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15th ANNUAL AUDIES® COMPETITION SHOWS STRENGTH OF AUDIO INDUSTRY

Winners to be Announced May 25 at The Museum of the City of New York

Princeton Junction, NJ – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced nominations for its 2010 Audies competition, the only awards program in the United States devoted entirely to honoring spoken word entertainment. Winners will be announced at the Audies Gala on May 25, 2010, at The Museum of the City of New York in New York City.

Another record-breaking year with 1,056 titles entered, 2010 was a year of innovation for the competition. APA took the Audies into the 21st century and partnered with APA member, Audible, Inc., to distribute almost all titles for consideration digitally to judges. In years past, judges primarily received shipments of audiobooks on CDs and cassettes.

Finalists for the most prestigious awards, Distinguished Achievement in Production and Audiobook of the Year, will be announced in the spring. The Distinguished Achievement in Production award honors an audiobook that demonstrates excellence in all areas of production. The Audiobook of the Year award recognizes an audiobook that, through quality, innovation, marketing and sales, has had a significant impact on the industry. Other categories for the judges' consideration included Audio Drama, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Humor, Multi-Voiced Performance, Mystery, Romance, Spanish Language, Thriller/Suspense and many more.

"Each year the entries continue to grow in number and improve in quality and production," said Janet Benson, APA President. "This is an encouraging indicator of the health of the audiobook industry. Also, such strong participation in the competition has allowed the association to plan for more widespread initiatives to ultimately help our member companies increase sales despite the challenging economic climate."

Winners in all 30 categories including Distinguished Achievement in Production and Audiobook of the Year will be announced at The Museum of the City of New York. Finalists in this year's competition include the following titles:

AUDIOBOOK ADAPTATION

The Maltese Falcon, by Dashiell Hammett, Narrated by Michael Madsen, Sandra Oh, Edward Herrmann and a full cast, Blackstone Audio

NPR Favorite Driveway Moments, Hosted by Renée Montagne, High Bridge Company

Selected Shorts: A Touch of Magic, Performed by René Auberjonois, Stephen Colbert, Daniel Gerroll, Dana Ivey, John Lithgow, James Naughton, Bernadette Quigley, Anthony Rapp, Maria

Tucci and Jerry Zaks. Stories by Donald Barthelme, Aimee Bender, T.C. Boyle, Ray Bradbury, Kevin Brockmeier, W.W. Jacobs, Andrew Lam, Haruki Murakami, Jonathan Safran Foer and Saki, Symphony Space

Selected Shorts: Whodunit? Performed by René Auberjonois, Fionnula Flanagan, Robert Sean Leonard, John Shea, Isaiah Sheffer and Hattie Winston. Stories by Louise Erdrich, Nadine Gordimer, Dashiell Hammett, Shirley Jackson, Ed McBain and C.S. Montanye, Symphony Space

Wait Wait . . . Don't Tell Me! Famous People Who Returned Our Calls, Hosted by Peter Sagal and Carl Kasell, High Bridge Company

AUDIO DRAMA

Focus on the Family Radio Theatre: The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis, adapted by Paul McCusker, Narrated by Andy Serkis and a full cast, Tyndale House

Little Dorrit, by Charles Dickens, Narrated by Sir Ian McKellan and a full cast, BBC Audiobooks America

The Maltese Falcon, by Dashiell Hammett, Narrated by Michael Madsen, Sandra Oh, Edward Herrmann and a full cast, Blackstone Audio

The Rivalry, by Norman Corwin, Narrated by Paul Giamatti, James Gleason, Lily Rabe, David Strathairn and Shannon Cochran, L.A. Theatre Works

The Word of Promise® Audio Bible, Narrated by a full cast including Michael York, Richard Dreyfuss, Gary Sinise and others, Thomas Nelson Inc.

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Anne Frank Remembered, by Miep Gies and Leslie Gold, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Oasis Audio

The Golden Willow, by Harry Bernstein, Narrated by Mike Kellogg, Oasis Audio

The Secret Holocaust Diaries, by Nonna Bannister and Denise George, Narrated by Rebecca Gallagher, Oasis Audio

True Compass, by Senator Edward Kennedy, Narrated by John Bedford Lloyd, Hachette Audio

Valkyrie: The Story of the Plot to Kill Hitler, by Its Last Member, by Philipp Freiherr von Boeselager, with Florence Fehrenbach and Jerome Fehrenbach, Narrated by Michael Prichard, Tantor Audio

BUSINESS/EDUCATIONAL

House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street, by William D. Cohan, Narrated by Alan Sklar, Tantor Audio

Rain, by Jeffrey J. Fox, Narrated by Jeffrey J. Fox, Brilliance Audio

Too Big to Fail, by Andrew Ross Sorkin, Narrated by William Hughes, Blackstone Audio

Viral Loop: From Facebook to Twitter, How Today's Smartest Businesses Grow Themselves, by Adam L. Penenberg, Narrated by Richard Allen, Tantor Audio

What Would Google Do? by Jeff Jarvis, Narrated by Jeff Jarvis, HarperAudio

CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES 8-12

A Season of Gifts, by Richard Peck, Narrated by Ron McLarty, Listening Library

Lawn Boy, by Gary Paulsen, Narrated by Tom Parks, Brilliance Audio

The Midnight Charter, by David Whitley, Narrated by Simon Vance, Macmillan Audio

Operation Yes, by Sara Holmes, Narrated by Jessica Almasy, Audible, Inc.

