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Get Ready: 25th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure

On Saturday June 13, join DDHH, the New Jersey Association of the Deaf (NJAD) and thousands of New Jersey residents who are Deaf or hard of hearing, along with their friends and families, for the 25th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure.

This year Six Flags Great Adventure also welcomes the Professional Bowlers

Association (PBA) Summer Series! This event will feature 15 of the world's greatest bowlers competing on specially-constructed lanes in a rare outdoor setting that will air throughout the summer on Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN).



Norm Duke, PBA Player of the Year 2000

of the special ESPN presentation featuring bowlers such as Norm Duke, PBA Player of the Year (1994 and 2000). Duke received an Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly (ESPY) Award in 2008 for

Best Bowler and ranked 7th on the PBA's 2008 list of "50 Greatest Players of the Last 50 Years." The roster also includes left-handed, American professional bowler,



Giraffes stroll down Safari Drive

Parker Morse Bohn III. Bohn's won five titles and earned PBA Player of the Year honors in 1999. The PBA event will take place in the Movietown section of the park. Come and witness PBA history at Six Flags Great Adventure!

Also, don't forget to visit the Wild Safari, the largest drive-thru safari outside of Africa. This 350-acre wildlife preserve is home to 1,200 animals, including several endangered species. The 4.5-mile auto trail lets animals walk right up to your car for

an up-close encounter you'll never forget. While your there, stop by Exploration Station and learn about conservation through hands-on experience with some favorite creatures.



DDHH Staff members enjoy Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Director's Corner

By David Alexander, Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

This month I would like to update you on the planning for the third biannual Family Learning Conference for Families with Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The event is an interagency collaboration between DDHH and other state departments; our partners are the New Jersey Health and Seniors Services, Early Intervention Program and Statewide Parent Advocacy Network.

The conference follows two other successful events previously held in the northern and central parts of the state. The upcoming event, planned for May 2, 2009, will be held at the Atlantic Cape Community College located in Mays Landing. It will bring together a wealth of resources and information, giving parents the opportunity to learn about advocacy strategies and services available for children with hearing loss. The planned activities include:

- A student panel of successful Deaf and hard of hearing students
- Exhibits on assistive technology devices
- Workshops from professionals in the field of hearing loss
- Organizations that provide services to Deaf and hard of hearing children
- Opportunities to network with other families who have children with hearing loss
- A children's program with activities for all ages

This conference is specifically designed to address the many questions parents and families have about hearing loss. It is also a wonderful opportunity to network with other parents. For further information about this conference or to register, please call Malia Corde, 908-537-4673 (voice) maliac@comcast.net; Jason Weiland 609-943-4271 (video phone) jason.weiland@dhs.state.nj.us; or Traci Burton 609-984-7281 (tty/voice) traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Alexander".

Reminder:

The deadline for the May 2009 issue is April 1.
The deadline for the April issue was March 1.

Send e-mail submissions to the editor:
Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us.

Submissions should be "text only," in a standard word document (no pdf files). Photos, that accompany submissions are encouraged.

For a style sheet, contact the editor.

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First of the month for the following month's edition.

Conference for Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

The Family Learning Conference will hold its third biannual event on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Atlantic Cape Community College, 5100 Black Horse Pike (U.S. Route 322) Mays Landing, NJ.

This free conference is an excellent forum for parents/guardians who have children with hearing loss to meet others like themselves. It will bring together families across New Jersey, provide an opportunity to obtain valuable information from speaker presentations and gather a variety of resources from the exhibitors.

The keynote will be Dennis Jones, Jr., who wrote Tarnished Halos and Crooked Fences: a Journey into the World of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Other presenters include: Traci Burton and Jason Weiland, both from DDHH; Robert A. Robinson Esq. of New Jersey Disability Rights; Hilary Porteous-Nye BS, LSW from ACCESS Behavioral Health Services; and Carolyn Hayer from Statewide Parent Advocacy Network.

Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, and CART (Computer Access Realtime Translation) will be provided.

The planning committee is composed of the NJ Department of Human Services' Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NJ Department of Health and Seniors Services' Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, and Statewide Parent Advocacy Network/NJ Statewide Parent to Parent. The sponsors include NJ Relay/Sprint.

For additional information and to obtain a registration form, please contact: Traci Burton at: traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us or 609-984-7281 V/TTY or Jason Weiland, Jason.Weiland@dhs.state.nj.us.

