



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Hills are Alive !**

For the first time in over 30 years **The Sound of Music** is to make a welcome return to the cinema screen in Clevedon, with two special digital shows later this month at The Curzon Community Cinema.

The advent of digital cinema and the latest film restoration processes means that one of the most watched and highest grossing movies of all times can be experienced in a new state of the art version. Restored from the original 65mm negative with a fully remixed six-track soundtrack **The Sound of Music** will amaze audiences once again.

Curzon Director Gareth Negus, said “**The Sound of Music** has become a true classic musical, loved by millions. But many have never seen it on a cinema screen where it belongs. For those too young not to have seen the film in the cinema, this is a fantastic opportunity to see this timeless classic on the big screen for the very first time. It is also the chance for those that saw the film in the cinema all those years ago, to experience that thrill all over again. ”

Starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, and winner Five Academy Awards® in 1965, including Best Picture and Best Director, **The Sound of Music** broke box office records. In one town with a population of 60,000 there were 200,000 tickets sold. Some people claimed to have seen the film over 70 times during its initial release.

There can be few more famous opening sequences than The Sound of Music. It is a breath-taking piece of film-making. With a sweeping aerial view, the film opens with a left-to-right camera pan through the clouds and across rocky, snow-covered Austrian Alps, dipping into a green, wooded valley with steep cliffs that descend into a snow-fed lake. As the camera moves over the reflections of the hills in the mirror-like images on the water's surface it zooms in to find a happy and joyous Maria (Julie Andrews), with open-armed appreciation of the beauty of the surrounding majestic peaks and vistas of the Austrian Alps. She twirls and sings the title song...and the rest is history!

Make sure you do not miss this opportunity to see on the big screen quite possibly the most famous and most loved musical film in Hollywood history. Screenings take place on Wednesday 26 September, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and the film is a 'U' certificate.

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. *The Curzon is thought to be the oldest, purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world and, throughout this year, we are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a community cinema. We are committed to providing a high quality film experience and to be a thriving centre for cinema and the arts.*
2. *The Curzon has plans for a full restoration of this heritage treasure, at an estimated cost of over £5M. You can see details of our restoration plans on [www.curzon.org.uk](http://www.curzon.org.uk).*

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