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**2009 AUDIES® COMPETITION BRINGS IN MOST ENTRIES TO DATE!**

*Nominations Are Announced in 29 Categories*

**Princeton Junction, NJ** – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced nominations for the 2009 Audies competition. Winners will be announced at The Audies gala on May 29, 2009 at the New-York Historical Society in New York City.

The only awards program in the United States devoted entirely to honoring spoken word entertainment drew in a record 1,000 entries from audio publishers this year, reflecting the health of the audio industry. New this year, the category Distinguished Achievement in Production joins Audiobook of the Year as one of the most prestigious audiobook honors. Nominations for these two juried categories will be announced this spring. The Distinguished Achievement in Production Award goes to an audiobook that demonstrates excellence in all areas of production, while the Audiobook of the Year recognizes the audiobook that, through quality, innovation, marketing and sales, has had the most significant impact on the industry.

“Not only did we receive a record number of submissions this year, our judges commented that the quality of the entries was better than it’s ever been,” said APA President Anthony Goff. “Our industry has worked hard to raise the bar and we look forward to recognizing everyone for their accomplishments.”

The Audies gala brings together narrators, authors, producers, publishers and media to celebrate the best audiobooks published in 2008. Categories for judges’ consideration included Fiction, Non-Fiction, Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction, Multi-Voiced Performance, Romance, Science Fiction, Spanish Language, a special Judges Award in the Politics category and many more.

Winners in all 31 categories including Distinguished Achievement in Production and Audiobook of the Year will be announced at the New-York Historical Society, located in the heart of Manhattan, overlooking Central Park. All gala attendees will have the unique opportunity to tour the Society’s docent-staffed archives.

Finalists in this year’s competition include the following titles:

**AUDIOBOOK ADAPTATION**

*Branded Outlaw*, by L. Ron Hubbard, Narrated by R.F. Daley, David O'Donnell, Bob Caso, Jim Meskimen and Tamra Meskimen, Galaxy Press

*English Majors: A Comedy Collection for the Highly Literate*, by Garrison Keillor, Narrated by Garrison Keillor and cast, with special guests Billy Collins, Roy Blount Jr., Robert Bly, Donald Hall, Allen Ginsberg, and Calvin Trillin, HighBridge Company

*Halo: The Fall of Reach*, by Eric Nylund, Narrated by Todd McLaren, Tantor Media

*King for Kids*, by Martin Luther King Jr., Edited by Clayborne Carson, Narrated by Martin Luther King Jr. and a full cast, Hachette Audio

*Selected Shorts: For Better and For Worse*, by Sherman Alexie, Ursula K. Le Guin, Karen E. Bender, Shahrnush Parsipur, Luis Alberto Urrea, and Ethan Canin, Narrated by Keir Dullea, Joanna Gleason, Joanne Woodward, Frances Sternhagen, Robert Sean Leonard and Harold Gould, Symphony Space

### **AUDIO DRAMA**

*Jack's Last Call: Say Goodbye to Kerouac*, by Patrick Fenton, Narrated by Len Cariou with a full cast, SueMedia Productions

*The Odyssey*, by Homer, Narrated by Tim McInnerny, Amanda Redman and a full cast, BBC Audiobooks America

*Secret Order*, by Bob Clyman, Narrated by George Segal, Will McCormack, Angela Goethals and Richard Schiff, L.A. Theatre Works

*sun moon stars rain*, by Jan Cheripko, Narrated by Spencer Murphy, Full Cast Audio

*Tales from the Perilous Realm*, by J.R.R. Tolkien, Narrated by Michael Hordern and a full cast, BBC Audiobooks America

### **BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**

*Black Wave*, by John and Jean Silverwood, with Malcolm McConnell, Narrated by Carrington MacDuffie and Joe Barrett, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*The Last Lecture*, by Randy Pausch, Narrated by Erik Singer, HyperionAudio

*The Legs Are the Last to Go*, by Diahann Carroll, Narrated by Diahann Carroll, HarperAudio

