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International Speaker Presents to Students at Holy Spirit High School on the Dangers of Noise

St. John's – Gael Hannon, creator of "Unheard Voices" a one-woman play about the life changing impact of hearing loss will present to students on the dangers of loud noise, the consequences of being a young person with hearing loss and will showcase excerpts from Unheard Voices.

People often associate hearing loss with getting old states youth.hear-it.org. But more and more young people suffer from hearing damage, too. We live in a noisy world. Noise may come from our work or from voluntary exposure to noise, such as noisy motors or loud music at rock concerts, night clubs, and from stereos.

Also the increasing use of portable CD and MP3 players is causing hearing damage. The players are capable of delivering high sound levels and users risks exposing their ears to highly excessive decibel levels. Numerous surveys show a dramatic increase in the numbers of young people suffering from hearing loss.

Of particular concern is the amount of time that individuals spend listening to music. On average, young people spend more than three hours a day listening to music. These noise levels can reach as high as 100 decibels. Noise levels above 85 decibels are considered dangerous

Gael Hannan will speak to level 1 students at Holy Spirit High School on Monday, May 7th from 8:20-10:20 am. An audiologist and a student with hearing loss will also be present to answer questions from participants.

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