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**AUDIO PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION TO HONOR THE YEAR'S BEST
AUDIOBOOKS ON JUNE 1 IN THE BIG APPLE**

*APA Announces The Audies® Finalists in 31 Categories; Narrator and Broadway
Star Jim Dale to Emcee The Audies® Gala*

(Princeton Junction, NJ) – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) will host *The Audies®* awards for excellence in audiobooks on June 1, 2007 in New York City. The winners will be announced in a gala celebration held at the Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center. Renowned Broadway actor and narrator, Jim Dale, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The Audies® celebration recognizes a multitude of published audiobooks. Categories for judges' consideration include Fiction (abridged and unabridged), Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction, Multi-Voiced Performance, Romance, Science Fiction, Spanish Language and much more. As the only awards program in the United States devoted entirely to honoring audiobooks and spoken word entertainment, *The Audies®* gala brings together industry, entertainment, and political dignitaries to celebrate titles issued from November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006.

This year, more than 800 entries were submitted for consideration. With winners to be announced in each of the 31 categories, the gala will also reveal the prestigious Audiobook of the Year award winner and a special Judges' Award will be presented for titles in the Politics category. Finalists for Audiobook of the Year, which recognizes the audiobook with the greatest impact on the audio publishing industry, will be announced next month. Finalists in the other 31 categories in this year's competition include the following titles.

Finalists include:

Achievement in Production

Father Gilbert Mysteries: The Silver Cord, by: Dave Arnold and Paul McCusker, Narrated by a Full Cast, Tyndale/Focus on the Family

Marked Man, by: William Lashner, Narrated by Richard Rohan, Harper Audio

Shantaram, by: Gregory David Roberts, Narrated by Humphrey Bower, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

The Ballad of the Whiskey Robber, by: Julian Rubinstein, Narrated by Various People, Hachette Audio

The Bible Experience, Narrated by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, Blair Underwood, Denzel Washington and many more, Zondervan Publishing

The Goose Girl, by: Shannon Hale, Narrated by Cynthia Bishop and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

Audio Drama

Airborn, by: Kenneth Oppel, Narrated by David Kelly and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

King Kong, by: Joe DeVito and Brad Strickland, Narrated by David Baker and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

Nightmares on Congress Street V, by: Fitz-James O'Brien, Edgar Allan Poe, Alex Irvine, Michael Duffy, Ray Bradbury, Hugh B. Cave, H.P. Lovecraft, Narrated by a Full Cast, Tantor Media, Inc.

Radio Theatre's The Life of Jesus, by: Paul McCusker, Narrated by a Full Cast, Tyndale/Focus on the Family

The Picture of Dorian Gray, by: Oscar Wilde, Narrated by Jamie Glover and a Full Cast, BBC Audiobooks America

Twelve Angry Men, by: Reginald Rose, Narrated by Multi-Cast, L.A. Theatre Works

Audiobook Adapted from Another Medium

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Quintessential Phase, by: Douglas Adams, Narrated by Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern and a Full Cast, BBC Audiobooks America

Letter from America: Volumes 1-3, by: Alistair Cooke, Narrated by Alistair Cooke, BBC Audiobooks America

Selected Shorts: Vol. 19 Timeless Classics, by: James Thurber, Edith Wharton, Jack London, D.H. Lawrence, Shirley Jackson, Richard Connell, Raymond Carver, Narrated by Isaiah Sheffer, Maria Tucci, Steven Gilborn, John Shea, Marian Seldes, Charles Keating, James Naughton, Symphony Space, Inc.

This I Believe, edited by: Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, Audio Renaissance

Twelve Angry Men, by: Reginald Rose, Narrated by Multi-Cast, L.A. Theatre Works

Biography/Memoir

Diana, by Sarah Bradford, Narrated by Katie Kellgren, Penguin Audio

Dispatches from the Edge, by Anderson Cooper, Narrated by Anderson Cooper, Harper Audio

Elizabeth, by: J. Randy Taraborrelli, Narrated by Lynne Maclean, Hachette Audio

Sound and Fury, by: Dave Kindred, Narrated by Dick Hill, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Teacher Man, by Frank McCourt, Narrated by Frank McCourt, Simon & Schuster Audio

The Great Escape, by: Kati Marton, Narrated by Anna Fields, Tantor Media, Inc.

