

Dreams of song reflected in 'Great Performances'

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Neva Rego

HAWAII'S "Voice Coach to the Stars" Neva Rego and PBS Hawaii President and CEO Leslie Wilcox will tie in the station's live pledge program at 8 p.m. Sunday with the premiere of a PBS "Great Performances" special, "Jackie Evancho: Dream With Me In Concert." The tiny 11-year-old with the big voice has been wowing audiences ever since her appearance on "America's Got Talent." An encore of "Long Story Short" with Leslie interviewing Neva will air Sunday at 4 p.m. Neva has coached some of Hawaii's heavy hitters, including Robert Cazimero, Carole Kai, Shari Lynn, Tony Conjugacion, Jordan Segundo, Jasmine Trias and Jimmy Borges. Jimmy, a PBS Hawaii board member who also has worked pledge programs, says he's doing fine after liver cancer surgery and is walking laps in his condo's long hallway ...

A PBS HAWAII production crew is with a group of Nanakuli students who traveled to Scotland to compete this week in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe as part of the American High School Theatre Festival. The Nanakuli High and Intermediate School Performing Arts Center contingent includes 10 student performers and eight alumni staff members serving as technicians and chaperones. En route, the group stopped in London and met with Loretta Ables Sayre, who is playing Bloody Mary in "South Pacific" at the Barbican Theatre ...