre Memphis.



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WALKER ASKINS

(*German Official/Ensemble*) Walker Askins makes his GCT debut as a proud Austrian, and as a German official, in the SOM ensemble. At Theatre Memphis Walker has played Peter Crachit in A CHRISTMAS CAROL, and an orphan in OLIVER! He has also enjoyed performing at Theaterworks in I SAW ELVIS...I DID! and in THE STRANGE CASE OF DR. WOLF – once as The Wolf, and next as a prosecutor. A middle school student at St. George's Independent School, Walker enjoys art, swimming, and being with his cats. A vegetarian since age 7, Walker lives his compassionate commitment to animals every day.



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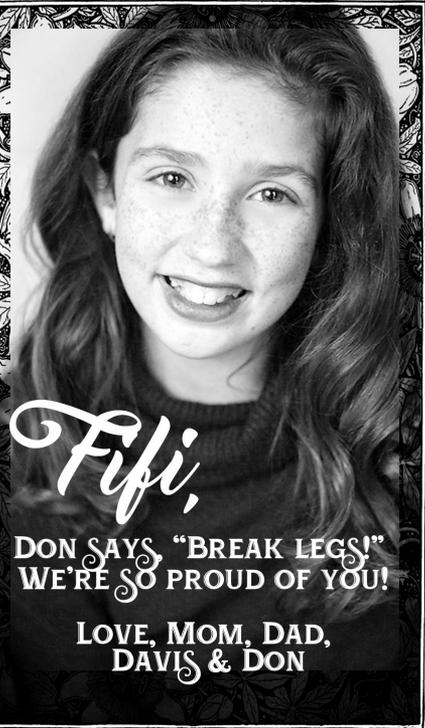




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Fifi,

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WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

**LOVE, MOM, DAD,
DAVIS & DON**



Dear Christopher, Micah, Patrick,

Melody and Tessa,

We have been delighted to watch this production come together! In late May we began playing the CD of the music in the minivan and singing along as we drove all over town. Even after the performances are over, I'll still have to play "Climb Every Mountain" and join in with my extra loud mom opera voice just for Micah. Rehearsal around the house progressed to all of you running lines with one another and lots of random Sound of Music singing around the house (and everywhere else). Along came the choreography which you wouldn't show me because you wanted it to be a surprise. As the show progressed, you were often quick and helpful to offer contrastive criticism to one another the minute I picked you up from rehearsal. I don't know where so many opinionated children came from! Then there was the wonderful preview performance at the library where my heart stuck in my throat to see my two oldest boys as "leading men". Watching the "littles" grin from ear to ear mad my heart fit to burst! Patrick, Melody, and Tessa, your smiles are contagious.



The story of the von Trapp Family has long been a personal favorite. One of the most refreshing aspects of their lives is that it reminds me that our family, with all its complex layers of individual personalities, needs and preferences is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Our family relationships are worth cherishing and protecting. More often than not, that requires sacrifice. Through the von Trapp family's love of God and love of one another, they overcame many obstacles, protecting one another in the process, and leaving a legacy of faith, family and perseverance. Dad & I pray that as you grow up, you kids will also follow in that wonderful legacy.

The Hollywood version of their story is also about the power of a dream. I want all you kids to know



that in my life, beginning with your Dad, you kids are the "dream that (takes) all the love (I) can give." God gave us everything we could possibly need when He gave us a Savior. The salvation of a redeemed life is enough all by itself. When He gave us one another, and then all of you kids, well, that's been beyond anything we could have asked Him for or thought of. Watching you grow in your ability to communicate the heart of a character onstage has brought Dad & I enormous pride and gratitude for God. He camaraderie and teamwork that you share with each other and your fellow cast members is heartwarming. Thank you for taking us on a wonderful journey with the von Trapp family. We'll never forget it!

Much Love,

Mom & Dad

Psalm 127:1, 3 John 1:4



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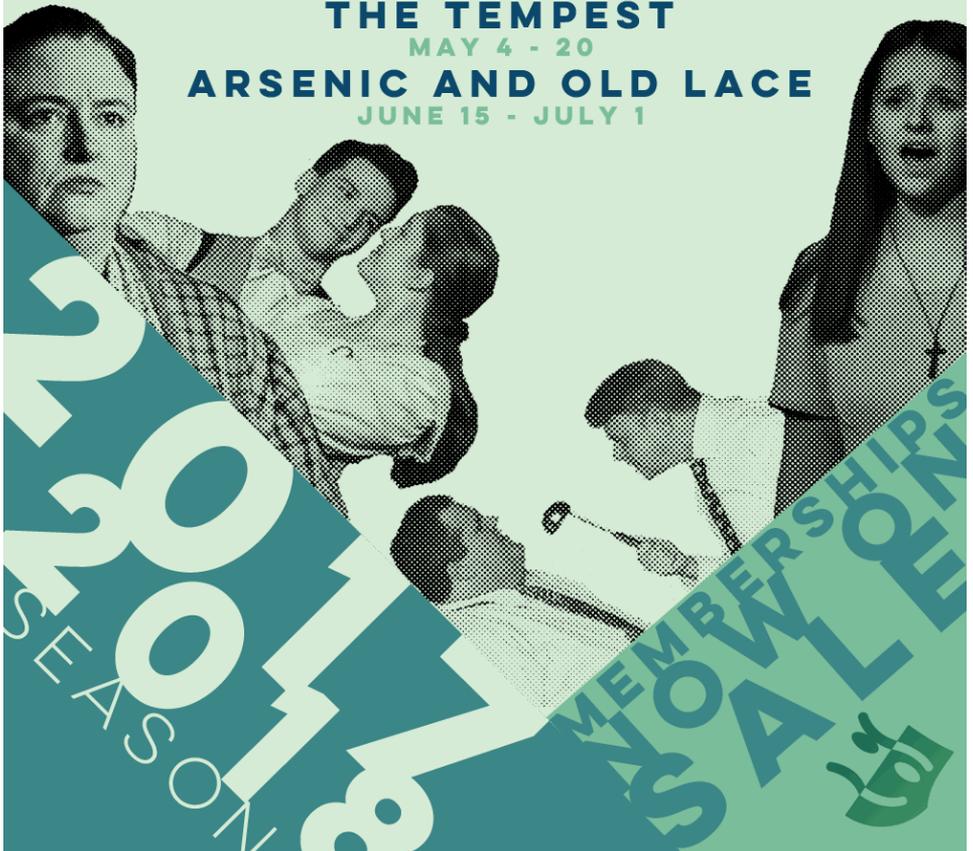
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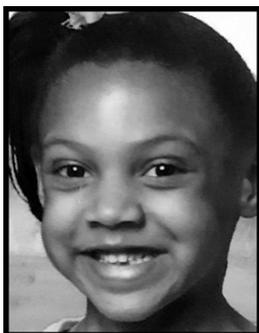
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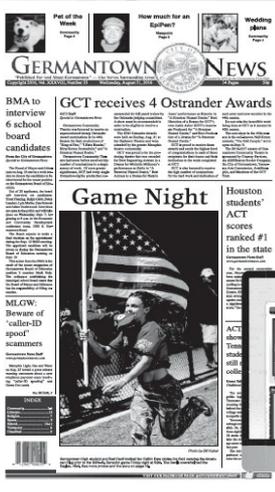
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