NOTE: This conference is intended for parents/guardians of children with hearing loss (bring the kids - there will be activities and food).



DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

Friday April 24
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

East Brunswick Public Library
2 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3529

The public is invited to attend.

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance: 609-984-7281 V/TTY

All DDHH advisory council meetings are fully accessible with sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices (ALDs) and CART (open captioning).

Support Organizations Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People in New Jersey

Purchase Six Flags Awareness Day Tickets from Participating Organizations for June 13 Event

New Jersey Association of the Deaf is responsible for coordinating ticket sales through the following participating organizations serving people with hearing loss:

Bruce Street School for the Deaf

333 Clinton Place
Newark, NJ 07112
Day: 973-705-3952
MJMansbach@aol.com

Deaf Golf Association, Inc.

420 North Union Ave.
Crandford, NJ 07016
TTY/VP: 908-272-3939
RHSARK@aol.com

Eastern Deaf Ladies Golf Association

264 Swinnerton Street
Staten Island, NY 10307-1641
TTY: 718-605-9403
Sourpeas@aol.com

New Jersey American Sign Language Teacher Association

32 Fairway Ave.
West Orange, NJ 07052
W: 862-279-7483 (VP)
NJASLTA@aol.com

New Jersey Association of the Deaf

President@NJADeaf.org
www.njadeaf.org/contact.html

New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind

24K Worlds Fair Drive
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
TTY/V: 732-805-1912
Kzayas@njabd.org

New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.

9 Vessel Road
Waretown, NJ 08758
VP: 609-242-0240
Carlina@aol.com

New Jersey Deaf Sports, Inc.

26 N. Shore Blvd.
Helmetta, NJ 08828-1233
VP: 732-521-3098
NJDeafSportsInc@aol.com

New Jersey Registry Interpreters for the Deaf

83 Hawkins Road
Tabernacle, New Jersey 08088
V: 609-980-8037
Meg.ellis@comcast.net

Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

52 Heritage Court
Towaco, New Jersey 07082
W: 973-326-5720 (TTY)
Tmontemo@att.com

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf

2222 Vauxhall Road
Union, NJ 07083
V: 908-686-3965
Gracelu4u@yahoo.com

Burlington County College's ASL Club

1338 New Rodgers Road
Levittown, PA 19057
V: 908-303-3797
Rachy41@yahoo.com

Ticket prices if purchased through participating
Deaf and hard of hearing organizations in advance:

Theme Park: \$30

(includes additional ticket for Safari)

Hurricane Harbor: \$20

Theme Season Pass: \$90

3-Park Season Pass: \$120

New this year - Parking Voucher: \$12 (save \$3)

Ticket prices the day of the event June 13,
at Deaf Awareness booth, front entrance:

Theme Park: \$35

Hurricane Harbor: \$25

For more information, contact Lauren Lercher at
GATickets@aol.com.

National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Supports DTV Transition Awareness Campaign

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The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is pleased to announce that it is working with Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD) as an outreach resource partner to steer consumers with digital TV (DTV) transition questions to CSD's Help Center. CSD was awarded a contract from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to implement an awareness campaign targeted to Deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind consumers in regard to the DTV transition.

The NAD will place a banner on its home page with a direct link to the CSD Help Center and will inform its membership and supporters about this service.

"The NAD has been working closely with the FCC to ensure that the needs of Deaf, hard of hearing and Deaf-blind consumers are seriously taken under consideration during this transition," said Nancy J. Bloch, NAD chief executive officer. "So, we are very pleased to work with CSD on this important project to make sure our community has all of the information it needs."

Recently, Congress passed a bill to delay the DTV transition deadline from February 17 to June 12, 2009. President Obama is expected to sign the bill into law. This delay will give Americans more time to apply for and receive government coupons to help purchase DTV converter boxes. Currently, there is a waiting list (currently 3.2 million) for converter box coupons. In addition, people will have more time to connect and test their DTV converter boxes and receive the technical assistance they need to make a smooth transition to DTV. CSD has launched both a help center (call center) and a new Web site — with "how to" videos in American Sign Language (ASL), captioning, voice and in Spanish (captioned and voiced).

For more information, visit <http://dtv.c-s-d.org>.

Deaf-blind Experiences with Video Relay Solicited

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wants to hear from Deaf-blind people about experiences using video relay services and communication facilitators. Deaf-blind people can send comments by email or mail to: Thomas Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554; email: Thomas.Chandler@fcc.gov.

