



JULY 1-19 ★ 2026

Festival Opener: I Love A Piano

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 7:00 PM

Blue Dragon Tavern
& Cosmic Musiquarium

HPAF opens its season with a vibrant cabaret-style evening featuring NYC pianist and festival favorite Phil Kadet. With virtuosic playing, engaging storytelling, and infectious energy, Kadet celebrates the songs and spirit of American popular music under the stars.

\$80 — General Admission

Christmas in July

THURSDAY, JULY 2 7:00pm

Davies Chapel at HPA

HPAF Developing Singers and Encrantz Fellows present an evening of holiday favorites that capture the warmth, wonder, and joy of the season. A festive program blending summer aloha with a touch of holiday sparkle.

\$35 — General Admission

Behind the Curtain

FRIDAY, JULY 3 6:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 5 2:00pm

Kahilu Theatre

Join Composer-in-Residence Kamala Sankaram for an engaging pre-show conversation exploring the creation of *Rise* and *A.E. Reverie*—from historical inspiration to musical language—and the process of bringing new opera to life.

Free — General Admission

A.E. Reverie & Rise

FRIDAY, JULY 3 7:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 5 3:00pm

Kahilu Theatre

A.E. Reverie unfolds on the night Amelia Earhart lands in Chautauqua in 1929, inspiring a young woman to imagine a future beyond imposed limits. Paired with *Rise*, this double bill blends history and magical realism to explore legacy, equality, and representation. Accompanied by the HPAF Orchestra.

\$40, \$50, \$60 — Reserved Seating

Great Performances

SUNDAY, JULY 5 7:00pm

Davies Chapel at HPA

An intimate evening of chamber music featuring HPAF Faculty and Guest Artists. Experience the nuance, collaboration, and expressive power of masterworks performed up close.

\$35 — General Admission

Broadway Bound

THURSDAY, JULY 9 7:00pm

Davies Chapel at HPA

HPAF Developing Singers and Encrantz Fellows take center stage in a program that celebrates the journey of becoming—the ambition, vulnerability, and joy that define the path to performance.

\$35 — General Admission

Dueling Divas

FRIDAY, JULY 10 7:00pm

Davies Chapel at HPA

HPAF's leading ladies take the spotlight in an evening of fiery arias and virtuosic showpieces. From bel canto brilliance to verismo intensity, this high-energy concert showcases opera at its most thrilling.

\$35 — General Admission

Behind the Curtain

SATURDAY, JULY 11 &
SUNDAY, JULY 12 2:00pm

Kahilu Theatre

Go behind the scenes with the creative team of *Carousel* in this engaging pre-show conversation exploring the artistic choices that bring this beloved classic to life for today's audiences.

Free — General Admission

Carousel

SATURDAY, JULY 11 &
SUNDAY, JULY 12 3:00pm

Kahilu Theatre

A cornerstone of American musical theatre, *Carousel* follows Billy Bigelow and Julie Jordan—two passionate, imperfect lovers whose choices resonate beyond a single lifetime. Featuring one of Broadway's most luminous scores. Accompanied by the HPAF Orchestra.

\$40, \$50, \$60 — Reserved Seating

Ohana Singer Spotlight

THURSDAY, JULY 16 12:00pm

Davies Chapel at HPA

Featuring singers of all ages and backgrounds, this special event celebrates the artistry, growth, and community at the heart of HPAF. A joyful tribute to dedication and discovery.

Pay What You Can — General Admission

High School Singer Vocal Showcase

FRIDAY, JULY 17 7:00pm

Davies Chapel at HPA

The next generation of artists takes the stage in a fully staged performance highlighting the talent, growth, and dedication of HPAF's High School Singer Program.

Pay What You Can — General Admission

Behind the Curtain

SATURDAY, JULY 18 &
SUNDAY, JULY 19 2:00 pm

Kahilu Theatre

Join the creative team of *Spelling Bee* for a lively pre-show conversation exploring improvisation, audience participation, and the craft behind this uniquely theatrical experience.

Free — General Admission

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

SATURDAY, JULY 18 &
SUNDAY, JULY 19 3:00pm

Kahilu Theatre

Full of quirky charm and unexpected heart, *Spelling Bee* follows six competitors—and a few brave audience volunteers—as they navigate the joys and challenges of growing up. A witty and heartfelt celebration of identity, resilience, and connection. Accompanied by the HPAF Pep Band.

\$40, \$50, \$60 — Reserved Seating

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