

## VON TRAPP FAMILY

### Life in America

### Singing and Tours in America

The Trapp Family



The Trapp Family in January 1946

**The Trapp Family** (also known as the **von Trapp Family**) was an Austrian singing family of the former naval commander Georg von Trapp. The family achieved fame in their original singing career in their native Austria during the interwar period. They also performed in the United States before emigrating there permanently to escape the deteriorating situation in Austria during World War II. In the United States, they became well known as the "**Trapp Family Singers**" until they ceased to perform as a unit in 1957. The family's story later served as the basis for a memoir, two German films, and Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway musical *The Sound of Music*. The last surviving of the original seven Trapp children, Maria Franziska, died in 2014 at the age of 99.

#### Background information

<b>Also known as</b>	The von Trapp Family; The Trapp Family Singers; The Trapp Family Choir
<b>Origin</b>	Salzburg, Austria
<b>Genres</b>	vocal music, religious music, instrumental music
<b>Years active</b>	1935–1957
<b>Labels</b>	Victor, Decca, Deutsche Grammophon

<b>Past members</b>	Georg von Trapp Maria von Trapp Rupert von Trapp Agathe von Trapp Maria Franziska von Trapp Werner von Trapp Hedwig von Trapp Johanna von Trapp Martina von Trapp Johannes von Trapp
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Also unlike the stage version of the story, the von Trapp house had always been full of music. The children always sang and were very musical, often accompanied by their father on guitar. Maria helped polish their singing and introduced new types of music, and the Captain's high naval and social reputation provided them with a well known name.