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## ALDAgram – May 2020

### Better Hearing & Speech Month



**May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.** Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM) was founded in 1927, by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The aim of BHSM is to raise awareness about hearing and speech problems, encouraging people to analyze their own hearing and speech, and to take action if they think there might be a problem. Treatment can then be given to improve the quality of life in people with communication problems. For 2020, the theme is "Communication at Work."

What are YOU doing to improve communication with others during this month and going forward?

### Our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Barbecue

This year, for the first time in many, many years, we will have to postpone our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Barbecue. In view of Governor Baker's order to continue social distancing and mask wearing as well as the fact that the risks associated with large-scale live events this year remain unknown, we are thinking about a virtual picnic of some sort, perhaps later in July. Perhaps one of you who is savvy about technology could step up to arrange something.



## ALDAcon 2020 Niagara Falls Postponement



**:NEWSFLASH:  
NIAGARA FALLS FROZEN UNTIL 2021**

ALDACon is postponed for one year. The 2021 Con will still be held in Niagara Falls and at the same hotel, the Sheraton, with no increase in rates. Please note in your calendars the new dates: **October 6 - 10, 2021.**

ALDA Inc. has a good list of communication tools to help during isolation. Go to:  
<https://alda.org/communication-while-in-isolation/>

And if you'd like some more books and movies that are related to Deafness and/or Hearing Loss, ALDA Inc. has a long list on their website: [www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org)



**Deaf Awareness Day at Six Flags New England** has been postponed until 2021. Six Flags New England is temporarily closed. "Following local and regional COVID-19 health directives, we will open as soon as it is safe to do so."

## Museum of Fine Arts ALDA/HLAA Accessible Guided Tours



Although the museum is closed, there are numerous collections to view. One of my favorite collections is the Musical Instrument Collection, which houses kalimba and mbira, types of lamellaphones. The MFA says that these small African instruments made from wood, with cane or metal plates that make notes when struck, are played by musicians in communities throughout Eastern and Southern Africa.

If you go to <http://mfa.org>, you can watch musical instrument videos of 44 different instruments. No membership is needed.

To listen to Solomon Muruqu perform “Nhemamusasa,” a traditional African song, on a modern-day mbira, go to

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7Q\\_UTKgJXo&list=PLlaGkbYsw6ceBwLbz1peIWWjOoQDIek2c&index=29&utm\\_source=dm\\_membership&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=membership&utm\\_content=051320-mbr-weekly-offer\\_version\\_A&promo=25865](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7Q_UTKgJXo&list=PLlaGkbYsw6ceBwLbz1peIWWjOoQDIek2c&index=29&utm_source=dm_membership&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=membership&utm_content=051320-mbr-weekly-offer_version_A&promo=25865)

## News of Note

Thanks to Tina Childress for alerting us to this posting from the American Academy of Audiology list-serve. See <https://m.facebook.com/tina.childress/posts/10157881238625568>



Many health systems are screening patients before they enter the facility and these screenings often include a temperature screening. This may be conducted with a forehead device or an ear temperature screener. For patients with any style of in-the-ear hearing aids or BTEs with occluding ear molds they may find that a temperature reading right when they remove their hearing aids will be high. A study by Mogensen et al. (2018) suggests leaving the hearing aid/ear mold out for at least 5 minutes in order to get an accurate temperature screening.

ALDA member Shelley Silverman, Executive Director of New England Homes for the Deaf, sent us the May NEHD Newsletter.

To read the Newsletter, go to <https://mailchi.mp/eceda9f54d3d/nehd-may-newsletter-1525700?e=b5e574a75e>

On Wednesday, there was a car parade to support the residents and to thank them for their donations/



## From the Archives



Do you recognize these members and where did those hats come from? Were they doing the Mexican hat dance?

The sign says “ALDA Fun,” but on which ALDA trip was it taken?



Two ALDA Boston cookbooks to whoever can identify these events and places.

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