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**Summer
Edition**

39 Years of Hope and Inspiration through the Arts



TICKETS TO GO

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HAI's *Tickets To Go (TTG)* offers tickets to over 18,000 seniors in New York City. TTG is currently subsidized by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. This funding has enabled 60,000 tickets to be sold at steeply discounted prices to seniors. They have attended the Metropolitan Opera, New York Philharmonic, New York City Opera, American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, as well as Broadway and off Broadway shows, events at City Center, Joyce Theatre, Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts among many others.

Hundreds of *Tickets To Go* members have written to their city council members to make sure that funding for this program continues.

Aurora Natt: "I am a very senior, senior citizen (85 years old), born, educated, and worked in this city, with no plans of going elsewhere, and am an avid theatregoer. Every time I have been offered tickets, my husband (also a senior) and I have always jumped at the opportunity to attend a performance. It brought a ray of sunshine into a rather quiet and dull existence."

Ruth Kaplan: "Thank you for a Fantastic! Fabulous! evening. You made four old ladies so happy. We sat for an hour and a half and forgot all of our aches and pains and had smiles on our faces! We are so grateful to you."

Mary Jane Murphy: "We seniors have suffered enough of programs being cut back or discontinued. Please help this unique service to continue."

Ann Rosche: "Today's seniors are people who have generally worked long years to provide a better life for their families, and this is a time in their lives when the ability to enjoy the culture that New York City has to offer, at a reduced cost, is important".

Judith Davidson: "Attending an opera, attending a concert and hearing the beautiful voices and music have brought joy to my life, as it has many, many members. So please do your best to preserve TTG funding, as you have in the past."

Esther Nelson Sokolsky: "It would indeed be tragic if our city, the center of culture in the world, would withdraw funding for this most important program. This opportunity feeds the aesthetic, intellectual and emotional needs of New York City's senior population."

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This June HAI will provide Hope And Inspiration to an audience totaling **27,400** at **1,190** events.

hai HAI's **Cultural Events Program (CEP):**

- ▷ HAI's **Summer Program** arranges transportation to and special seating directly in front of the stage for thousands of frail elderly and wheelchairs users at city parks events. Featured this June: the Metropolitan Opera in Prospect Park, the NY Philharmonic Concert in Central Park and the New York Shakespeare Festival productions of *Hamlet* and *Hair* at the Delacorte Theatre.
- ▷ Members of **Tickets To Go**, HAI's senior discount ticket program, will attend the American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, *Boeing Boeing*, *Cirque Dreams: Jungle Fantasy*, *Thurgood*, *Hairspray* and *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*.
- ▷ The two **Omni*Buses** enable people who are bed confined and those using wheelchairs to enjoy life outside of institutions. This summer, the Omni*Buses have scheduled trips to Harbor cruises, MoMA, New York Botanical Garden, Big Apple Circus, Yankee and Mets games, Brooklyn Cyclones games, horse races at Belmont Park, Westchester Broadway Theater, Empire City Casino, New York Aquarium and various park picnics.
- ▷ Through HAI's **STEP Program**, New York City public school students have purchased discounted tickets to the Broadway shows *Mamma Mia*, *In the Heights*, *Cry Baby*, *The Lion King*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Grease* and many others. These arrangements are made possible through a vendor agreement between HAI and the NYC Department of Education.
- ▷ HAI's **CSS Program** opens the world of concert halls, theatres and other venues to individuals who are relatively culturally isolated due to mental disabilities. Featured in June: New York Yankees and Liberty games.

hai In June, the **On-Site Performance Program** will celebrate seventeen centenarians residing at Jewish Home and Hospital in the Bronx. Senior ASCAP performers Sarah McLawler and Ted Williams will perform. Also, 200 mental health consumers from Upper Manhattan Mental Health Center will picnic at Riverbank State Park, entertained by the Burdetskiy Family Circus.

hai This summer, the **Youth Leadership and Education Program** will present three culminating *PhotoVoice* projects, including a photography and art exhibit at **The Gallery at HAI**. In the beginning of the summer HAI will present final youth leadership workshops in schools, mental health facilities, juvenile detention centers and homeless shelters. The program will also be developing and rehearsing its new *Peace by Peace* performance for 9-12th grades throughout the summer.

hai HAI's **Arts Workshop Program** provides weekly participatory workshops led by professional artists in music, dance/movement, performance, visual and computer arts. Workshops are usually held on a weekly basis, allowing participants the opportunity to develop artistic skills, as well as to improve skills for daily living.

hai **The Gallery at HAI** will present **Canvassing Artists**, an exhibit of art by workshop participants, from June 19 through August 31. The Gallery will again be taking the work of participants in HAI's Arts Workshop Program on the road: The Gallery will take 102 paintings and sculptures to the GAGA Arts Center, Garnerville, NY, for an exhibit, "Outside In." The exhibit is the centerpiece of the Center's Art Festival, June 7 – 8. The exhibit continues through July 13.

**For more information please visit our website at
<http://www.hospaud.org>**

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| Cultural Events Program | 4,000 at 200 events |
| On-Site Performance Program | 10,500 at 210 performances |
| Arts Workshop Program | 9,500 at over 650 hours of workshops |
| Prevention Education Program | 3,400 at over 130 workshops |