

Honolulu Theatre  
**HTY**  
for Youth

Tenney Theatre  
December 2024



**By The HTY Ensemble**  
**Inspired by Submissions from Local Students**



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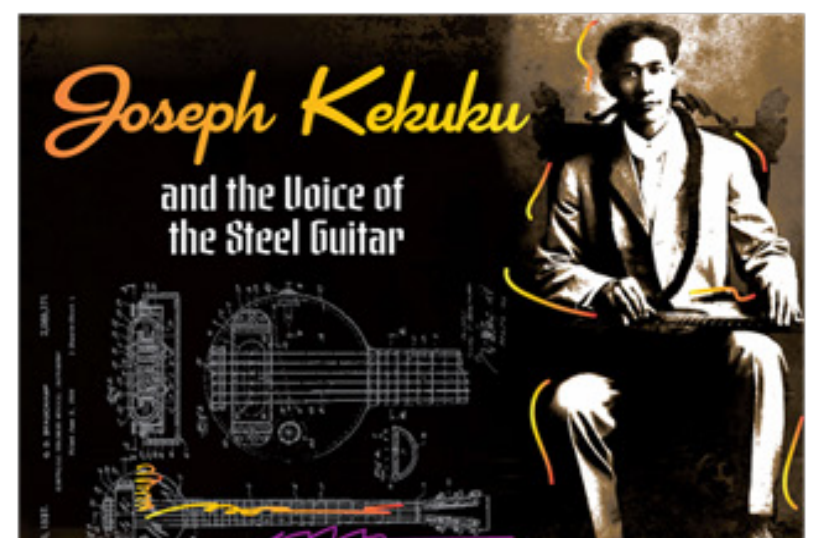
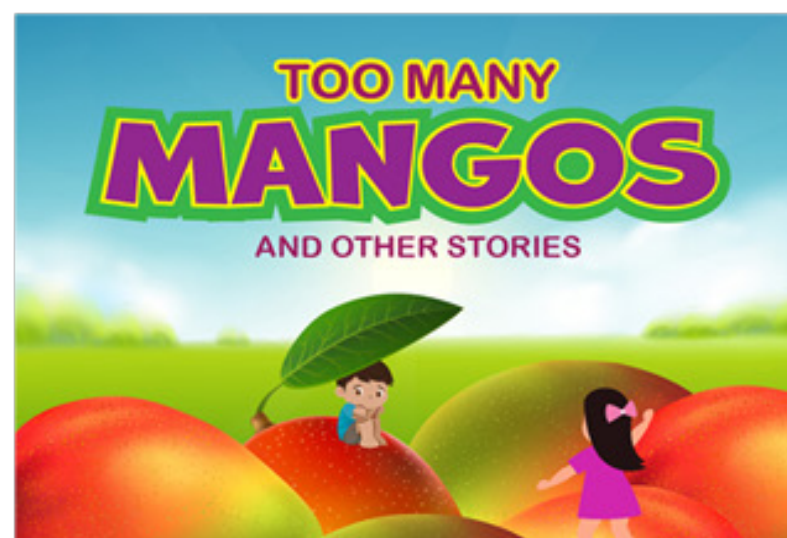
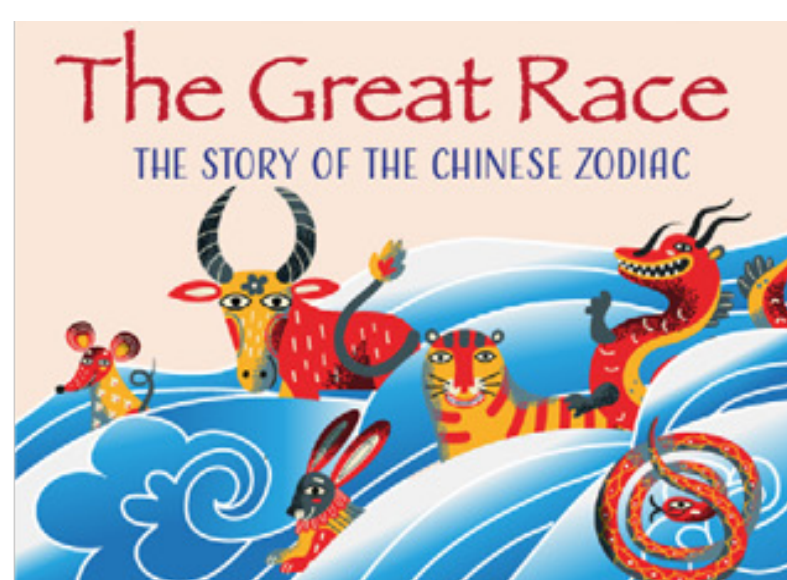
This season we celebrate 70 years of stories, families and fun at Honolulu Theatre for Youth! We are offering 9 original plays made for Hawai'i audiences by our company of professional theatre makers, and we hope this celebration will keep your family laughing and learning together all year long.

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

### Created by

The HTY Ensemble

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### Directed by

Eric Johnson

### Original Music by

Mattea Mazzella and  
The HTY Ensemble

### Lighting Design by

Chesley Cannon

### Performed by

Annie Lokomaika'i Lipscomb

Mattea Mazzella

Kalā Muller

Emily Wright

### Set and Prop Design by

Eric West

### Sound Design by

Mattea Mazzella

### Technical Director

Eric West

### Costume Design by

Iris Kim

### Stage Manager

Sarah Danvers

### Mahalo to Our Sponsor

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Health, Chronic Disease and  
Health Promotion Division

## About the Show

**C**hristmas Talk Story began in 1998 as a collaboration between author Gary Pak and playwright, Y York. The production evolved into an HTY tradition that showcased beloved writers from the local community and culminated in eleven productions spanning fourteen seasons.

This year's version of the show features new scenes, songs, poems, and monologues developed by the HTY Artistic Ensemble and students from the local community. Earlier this fall, HTY put out the call for submissions to teachers and students on O'ahu. The HTY Ensemble used the students' work to create pieces for the production.

## 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 eleventh 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 Master of Fine Arts degree 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.



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