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ALDAgram – August 2018

August seems to be rather quiet as we gear up for September, which will be busy, and so will ALDA. As you know, ALDA Boston is a volunteer organization. Over the past twenty-nine years, it has grown and supplied support, education, and social contacts for persons with and without hearing loss. Our organization fills a very valuable role, but it can only sustain itself and prosper if members step forward to help plan and execute our diverse programs and events. The current board, with the addition of a few new members, has been in place for many years. In short, we need some new faces and energy on the board. We are extending an open invitation to members who want this group to thrive and grow to join us in managing ALDA Boston. Please contact any of the current Board members about volunteer opportunities, such as hospitality, meeting planning, running for the Board, etc.

Upcoming ALDA Boston Events



Successful Communication Strategies will be the topic of our ALDA member panel on **Saturday afternoon, October 20** at the Lexington library. Save the date now for a lively session. The flyer will be coming the closer we get to the date.

Our festive Holiday Celebration will be on **Saturday, December 15** at Ann Tanona's home.

And our delicious New Year's brunch will be on Sunday, **January 6, 2019** with honoree Heidi Reed.

Upcoming ALDA Events

The 30th Annual International ALDAcon will be held in Portland, Oregon from October 10 – 14. On October 11, Will Lewis, Principal Technical Program Manager with the Microsoft Translator team, will be speaking at ALDAcon. Mr. Lewis will be providing his presentation with the use of the Microsoft Translator, rather than CART, so attendees will have the opportunity to observe this technology first hand.

Gael Hannan will be performing "*I'm Hearing as Hard As I Can*" at the I. King Jordan Award Banquet on **Friday October 12**. Many of us saw Gael when she performed here two years ago.

Other Events of Interest

HLAA Central's next meeting will be on **Saturday, September 8** from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Northborough Public Library, 34 Main Street, Northborough. The speaker is Keith Darrow, Ph.D., and the topic is Hearing Loss and Cognition.

Hear@Boston will meet on **Sunday, September 16** from 2:30 – 4:00 at the Watertown Public Library. There will be a discussion about ideas for the upcoming year.



Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours

The next ALDA/HLAA tour, CASANOVA, is on **Sunday, September 16**, at 10:00 (note the earlier start time). Look for registration information on Monday, August 27.

Accessible Theater



New Repertory Theatre, Watertown

1776 will be playing in the Mainstage Theater from **November 30 - December 23**. Discounted tickets for all 1776 performances are now available to members of ALDA and HLAA. Use promo code AUDIO18.

Several of us are planning to attend the 8:00 performance on **Friday, December 21**. Tickets are \$53 in Tier A and \$37 in Tier B plus a \$4 service charge. Purchase your tickets online by going to <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/cal/34712> or call the box office at 617--923-8487. If you would like to join us for dinner before the show, please let Ann Tanona know by emailing her at ARTanona@aol.com. We're hoping to go to La Casa de Pedro, which is very close to the theater. More information will be coming closer to the date.

Trinity Repertory Theater, Providence, RI

Pride and Prejudice

Open Captioned: Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

American Repertory Theater

Purchase your tickets via phone at 617-547-8300, in person at our Ticket Services Office, or by email at access@amrep.org

The Black Clown

Audio Described: September 16 at 2:00 PM and September 21 at 7:30PM

Open Captioned: September 20 at 7:30 PM and September 23 at 2:00PM

Boston Opera House.

For more information, go to <https://www.bostonoperahouse.com/buying-tickets/accessibility.asp>.

BOOK OF MORMON
(Tickets for Book of Mormon start at \$44.50)

Open Captioned Performance
Saturday, August 18th, 2pm

American Sign Language Performance
Saturday, August 25th, 2pm

Audio Described Performance
Sunday, August 19th, at 1:00pm

HAMILTON

ASL Performances
Saturday, 10/6 at 2:00pm
Thursday, 11/1 at 7:30pm

Audio Described Performances
Sunday, 9/23 at 1:00pm
Wednesday, 10/17 at 7:30pm

Open Captioned Performances
Saturday, 9/22 at 2:00pm
Tuesday, 11/6 at 7:30pm

News of Note:

As part of a July 18 announcement in the *Federal Register* on a new proposed ruling, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—the government agency regulating interstate communications by radio, TV, satellite, cable, and wire—has indicated an interest in utilizing automated speech recognition (ASR) as an alternative to live captioning assistants (CAs) for Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS), making the use of CAs optional.

Between Sound and Silence

The New York Times Op Docs recently published a short version of *The Listening Project* film called *Between Sound and Silence*. The documentary, produced by one of the film producers, Irene Brodsky, includes some new material not included in the original film and demonstrates what is possible today for children with hearing loss using cochlear implants. Jane Madell, who was one of the producers of the film, was the audiologist who did my evaluation for my first cochlear implant. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/07/opinion/deafness-cochlear-implants.html>

A study published recently in *Ear and Hearing* found that mindfulness-based cognitive therapy may help people with tinnitus — particularly those who have tried other treatments that haven't helped.

Question of the Month: Why does Professor Calculus need to join ALDA Boston? Those who answer correctly will get an ALDA Boston cookbook.



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