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## ALDAgram – October 2017



October is National Protect Your Hearing month. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with support from the NIDCD, (<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov>) shows that based on certain features of their hearing test results, at least 10 million adults in the U.S. (6 percent of the population) under age 70—and perhaps as many as 40 million adults (24 percent)—may have hearing loss from noise in one or both ears. Protect your hearing!

**Note from the ALDA Boston board:** As of January 1, 2018, ALDA Boston dues for individual members will be \$20 and \$30 for professional members. We have held individual dues at \$15.00 for fifteen years, but increased costs for CART, the website, and other operating expenses justify the increase. If you'd like to lock in the 2017 rate, please pay your dues before January 1 by sending a check to the ALDA Boston post office at the address above.

### ALDA's October 28 program at the Lexington library

Come and enjoy a bewitching afternoon. Costumes are optional.

Date: Saturday, October 28th

Time: Refreshments at 1:30pm

*Presentation will begin at 2:00pm*

Place: The Large Meeting Room\*

*\* The Large Meeting Room is looped!*

Cary Memorial Library

1874 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington



## **Save These Dates Now!**

Our Holiday Party will be on **Saturday, December 9**. Details will be coming soon.

Our New Year's brunch will be on **Sunday, January 7, 2018**.

Jonathan O'Dell's presentation at the Lexington library has been rescheduled to **Saturday, March 10**.

Ellen Perkins will be giving a technology presentation at our Annual Meeting on **Saturday, April 21** at the Framingham library.



### **Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours**

The last tour Accessible Guided Tour of 2017 will be on Saturday, November 18 at 10:30 with a tour of Conservation at the MFA. Registration will open on Monday, October 30.

## **Accessible Theater**



Below is the schedule for the rest of October through January 2018. The full 2017-2018 is on the **ALDA Boston** website ([www.aldaboston.org](http://www.aldaboston.org))

### **Boston Opera House**

*Fun House* will be open captioned on **Saturday, October 21** at 2:00. The ASL interpreted performance will be on **Saturday, October 28** at 2:00. The audio-described performance will be on **Sunday, October 22** at 1:00.

For Accessibility information for the Boston Opera House, go to <https://www.bostonoperahouse.com/buying-tickets/accessibility.asp> Tickets may be purchased in person at the Boston Opera House Box Office, 539 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111. Box Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. To order tickets by phone, call (617) 880-2419.

### **American Repertory Theater, Cambridge**

*Sense and Sensibility* will be open captioned on Thursday, January 4 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, January 7 at 2:00 PM

## **Boch Center, Shubert Theatre**

*The Color Purple, The Musical* will be open captioned and ASL interpreted on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30. Tickets are \$46.50. All seats are in the Orchestra (floor level) and are in direct sight line of the ASL Interpreter.

## **New Repertory Theatre**

All performances in the main stage theater of the New Repertory Theatre in Watertown are looped.

*Oleanna* will be playing from October 14- November 5.

*Man of La Mancha* will be playing from December 1 – 24. Discount tickets for *Man of La Mancha* are available for all hearing loss groups. The discount is good for \$15 off the regular price in either Tier A or Tier B and is valid only for **Friday, Dec. 15** at 8 p.m. Just click on the performance and the code is automatically accepted.

## **Trinity Repertory Theater, Providence RI**

The following performances are open captioned:

*A Christmas Carol*: November 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm

*Into the Breeches!*: January 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm

## **Walk for Hearing, Sunday October 29, 2017**

(With apologies to lyricist Sammy Cahn)

“I’ll walk alone but to tell you the truth I’ll be lonely. I don’t mind being lonely if only you were walking too.”

Boston is an alliance member of the HLAA Walk for Hearing, and we are entitled to collect and receive donations, but Team ALDA Boston needs some help this year, so please go to the New England Walk4Hearing at [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=2434&pg=entry](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=2434&pg=entry) and search for ALDA Boston

## What are you reading?



Gael Hannan, author extraordinaire and editor of *Hearing Health & Technology Matters*, has written “Silly Pearls of Wisdom for People with Hearing Loss.”

Gael asks how well these inspirational quotes apply to people like us. “Don’t you just love when people throw out those sayings and clichés to help you through a situation? Like, *when one door closes, another opens*. What’s that supposed to mean for a person with hearing loss – that when you lose your hearing, you appreciate your eyes a lot more? That might be true, but I wouldn’t think, *oh OK, I didn’t really enjoy hearing all that much, anyway.*”

“This week, I looked up some other bits of wisdom to see how they might fit the life with hearing loss. My comments follow each quote.

“How do I love thee?” – Elizabeth Barrett Browning *I love thee a lot...I just can’t hear thee.*

“Never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century.” – Dame Edna Everage *People with hearing loss are laughing at the joke – because other people are. We ourselves didn’t catch it.*

“Friends...countrymen, lend me your ears!” – Shakespeare *Nah, ours don’t work so good...borrow somebody else’s.*”

Some of these Silly Pearls are priceless. To read them all, go to <http://hearinghealthmatters.org/betterhearingconsumer/2017/silly-pearls-wisdom-people-hearing-loss/>

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