Business Information/Education

Mavericks At Work, by: William C. Taylor and Polly LaBarre, Narrated by Barrett Whitener, Harper Audio

Myths, Lies, & Downright Stupidity, by: John Stossel, Narrated by John Stossel, Hyperion Audio

Silos, Politics and Turf Wars, by: Patrick Lencioni, Narrated by Eric Conger, Audio Renaissance

Small Is the New Big, by Seth Godin, Narrated by Seth Godin, HighBridge Audio

The Long Tail, by: Chris Anderson, Narrated by Christopher Nissley, Hyperion Audio

Children's Titles for Ages 12+

Airborn, by: Kenneth Oppel, Narrated by David Kelly and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

Ark Angel, by Anthony Horowitz, Narrated by Simon Prebble, Recorded Books, LLC

Looking for Alaska, by: John Green, Narrated by: Jeff Woodman, Brilliance Audio

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie, by: David Lubar, Narrated by Ryan MacConnell and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

The Goose Girl, by: Shannon Hale, Narrated by Cynthia Bishop and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

Children's Titles for Ages 8-11

A Series of Unfortunate Events: The End, by: Lemony Snicket, Narrated by Tim Curry, Harper Children's Audio

Behind the Curtain, by: Peter Abrahams, Narrated by Colleen Delaney, Harper Children's Audio

Jumping the Scratch, by: Sara Weeks, Narrated by Stephen Spinella, Harper Children's Audio

Listening for Lions, by: Gloria Whelan, Narrated by Bianca Amato, Recorded Books, LLC

Two Weeks with the Queen, by: Morris Gleitzman, Narrated by Morris Gleitzman, Bolinda Publishing, Inc.

Children's Titles for Ages up to 8

Jack Russell: Dog Detective (Book #1), Dog Den Mystery, by: Darrel Odgers and Sally Odgers, Narrated by: Alan King, Bolinda Publishing, Inc.

Knuffle Bunny, by: Mo Willems, Narrated by Mo, Cheryl & Trixie Willems, Weston Woods Studios

Murmel Murmel Munsch! by: Robert Munsch, Narrated by Robert Munsch, The Children's Group

Piccolo & Annabelle Vol. 1: The Very Messy Inspection, by: Stephen Axelsen, Narrated by Stanley McGeagh, Bolinda Publishing, Inc.

Poetry Speaks to Children, by: Elise Paschen, Narrated by Multi cast, Sourcebooks, Inc.

Classics

The Painted Veil, by: W. Somerset Maugham, Narrated by Kate Reading, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

The Sun Also Rises, by: Ernest Hemingway, Narrated by William Hurt, Simon & Schuster Audio

The Warden, by: Anthony Trollope, Narrated by Simon Vance, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

The Years, by: Virginia Woolf, Narrated by Finty Williams, BBC Audiobooks America

To Kill a Mockingbird, by: Harper Lee, Narrated by Sissy Spacek, Caedman

Fiction, Abridged

Motor Mouth, by: Janet Evanovich, Narrated by C.J. Critt, HarperCollins Publishers

Paint It Black, by: Janet Fitch, Narrated by Jennifer Jason Leigh, Hachette Audio

Restless, by: William Boyd, Narrated by Rosemund Pike, Audio Renaissance

The Book of the Dead, by: Lincoln Child & Douglas Preston, Narrated by Rene Auberjonois, Hachette Audio

The Sad Truth About Happiness, by: Ann Giardini, Narrated by Suleka Mathew, Goose Lane Editions/BTC Audiobooks

Fiction, Unabridged

Restless, by: William Boyd, Narrated by Rosemund Pike, Audio Renaissance

Rise and Shine, by: Anna Quindlen, Narrated by Carol Monda, Recorded Books, LLC

Telegraph Days, by: Larry McMurtry, Narrated by Annie Potts, Simon & Schuster Audio

The Prestige, by: Christopher Priest, Narrated by Simon Vance, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

The Two-Minute Rule, by: Robert Crais, Narrated by Christopher Graybill, Brilliance Audio

Water for Elephants, by: Sara Gruen, Narrated by David LeDoux and John Randolph Jones, HighBridge Audio

Humor

Company, by: Max Barry, Narrated by William Duffris, Tantor Media, Inc.

