



It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.  
— Rene Descartes

# THE SOUND OF MUSIC



**W**ith a captivating storyline, *The Sound of Music* has thrilled audiences for generations. And now, St Christopher's Junior School students will be bringing this award-winning story to life.

After his wife's death, Captain Von Trapp rules his home with military discipline, causing his seven children to lose out on much needed joy and love. Maria, a free spirited nun living in a convent, is in a similarly restrictive and unfulfilling situation.

Maria decides to leave the convent and takes on the role of governess of the nearby Von Trapp household in Salzburg. Through music, song and various fun outings, Maria gives

the Von Trapp children a taste of a more fulfilling and joyous life than they have ever known, and they come to love her very dearly. The Captain grows closer to his children too, coming to understand the value and beauty of the freedoms that Maria has given them.

"We are very proud of the extremely high standard of our school productions and go to great efforts to ensure they are as professional as possible – rehearsals are going "superbly well", says Suzi Patrick, Music Teacher and Subject Leader at the Junior School.

"The Sound of Music" was first written and performed as a

Broadway musical in 1959, it later became a movie, and a well-loved family classic in 1965. The movie featured Julie Andrews in the starring role of Maria.

Suzi commented on the personal ties to the School: "We have a Student in the Junior School who is a distant relative to Julie Andrews – and I myself studied in her home town of Leeds! She really has become an inspiration to so many people."

The performances will take place at 18.30 pm on the 16th and 17th of June. Tickets are priced at BD3 and both shows are open to the public. Proceeds will be used for supporting the School and to the benefit students.



Dr. Mohamed Al-Aseeri (Middle), Acting CEO, with the students who won the Red Carpet Competition.

**W**eb Media students of Bahrain Polytechnic dominated the 2014 Red Carpet Short film competition by bagging both the first and second prizes. "Carousel" directed by Web Media students of Bahrain Polytechnic won the first prize and Marwa Hanahi bagged the second prize.

Best actress award went to fourth year Web Media student Dalal Ajlan for her

## Reels of talents at short film festival

outstanding performance in "Carousel", a film that explores complex themes of subconscious and virtual reality.

Award ceremony of the competition with attracted more than 150 participants was held at Cinema 20 in Bahrain's City Centre.

Winning works were screened during the occasion.

Dr. Owen Gallagher, who created the film production component for the degree, said he was pleased to see so many Polytechnic students entering the competition and applying their

skills in such creative and original ways.

"Our students have been absolutely brilliant in coming up with this film. It just goes to show how creative they are, and they deserve to be recognized for their work," said Dr. Mohamed

Al Aseeri, Acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic.

The short film competition is a yearly event organised by the General Organization for Youth and Sports (GOYS) and sponsored by Supreme Council for Youth and Sport Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.