Timothy and the Dragon's Gate, by Adrienne Kress, Narrated by Christopher Lane, Brilliance Audio

CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES UP TO 8

A Dog On His Own, by M.J. Auch, Narrated by William Dufris, Full Cast Audio

Arabel's Raven, by Joan Aiken, Narrated by Sneha Mathan, Listen & Live Audio

Friend or Fiend with the Pain and the Great One, by Judy Blume, Narrated by Kathleen McInerney and Judy Blume, Listening Library

Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity, by Mo Willems, Narrated by Mo and Trixie Willems, Westin Woods Studios

Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken, by Kate DiCamillo, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Live Oak Media

CLASSIC

The Canterbury Tales, by Geoffrey Chaucer, A New Unabridged Translation by Burton Raffel
Narrated Ric Jerrom, Bill Wallis, Cameron Stewart, Mark Meadows, Kim Hicks, Maggie Ollerenshaw, BBC Audiobooks America

A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens, Narrated by Charlton Griffin, Audio Connoisseur

Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens, Narrated by Charlton Griffin, Audio Connoisseur

Tristram Shandy, by Laurence Sterne, Narrated by Anton Lesser, Naxos AudioBooks

The Turn of the Screw, by Henry James, Narrated by Simon Vance & Vanessa Benjamin, Blackstone Audio

FICTION

The Bonfire of the Vanities, by Tom Wolfe, Narrated by Joe Barrett, Blackstone Audio

Face of Betrayal, by Lis Wiehl and April Henry, Narrated by Pam Turlow, Oasis Audio

The Help, by Kathryn Stockett, Narrated by Jenna Lamia, Bahni Turpin, Octavia Spencer, and Cassandra Campbell, Penguin Audio

The Pigman, by Paul Zindel, Narrated by Eden Riegel and Charlie McWade, Graymalkin Media

Slumdog Millionaire, by Vikas Swarup, narrated by Christopher Simpson, BBC Audiobooks America

HISTORY

1864: Lincoln at the Gates of History, by Charles Bracelen Flood, Narrated by Mel Foster, Tantor Audio

The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World, by Niall Ferguson, Narrated by Simon Prebble, Tantor Audio

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, by Dee Brown, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Blackstone Audio

The Long Knives Are Crying, by Joseph M. Marshall III, Narrated by Joseph M. Marshall III, Blackstone Audio

Tears in the Darkness: The Story of the Bataan Death March and Its Aftermath, by Michael Norman and Elizabeth M. Norman, Narrated by Michael Prichard, Tantor Audio

HUMOR

Church People: The Lutherans of Lake Wobegon, by Garrison Keillor, Performed by Garrison Keillor and a full cast, High Bridge Company

Don't Say I Didn't Warn You, by Anita Renfroe, Narrated by Anita Renfroe, Hyperion Audio

I Drink for a Reason, by David Cross, Narrated by David Cross, Hachette Audio

I Shudder, by Paul Rudnick, Narrated by Paul Rudnick, HarperAudio

More Information Than You Require, by John Hodgman, Narrated by John Hodgman and a full cast, Penguin Audio

INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED FICTION

Double Minds, by Terri Blackstock, Narrated by Cassandra Campbell, Zondervan

Kiss, by Ted Dekker and Erin Healy, Narrated by Pam Turlow, Oasis Audio

A Month of Summer, by Lisa Wingate, Narrated by Johanna Parker, Recorded Books

The Shape of Mercy, by Susan Meissner, Narrated by Tavia Gilbert, Christianaudio

The Tempest Tales, by Walter Mosley, Narrated by Ty Jones, Recorded Books

INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED NON-FICTION

The Hiding Place, by Corrie ten Boom, Narrated by Bernadette Dunne, Christianaudio

Lord of the Ringless, by Dee Aspin, Narrated by Julie Williams, Voice-Overs.com

The Secret Holocaust Diaries, by Nonna Bannister and Denise George, Narrated by Rebecca Gallagher, Oasis Audio

What Southern Women Know About Faith, by Ronda Rich, Narrated by Ronda Rich, Zondervan

The Word of Promise® Audio Bible, Narrated by a full cast including Michael York, Richard Dreyfuss, Gary Sinise, and others, Thomas Nelson Inc.

