

New Adventures

This week has started off with two new new opportunities.

First, the casting results of the Village Players' production of *The Sound of Music*. I will be playing the role of Franz, the butler. At first I was unsure of how I felt about that... Dejected, miscast? I told me voice coach that I was really unsure. Of course, this is knowing the film as well as I do.

It seemed that I would have very limited stage time. However this morning, I researched the stage role and learned that Franz is in significantly more of the original stage version. And I am determined to create yet another memorable role.

Although I have no idea of much of the cast I do know that Mare has been cast as the Mother Superior. Anyone who knows her and the role would think that they two were tailor-made.

A very formidable presence on-stage with a crazy powerful voice. I am also happy to welcome Jessica and her daughter, Melody to the group. Jessica played Gretl in high school and will be playing one of the nuns this time. Melody has been cast as Louisa. CONGRATS ladies!

This morning, I was asked to begin contributing to a new blog which my pal has initiated as part of the group he began over the past year. I will be providing my own personal views on the Catholic faith I was born into and have chosen to follow over my 39 years. While C is still diligently searching for a new congregation to lead, he has started [Disciple Day](#), a group initiated to help spread the good news. It began back in September with the inaugural Famine Games and moved onto the adventurous "Slip 'n' Slide into the New Year" and just finished a makeover night given by a group of wild and crazy cool young ladies.

All this, plus, I am plowing my way through the 1463 page complete and unabridged *Les Miserables*. I bought my copy back in the Spring of 1994 right before I went on tour with the

BGSU Men's Chorus where I first saw the stage version on Broadway. Over that time, I have tried to make my way through it at least twice. I think this time, I have been pacing myself and for whatever reason I am enjoying it more (although some of the long passages exploring Paris... Napoleon, etc... at the time can be a bit dry).

Check out the new site and come and check out *The Sound of Music* March 1-3! And SEE the best stage to screen musical adaptation ever!