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## ALDAgram - February 2018

Ms. G., the groundhog who lives at Mass Audubon's wildlife sanctuary in Lincoln, saw her shadow on Groundhog Day, so you know what that means. That won't deter us from enjoying the theater and museums, though. 



### Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours

There is no tour in February. The next MFA accessible tour will be on Saturday, March 24. The tour topic is "Silver in the Americas" as seen through the objects at the MFA. Watch for the email early in March with registration details. The full schedule of tours is on the ALDA Boston website.

### Accessible Theater



Below is the schedule for the upcoming months. The full 2018 schedule is on the **ALDA Boston** website ([www.aldaboston.org](http://www.aldaboston.org))

### American Repertory Theater, Cambridge

#### *The White Card*

ASL Interpreted: March 17 at 2PM

Audio Described: March 18 at 2PM

#### *Jagged Little Pill*

ASL Interpreted: June 13, 7:30PM & June 16, 2PM

Open Captioned: June 14, 7:30PM & June 16, 2PM

Audio Described: June 15, 7:30PM & June 16, 2PM

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

The following performances are open captioned:

*Othello*: February 18, 2018 at 2 pm

*Native Gardens*: April 8, 2018 at 2pm

*Ragtime*: April 29, 2018 at 2 pm

## **Boston Opera House, Boston**

### *Waitress*

Open Captioned: Saturday, February 24 at 2 pm.

ASL Interpreted: Saturday, March 3 at 2 pm.

### *On Your Feet*

Open Captioned: Saturday, April 21 at 2 pm.

ASL Interpreted: Saturday, April 28 at 2 pm.

### *Aladdin*

Open Captioned: Saturday, July 7 at 2 pm.

ASL Interpreted: Saturday, July 14 at 2 pm.

### *Book of Mormon*

Open Captioned: Saturday, August 18 at 2 pm.

ASL Interpreted: Saturday, August 25 at 2 pm.

## **New Repertory Theater, Watertown**

All performances in the main stage theater are looped.

### *The Bakelite Masterpiece*, March 17 – April 8

Discount tickets are available for ALDA and HLAA members for the above production. The discount is good for \$15 off the regular price. Use the code Audio15.

### *Two Jews Walk into a War* - Apr 28 – May 20

## **Shubert Theater, Boston**

### *The Humans*

Open Captioned: Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 pm.

ASL Interpreted: Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 pm.

### *Dirty Dancing*

Open Captioned: Sunday, June 17th at 6:30 pm

## **Hanover Theater, Worcester**

The following shows will be ASL interpreted at the 6:30 performance:

*Jersey Boys*: March 18

*Rent 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour*: April 8

*Bright Star*: April 15

*The King and I*: May 20



2018 ALDA Boston dues are now due. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please send your \$20 to the post office box at the top of the ALDAgram. Or bring them with you to Jonathan O'Dell's presentation on March 10 at the Lexington library. Jonathan won't take your check, but Lou Sakin will.

## **Upcoming ALDA Events:**

Saint Patrick's Day is March 17, but we'd welcome Irish treats at Jonathan's presentation on March 10 on "Coping with Hearing Loss." If you haven't received the flyer, please let me know.

Saturday, April 21, is ALDA Boston's Annual Meeting in Framingham. Ellen Perkins will be speaking on Assistive Technology. Since it's also ALDA Boston's 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is there anyone who'd like to sign or sing "Happy Birthday"?

## **Other Events of Interest**

The Hearing Rehabilitation Foundation will be hosting a concert by guitar Virtuoso Brooks Robertson on Saturday, February 24 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm/. If you'd like to attend this concert, please contact Geoff Plant by email at [hearf@aol.com](mailto:hearf@aol.com), phone him at 617-628-4537, or text him at 617-314-5395.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituents' Annual Day is on Thursday, March 8 from 10 – noon. To request communication access, contact the ADA Coordinator at the State House by email at [carl.richardson@state.ma.us](mailto:carl.richardson@state.ma.us) or by phone at 857-400-5502. Requests are due by February 22.

The Bionic Ear Association will be meeting on Sunday, March 25, from 1:30-3:30 at the Watertown Free Library, Main St., Watertown, MA. For more information, contact Barbara Abineri at [barbabineri@gmail.com](mailto:barbabineri@gmail.com)

## **News of Note**

“It’s Time to End the Scam of Flying Pets” by David Leonhardt appeared in the New York Times on February 4. To read the full article, go to

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/04/opinion/flying-pets-scam-peacock.html>

A recently published study found that Deaf Children with Cochlear Implants learn words faster than those with normal hearing. Niki Vavatzanidis, one of the authors of the research, said, "We observed that when deaf children get their implants, they learn words faster than those with normal hearing. Consequently, they build up certain word pools faster." Study leader Angela D. Friederici, explained that "children with cochlear implants could help us understand the general processes of language acquisition and determine which single steps are age-dependent." To read the article, go to

<https://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/blog/breakingnews/pages/post.aspx?PostID=144>

The first clinical trial of a new drug designed to protect humans' hearing will involve a compound developed at the University of Washington (UW). The FDA approval clears the way for a Phase I trial of volunteers to confirm whether the drug, which demonstrated significant protective ability in animal models, is safe for humans. To read the article, go

<https://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/blog/breakingnews/pages/post.aspx?PostID=148>

## **What are you reading?**

Terri Charles has recommended the article “Never Mind: How to Handle Communication in Groups” by Karen Putz, which appeared in the January 15 issue of HearingLikeMe.com. To read Karen’s post, go to <https://www.hearinglikeme.com/tips-for-group-conversations-with-hearing-loss/> (If you have trouble clicking, copy and paste this URL into your browser.)



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