Please send a copy of your comments to Gregory Hlibok (also at the FCC), Attorney-Advisor, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs, Gregory.Hlibok@fcc.gov.

Scholarships Available

The Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (HLA-NJ) is pleased to announce a scholarship for high school seniors with a hearing loss, who are pursuing a college degree or vocational training. This scholarship is \$1000 and will be awarded to each of two students residing in New Jersey.



Recipients must have applied to a college or vocational education program, be between the ages of 17 and 20 and wear a hearing aid(s) or cochlear implant. Financial need is not a consideration. The scholarship is a one-time award.

This scholarship is made possible in part by funds raised by the first Garden State Walk4Hearing event. The annual Walk4Hearing is a national project of the Hearing Loss Association of America to raise awareness about the causes and consequences of hearing loss, and to raise funds to provide information and support for people with hearing loss.

Applications are available online at www.hearingloss-nj.org, or contact:

Sandy Spekman, Scholarship Chair, HLA-NJ
328 Meadowbrook Lane, South Orange, NJ 07079
Sandy.Spekman@hearingloss-nj.org

Completed applications must be received by May 1.

ALDA-GS (Association of Late-Deafened Adults-Garden State) is pleased to announce the availability of a \$2000 scholarship in 2009. This scholarship will be awarded to a Deaf or hard of hearing high school student or adult who resides in New Jersey. This scholarship offer extends to any Deaf or hard of hearing graduating high school student or adult who has been accepted at an accredited college, university, or trade school for the year 2009.

Applications available online at www.alda-gs.org, or contact:

Diana Fanuel, Scholarship Chair, ALDA-GS
413 Valley View, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444
aldafann@hotmail.com

Completed applications must be received by May 1.

The League changes name to Center for Hearing and Communication

After 99 years, the League for the Hard of Hearing is now the Center for Hearing and Communication. “Since 1910, we’ve provided the highest level of clinical expertise available for people of all ages with hearing loss. As the Center for Hearing and Communication, we renew that commitment and invite you to experience our wide array of services and unparalleled clinical expertise. We’re here for you. We’re here for the future,” stated Laurie Hanin, Ph.D., CCC-A executive director.

Free hearing screenings are still available at the Center for Hearing and Communication and have been changed to Wednesdays (noon to 2:00 PM) and Thursday (4:00 PM - 6:00 PM) by appointment only.

For an appointment, call 917-305-7766 Voice, or email appointments@chchearing.org.

In addition, a free college planning workshop for high school students with hearing loss will take place at the Center for Hearing and Communication May 27 from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. High school sophomores and juniors with hearing loss are invited to participate. Parents are encouraged to attend as well. Refreshments will be served.

To get more information about the college planning workshop or to make a reservation, contact aflores@chchearing.org or 917-305-7820 Voice. Access an online reservation form at www.lhh.org/calendar/index.html.

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New York, NY 10004
917-305-7700 Voice
917-305-7999 TTY
917-305-7888 FAX
www.chchearing.org

Cochlear Implant Support Group to Meet in Haddonfield

The next meeting of the Cochlear Implant Support Group
April 21

at Grace Church, Haddonfield, NJ
www.gracehaddon.org
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

“All things you ever wanted to know about going bi-lateral with a CI” will be the topic of the program presented by representatives of Cochlear Corporation.

For more information and directions, please contact and RSVP to Kathie Simcox or Wayne Roorda at cochlearimplant1@yahoo.com. CART and interpreter services will be available thanks to the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) co-sponsor of the meeting.

LaGuardia Community College receives \$800,000 Grant from the U. S. Department of Education

LONG ISLAND CITY, NY **LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE** has received an \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to support its American Sign Language (ASL)-English interpreting program, with a concentration on educational settings.

The four-year grant will provide significant tuition-support to enable students to enroll in the LaGuardia ASL-English Interpretation Program's professional certificate or collaborative Bachelor of Arts option and prepare to serve the interpreting needs of Deaf and hard-of-hearing children. In order to address the issue of communicating with the many cultures in New York City, attracting students of diverse backgrounds is a program focus.

"The New York City metropolitan area has a large, multi-cultural population of Deaf and hard of hearing children and youth," said Rob Hills, project director. "There is value in having interpreters from the communities who know their customs and languages from the inside."



