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Listen Here spring season announced

The Arts Council of Greater New Haven, in partnership with the New Haven Review, New Haven Theater Company, and four area coffeehouses, is pleased to announce the spring season of Listen Here, a weekly short-story reading series in which New Haven Theater Company actors read short stories selected by New Haven Review editors.

An October 2009 New York Times story about Listen Here (“Giving Voice to Stories From the Printed Page”) began, “In an era in which book reading is in decline, it is at once curious and logical that an alliance of New Haven arts groups is tapping the written word in a new venture.”

The cast for the spring Listen Here series is: Hilary Brown, Sharen McKay, Rachel Shapiro Alderman, Brooks Appelbaum, T. Paul Lowry, Jeremy Funke, Eric Nyquist, Steve Scarpa, and Ian Alderman.

Listen Here readings will take place on a rotating basis at Bru Café (141 Orange Street), Lulu: A European Coffeehouse (49 Cottage Street), Manjares Fine Pastries (838 Whalley Avenue), and Willoughby’s Coffee & Tea (194 York Street), on Tuesdays from 7-8pm.

Join us at Willoughby’s Coffee & Tea on Tuesday, March 9, from 7-8pm, for readings of Raymond Carver’s “Fat” and F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Jelly-Bean.”

Visit newhavenarts.org, newhavenreview.com, and newhaventheatercompany.com for more information about the series.

The spring Listen Here schedule is as follows:

March 9: Willoughby's Coffee & Tea

What Did She See in Him?

Raymond Carver’s “Fat”

F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Jelly-Bean”

March 16: Lulu: A European Coffeehouse

Short Cuts

I.B. Singer’s “Why the Geese Shrieked”

Jamaica Kincaid’s “Girl”

John Cheever’s “Reunion”

Annie Proulx’s “The Blood Bay”

March 23: Bru Café

Breaking Up is Hard to Do

Bobbie Ann Mason's "Shiloh"

Bernard Malamud's "The Jewbird"

March 30: Manjares Fine Pastries

Straight Shooters

Stephen Crane's "The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky"

Tobias Wolff's "Hunters in the Snow"

April 6: Willoughby's Coffee & Tea

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

James Thurber's "You Could Look it Up"

James Farrell's "My Grandmother Goes to Comiskey Park"

April 13: Lulu: A European Coffeehouse

Something's Not Right

T.C. Boyle's "Bloodfall"

Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery"

April 20: Bru Café

L'Etranger

Isidoro Blaistein's "Uncle Facundo"

John Cheever's "The Swimmer"

April 27: Manjares Fine Pastries

For Shame

Antonya Nelson's "The Control Group"

Toni Cade Bambara's "The Lesson"

May 4: Willoughby's Coffee & Tea

Lovesick

Jhumpa Lahiri's "A Temporary Matter"

Lydia Peelle's "Reasons for and Advantages of Breathing"

May 11: Lulu: A European Coffeehouse

Animal Crackers

Edgar Allan Poe's "The Black Cat"

Annie Proulx's "The Half-Skinned Steer"

May 18: Bru Café

Brothers

Louise Erdrich's "The Red Convertible"

David Sedaris' "You Can't Kill the Rooster"

May 25: Manjares Fine Pastries

Romeos & Juliets

Louise Erdrich's "The Plague of Doves"

William Faulkner's "A Rose for Emily"

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