

MAINSTAGE 2026-2027

THE SHINING

FRI. OCT. 30, 2026 @ 7:30PM
SUN. NOV. 1, 2026 @ 4PM
Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall

Based on the best-selling novel by Stephen King • Composer: Paul Moravec • Librettist: Mark Campbell

Co-production by Opera Parallèle (San Francisco), Portland Opera, and Hawai'i Opera Theatre

Run-time: approximately 2 hours with 1 intermission. Sung in English with English supertitles

In this chilling tale, the Torrance family arrives at the remote Overlook Hotel as the off-season, winter caretakers, hoping for time to rest, write, and reconnect. But as the snow starts to fall, malevolent forces awaken within their new home and their son Danny, gifted with a sixth sense, starts experiencing terrifying visions. The pressure builds as his father Jack is consumed by the demons of his past—and the more dangerous ghosts of the Overlook. **Experience an unnerving journey through madness and the supernatural in this gripping adaptation of Stephen King's iconic novel.** With a score by Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award winners, this opera thrills while also including sweeping melodic moments. This stunning co-production set in 1977 includes rich scenic design and vivid projections.

Conductor: Nicole Paiement (HOT debut)

Director: Brian Staufienbiel (HOT debut)

Jack Torrance: Joshua Jeremiah (Rev. William Richards in *Kamalehua: The Sheltering Tree*, May 2026)

Wendy Torrance: Rebecca Krynski Cox (HOT debut)

Danny Torrance: Alexander Inouye (son of HOT's Principal Guest Conductor, Lance Inouye)

Dick Hallorann: Robert Ellsworth Feng (Professor in *The Riot Grrrl on Mars*, Feb. 2026)

TEA THE WORLD PREMIERE

Based on the play, *Tea*, by Velina Hasu Houston

Composer: Carla Lucero • Librettist: Velina Hasu Houston

HOT Commission • World Premiere • Run-time: approximately 90 minutes with no intermission

The play *TEA* by Velina Hasu Houston has become iconic in the American theatre, performed across the US as well as Japan. Set in Junction City, Kansas in the late 1960s, the story unfolds in the wake of a devastating loss. Five Japanese immigrant women, bound by friendship and circumstance, carry histories shaped by their varied experiences in the aftermath of World War II. When one of them unexpectedly takes her own life, the fragile fabric of their small community begins to unravel. As the remaining four gather to clean her home, grief gives way to confrontation — forcing each woman to face her own complexities of identity, displacement, and unspoken pain. The spirit of the deceased returns — not quietly, but as a commanding, formidable presence—guiding, provoking, and challenging them to reckon with what lies beneath the surface. What emerges is a haunting yet deeply human exploration of connection and release. **In helping the living find common ground, the dead woman seeks her own passage onward — out of limbo and into peace — while illuminating a path forward for those she leaves behind.**

Conductor: Jingqi Zhu (HOT debut)

Director: Reiko Ho (assistant director for *Tosca*, Oct. 2019)

Himiko Hamilton: Karen Chia-ling Ho (Cio-Cio San in *Madama Butterfly*, April 2022)

Setsuko Banks: Helen Zhibing Huang (Setsuko in *An American Dream*, Oct. 2023)

Teruko MacKenzie: Emily Michiko Jensen (Mimi in *La Boheme*, May 2024)

Atsuko Yamamoto: Alice Chung (Carmen in *Carmen*, April 2025)

Chizuye Juarez: Sophia Maekawa (HOT debut)

TOSCA

Composer: Giacomo Puccini

Librettist: Luigi Illica & Giuseppe Giacosa

Staged concert production • Run-time: approximately 2 hours 20 minutes with one intermission

Set in Rome in 1800, Puccini's *Tosca* is a high-stakes melodrama of love, lust, and political intrigue. Opera singer Floria Tosca tries to save her lover, painter Mario Cavaradossi, from the sadistic police chief Scarpia, who lusts after her and manipulates her into revealing a hidden political prisoner. **She's sacrificed everything for art. What is she willing to sacrifice for love?**

Conductor: Lance Inouye
(HOT Principal Guest Conductor)

Director: John Hoomes (*Stuck Elevator*, Oct. 2024)

Floria Tosca: Tasha Hokuao Koontz (Hana Ha'alilio, *Kamalehua: The Sheltering Tree*, May 2026)

Mario Cavaradossi: Brendan Boyle (Kamehameha III, *Kamalehua: The Sheltering Tree*, May 2026)

Baron Scarpia: Quinn Kamakanalani Kelsey (Timoteo Ha'alilio, *Kamalehua: The Sheltering Tree*, May 2026)

Angelotti: Robert Ellsworth Feng (Professor, *The Riot Grrrl on Mars*, Feb. 2026)

Sacristan: Levi Hernandez (Tonio, *Pagliacci*, Feb. 2024)

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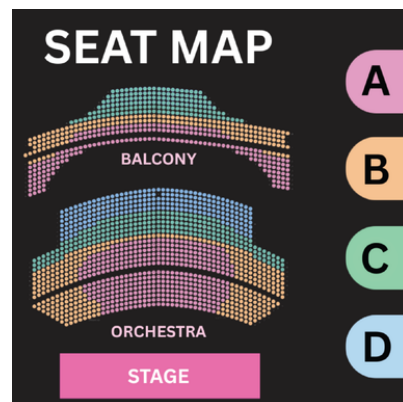
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