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### BEA Draws Well-known 'Star' to Host its Tea Event

**Princeton Junction, NJ – April 29, 2011** – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) and Book Expo America (BEA) have chosen Star Jones to host an audiobook discussion panel at The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Heard Word Audiobook Tea event. The Tea is being held on May 25, 2011 at 4:00p.m. at the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City, and the hosts are expecting approximately 300 attendees.

The panelists in the discussion hosted by Jones are authors Tony Horwitz, bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist; Karin Slaughter, *New York Times* bestseller of 10 books; and Brad Meltzer, *New York Times* bestselling author of seven thrillers and one non-fiction work and host of the History Channel series *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*. Meltzer's most recent work, *The Inner Circle* (Hachette Audio), was released on January 11. The release date for Slaughter's newest book, *Fallen* (AudioGo), is set for June 21 and Horwitz's *Midnight Rising: John Brown, Harpers Ferry, and the Coming of Civil War* (Macmillan Audio) will be released on October 25.

Jones, who is best known for her nine-year-run on ABC's *The View*, has become an author in recent years, writing the books *You Have to Stand for Something...or You'll Fall for Anything* and *Shine: A Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Journey to Finding Love*. Her most recent novel, *Satan's Sisters* (Brilliance Audio), was released on March 22 and is based on her experiences in the world of daytime television.

"This panel is sure to be engaging, fun and informative for the booksellers and librarians attending the Tea," remarked Janet Benson, president of APA. "All the authors are fantastic writers but write in very different styles, which should result in a fascinating range of perspectives."

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#### **About the 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](http://www.audiopub.org) for more information.