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FIRST IN THE BRIEFING:

Cherry Lane Alternative relaunches this month with a new iteration of works in progress and artist mentorships, following a six-year hiatus, under the new leadership of **Mary Geerlof** as Artistic Director. The Tongues reading series, named in honor of director Joseph Chaikin and playwright Sam Shepard's Cherry Lane play of the same name, relaunches with a staged reading of **The Demand of Avarice**, written by **Matthew McLachlan**, directed by **David Zayas Jr.**, and co-presented by **Clayton Howe** of Roxedge Entertainment. The reading will be held Monday, **April 27th** at 7pm at The Clark Studio Theater at Lincoln Center. The cast stars **Kyra Sedgwick, Owen Teague, David Zayas**, and **Garret Dillahunt**. Cherry Lane Alternative is in development on *Remember Me Remember* by Lisa Ramirez and *Esai's Table* by Nathan Yungerberg.