LITERARY FICTION

Come Sunday, by Isla Morley, Narrated by Jennifer Wiltsie, Macmillan Audio

The Coral Thief: A Novel, by Rebecca Stott, Narrated by Simon Prebble, Tantor Audio

The Elegance of the Hedgehog, by Muriel Barbery, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat and Cassandra Morris, High Bridge Company

Good-bye and Amen: A Novel, by Beth Gutcheon, Narrated by Joyce Bean, Tantor Audio

Wolf Hall, by Hilary Mantel, Narrated by Simon Slater, Macmillan Audio

MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE

The Canterbury Tales, by Geoffrey Chaucer, A New Unabridged Translation by Burton Raffel
Narrated Ric Jerrom, Bill Wallis, Cameron Stewart, Mark Meadows, Kim Hicks, Maggie Ollerenshaw, BBC Audiobooks America

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer, Narrated by a full cast, Blackstone Audio

Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales, Edited by Nelson Mandela, Narrated by a celebrity multi-cast, Hachette Audio

The Rivalry, by Norman Corwin, Narrated by Paul Giamatti, James Gleason, Lily Rabe, David Strathairn and Shannon Cochran, L.A. Theatre Works

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MYSTERY

Black Money, by Ross Macdonald, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Blackstone Audio

Devil in a Blue Dress, by Walter Mosley, Narrated by Michael Boatman, Audible, Inc.

The Dying Breed, by Declan Hughes, Narrated by Stanley Townsend, Isis Publishing

Revelation, by C.J. Sansom, Narrated by Steven Crossley, Recorded Books

The Complete Stories of Sherlock Holmes, Volume 1, by Arthur Conan Doyle, Narrated by Charlton Griffin, Audio Connoisseur

NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR or AUTHORS

Michael Chabon, *Manhood for Amateurs*, HarperAudio

Kristin Chenoweth, *A Little Bit Wicked*, Oasis Audio

Neil Gaiman, *Odd and the Frost Giants*, HarperChildrensAudio

Tim Green, *Baseball Great*, HarperChildrensAudio

Jeannette Walls, *Half Broke Horses*, Simon & Schuster Audio

NON-FICTION

Anne Frank Remembered, by Miep Gies and Leslie Gold, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Oasis Audio

Columbine, by Dave Cullen, Narrated by Don Leslie, Blackstone Audio

The National Parks, by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, Narrated by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, Random House Audio

Outliers, by Malcolm Gladwell, Narrated by Malcolm Gladwell, Hachette Audio

What Americans Really Want...Really, by Frank I. Luntz, Narrated by L.J. Ganser, Hyperion Audio

ORIGINAL WORK

The Copper Bracelet, by Jeffery Deaver, Gayle Lynds, David Hewson, Jim Fusilli, John Gilstrap, Joseph Finder, Lisa Scottoline, David Corbett, Linda Barnes, Jenny Siler, David Liss, P.J. Parrish, Brett Battles, Lee Child, Jon Land, and James Phelan, Narrated by Alfred Molina, Audible, Inc.

Darwin – In a Nutshell, by Peter Whitfield, Narrated by Peter Whitfield, Naxos AudioBooks

The Longest Night: A Personal History of Pan Am 103, by Helen Engelhardt, Narrated by Helen Engelhardt, Midsummer Sound Company

Tell Me A Story: Women of Wonder, by Amy Friedman, Narrated by Bryce Dallas Howard, Paula Poundstone, Wendy Hammers, Margot Rose, Jessica DiCicco and Yvette Freeman, Listen & Live Audio

A Way with Words IV: Understanding Poetry, by Professor Michael D.C. Drout, Narrated by Professor Michael D.C. Drout, Recorded Books

PACKAGE DESIGN

The J.R.R. Tolkien Collection, by J.R.R. Tolkien, Narrated by a full cast, BBC Audiobooks America

The Lincoln-Douglas Debates, by Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, Narrated by David Strathairn and Richard Dreyfuss, BBC Audiobooks America

The Planet Mars and Its Inhabitants, by Eros Uriides, Narrated by Peter Jahns, CoolBeat Audiobooks

The Word of Promise® Audio Bible, Narrated by a full cast including Michael York, Richard Dreyfuss, Gary Sinise, and others, Thomas Nelson Inc.