In accordance with its belief that before one can be a good educational interpreter, one must first be a good interpreter, Mr. Hills said that the program will prepare students with the knowledge, skills and understanding needed for this cross-linguistic, cross-cultural work. He went on to say that it will also offer a foundation in working in an educational setting, so that graduates, in turn, can provide students they will serve with every opportunity available to them for learning.

The college's program is the tri-state area's first bachelor's level program in ASL-English interpretation, with a focus on interpreting in educational settings. The B.A. option is with the State University of New York-Empire State College. For program students or applicants who already have a bachelor's degree, the ASL-English interpretation program may be taken for a professional certificate.

The unique and rigorous program, which has had over 100 graduates since it began in 1997, has gained a highly acclaimed reputation. Ninety-one percent of its students score in the "high" range on the national written interpreting certification test, a graduation requirement whose cost is covered by the new funding. To date, the program has been successful in attracting over \$5.7 million in USDE federal funding and has offered students full-tuition support since its inception.

"This new funding," said Mr. Hills, "will enable us to implement and enhance this program, prepare graduates for a challenging and viable career, and satisfy the expanding need for professional interpreters in educational settings."

Union County College Black Deaf Forum

Submitted by Daniel Amend, UCC SIGN Club President

As a celebration of diversity, Union County College (UCC) SIGN Club hosted the annual Black Deaf Forum on February 28. This year, the presenter was the one and only Fred Beam. Fred Beam is well known for his work as an actor, poet,

dancer, choreographer, director, and his advocacy work as the president of National Deaf Black Advocates. His lecture showed the history of Black Deaf performing artists, highlighting the struggles and accomplishments of that community. Fred is an engaging and charismatic entertainer, and gave his audience an afternoon to remember. The show was facilitated by UCC students Dana Fuller and Kristina Miranda, and interpreted by Kathleen Taylor and Jasper Thacker. Thanks to all the student volunteers and UCC faculty, who helped to make the BDF a success, and all the wonderful people in the audience.



Union County College Interpreter Education Program would like to express its appreciation and thanks to community interpreters who gave their time as field supervisors for UCC students who completed their internship in the ASL Interpreter Educational Program in the Fall 2008 semester and especially to the Deaf community members who allowed UCC interns to participate in their public and private matters.

This program strives to educate ASL-English interpreting students to their fullest potential to serve the Deaf community. Allowing interns to experience real life situations enhances their ability to apply knowledge to practice.

With sincere thanks,
Cindy Williams, MSW, MM, CI
Instructor and Intern Supervisor

Eileen Forestal, M.Ed., MM, RSC
Coordinator, ASL Deaf Studies and ASL-English Interpreting Programs



Deaf Blind League of NJ, Inc. Post Holiday Party

The Deaf Blind League of NJ Inc. held its post holiday party at Old Man Rafferty's Restaurant in New Brunswick on February 21.

Twenty five people attended and enjoyed delicious food including an appetizer, entrée and dessert, catching up with old friends and meeting new people. Two individuals won \$25 each in the 50/50 raffle. Everyone went home with two gifts, a smile on their face and feeling very satisfied.

For more information regarding future events with DBLNJ, Inc., visit www.dblnj.org.



Bergen Community College Center for Collegiate Deaf Education (CCDE)

presents

Deaf Culture Day

We are pleased and honored to welcome

Mr. I. King Jordan
President Emeritus of Gallaudet University

Friday, April 24

Celebrating 20 years of service.

On this day, Bergen Community College will also be hosting a recognition and reunion celebration to honor the Northern New Jersey Regional Center for Collegiate Deaf Education (CCDE) for providing comprehensive support services for students for more than twenty years. Established in 1988, with the support of the NJ Commission on Higher Education and Bergen Community College, the center has been able to maintain a long history of commitment to students who are Deaf and hard of hearing seeking higher education degrees. There will be a reunion dinner for CCDE alumni families only.

For reservations and additional information, please contact us at ccde@bergen.edu.

Visit us at www.bergen.edu/ccde.

American Sign Language Story Hour

Caldecott Award Celebrated at the Library

Jan Johnson, 2009 Caldecott Committee Member, was this month's special guest at the New Jersey State Library for the Blind and Handicapped (NJLBH) Children's American Sign Language Story Hour on February 10.



The audience attends to Ms. Johnson's presentation

Ms. Johnson read *Joseph had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback to students from the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf and the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission School and the public. In this hilarious story, Joseph's favorite overcoat gets old and worn, so he makes a jacket out of it. The original material becomes smaller and smaller as each item gets worn out.

