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Fest to celebrate 50 yrs of The Sound of Music

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Ashok Hall Group of Schools in association with the Austrian embassy in India will organise "The Edelweiss Festival" in the city to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the movie *The Sound of Music*. The five-time Academy Award winner

The Sound of Music, which was made in 1965, celebrated its 50th anniversary in New York this year. Students from 17 eminent schools in Kolkata have so far shown interest to participate in the two-day festival to be held at Kala Mandir on June 16 and 17. One of the highlights of the two-day fest-

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Group of Schools, students from St. James School, Lakshmipta Singhania Academy, Mahadevi Burke World Academy, Harrow Hall School, DPS Ruby Park, DPS Mega City and others will take part in inter-school competitions based on the movie. The students will exhibit their talents by participating in

instrumental music songs, speech, skill quiz competition, power point presentation on Austria and etc. Ambassador of Austria to India Bernhard Wrabetz will be present at the event as the chief guest and director of the Austrian Cultural Forum Michael Heinz will grace the occasion as the guest of honour.

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KOLKATA, 13 JUNE: The Austrian Embassy in collaboration with the Ashok Hall Group of Schools is organising a two-day inter-school competition, to celebrate the golden jubilee of the five-time Academy Award winner, *The Sound of Music*. The programme will bring out different aspects of the film in an innovative manner. Eighteen schools have shown interest to participate in the event entitled "The Edelweiss Festival" to be held at Kala Mandir on June 16-17.

Mr Bernhard Wrabetz, Ambassador of Austria, will be the chief guest while Mr Michael Heinz, counsellor (cultural affairs), director of the Austrian Cultural Forum, will grace the



occasion as the guest of honour. The schools will take part in inter-school competitions, based on the movie, including instrumental music, songs, speech, skit, quiz, power point presentation on Austria and video collage from films in other languages, influenced by *The Sound of Music*.

The festival will also include choral performances by members of a choir from Young girls

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Austrian Embassy and Ashok Hall organises inter-school

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Austrian Embassy and the Ashok Hall Group of Schools is organising an inter-school competition, to celebrate the golden jubilee of the five-time Academy Award winner 'The Sound of Music'.

Eighteen eminent schools of city till now have evinced interest to participate in the two-day event - 'The Edelweiss Festival' - to be held at Kala Mandir from June 16, an Ashok Hall group spokesperson said.

The schools will take part in inter-school competitions, based on the movie, including instrumental, music/songs, speech, skit, quiz, PowerPoint presentation on Austria, video collage from films in other languages, influenced by 'The Sound of Music'.

The participating schools include, La Martiniere for Boys, St. James School, DPS Megacity, Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Delhi Public School - Ruby Park, Apeejay School, Harrow Hall, South City International School, GD Birla Centre For Education and Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School.

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কলকাতা: ১৯৬৫ সালে মুক্তি পেয়েছিল 'সাঁউন্ড অফ মিউজিক'। তারপর পেরিয়েছে ৫০ বছর। সারা বিশ্বের সিনেপ্রেমীদের কাছে আজও পছন্দের শীর্ষে রবার্ট ওয়াইজে এ ছবি। ছবির গোল্ডেন জুবিলি সেলিব্রেশনের আয়োজন করল অশোক হল গ্রুপ অফ স্কুলস ও অস্ট্রিয়ান এমব্যাসি। নানা উপায়ে ছবির নানাদিক উঠে আসবে এই সেলিব্রেশনে।

১৬ ও ১৭ই জুনের এই অনুষ্ঠানে অংশ নেবে শহরের প্রায় ১৮ টি স্কুল। কুইজ থেকে শুরু করে ভিডিও প্রজেন্টসনের মাধ্যমে উঠে আসবে ছবির নানা দিক। এছাড়া ভিয়েনার এক কয়ার গ্রুপ ছবিকে মনে রেখে পারফর্ম করবে এক সাংগীতিক উপস্থাপনা।

অনুষ্ঠানে মুখ্য অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত থাকবেন অস্ট্রিয়ার অ্যান্থাসাডার বার্নহ্যাজ র্াবেতাজ। থাকবেন অন্যান্য সম্মানীয় অতিথিরাও।

কলামন্দিরে দু'দিন হবে এই সাউন্ড অফ মিউজিকের সেলিব্রেশন।

Ashok Hall prepares celebration in the tunes of 'Do Re Mi'



Kolkata: Revisiting the childhood memories of growing up in the tunes of 'Do-a-dear-a-female-dear', Ashok Hall Group of Schools and the Austrian Embassy, New Delhi, is organising inter-school competitions, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the five-time Academy Award winner 'The Sound of Music'. The programme will bring out different aspects of the movie in an innovative manner.

18 schools across the city will participate in 'The Edelweiss Festival' at Kala Mandir during Tuesday, June 16 – Wednesday, June 17, 2015. The schools likely to participate in the fest are La Martiniere for Boys, St. James School, DPS Megacity, Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, etc.

There will be events like quiz, skit, PP presentation and many more. The events will be judged by eminent personalities of the city.

Mr. Bernhard Wrabetz, Ambassador of Austria, will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Michael Heinz, Counsellor (Cultural Affair), Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum, is scheduled to be present as the Guest of Honour.

Students take part in Sound of Music - Striding into the 21st Century segment



Members of the Western Band Choir perform at Edelweiss Musical



LET THE MUSIC PLAY!

On the golden jubilee of The Sound Of Music, students from 18 city schools presented a spectacular show at the Edelweiss Festival

Deepshikha Bhattacharya
A special to the Edelweiss Festival

The Sound of Music, the Oscar-winning film, has inspired generations and still does. So, when such an iconic film, based on the real life story of the beloved and young family singers of Austria, returns to golden jubilee, it calls for a special celebration. The Adhik Hall Group of Schools and the Austrian Embassy which is holding the Edelweiss Festival, celebrated every facet of the film.

Eighteen city schools are participating in the two-day event (June 16-17), which is being held at Edelweiss. The students celebrated the success of the musical through their school events, competitions, speech events, skits and acts.

"The film might have been made 50 years ago but we have never stopped listening to these songs. Since memory was being played these songs, the music and the story have had a



I HAD SEEN THE FILM WITH MY PARENTS LONG AGO. BUT I GOT A NEW PERSPECTIVE WHEN I SAW IT AGAIN WITH MY FRIENDS.
Kavin Rajakumar, student

released in 1965, has given us a different perspective on it. The film is still relevant to us today for decades to come. The most interesting part was the program about the film - Striding into the 21st Century depicting characters from the film in 21st century costumes using recycled material. From that show, students learned and were our friends got a makeover. "This is a period film we were making, but everything that would be like that again. Hence we thought of doing something different. The feel was to be very different. Hence we came up with the concept of recycling items," said principal of GGS Indraprastha School, Dr. Anurag K. Singh.

Manish Prasad Choudhary also performed at the event. "The movie made people think of Austria, otherwise people kept thinking of Austria. Now they know it's Austria with its beautiful landscapes. An American movie made Austria popular all over the world. So we try to use this music and when it's 50 years of Sound of Music the songs have to be sung," said Oliver Smith, one of the show producers.

Austrian Ambassador Edeltraud Winkler, was the chief guest while Michael Heine, Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum, was the guest of honour. "I would want the Indian tour to come to Austria and see the scenery. It is not like in the movie. Of course the movie is good. It would be wonderful to have more cultural exchange in Austria and they could see our country's music and culture," said Heine. All the hopes for the project have been agreed that the film's message about the family is what the main



Students celebrate Edelweiss Musical - Greater schools



