

Fall 2024



Honolulu Theatre  
**HTY**  
For Youth

*Adapted from the classic stories of  
A. A. Milne by the HTY Ensemble*

2024-2025 SEASON

IT'S OUR 70 Season!



## Aloha!

This season we celebrate 70 years of stories, families and fun at Honolulu Theatre for Youth! We are offering 9 original plays made for Hawai'i audiences by our company of professional theatre makers, and we hope this celebration will keep your family laughing and learning together all year long.

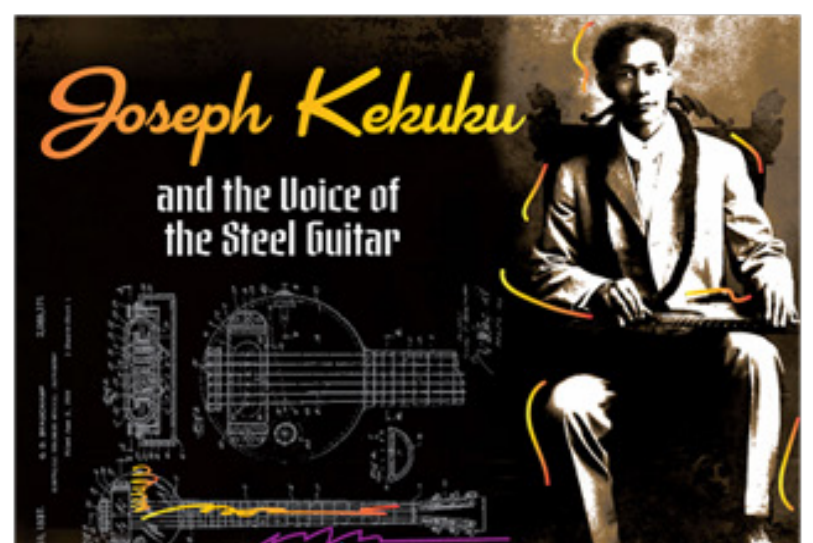
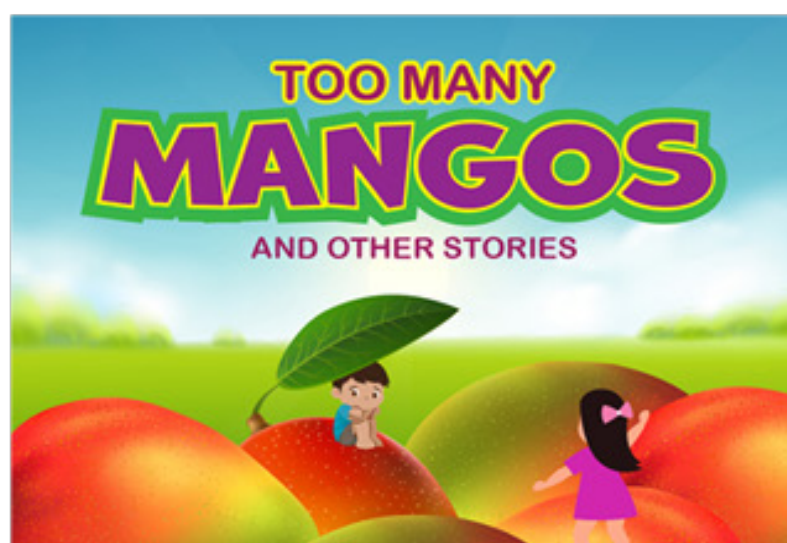
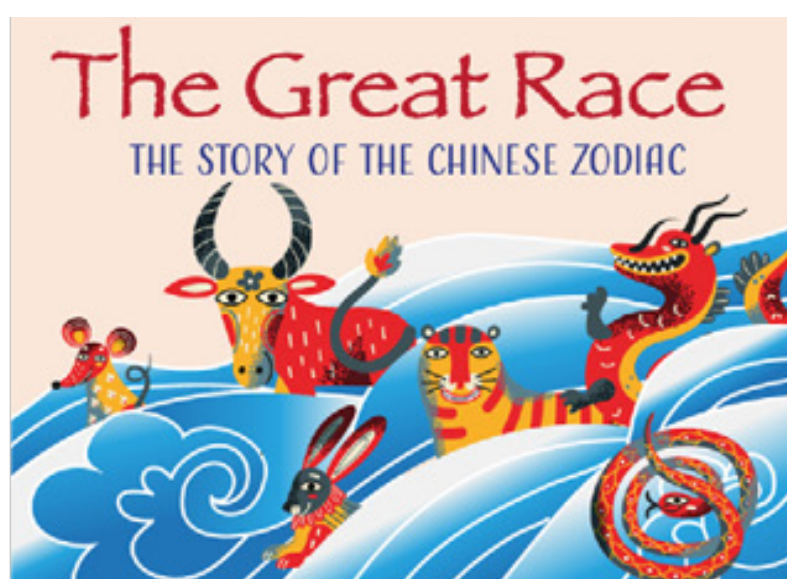
Absolutely the best way to enjoy HTY is to become a member! A Family Membership (\$25 per month) includes two adult tickets plus tickets for all the children in your immediate family. For less than a single adult ticket you can bring your entire family to multiple performances and showings all season long.