F.U.B.A.R., by: Sam Seder & Stephen Sherrill, Narrated by Sam Seder, Harper Audio

Life's Little Annoyances, by: Ian Urbina, Narrated by Stanley Tucci, Audio Renaissance

Solomon VS. Lord, by: Paul Levine, Narrated by Christopher Lane, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Spoiled Rotten America, by: Larry Miller, Narrated by Larry Miller, Harper Audio

The Areas of My Expertise, by: John Hodgman, Narrated by John Hodgman, Penguin Audio

Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction

Angels of Morgan Hill, by: Donna VanLiere, Narrated by Donna VanLiere, Audio Renaissance

Divine, by: Karen Kingsbury, Narrated by Sharon Williams, Brilliance Audio

Grace at Low Tide, by: Beth Webb Hart, Narrated by Kate Forbes, Recorded Books, LLC

Knitting, by: Ann Bartlett, Narrated by Beverley Dunn, Bolinda Publishing, Inc.

The Preacher's Daughter, by: Beverly Lewis, Narrated by Stina Neilsen, Recorded Books, LLC

Inspirational/Spiritual

The Gospel of Jesus, edited by Daniel L. Johnson, narrated by Garrison Keillor, HighBridge Audio

Mama Made The Difference, by: T.D. Jakes, Narrated by Richard Allen, Penguin Audio

The Bible Experience, Narrated by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, Blair Underwood, Denzel Washington and many more, Zondervan Publishing

The Message Remix Complete, by: Eugene H. Peterson, Narrated by Various Music Artists, Oasis Audio

The Screwtape Letters, by: C.S. Lewis, Narrated by Ralph Cosham, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

We Speak Your Names, by: Pearl Cleese and Zaron Burnett Jr, Narrated by Pearl Cleese, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Judges' Award: Politics

Faith and Politics, by: Senator John Danforth, Narrated by Senator John Danforth, Listen & Live Audio, Inc.

Hubris, by: Michael Isikoff and David Corn, Narrated by Stefan Rudnicki, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

In Time of War, by: Pierce O'Donnell, Narrated by Raymond Todd, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

The One Percent Doctrine, by: Ron Suskind, Narrated by Ed Herrmann, Simon & Schuster Audio

Wake Up Call, by: Kristin Breitweiser, Narrated by Kristin Breitweiser, Hachette Audio

Literary Fiction

Absurdistan, by: Gary Shteyngart, Narrated by Arte Johnson, Phoenix Books

After This, by: Alice McDermott, Narrated by Martha Plimpton, Audio Renaissance

All the King's Men, by: Robert Penn Warren, Narrated by Michael Emerson, Recorded Books, LLC

Suite Francaise, by: Irene Nemirovsky, Narrated by Daniel Oreskes and Barbara Rosenblat, HighBridge Audio

The Thirteenth Tale, by: Diane Setterfield, Narrated by Ruthie Henshall & Lynn Redgrave, Simon & Schuster Audio

Multi-Voiced Performance

Airborn, by: Kenneth Oppel, Narrated by David Kelly and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

Operation Homecoming, by: Various Authors, Narrated by a Full Cast, Blackstone Audio, Inc

Suite Francaise, by: Irene Nemirovsky, Narrated by Daniel Oreskes and Barbara Rosenblat, HighBridge Audio

The Thirteenth Tale, by: Diane Setterfield, Narrated by Ruthie Henshall & Lynn Redgrave, Simon & Schuster Audio

World War Z, by: Max Brooks, Narrated by Max Brooks and a Full Cast, Random House Audio

Mystery

A Field of Darkness, by: Cornelia Reed, Narrated by Hillary Huber, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Dark Tort, by: Diane Mott Davidson, Narrated by Elizabeth Marvel, Harper Audio

Dead Center, by: David Rosenfelt, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Listen & Live Audio, Inc.

