

Hawaii Performing Arts Festival Offers Performing and Visual Arts Camp for Children

In its first educational program especially for children, The Hawai'i Performing Arts Festival announces the creation of the Performance and Visual Arts Camp (PVAC) for 8-14 year olds at Hualalai Academy in Kailua-Kona on June 29-July 3. Dauri Kennedy, who has conducted a similar, highly acclaimed camp in Santa Barbara, California for the last five years, will lead the program. PVAC Hawaii will include the study and performance of song, dance, and the visual arts. The week will culminate in a staged production of "Stories from The Jungle Book" on July 3 at Hualalai Academy. The cost for the weeklong program is \$400. Scholarships may be available for lower income or at-risk children.

Ms Kennedy, who is a Metropolitan Opera audition competition winner, teaches at Marymount School in Santa Barbara. She will be assisted by Laezer Schlomkowitz, who has an extensive international drama and theater background. Lydian Blossom of Sarah Lawrence College will teach dance, and Hadley Catalano will instruct young artists in performance-related visual arts.

Kate Mulligan, Head of School at Hualalai Academy, states, "Since 2005, the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival has provided pre-professional training for performers of high school age and older. Now we are thrilled to host this program for younger students at Hualalai Academy."

"Dauri Kennedy's gifts as a teacher are extraordinary," states HPAF Artistic Director Val Underwood. "Bringing this highly successful performance program to the children of the Big Island makes us proud".

Parents of interested students should pick up an application at Hualalai Academy or email genette.freeman@msn.com.