Following her story, Ms. Johnson talked about her experience on the Caldecott Medal Committee.

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book. Ms. Johnson talked about collecting and reading tons of the books and the work that went into selecting a winner. She illustrated her talk with examples from the book her committee selected, *The House in the Night*, illustrated by

Beth Krommes and written by Susan

Marie Swanson. After storyhour, the children enjoyed creating their own works of art.



An MKSD student shows off his creative art!



Jan Johnson, 2009 Caldecott Committee Member, reads the book, "[Joseph had a Little Overcoat](#)."

The Story Hour was interpreted in ASL thanks to support from the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, of the New Jersey Department of Human Services. The Story Hour is part of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program (DHHAP) offered by NJLBH which is located at 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue in Trenton. For more information about the DHHAP program, contact Christine Olsen, Program Coordinator, at 877-882-5593 TTY or colsen@njstatelib.org. Future ASL Story Hours will be on April 21, May 12, and June 9 at 10:00 AM.

Job Opportunities

Goodwill Industries Seeks to Fill Positions

Goodwill Industries is a leading provider of vocational, youth and community redevelopment services for people with disabilities and other special needs in New York and northern New Jersey. Our mission is to expand opportunities and job capabilities for people outside the mainstream workforce, whether they are mentally or physically disabled, economically disadvantaged, recent immigrants, unskilled workers or urban youth. We operate programs in the five boroughs of New York City and the metropolitan area, including Long Island and Northern New Jersey. Following are three positions we hope to fill at our Harrison, New Jersey site.

Vocational Evaluator Using ASL, evaluate Deaf and hard of hearing clients to determine vocational goals, using the appropriate tests based upon the consumer's intellectual functioning, behavior and vocational goals. Additionally, evaluator selects, administers and scores vocational tests and meets with New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Service (NJ DVRS) counselors to review evaluations of the consumer. Evaluator also organizes open houses/tours for NJ DVRS and other agencies, develops marketing materials and engages in continuing education to update and upgrade skills.

Requires BA, fluency in ASL and one year of experience working with the disabled. Excellent reading, writing and computer skills are essential. Counseling aptitude a plus. MA degree in a related field preferred (vocational rehabilitation, psychology, social work and/or disability studies). Salary \$16-\$18/hr DOE, up to 25 hrs per week.

Job Coach Performs intensive on-the-job training with newly placed consumers and helps them learn public transportation alternatives to get to and from work. Also provides ongoing coaching on a monthly basis for consumers needing long-term follow along (LTFA) and performs case management services. Additionally, keeps track of task analysis for the purpose of training new hires on the job, maintains case documentation on a weekly basis for intensive job coaching consumers and tracks the number of service hours provided to each consumer and submits activity reports.

Requires AA degree in human services and/or a HS diploma and three - five years of experience in a related field. Fluency in ASL and knowledge of Microsoft Office essential. Must have a valid NJ license, pass a license check and be willing to use private transportation to go to employers and serve consumers in counties throughout Northern NJ. SCPI certification preferred.

Employment Skills Instructor Instruct work readiness groups for consumers, both hearing and Deaf, as well as oversee daily participant training activities. Monitors and documents participants' attendance and report progress, issues and other related information to case managers. Additionally, assists participants in identifying potential employment opportunities, helps participants develop cover letters, resumes, and master job applications and conducts mock client interviews. Also monitors inventory of client supplies, assists with maintenance of equipment in the computer lab and workshop area and schedules guest speakers for workshops.

Requires high school diploma/GED, fluency in ASL and two years of experience facilitating workplace readiness classes. Excellent communication, organization, interpersonal, and computer skills essential.

Goodwill Industries offer a comprehensive benefits package including medical and dental, 403B retirement plan with employer contribution, wage work commuter plan, a full service EAP, tuition reimbursement, and paid vacation.

For immediate consideration, send resume to email: dsmith@goodwillny.org EOE.

CAREER OPTIONS DAY

April 30

JFK Conference & Fitness Center,
70 James Street, Edison, New Jersey
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Opportunity to meet with prospective employers
and receive career information.

Please contact us if you need a sign language interpreter. For more information, contact Rose Anne Anthony, Department Secretary, JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute at 732-321-7723 TTY.