Definitely Dead, by: Charlaine Harris, Narrated by Johanna Parker, Recorded Books, LLC

Echo Park (Unabridged), by: Michael Connelly, Narrated by Len Cariou, Hachette Audio

The Crimes of Jordan Wise, by: Bill Pronzini, Narrated by Richard Ferrone, BBC Audiobooks America

Narration by the Author or Authors

Marian McPartland's Jazz World: All in Good Time, by: Marian McPartland, Narrated by Marian McPartland, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Speedbumps, by: Teri Garr, Narrated by Teri Garr, Penguin Audio

Teacher Man, by: Frank McCourt, Narrated by Frank McCourt, Simon & Schuster Audio

The Mighty and the Almighty, by: Madeleine Albright, Narrated by Madeleine Albright, Harper Audio

The Tortilla Curtain, by: T.C. Boyle, Narrated by T.C. Boyle, Blackstone Audio, Inc

Non-Fiction, Abridged

Judgment of Paris, by: Ross King, Narrated by Tristan Layton, Audio Renaissance
Manhunt, by: James L. Swanson, Narrated by Richard Thomas, Harper Audio
Setting the Table, by: Danny Meyer, Narrated by Danny Meyer, Harper Audio
The Beatles, by: Robert Spitz, Narrated by Alfred Molina, Simon & Schuster Audio
The Great Deluge, by: Douglas Brinkley, Narrated by Kyf Brewer, Harper Audio

Non-Fiction, Unabridged

Babylon by Bus, by: Ray LeMoine & Jeff Neumann with Donovan Webster, Narrated by Jeremy Davidson, Penguin Audio
Narrow Dog to Carcassonne, by: Terry Darlington, Narrated by Steve Hodson, ISIS Publishing
Striking Back, by: Aaron J. Klein, Narrated by Stefan Rudnicki, Blackstone Audio, Inc.
Team of Rivals, by: Doris Kearns Goodwin, Narrated by Suzanne Toren, Recorded Books, LLC
The Looming Tower, by: Lawrence Wright, Narrated by Alan Sklar, Tantor Media, Inc.

Original Work

Fundamental Cases: The 20th Century Courtroom Battles That Changed Our Nation, by: Alan Dershowitz, Narrated by Alan Dershowitz, Recorded Books, LLC
Sherlock's Legacy, by: Ed. Lange and Will Severin, Narrated by Full dramatization, Family Classics/NYS Theatre Institute
Stories from the Storm, Narrated by a Multi-Cast, Audible, Inc.
The Hero of Cape Lonely Light, by: Geoffrey T. Williams, Narrated by Dennis F. Regan, Geoffrey T. Williams
Williamsburg Men/Women (Hasidic Brooklyn cd 1 & cd 2), Narrated by Joseph Piekarski and Pearl Gluck, OverSampling / Soundwalk

Package Design

Golden Compass, Tenth Anniversary Edition, by: Phillip Pullman, Narrated by Phillip Pullman and Cast, Random House Audio
The Bible Experience, Narrated by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, Blair Underwood, Denzel Washington and many more, Zondervan Publishing
The James Herriot Collection, by: James Herriot, Narrated by Christopher Timothy, Audio Renaissance
The Jamie Lee Curtis CD Audio Collection, by: Jamie Lee Curtis, Narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis, Harper Children's Audio
Zodiac, by: Robert Graysmith, Narrated by Stefan Rudnicki, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Personal Development/Motivational

Beyond Basketball, by: Mike Krzyzewski with Jamie K. Spatola, Narrated by Mike Krzyzewski with Jamie K. Spatola, Hachette Audio

For the Love of a Dog, by: Patricia McConnell, Narrated by Ellen Archer, Tantor Media, Inc.

Goodbye to Shy, by: Leil Loundes, Narrated by Leil Loundes, Listen & Live Audio, Inc.