*The Middle Place*, by Kelly Corrigan, Narrated by Tavia Gilbert, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Waiter Rant*, by Steve Dublanica, Narrated by Dan John Miller, Brilliance Audio

### **BUSINESS/EDUCATIONAL**

*Awakening the Entrepreneur Within*, by Michael E. Gerber, Narrated by Michael E. Gerber, HarperAudio

*Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing*, by Mignon Fogarty, Narrated by Mignon Fogarty, Macmillan Audio

*The Little Red Book of Selling*, by Jeffrey Gitomer, Narrated by Jeffrey Gitomer, Simon & Schuster Audio

*Mastering the Seven Decisions*, by Andy Andrews, Narrated by Andy Andrews, Oasis Audio

*Stirring it Up*, by Gary Hirshberg, Narrated by Gary Hirshberg, HyperionAudio

*The Uprising: An Unauthorized Tour of the Populist Revolt Scaring Wall Street and Washington*, by David Sirota, Narrated by Lloyd James, Tantor Media

### **CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES 8-12**

*The Cricket in Times Square*, by George Selden, Narrated by Tony Shalhoub, Macmillan Audio

*Fairest*, by Gail Carson Levine, Narrated by Sarah Naughton and a full cast, Full Cast Audio

*The Graveyard Book*, by Neil Gaiman, Narrated by Neil Gaiman, HarperAudio

*One-Handed Catch*, by M.J. Auch, Narrated by Ryan Sparkes and a full cast, Full Cast Audio

*Nation*, by Terry Pratchett, Narrated by Stephen Briggs, HarperAudio

### **CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES UP TO 8**

*Do Unto Otters (A Book About Manners)*, by Laurie Keller, Narrated by Jack Sundrud, Galen Fott, Rusty Young, David de Vries, Diana Canova and others, Weston Woods Studios

*Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat*, by Nikki Giovanni, Narrated by Nikki Giovanni, Sourcebooks Jabberwocky

*James Herriot's Treasury for Children*, by James Herriot, Narrated by Jim Dale, Macmillan Audio

*The Shoe Bird*, by Samuel Jones, Narrated by Jim Dale, Brilliance Audio

*What Do You Do with a Kangaroo?*, by Mercer Mayer, Narrated by Jane Casserly, Scholastic Audio

### **CLASSIC**

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*The Count of Monte Cristo*, by Alexandre Dumas, Narrated by John Lee, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Galapagos*, by Kurt Vonnegut, Narrated by Jonathan Davis, Audible, Inc.

*Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens, Narrated by Simon Vance, Tantor Media

*The Picture of Dorian Gray*, by Oscar Wilde, Narrated by Simon Vance, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

### **FICTION**

*Change of Heart*, by Jodi Picoult, Narrated by Danielle Ferland, Jim Frangione, Jenny Ikeda, Stafford Clarke-Price and Nicole Poole, Recorded Books

*Duma Key*, by Stephen King, Narrated by John Slattery, Simon & Schuster Audio

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, Narrated by a full cast, Books on Tape

*Prisoner of Birth*, by Jeffrey Archer, Narrated by Roger Allam, Macmillan Audio

*The Lace Reader*, by Brunonia Barry, Narrated by Alyssa Bresnahan, HarperAudio

## **HISTORY**

*The Bloody Shirt*, by Stephen Budiansky, Narrated by Phil Gigante, Brilliance Audio

*Gandhi and Churchill*, by Arthur Herman, Narrated by John Curless, Recorded Books

*The Ghost Mountain Boys: Their Epic March and the Terrifying Battle for New Guinea – The Forgotten War of the South Pacific*, by James Campbell, Narrated by Stephen Hoye, Tantor Media

*The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*, by Annette Gordon-Reed, Narrated by Karen White, Tantor Media

*Pictures at a Revolution: Five Movies and the Birth of the New Hollywood*, by Mark Harris, Narrated by Lloyd James, Tantor Media

