



The Audies®

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**CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'! *THE AUDIES*® HEAD TO THE WEST COAST FOR
2008 GALA**

*Audio Publishing's Biggest Night to be Celebrated at the Historic Millennium Biltmore
Hotel on May 30, 2008*

Princeton Junction, NJ – On May 30, 2008, the Audio Publishers Association (APA) will host *The Audies*® awards for audiobook excellence at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California. As the only awards program in the United States devoted entirely to honoring spoken word entertainment, *The Audies*® gala brings together performers, authors, producers, publishers and media to celebrate the best of the 2007 audiobook publishing year.

The Audies® celebration recognizes a multitude of the year's best published works in the audio industry. Categories for judges' consideration include Fiction, Non-Fiction, Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction, Multi-Voiced Performance, Romance, Science Fiction, Spanish Language and much more.

Located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, the historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel has been the premier choice for celebrities, presidents and dignitaries for over 80 years and is famous for hosting the National Academy of Motion Pictures Academy Award Ceremony in the 1930s and 40s. Industry, entertainment and political dignitaries will gather to announce winners in 30 audio publishing categories, including the prestigious Audiobook of the Year award, at a gala held in the hotel's elegant Crystal Ballroom.

Over 800 titles have already been submitted for award consideration, breaking last year's record for *Audies* entries. Finalists will be notified in March 2008, and showcased to the industry-at-large on the APA website and in association materials.

"The Audies are a great chance to recognize those who strive to raise the bar for the audio industry every year," said Michele Lee Cobb, President of the APA and Director of Sales and Marketing at BBC Audiobooks America. "The Biltmore's Crystal Ballroom

will provide an elegant setting for us to celebrate another exciting year in audio publishing.”

Tickets will be available for purchase in January 2008. To find out more about the event, visit APA’s Web site at www.audiopub.org.

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.