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On a mild mid-October Monday evening, Fountain House hosted a theatrical event headlining three-time Academy Award nominee **Joan Allen** and soon-to-be Broadway "Funny Girl" **Lauren Ambrose**.

This staged reading was based upon the acclaimed memoir *Daughter of the Queen of Sheba* by NPR's **Jacki Lyden**, in which she recounts her experiences growing up with a colorful and dramatic mother living with manic depression. The evening drew a full house to the Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College and benefited Fountain House, with support from NPR.



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Ms. Allen and Ms. Ambrose summoned theatrical magic as "Sheba" and her daughter Jacki, respectively, ably abetted by noted actors **David Aaron Baker** and **Dan Futterman** in a variety of male roles. Acting as Narrator, Ms. Lyden chronicled everyday occurrences from tragic to comic, as these theatre artists called forth a range of complex and at times contradictory emotions. Among the enthralled audience members was the "Sheba" of the memoir's title, **Arlene Marshall**.

Among those attending were: **Anne Mai, Chester and Arlene Salomon, Betsy Seidman, Kenn Dudek, Pauline Anderson, Gary Knell and Kim Larson, Daniel Barnz, Susan Cartsonis, Karen Croner, Scott and Caroline Simon, Dana Davis Rehm, Danielle Deabler, Renee Kelly, Bill O'Leary, Joyce Slocum, Julie Madison, Roz Weisberg, Alan and Sharon Wertheimer, Katherine and Jonathan "Smokey" Baer, Julianne Michelle, Lauren Lawrence, EllynAnn Geisel, Barbara Olcott, Lee Bryant and Norman Schwartz, Judy Finneran, Stephanie Stokes, Mary Moss Greenebaum, Maria Bachman, Anthony Holbrooke, Jack Rosenthal, Holly Russell, Alice Eaton, Josh Aronson, Loretta Dives, David Mitnick, and Agathe Snow.**



Dan Futterman, Jacki Lyden and Fountain House President Kenn Dudek



Lauren Lawrence, Julianne Michelle, Dan Futterman, and David Aaron Baker

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Alice Brown and Charles Marsden



Barbara Flood



Jason Rohlf and Guinevere Johnson



Anne Holland and Niels Svenstrup



Catherine Croner, Karen Croner, and Sam Katz



David Gerbitz, Kevin Corcoran, Caroline and Scott Simon, Carol Klinger, and Lanie Bayless



EllynAnne Geisel



David Lee, Mark Nichols, Jacki Lyden, Kevin Corcoran, David Gerbitz, and Dann Tucker



Irv and Elaine Schwartz with Carol and Richard Bernstein



Bloo Lyden, Jacki Lyden, Cyndi Lyden, and Arlene Marshall ("Sheba")



Scott Simon and Jacki Lyden, Jeff Aron, and Robyn Marks



Anne Mai and Kelly McClung



KC Williams and Arlene Skierawski



Christopher Scholz, Ines Elskop, and Hamilton Kean



Alexandra Smith and Andrew Schonebaum



Lee Bryant and Barbara Olcott