## **HUMOR**

*Atomic Lobster*, by Tim Dorsey, Narrated by Oliver Wyman, HarperAudio

*The Learners*, by Chip Kidd, Narrated by Bronson Pinchot, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Martin Misunderstood*, by Karin Slaughter, Narrated by Wayne Knight, BBC Audiobooks America

*Me of Little Faith*, by Lewis Black, Narrated by Lewis Black, Penguin Audio

*When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, by David Sedaris, Narrated by David Sedaris, Hachette Audio

## **INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED FICTION**

*Adam*, by Ted Dekker, Narrated by Tim Gregory, Oasis Audio

*John*, by Niall Williams, Narrated by Nicholas Bell, Bolinda Audio

*Prague Counterpoint*, by Bodie and Brock Thoene, Narrated by Sean Barrett, FamilyAudioLibrary.com

*The Shack*, by William P. Young, Narrated by Roger Mueller, Oasis Audio

*The Sisterhood of Blackberry Corner*, by Andrea Smith, Narrated by Lizan Mitchell, Recorded Books

## **INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED NON-FICTION**

*Abraham Lincoln: A Man of Faith and Courage*, by Joe Wheeler, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Oasis Audio

*The Cross and the Switchblade*, by David Wilkerson, John Sherill and Elizabeth Sherill, Narrated by Paul Michael, Christianaudio

*Life Beyond Measure*, by Sidney Poitier, Narrated by Sidney Poitier, HarperAudio

*Mother Teresa, Come Be My Light*, by Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C., Narrated by Paul Smith and Sherry Kennedy-Brownrigg, St. Anthony Messenger Press

*The Word of Promise®: Next Generation-New Testament*, by Various Authors, Narrated by Sean Astin and a full cast including Codey Linley, AnnaSophia Robb and Jordin Sparks, Thomas Nelson, Inc.

## **LITERARY FICTION**

*Crime and Punishment*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky, Narrated by Anthony Heald, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Elmer Gantry*, by Sinclair Lewis, Narrated by Anthony Heald, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Enchantress of Florence*, by Salman Rushdie, Narrated by Firdous Bamji, Recorded Books

*Lush Life*, by Richard Price, Narrated by Bobby Cannavale, Macmillan Audio

*The White Tiger: A Novel*, by Aravind Adiga, Narrated by John Lee, Tantor Media

## **MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE**

*Family Audio Bible*, Narrated by Dick Cavett, Marsha Mason, Andrew McCarthy, Martha Plimpton and Tom Wopat, HarperAudio

*Mudbound*, by Hillary Jordan, Narrated by Joey Collins, Peter Jay Fernandez, Kate Forbes, Ezra Knight, Brenday Pressley and Tom Stechschulte, Recorded Books

*The Plague of Doves*, by Louise Erdrich, Narrated by Peter Francis James and Kathleen McInerney, HarperAudio

*The Word of Promise®: Next Generation-New Testament*, by Various Authors, Narrated by Sean Astin and a full cast including Codey Linley, AnnaSophia Robb and Jordin Sparks, Thomas Nelson, Inc

## **MYSTERY**

*A Killing Frost*, by R. D. Wingfield, Narrated by Stephen Thorne, Ulverscroft Group Ltd

*Cross*, by Ken Bruen, Narrated by Gerry O'Brien, Ulverscroft Group Ltd

*The Silver Swan*, by Benjamin Black, Narrated by Timothy Dalton, Macmillan Audio

*Swan Peak*, by James Lee Burke, Narrated by Will Patton, Simon & Schuster Audio

*Voice of the Violin*, by Andrea Camilleri, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

## **NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR or AUTHORS**

Maya Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*, Random House Audio

Joshilyn Jackson, *The Girl Who Stopped Swimming*, Hachette Audio

Cokie Roberts, *Ladies of Liberty*, HarperAudio

David Sedaris, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, Hachette Audio

Maria Shriver, *Just Who Will You Be?* HyperionAudio

## **NON-FICTION**

*Abraham Lincoln: A Man of Faith and Courage*, by Joe Wheeler, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Oasis Audio

