

# Echoes

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## New York Stock Exchange Opening Bell Heralds New Ear Institute



From left to right: Lawrence Liebowitz, Chief Operating Officer NYSE Euronext; Ronald Hoffman, MD; Steven Schaefer, MD; Mc Kessler; Daniel Tandy, Senior Managing Director, Prime Executions, Inc; Joseph Walsh, MD; Simon Parisier, MD

On February 15, D. McWilliams Kessler, President of *The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary*, rang the opening bell of *The New York Stock Exchange* to herald Low Vision Awareness Month and the February 25 opening of *The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary Ear Institute*. Mr. Kessler was joined at the bell podium by Ronald A. Hoffman, MD, Professor and Clinical Director of *The Ear Institute*, along with Steven D. Schaefer, MD, Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology, Simon Parisier, MD, Founder of *The Children's Hearing Institute*, and Joseph Walsh, MD, Professor and Chairman of Ophthalmology. Opening and closing bell ringing is usually reserved for corporate CEO's, heads of state and celebrities, so we are really excited about this rare privilege for a non-profit organization to be represented.



### Little Peri Meltzer Seeks Hearing- Impaired Pen Pal

Peri Meltzer is the seven-year old daughter of Amy and Brian Meltzer. In the December 2007 edition of *Echoes* we featured Amy's story, in which she describes her surgery for acoustic neuroma and resulting hearing loss. Amy and Brian are generous supporters of *The Children's Hearing Institute* and avid readers of *Echoes*, and we are happy to help find a pen pal for Peri. Her phone number is 845-406-4793.

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From left to right: Scott Stringer, Carolyn Maloney, Dr. Simon Parisier, Mc Kessler (rear) Dr. Jane Madell, Dr. Ronald Hoffman.



Susan Chamlin, of New York State Senator Liz Krueger's office with Mc Kessler



Nily Rozic of New York State Assembly Member Brian Cavanaugh's office with Mc Kessler

New York City Council Member Rosie Mendez; Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, New York Congresswoman; Peter Frelinghuysen, Chairman of the Board, The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary; Mc Kessler, President, The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary; Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer





# *Hearing Institute Sponsors Ribbon Cutting at The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary Ear Institute*



The ribbon is officially cut by a group of children with cochlear implants and/or hearing aids, led by Dr. Max Gomez of WCBS-TV and DJ Jennifer Zappola of Radio Disney 1560 (both at far right).

On February 25, *The Children's Hearing Institute* sponsored the ribbon cutting celebration at *The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary Ear Institute*. Honorable Rosie Mendez, New York City Councilwoman, presented a New York City Proclamation declaring February 25 "New York Eye & Ear Infirmary Ear Institute Day." The proclamation was accepted by D. McWilliams Kessler, President of *The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary*, who in his welcoming remarks noted how important this new center will be in serving the needs of thousands of New York tri-state families facing the challenges of hearing loss. Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, New York Congresswoman, and Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President, lauded *The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary* for creating a key medical resource to make New York proud. Ronald A. Hoffman, MD, Ear Institute Clinical Director and Practice Manager, cited the *Ear Institute* as a dream come true for kids who are hearing-impaired. He was joined by Jane R. Madell, PhD, Director, *Ear Institute Hearing & Learning Center* and Simon

C. Parisier, MD, Founder, *The Children's Hearing Institute*.

The ribbon cutting was led by Dr. Max Gomez, WCBS-TV and DJ Jenn, Disney Radio AM 1560, assisted by children and adults with cochlear implants and/or hearing aids, including Amanda Bowman, Meir Cheplowitz, Molly Kestenbaum, Juliet McCarthy, Lenny Meranus, Sincere Riddick, Ryan Seth, Katis Soares dos Santos, and Brendan Vasanth. Generous donors who made naming gifts to the *Ear Institute* were treated to tours of the new center. These donors included Violeta and Stephen Paluszek, Jan and Charles Bruno, the Kestenbaum family, CHI board members Susan and Robert Klein, and Scott Fishman, Jerry Fishman, and Jack Kampf of *The Needlers Foundation*. The event was sponsored by *The Children's Hearing Institute*, represented by Dr. Simon and Elaine Parisier, along with CHI's Chairman of the Board Leonard Boxer and Vice Chairman Andrew Tisch. CHI board members Penny Glazier and Jonathan Yormak also attended.



