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### ALDAgram – December 2015

The fabulous 2015 ALDA Holiday party was held on December 12, and we were delighted to see so many old friends enjoying themselves. The Chinese entrees were eaten enthusiastically with little left over, and several ALDA members carried the theme through with appetizers of pot stickers and fresh lychees.

Here is Ann checking that everything is hot.



Can you see the little mouse in his bread house?

Red was the color of the evening. Notice the festive decorations on the tables.



Each table setting had a small gift beside it. Thank you again, Ann Tanona, for hosting a fantastic evening.





Upcoming ALDA events.

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**Sunday, January 3**  
New Year's Brunch

*Guest speaker: Caitlin Parton*  
*Disability Law Center*

If you haven't already made your brunch reservation, please do so immediately.

**Saturday, February 13**  
Lexington Library

**Speaker: Dr. Daniel Lee,**  
**Mass Eye & Ear**

## News of Note

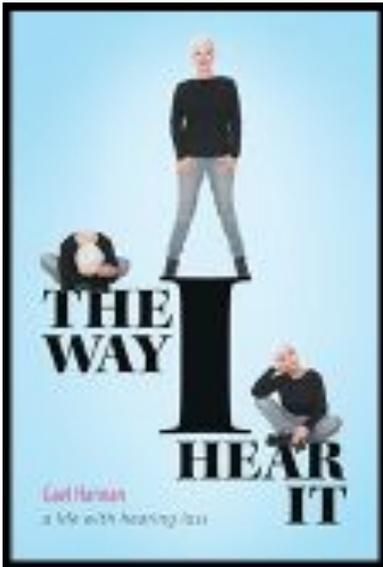
“Massachusetts Eye and Ear investigators have shown that sound deprivation in adult mice causes irreversible damage to the inner ear. The findings, published in *PLOS ONE*, suggest that chronic conductive **hearing loss**, such as that caused by recurrent ear infections, leads to permanent hearing impairment if it remains untreated.” To read the full article, go to <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/302895.php?tw>

“Spring Awakening,” which is currently playing on Broadway, has a cast of deaf and hearing actors. Lines are either signed or captioned on stage. This was the first time, however, that a Broadway show had been “translated” with a combination of three interpreters. Two sign-language specialists signed onto an audience member’s palm, while another stationed herself behind the audience member, “using his back as a proxy for the stage to communicate the show’s complex choreography.” Read the full review at <http://www.wsj.com/articles/awakening-the-senses-on-broadway-1450136087> And thank you, Valarie, for bringing this article to our attention. To read a review of the musical by the Deaf West Theater that appeared in the New York Times, go to [http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/28/theater/review-spring-awakening-by-deaf-west-theater-brings-a-new-sensation-to-broadway.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/28/theater/review-spring-awakening-by-deaf-west-theater-brings-a-new-sensation-to-broadway.html?_r=0)

DEAF Inc. is having a fundraising social on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 at the Downeast Cider House in Charlestown. For more details, email [jglinos@deafinonline.org](mailto:jglinos@deafinonline.org)

## Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours, 2016

**There is no tour scheduled for January.** Details about the February 20<sup>th</sup> tour will be sent in a separate email.



This month's book is by Gael Hannan, who will be our guest speaker at Celebration '16 in June. Peggy Ellertsen and I are delighted that Gael has agreed to come back to Boston to entertain us and to make us think about how we deal with hearing loss.

## The Way I Hear It: A Life with Hearing Loss

Here is what Katherine Bouton says about Gael's book: "Her writing is as wry and witty as she is in person, and those who have seen her perform will smile even at the memory – if not laugh out loud. Gael writes about hearing loss from the valuable perspective of one who has spent a lifetime living with it – and who has still not lost her sense of humor."

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Wishes you all a healthy and happy holiday season.  
See you in 2016!

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