*Buying In*, by Rob Walker, Narrated by Robert Fass, BBC Audiobooks America

*Gang Leader for a Day*, by Sudhir Venkatesh, Narrated by Reg Rogers, HarperAudio

*Hot, Flat, and Crowded*, by Thomas Friedman, Narrated by Oliver Wyman, Macmillan Audio

*Out of Mao's Shadow: The Struggle for the Soul of a New China*, by Philip P. Pan, Narrated by David Colacci, Tantor Media

## **ORIGINAL WORK**

*Brainstorm*, by Mariette DiChristina, Narrated by William Dufres, Macmillan Audio

*Louis Vuitton Soundwalk, China: Beijing*, by Stephan Crasneanski, Narrated by Gong Li, Soundwalk

*Many Things Invisible*, by Carrington MacDuffie, Narrated by Carrington MacDuffie, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Metropolis*, by John Scalzi, Elizabeth Bear, Jay Lake, Tobias Buckell and Karl Schroeder, Narrated by Michael Hogan, Alessandro Juliani, Kandyse McClure, Scott Brick and Stefan Rudnicki, Audible, Inc.

*The New Adventures of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer*, by Various Writers, Narrated by Stacy Keach, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Sugar Pop Thoughts*, by Shayna Lance, Narrated by Shayna Lance, CoolBeat Audiobooks

## **PACKAGE DESIGN**

*Behind the Wheel: French 1*, by Mark Frobose, Narrated by Mark Frobose, Macmillan Audio

*The Cricket in Times Square*, by George Selden, Narrated by Tony Shalhoub, Macmillan Audio

*Founding Fathers*, edited by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Narrated by Ira Claffey and Richard Rohan, Macmillan Audio

*The Story of Swan Lake*, by Tchaikovsky, Narrated by Yadu, Maestro Classics/Magic Maestro Music

*Under the Black Ensign*, by L. Ron Hubbard, Narrated by a full cast, Galaxy Press

## **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*A Whole New Mind*, by Daniel Pink, Narrated by Daniel Pink, Audible, Inc.

*Happy for No Reason*, by Marci Shimoff with Carol Kline, Narrated by Marci Shimoff with an introduction by Jack Canfield, Simon & Schuster Audio

*Intellectual Devotional: Modern Culture*, by David Kidder and Noah Oppenheim, Narrated by Oliver Wyman and Helen Litchfield, Macmillan Audio

*The Last Lecture*, by Randy Pausch, Narrated by Erik Singer, HyperionAudio

*What Shamu Taught Me About Life, Love, and Marriage*, by Amy Sutherland, Narrated by Hillary Huber, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*You Staying Young*, by Michael Roizen and Mehmet Oz, Narrated by Johnny Heller, Recorded Books

## **POLITICS — JUDGES AWARD**

*Descent into Chaos*, by Ahmed Rashid, Narrated by Arthur Morey, Brilliance Audio

*Hot, Flat, and Crowded*, by Thomas Friedman, Narrated by Oliver Wyman, Macmillan Audio

*Mike's Election Guide*, by Michael Moore, Narrated by Michael Moore, Hachette Audio

*The War Within*, by Bob Woodward, Narrated by Boyd Gaines, Simon & Schuster Audio

*The Way of the World*, by Ron Suskind, Narrated by Alan Sklar, HarperAudio

## **ROMANCE**

*The Dark Highlander*, by Karen Marie Moning, Narrated by Phil Gigante, Brilliance Audio

*Fire Me Up*, by Katie MacAlister, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Recorded Books

*Forbidden*, by Suzanne Brockmann, Narrated by Traci Svensgaard, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*Mismatch*, by Tami Hoag, Narrated by Jen Taylor, BBC Audiobooks America

*Tribute*, by Nora Roberts, Narrated by Jennifer Van Dyck, Brilliance Audio

## **SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY**

*Calculating God*, by Robert J. Sawyer, Narrated by Jonathan Davis, Audible, Inc.

