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THE HOBBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES 2025-2026 “BEYOND BROADWAY” SERIES LINEUP

*Third season brings leading Broadway talents to Houston:
The Women of Hairspray, Bernadette Peters, and Eva Noblezada*

Houston, TX – The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts announces the ***Beyond Broadway*** 2025-2026 season bringing top tier entertainment to Houstonians in a fresh new way with intimate and engaging concert performances from Broadway’s biggest names.

Beginning Fall 2025, the third season will include **Kerry Butler**, **Laura Bell Bundy**, and **Marissa Jaret Winokur** as they reunite after *Hairspray*, **Bernadette Peters**, and **Eva Noblezada**. Three-show Subscriptions on sale now with single tickets on sale to the public on Monday, August 18. Visit TheHobbyCenter.org for more information.

“We are thrilled to launch our third season of Beyond Broadway during the 2025-2026 Season. This series grew out of the Hobby Center's commitment to bringing the very best of Broadway to Houston. While Houston audiences often get to see the hottest shows coming out of the New York theater season, it's not often we get to see the stars who originated those lead roles on local stages,” said Hobby Center CEO **Mark Folkes**. “This series brings these highly celebrated artists to the Hobby Center for intimate concerts featuring the songs that built and inspired their careers, providing an opportunity for audiences to learn more about each artist beyond the characters they play on stage.”

Kicking off the new season this December are the leading ladies of *Hairspray*: Tony®-nominee **Kerry Butler**, Tony®-nominee **Laura Bell Bundy**, and Tony®-winner **Marissa Jaret Winokur** reuniting for the first time since opening *Hairspray*. Together again in Houston for a spectacular night of music, laughter, and heartfelt memories in ***Mama, I'm A Big Girl Now*** in Zilka Hall.

2026 brings two Broadway powerhouses with Tony Award®-winner and Broadway legend **Bernadette Peters** for a one night only event in Sarofim Hall and ***Eva Noblezada in Concert*** in Zilka Hall straight from her run in *Cabaret* on Broadway.

THE HOBBY CENTER PRESENTS THE 2025-2026 SEASON OF “BEYOND BROADWAY”:

Mamma I’m A Big Girl Now | December 13, 2025 | Zilka Hall at the Hobby Center

3 Leading Ladies, 16 Broadway Shows, 20 Years of Friendship, All in 1 Night! Join Broadway’s beloved leading ladies —Tony®-nominee Kerry Butler, Tony®-nominee Laura Bell Bundy, and Tony®-winner Marissa Jaret Winokur reunite for the first time since opening *Hairspray* together for a spectacular night of music, laughter, and heartfelt memories in *Mama, I'm A Big Girl Now*.

You know them from their iconic roles in *Hairspray*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Beetlejuice*, but now they’re back together with props, wigs, and full choreography to celebrate two decades of friendship taking you

on a journey of their origins to Hairspray, their lives and careers after, finding love, and becoming “Mama’s” themselves. It’s a joy bomb wrapped in a dazzling array of popular songs that will have you laughing, crying, and reminiscing.

An Evening with Bernadette Peters | February 6, 2026 | Sarofim Hall at the Hobby Center

Join Bernadette Peters, critically acclaimed star of stage, film, television and recordings, for a magical and inspiring evening of songs from the great music masters. The multi-award winner creates an intimate audience experience when she performs celebrated selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Jerry Herman, among others. Come and enjoy the incomparable Bernadette for a one-of-a-kind evening of spell-binding songs that are certain to touch your heart.

Eva Noblezada in Concert | April 17, 2026 | Zilka Hall at the Hobby Center

Fresh from the Broadway stage and performing for the first time in Houston, Eva Noblezada brings a set list full of class, quirkiness and heartbreak as she takes you on her personal journey of discovering a deep love for music and theatre. Enjoy songs from classic musicals that take you back in time, and pop hits reimagined as if they were set in a sexy smoky speakeasy.

TICKETING: 3-show subscriptions available now and start at \$148. Single tickets on sale Monday, August 18 and will be available online at TheHobbyCenter.org/BeyondBroadway and in person at the Hobby Center Box Office (800 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002).

3-Show Beyond Broadway Season Subscription Package Benefits:

- **10% Discount** on additional *Beyond Broadway* tickets
- **Complimentary self-parking** in the Hobby Center parking garage, one pass per show per subscription account (subject to availability)
- **Exclusive presale access** for select Hobby Center presented programming

Patrons can become a “Hobby Center Insider” by signing up at thehobbycenter.org/news/stay-connected where they receive perks such as access to purchase tickets before public on sale including *Beyond Broadway* pre-sale access for “Hobby Center Insiders.”

Sponsors for the 2025-2026 Beyond Broadway series are Admiral Transfer and Rigging, Ken Bohan and Dean O’Kelley, and Amy Cope-Gibbs and Jon Gibbs.

The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts serves as a connector, convenor and incubator for all Houston audiences, artmakers and arts organizations. Opened in 2002, the campus houses two theaters including the 2,650-seat Sarofim Hall and the 500-seat Zilkha Hall. Delivering a best-in-class patron experience, the Hobby Center welcomes over 400,000 audience members annually to engage with high-quality arts programming including the Memorial Hermann Broadway at the Hobby Center series. The Hobby Center is also home to a full season of musical theatre produced by Principal Resident Company Theatre Under the Stars, as well as a variety of diverse performances from both Houston-based and touring artists and companies. Education and accessibility initiatives are central to the Hobby Center’s impact in Houston through programs like the ExxonMobil Discovery Series that welcomes thousands of students to performances every season. Please visit TheHobbyCenter.org. Follow the Hobby Center on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thehobbycenter), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/thehobbycenter) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/thehobbycenter).

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