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**Mandela's audio book wins top honor
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The prestigious Audiobook of the Year award was presented to Nelson Mandela's *Favorite African Folktales* at a gala Audie Awards ceremony just held at the Museum of the City of New York. It is the industry's top honor from the Audio Publishers Association.

Proceeds from the audiobook provide support for children in South Africa orphaned and impacted by HIV/AIDS. Ellen Myrick, Chair of the Audie Award judging committee, stated, "Nelson Mandela's *Favorite African Folktales* is a tremendously worthy recipient of an Audiobook of the Year award.... through the effort and generosity of the voice actors, the director, the publisher and others, it will make a lasting difference in the lives of countless children — both those who will be enriched by the listening experience and those who benefit from Nelson Mandela's Children's Fund and Artists for a New South Africa."

Folktales bested finalists *The Time of My Life* by Patrick Swayze and *The Word of Promise*.

The acclaimed cast includes: Gillian Anderson, Benjamin Bratt, LeVar Burton, Ricardo Chavira, Don Cheadle, Matt Damon, Whoopi Goldberg, Sean Hayes, Hugh Jackman, Samuel L. Jackson, LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Scarlett Johansson, Debra Messing, Helen Mirren, Parminder Nagra, Sophie Okonedo, CCH Pounder, Alan Rickman, Jurnee Smollett, Charlize Theron, Blair Underwood, Forest Whitaker, and Alfre Woodard. Archbishop Desmond Tutu recorded a message to the world's children, and African music legends Johnny Clegg and Vusi Mahlasela composed original music. In his foreword, Nelson Mandela wrote, "It is my wish that the voice of the storyteller may never die in Africa, that all the children of the world may experience the wonder of books."

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