*Childhood's End*, by Arthur C. Clarke, Narrated by Eric Michael Summerer, Audible, Inc.

*Ghost Radio*, by Leopoldo Gout, Narrated by Pedro Pascal, HarperAudio

*Skybreaker*, by Kenneth Oppel, Narrated by David Kelly, Full Cast Audio

*Sunrise Alley*, by Catherine Asaro, Narrated by Hillary Huber, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

## **SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**

*Armageddon in Retrospect*, by Kurt Vonnegut, Narrated by Rip Torn and Michael Vonnegut, Penguin Audio

*The Bandana Republic*, by Louis Reyes Rivera and Bruce George, eds., Narrated by a full cast, Audible, Inc.

*Fine Just the Way It Is*, by Annie Proulx, Narrated by Will Patton, Simon & Schuster Audio

*This I Believe II*, by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, Various narrators, Macmillan Audio

*When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, by David Sedaris, Narrated by David Sedaris, Hachette Audio

### **SOLO NARRATION — FEMALE**

Alyssa Bresnahan, narrator of *The Lace Reader*, by Brunonia Barry, HarperAudio

Katherine Kellgren, narrator of *Curse of the Blue Tattoo*, by L.A. Meyer, Listen & Live Audio

Sneha Mathan, narrator of *The Palace of Illusions*, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Lorna Raver, narrator of *The Age of Innocence*, by Edith Wharton, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Concetta Tomei, narrator of *Amarcord*, by Marcella Hazan, HarperAudio

### **SOLO NARRATION — MALE**

Bobby Cannavale, narrator of *Lush Life*, by Richard Price, Macmillan Audio

Timothy Dalton, narrator of *The Silver Swan*, by Benjamin Black, Macmillan Audio

John Lee, narrator of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, by Alexandre Dumas, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

John Lee, narrator of *The White Tiger: A Novel*, by Aravind Adiga, Tantor Media

Richard Poe, narrator of *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski, Recorded Books

Christopher Evan Welch, narrator of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein, HarperAudio

### **SPANISH LANGUAGE**

*América*, by T. C. Boyle, Narrated by Sergio Gutierrez, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

*De Como las Muchachas Garcia Perdierno su Acento*, by Julia Alvarez, Narrated by Adriana Sananes, Rossmery Almonte, Silvia Sierra, Laura Gomez and Rosie Berrido, Recorded Books

*El Vecindario de Quinito*, by Ina Cumpiano, Narrated by Jonathan Davis, Audible, Inc.

*La Bruja de Portobello / The Witch of Portobello*, by Paulo Coelho, Narrated by a full cast, FonoLibro Inc.

*Por un Dia Más*, by Mitch Albom, Narrated by Jose Manuel Vieira, FonoLibro Inc.

### **TEENS**

*Burn Journals*, by Brent Runyon, Narrated by Christopher Evan Welch, Recorded Books

*The Compound*, by S. A. Bodeen, Narrated by Christopher Lane, Brilliance Audio

*Curse of the Blue Tattoo*, by L.A. Meyer, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Listen & Live Audio

*Fairest*, by Gail Carson Levine, Narrated by Sarah Naughton, Full Cast Audio

*Paper Towns*, by John Green, Narrated by Dan John Miller, Brilliance Audio



*The Uprising*, by Margaret P. Haddix, Narrated by Suzanne Toren, Recorded Books

**THRILLER/SUSPENSE**

*Blue Heaven*, by C.J. Box, Narrated by John Bedford Lloyd, Macmillan Audio

*Child 44*, by Tom Rob Smith, Narrated by Dennis Boutsikaris, Hachette Audio

*Executive Privilege*, by Phillip Margolin, Narrated by Jonathan Davis, HarperAudio

*The Graveyard Book*, by Neil Gaiman, Narrated by Neil Gaiman, HarperAudio

*Sweetheart*, by Chelsea Cain, Narrated by Carolyn McCormick, Macmillan Audio

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