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Welcome To Open Gym Night Volleyball and Basketball

April 18 (Saturday night)
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Meadow View Academy Jr.
Seventh-Day Adventist Church
241 Bordentown/Chesterfield Rd, Chesterfield, NJ 08515
Deaf, hard of hearing, interpreter and hearing welcome.
Come, join us and have fun. Snack and drinks provided.
Call Carolyn at 866-952-1438
No alcohol and no smoking (inside or outside).



The Holocaust Commemoration



Sunday, April 19
4:00 PM

at

Fair Lawn Jewish Center
10-10 Norma Ave., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Interpreter provided upon request.
Contact jajonas@verizon.net by April 10.



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Ritz Theatre Presents Shadow Interpreted Performances of **A Midsummer Night's Musical**

On May 12 and 19 at 10:00 AM, the Ritz Theatre Company of Haddon Township, NJ presents shadow interpretation for "A Midsummer Night's Musical" based on William Shakespeare's

"A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Ritz Theatre, 915 White Horse Pike, Haddon Township, NJ.

Tickets are \$17 - \$30

Group rates available.

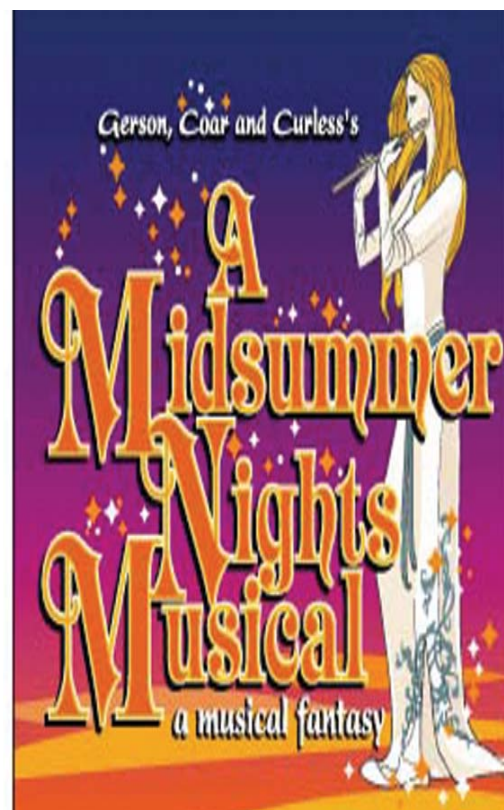
Student rush seats \$10.

Assistive listening devices available, handicapped accessible.

All seats reserved.

Advanced reservations: Ritz 24 hour ticket hotline

856-858-5230 Voice. www.ritztheatreco.org



Join the Deaf and Hard of Hearing dance for ZUMBA

**Saturday, April 18
7:30 PM**

Milltown, NJ (visit Web site for specific place.)

\$8 per person

Register at: ArtsHearingLoss@aol.com

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Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music - dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system! Zumba is not only great for the body, but it's also great for the mind. Be prepared to sweat. Wear comfortable workout clothes and your smooth soled sneakers. Don't forget to bring water and a small hand towel.

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Sign Language Intensive Total Communication Weekend

Saturday and Sunday April 18 & 19

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Participate in a weekend-long immersion to study and promote the learning of American Sign Language in straight English word order (with voice).

This course is designed for beginners as well as advanced students.

An interactive workshop aims to promote cultural awareness,
vocabulary development and improvement of
conversational skills in American Sign Language.

Instructors: George Johnson, American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA)

Total: \$180 (\$165 tuition, \$15 registration fee)

For additional information, call 908-218-8871

New Jersey Gangs with a Deaf Viewpoint

April 18

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn, 50 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837

This workshop is designed for interpreters, particularly those who work with Deaf and hard of hearing youth in any context. Anyone interested in the topic is also welcome to attend.

Interpreters will be provided.

NJRID Members - \$65. Non-Members - \$75.

.6 CEUs – Professional Studies

Checks made payable to NJRID

Send to: Kathy Ferejohn, 23 Fairview Drive, Middletown, NJ 07748

Visit www.njrid.org

Calendar of Events 2009

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2 Civic Blvd., East Brunswick NJ

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:
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Six Flags Great Adventure Jackson, NJ

For ticket information contact:

Lauren Lercher at GATickets@aol.com

**New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.
(DAW)**

Deaf Fest 2009

Middlesex County Fairgrounds

East Brunswick, NJ

Sunday, September 13

www.njdaw.org

**DDHH Office – Days Closed
Good Friday (April 10)**

NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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