

The Von Trapp family

The Von Trapp family, famous for their escape from Nazi-occupied Austria and later settling in the USA, inspired several films:

1. The Trapp Family (1956)

- **Language:** German
- **Plot:** This West German film is a factual adaptation of Maria von Trapp's book "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers".
- **Notable:** This film helped popularize the von Trapp family story, especially in Europe, and led to the making of the film "The Sound of Music" in 1965.

Film: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XZMH6F_P7M (1 hour, 49 mins)

2. The Trapp Family in America (1958)

- **Language:** German
- **Plot:** A sequel to "The Trapp Family", this film focuses on the family's life after their escape to the United States, where they became a popular singing group.
- **Notable:** It explores their challenges adjusting to life in a new country and maintaining their musical career.

Film: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnGivO_Gn8U (1 hour, 40 mins)

3. The Sound of Music (1965)

- **Starring:** Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer
- **Plot:** Based on the story of Maria von Trapp, this iconic musical tells the story of a young aspiring nun who becomes a governess to the seven children of widowed naval captain Georg von Trapp in Austria. The film depicts their life leading up to their escape from Austria during World War II.
- **Notable:** The film is a fictionalized account of Maria's life.

4. Documentary of the family (2013)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q9UVRQ5gZ4> (46 mins)

5. Maria Mitzi von Trapp (daughter) dies at 99 (2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLgrpqXyqFs> (3 mins)

6. The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music (2015)

- **Starring:** Eliza Bennett, Matthew Macfadyen, Yvonne Catterfeld
- **Plot:** This more recent film is a biographical drama told from the perspective of Agathe von Trapp, the eldest daughter of the family. It provides a less fictionalized account than "The Sound of Music", focusing on Agathe's experiences growing up in the von Trapp household and the family's journey to America.
- **Notable:** This film offers a more detailed look into the personal lives of the von Trapp family.

Watch: Prime Video (rent/buy)

Clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqOaEXvEY1k>

IMDB: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi614974489/?playlistId=tt4742670&ref=tt_pr_ov_vi