# *Celebration at ite*



Ronald Hoffman, MD; Simon Parisier, MD; Elaine Parisier; Leonard Boxer; Robert and Susan Klein



CHI Chairman of the Board Leonard Boxer announcing his pleasure for the opportunity of lending philanthropic support to the Ear Institute.

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## Ear Institute Staff to Present Three Workshops at AG Bell 48th Biennial Convention

Staff members of *The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary Ear Institute* will be presenting three workshops for professionals at *AG Bell's 48th Biennial Convention* taking place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 27-30. *Dr. Jane Madell* will be joined by her colleagues *Elizabeth Ying, MA, CCC-SLP*; *Reva Batheja, MA-CCC-A*, and *Richard Schwartz, PhD*, in presenting: "*Relating Therapy Benefit with a Sensitive Period in Bilateral Implant Recipients*," "*Selecting Appropriate (Hearing) Technology*," and "*Maximizing Speech Perception for Children with Hearing Loss*." For information on the convention, visit [www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)



### CHI 2007-2008 Events Calendar

For further information about these events, please call  
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### Family Workshop Series

**March 12 - June 18**

Four Points Sheraton, Plainview, NY (Long Island)

6:30 PM-9:00 PM- No Registration Fee

This popular "music" workshop has been extended into a series with the addition of an elementary segment. After "*Meet & Greet Pizza Party*" parents join psychologist *Dale Van Dyke* to discuss issues relating to hearing loss. Teens and Elementary kids (ages 5-11) join *Casey Cheffo* to discuss music interpretation using their instruments and ipods, singing and recent pop music. This workshop encourages kids to discover the different sounds of instruments and to understand variations in rhythm.

**March 26th - Teens**

**April 9th - Elementary**

**April 16th - Teens**

**May 14th - Elementary**

**May 28th - Teens**

**June 11th - Elementary**

**June 18th - Teens**

### Educational Conferences for Professionals

**Saturday, May 17**

*Bone Anchored Hearing Aids, A Technique for every ENT*

New York Eye & Ear Infirmary - Dept. of Otolaryngology

This one day course for ENT MDs, Residents in ENT and

Audiologists includes morning lecture/didactics, afternoon didactics and instruction at the *Jorge N. Buxton, MD Microsurgical Education Center* dissection laboratory covering soft tissues work/drilling and insertion of the *Baha*®. Faculty: *C. Linstrom, MD* (Course Director); *A. Kim, MD*; *G. Alexiades, MD*; *S. Chandrasekhar, MD*.

For more information or to register for one of these courses please contact:

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### Courses, Papers, Presentations

■ **Madell, Jane R. PhD.** "*Behavioral Evaluation of Hearing in Infants*," American Academy of Audiology, April 2-5.

■ **Madell, Jane R. PhD; Sandra Delapenha, MA.** "*Managing Patients with Auditory Neuropathy/Dysynchrony*," Cochlear Implants 2008, April 9-12.

■ **Madell, Jane R., PhD; Ruth Reeder; Allison Bieber; Marilyn Neault.** "*Changing Criteria for Pediatric Cochlear Implantation*," Cochlear Implants 2008, April 9-12.

■ **Madell, Jane R. PhD.** "*Speech Perception Testing for Children*," National Acoustics Laboratory, Australia, April 21.

■ **Madell, Jane R. PhD.** "*Evaluation and Management of Children*," Royal Academy of Deaf Children, Australia, April 22/3.

■ **Madell, Jane R., PhD.** "*Developing a Speech Perception Test Protocol for Children*," Cochlear Corporation, Sydney, Australia, April 30.

■ **Madell, Jane R. PhD,** "*Behavioral Observation Testing of Infants*," International Newborn Hearing Conference, Como, Italy, June 12-14

■ **Schwartz, Richard, PhD; Elizabeth Ying, MA.** "*Speech and Language Development in Children with Bilateral Cochlear Implants*," Cochlear Implants 2008, April 9-12.

■ **Ying, Elizabeth, MA.** "*Clinical Verification Of The Impact Of Auditory Deprivation On Attention: Critical Prerequisite for Spoken Language Learning*," Cochlear Implants 2008, April 9-12.

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