



SEASON 22  
**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**

DOUBLE BILL

**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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