The Hawai'i Opera Theatre (HOT) is a not-for-profit arts organization that produces professional opera of the highest artistic quality. HOT has been producing opera in Hawai'i for thirty-three years, the last thirteen as an independent company and the first twenty as part of the Honolulu Symphony Society. Currently HOT has two seasons, a Main Season, comprised of three "grand" operas presented at the 2,017 seat Neal Blaisdell Center Concert Hall and an Inter-Island Tour, which takes an opera de camera version of an opera, designed for small and non-theatre spaces, to neighbor islands and rural O'ahu. Hawai'i Opera Theatre productions blend local talent with outstanding guest artists in a variety of production areas. HOT holds at least two audition sessions annually in Honolulu, New York and Chicago, selecting the best of the nation’s young singers to perform before Hawai'i’s discriminating audience. HOT serves the Hawai'i cultural community by providing professional performance opportunities for singers, actors and musicians as well as experience for the talented artists who build HOT’s sets, costumes, wigs and other physical production aspects. By providing employment and training opportunities to creative workers and artists, HOT strives continually to increase the pool of professional creative workers in Hawai'i.

With exciting programs that can involve all grades HOT is committed to providing quality education in the arts, and specifically in opera. HOT has established the HOT Opera Express. The ensemble presents short opera productions composed specifically for children in kindergarten through the 6th grade. Demonstrations and lectures are available to all grade levels as well as an opportunity to attend performances at student membership prices.

Being an art form that is based in literature, opera readily lends itself to use in the classroom. Many of Hawai'i's most innovative teachers are using opera to enhance their work in language arts, social studies, science, math, foreign language, and as part of their arts curriculum.