Tokyo Realtime: Kabukicho, by Max Hodges, Narrated by Max Hodges, White Rabbit Press

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Birth Order Book, by Kevin Leman, Narrated by Wayne Shepherd, Oasis Audio

The Hip Chick's Guide to Macrobiotics: A Philosophy for Achieving a Radiant Mind and Fabulous Body, by Jessica Porter, Narrated by Jessica Porter and Dan Bernard, Tantor Audio

How to Instantly Connect with Anyone, by Leil Lowndes, Narrated by Leil Lowndes, Listen & Live Audio

Nurtureshock, By Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman, Narrated by Po Bronson, Hachette Audio

Throw Out Fifty Things, by Gail Blanke, Narrated by Gail Blanke, Listen & Live Audio

ROMANCE

Dark Slayer, by Christine Feehan, Narrated by Phil Gigante and Jane Brown, Brilliance Audio

The House on Tradd Street, by Karen White, Narrated by Aimée Bruneau, Listen & Live Audio

A Rogue of My Own, by Johanna Lindsey, Narrated by Rosalyn Landor, Brilliance Audio

The Untamed Bride, by Stephanie Laurens, Narrated by Simon Prebble, HarperAudio

What I Did for Love, by Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Narrated by Julia Gibson, HarperAudio

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Bellwether, by Connie Willis, narrated by Kate Reading, Blackstone Audio

The Gathering Storm, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson, Narrated by Kate Reading and Michael Kramer, Macmillan Audio

Kushiel's Dart, by Jacqueline Carey, Narrated by Anne Flosnik, Tantor Audio

Kushiel's Scion, by Jacqueline Carey, Narrated by Simon Vance, Tantor Audio

Podkayne of Mars, by Robert A. Heinlein, Narrated by Emily Janice Card, Blackstone Audio

SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS

Black Mask Audio Magazine Vol 1, by various authors, Narrated by a full cast, Blackstone Audio

The Complete Stories of Sherlock Holmes, Volume 1, by Arthur Conan Doyle, Narrated by Charlton Griffin, Audio Connoisseur

Just After Sunset, by Stephen King, Narrated by Stephen King, Jill Eikenberry, Holter Graham, George Guidall, Ron McLarty, Denis O'Hare and a full cast, Simon & Schuster Audio

Love Letters of Great Men, by Ursula Doyle, Narrated by Anton Lesser, Macmillan Audio

Nothing with Strings: NPR's Beloved Holiday Stories, by Bailey White, Narrated by Lorna Raver, Tantor Audio

SOLO NARRATION—FEMALE

Katherine Kellgren, narrator of *In the Belly of the Bloodhound*, by L.A. Meyer, Listen & Live Audio

Katherine Kellgren, narrator of *Mississippi Jack*, by L.A. Meyer, Listen & Live Audio

Jenna Lamia, narrator of *The Chosen One*, by Carol Lynch Williams, Macmillan Audio

Lorna Raver, narrator of *Washington Square*, by Henry James, Tantor Audio

Barbara Rosenblat, narrator of *Fatally Flaky*, by Diane Mott Davidson, HarperAudio

SOLO NARRATION—MALE

Charlton Griffin, narrator of *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, Audio Connoisseur

Charlton Griffin, narrator of *Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens, Audio Connoisseur

Edward Herrmann, narrator of *The Birthing House*, by Christopher Ransom, Blackstone Audio

Will Patton, narrator of *Jesus' Son*, by Denis Johnson, Macmillan Audio

Robert Petkoff, narrator of *Beat the Reaper*, by Josh Bazell, Hachette Audio

SPANISH LANGUAGE

El juego del angel, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, Narrated by Francisco Rivela, Recorded Books

La audacia de la esperanza, by Barack Obama, Narrated by Erwin Dorado, FonoLibro

La travesia de Enrique, by Sonia Nazario, Narrated by Adriana Sananes, Recorded Books

Por qué ese idiota es rico y yo no?, by Robert Shemin, Narrated by Francisco Rivela, Recorded Books

Una nueva tierra by Eckhart Tolle, Narrated by Jose Manuel Vieira, FonoLibro

TEENS

Going Bovine, by Libba Bray, Narrated by Erik Davies, Listening Library

In the Belly of the Bloodhound, by L.A. Meyer, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Listen & Live Audio

Mississippi Jack, by L.A. Meyer, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Listen & Live Audio

Peace, Locomotion, by Jacqueline Woodson, Narrated by Dion Graham, Brilliance Audio

Wintergirls, by Laurie Halse Anderson, Narrated by Jeannie Stith, Brilliance Audio

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

Darling Jim: A Novel, by Christian Moerk, Narrated by Stephen Hoye and Justine Eyre, Tantor Audio

The Devil's Punchbowl, by Greg Iles, Narrated by Dick Hill, Brilliance Audio

Level 26, by Anthony E. Zuiker w/ Duane Swierczynski, Narrated by John Glover, Penguin Audio

The Price of Love and Other Stories, by Peter Robinson, Narrated by John Lee, Gideon Emery, Rosalyn Landor and Angela Goethals, HarperAudio

Road Dogs, by Elmore Leonard, Narrated by Peter Francis James, HarperAudio

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