Letter to a Young Artist, by: Anna Deavere Smith, Narrated by Anna Deavere Smith, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

On Becoming Fearless, by: Arianna Huffington, Narrate by Arianna Huffington, Hachette Audio

Romance

Born in Death, by: J.D. Robb, Narrated by Susan Ericksen, Brilliance Audio

Darkfever, by: Karen Marie Moning, Narrated by Joyce Bean, Brilliance Audio

Dear John, by: Nicholas Sparks, Narrated by Holter Graham, Hachette Audio

If You Could See Me Now, by: Cecelia Ahern, Narrated by Susan Lynch and Rupert Degas, Hyperion Audio

The Tavern on Maple Street, by: Sharon Owens, Narrated by Caroline Winterson, Listen & Live Audio, Inc.

Science Fiction

Callahan's Legacy, by: Spider Robinson, Narrated by Spider Robinson, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Stolen Child, by: Keith Donahue, Narrated by Andy Paris and Jeff Woodman, Recorded Books, LLC

Street Magic, by: Tamora Pierce, Narrated by Bruce Coville and a Full Cast, Full Cast Audio

The Incredible Shrinking Man, by: Richard Matheson, Narrated by Yuri Rasovsky, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Voyagers, by: Ben Bova, Narrated by Stefan Rudnicki, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Short Stories/Collections

Fragile Things, by: Neil Gaiman, Narrated by Neil Gaiman, Harper Audio

Grown-up's Halloween, by: Yuri Rasovsky, Narrated by Yuri Rasovsky, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Paris Stories, by: Mavis Gallant, Narrated by Lorna Raver & Yuri Rasovsky, Blackstone Audio, Inc.

The Turning, by: Tim Winton, Narrated by Humphrey Bower & Caroline Lee, Bolinda Publishing, Inc.

This I Believe, edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, Audio Renaissance

Solo Narration – Female

Darkfever, by: Karen Marie Moning, Narrated by Joyce Bean, Brilliance Audio
Fortunate Son, by Walter Mosley, Narrated by Lorraine Toussaint, Hachette Audio
Leave a Candle Burning, by Lori Wick, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Oasis Audio
Telegraph Days, by: Larry McMurtry, Narrated by Annie Potts, Simon & Schuster Audio
To Kill a Mockingbird, by: Harper Lee, Narrated by Sissy Spacek, Caedman
Tomb of the Golden Bird (Unabridged), by: Elizabeth Peters, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Harper Audio

Solo Narration – Male

Dead Yard, by: Adrian McKinty, Narrated by Gerard Doyle, Blackstone Audio, Inc.
Peter and the Shadow Thieves, by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson, Narrated by Jim Dale, Brilliance Audio
Shantaram, by Gregory David Roberts, Narrated by Humpnrey Bower, Blackstone Audio, Inc.
The Old Man and The Sea, by Ernest Hemingway, Narrated by Donald Sutherland, Simon & Schuster Audio
War and Peace Vol. 1, by Leo Tolstoy, Narrated by Neville Jason, Naxos AudioBooks

Spanish Language

Angeles y Demonios, by Dan Brown, Narrated by Raul Amundaray, FonoLibro Inc.
Caballo de Troya 7: Nahum, by: J.J. Benitez, Narrated by a Full Cast, FonoLibro Inc.
El Rey de los Pleitos, by: John Grisham, Narrated by Karl Hoffman, FonoLibro Inc.
La Cena Secreta, by Javier Sierra, Narrated by Francisco Rivela, Recorded Books, LLC
Las Cinco Personas Que Encontraras en el Cielo, by: Mitch Albom, Narrated by Francisco Rivela, Hyperion Audio

Thriller/Suspense

Dead Yard, by: Adrian McKinty, Narrated by Gerard Doyle, Blackstone Audio, Inc
Night of the Jaguar, by Michael Gruber, Narrated by Jonathan Davis, BBC Audiobooks America
Surrender, by: Sonya Hartnett, Narrated by Humphrey Bower, Bolinda Publishing, Inc.
The Foreign Correspondent, by Alan Furst, Narrated by Alfred Molina, Simon & Schuster Audio
The Wall, by: Jeff Long, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Tantor Media, Inc.

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