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Fall is definitely here. The foliage has started to show its brilliant colors, and the colors get even more glorious as one drives north and west. Foliage in Vermont and further north has already peaked, but just looking out the window there are some beautiful views. According to our local weather person in Lexington, “Despite getting more rain, we're still in a pretty serious drought situation. 100% of Massachusetts is now in a drought category ranging from Abnormally Dry (D0) to Extreme Drought (D3). None of the state is in the D4 (Exceptional Drought) category.” There doesn't seem to be a lot of relief in sight just now, especially since fall is the driest of seasons around here.

Condolences to Carol Hilbinger on the death of her mother, Eula Lee Hilbinger, on October 6. Mrs. Hilbinger often came to the annual ALDA New Year's brunch with Carol and always seemed to have a good time.



The Walk4Hearing is just a week away: Sunday, October 30h

ALDA Boston has registered as a team, and every team member will get an ALDA Boston t-shirt. Even if you're not going to walk, please sign up to support the team. Go to the HLAA Walk website: http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NewEnglandWalk?pg=entry&fr_id=2383. Our team name is ALDA Boston. All donations are tax deductible. By walking or just publicizing the Walk, we are able to expand awareness of hearing loss, and ALDA will be able to use the funds we receive to expand our programs.

Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours, 2016

The next ALD tour, the Art of Asia, will be on Sunday, October 23. The tour will visit three of the collections within the MFA's permanent collection of Asian art.



The Garden of the Heart of Heaven



There is no tour in November. December's tour is on Saturday, December 3. We will visit the exhibition in the Ann and Graham Gund Gallery of William Merritt Chase.

Accessible Theater



Trinity Repertory Company. The next open-captioned performance will be *The Mountaintop* on Sunday, January 15th at 2 pm. But I hope you'll all be attending the ALDA New Year's brunch on that date.

Tickets are \$25 for one performance, or as a subscription for \$100. To purchase an OC Subscription, check out the Trinity Repertory website or call the box office at 401-351-4242. Providence, RI is only an hour away by train or car.

Broadway in Boston

Tickets to *Something Rotten* are now on sale. The open-captioned performance is on Saturday, January 21, at 2 p.m. The ASL performance is on Saturday, January 28, and the audio-described performance is on Sunday, January 22

For Tickets: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/ccet/EN/buy/browse> Performances are at the Boston Opera House. Get tickets by phone at 617-880-2419 or in person at the Box Office, 539 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111. Box office hours are Monday – Friday from 10:00 – 5:00

American Repertory Theater

Fingersmith, "a wild ride of a Victorian crime thriller," will be open captioned and audio described on January 5 at 7:30 and January 8 at 2 pm. The play will be ASL interpreted on January 4 at 7:30 and January 7 at 2 pm. Get tickets at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge or call 617-547-8300.

Save the Dates



Ann Tanona has again offered to host ALDA Boston's Annual Holiday party on **Saturday, December 10**. Please mark your calendars **now**. **The flyer with details will be coming shortly** .

Join us on December 16 for an Accessible Theatre Night at New Rep. Discounted tickets to *Fiddler on the Roof* are now available to members of ALDA and HLAA for the Friday evening performance at the Mosesian Theater on December 16. All productions in the Mosesian Theater are now hearing-loop enabled. [Order tickets online](#) or at the Box Office or call **617-923-7060 ext. 8206**. Use the promo code **FIDDLER12** to receive your discount. The code can be used to purchase tickets as long as they are available, but don't wait to do so because many performances are already sold out.

Other Events of Interest

On Saturday, November 5, there will be a Deaf Community Forum at the Center for Living and Working in Worcester. For details, contact Kim White at kwhite@centerlw.org

The Bionic Ear Association will hold its fall meeting at the Watertown Free Library on Sunday, November 6. "What's New at Advanced Bionics" is the topic. For more information and to RSVP, contact Barbara Abineri at barbabineri@gmail.com

The HLAA Boston chapter will hold its Holiday event at the Longfellow Wayside in Sudbury on Sunday, November 13 from 11:00 – 2:00. \$28 per guest. To reserve a place, email Barb Abineri at barbabineri@gmail.com and mail your payment to Barb Abineri 58 Dwight St. # 1 Brookline, MA 02446

On Saturday, November 19th, the Hearing Rehabilitation Center will be presenting a symposium on Music and Hearing Loss. Presenters include Betty Hauck and Stu Nunnery. Further details will be sent next week.

News of Note

Pregnant women with hearing loss may be more likely to give birth prematurely or have low-birth-weight babies. This is the conclusion of new research published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has permitted marketing of a device that uses a small balloon to treat persistent Eustachian tube dysfunction (ETD), a condition in which pressure, pain or clogged or muffled sensations occur in the ear. To read more, go to <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/313035.php>



What are you reading?



Here is a mystery that takes place in Cambridge. Ruffly is a hearing/service dog that belongs to a deaf Episcopal priest. He “tunes into sounds no humans can hear” and helps to solve the mysterious death of a dog lover. “Dog talk of all sorts abounds, from obedience training, shows, and breeds to temperament, grooming, and antics.”



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