Our greatest birthday wish is to have you and your loved ones with us this season-- that is the true celebration! Information on membership and tickets

at [www.htyweb.org](http://www.htyweb.org)

**Mahalo,**

**Eric Johnson**  
Artistic Director





## Production Credits

**Written by** The HTY Ensemble,  
based on the book by A. A. Milne, illustrated by E. H. Shepard

**Directed by** Eric Johnson

**Scenic and Prop Design by**

Chesley Cannon  
Eric West

**Video and Lighting Design by**

Chesley Cannon

**Costume Design by**

Iris Kim

**Sound and Music by**

Mattea Mazzella

**Puppet Design by**

Chesley Cannon  
Lynn Jeffries  
Iris Kim  
Eric West

**Master Puppeteer Consultant**

Lynn Jeffries

**Stage Manager**

Sarah Danvers

**Performed by**

Annie Lokomaika'i Lipscomb  
Mattea Mazzella  
Kalā Muller  
Hermenigildo Tesoro, Jr.  
Emily Wright

**T**his original production introduces young audiences to the Japanese art of Bunraku, a traditional form of puppetry, while bringing to life the beloved characters of A. A. Milne's book. Could there be a world where the ensemble connected the technique and structure of Bunraku with the language of the Milne stories and the spirit of a child playing with stuffed animals? Audiences will love HTY's beautiful new re-imagining of this classic story.

## About The Ensemble



**Annie Lokomaika'i Lipscomb** is a multidisciplinary artist, born and raised in the islands of Hawai'i. With a background in hula, performance, and creative writing, she has spent years sharing the richness of Hawai'i with communities across the globe. She is a member of HTY's Resident Ensemble and is thrilled and grateful to be part of the incredible HTY 'ohana.



**Mattea Mazzella** is a creator from Kaneohe, Hawai'i, who loves making art and sharing stories. Matt's first instrument was the Kawai piano at his grandma's house on the windward side of the island of 'Oahu. With a camcorder and a laptop, Matt's been making music and films since he was a kid. This is Matt's tenth season as a member of HTY's resident ensemble.



**Kalā Müller** is an actor and performing artist from Waimea on the Big Island of Hawai'i. He is a longtime student, as well as a teacher, of theater performance. He holds a Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, and is enjoying his second season as a member of HTY's resident ensemble. He looks forward to engaging our local community through storytelling and his unique Hawai'i-born perspectives.



**Emily Wright** is an Oahu-born actor and designer. She received her MFA in Acting from the University of Hawai'i and her Bachelor's Degree in Drama and English Literature from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. This is Emily's third season in HTY's resident ensemble.



**Hermenigildo Tesoro, Jr.** is in his 29th season with HTY! Junior has performed as a cockroach, crocodile, hula mula dancer, mongoose, monk, demigod, evil stepsister, swordsman, snake, juggler, fish general, fairy, mouse, monkey, ogre, caribou, blacksmith, surfer, p'ansori singer, a rock, a rock wall (twice), King of Troy, musubi, Maui, Aladdin, Spartan knight, dolphin, paleontologist, a fire-breathing sea dragon (three times), Wilbur the pig, a nene, Peter Rabbit, a culinary drill sergeant, a kamikirigami artist, goldfish vendor, B-boy, Robin Hood, a cloud, an invisible reindeer, Inky Blue, star-nosed mole, Xi Xia King, Uncle Billy, a pink unicorn, the red balloon, a Philippine eagle, a garbage truck, Gepetto, a hair brush, a salt farmer, carp, woodcutter, snail, spam musubi, Japanese cumulus cloud, and a cockroach (again).



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