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**KEVIN J. ANDERSON, SCOTT BRICK, JACKIE COLLINS AND DENNIS KAO TO
DISCUSS AUDIOBOOKS AT LA TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS**

PRINCETON JUNCTION, NJ – April 21, 2008 – The Audio Publishers Association (APA), a not-for-profit trade organization whose primary goals are to promote awareness of the audiobook industry, gather and disseminate industry statistics, encourage high production standards and represent the interests of audiobook publishers, has assembled a panel of audio industry representatives to appear at the 13th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books on April 27, 2008 on the campus of UCLA.

At the Fowler Museum Lenart Auditorium, **Kevin J. Anderson**, author of the *Dune* series of novels originated by the late Frank Herbert; **Scott Brick**, the well-known narrator of over 400 audiobooks including his reading of *Dune: Butlerian Jihad*, which earned him an Audie award, considered the “Oscars” of the audiobook industry; **Jackie Collins**, best-selling romance novelist and narrator of her own including the recent *Drop Dead Beautiful* and her upcoming book *Married Lovers* and veteran audio producer with Hachette Audio **Dennis Kao**, will join moderator **Bridget Kinsella**, author of *The Visiting Life* and editor at *Publisher’s Weekly*, for a lively discussion on all things audio. In the panel event titled “Can You Hear This?” the panelists will draw on their experiences in recording, producing and performing audio productions and answer questions from the audience.

Among the author panel discussions, the festival provides its guests with an array of activities to arouse the senses including storytelling, cooking demonstrations and poetry readings. The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books is one of the nation’s premier public literary festivals and the largest of its kind on the West Coast, held April 26-27.

For more information about the APA, please visit www.audiopub.org or contact Kaitlin Friedmann at (609) 799-6000 ext.21.

About Audio Publishers Association (APA)

The Audio Publishers Association (APA) is a not-for-profit trade organization whose primary goals are to promote awareness of the audiobook industry, gather and disseminate industry statistics, encourage high production standards, and represent the interests of audiobook publishers. Since 1986, the APA has worked to bring audio publishers together to increase interest in audiobooks. Please visit www.audiopub.org for more *information*.

About the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books

The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books was created in 1996 to promote literacy, celebrate the written word, and bring together those who create books with the people who love to read them. Between 130,000 and 140,000 people attend the event annually.

General event information is available online at latimesfestivalofbooks.com or by calling 1-800-LA TIMES, ext. 7BOOK. Detailed speakers and event information will be provided in the official festival program, which will be published in the April 20th edition of the Los Angeles Times.