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TONY AWARD NOMINEE TIM CURRY TO HOST *THE AUDIES*® ON MAY 30 AT THE MILLENNIUM BILTMORE HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES

Princeton Junction, NJ – April 7, 2008 – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced that star of film, television, Broadway plays and audiobooks, **Tim Curry**, will host *The Audies*® awards for excellence in audiobooks on **Friday, May 30, 2008 at 6:30 pm** 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. Categories for judges' consideration included Fiction, Non-Fiction, Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction, Multi-Voiced Performance, Romance, Science Fiction, Spanish Language and much more, including the highly anticipated Audiobook of the Year award.

Tim Curry, best known for his roles in films such as *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Clue* and on Broadway in his Tony nominated role as King Arthur in the Monty Python smash *Spamalot*, has been hailed for his dramatic narration of the series of audiobooks, Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Additionally, Curry won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Performer in a Children's Animation Series.

"Tim is very well-respected within the audio community so we are absolutely thrilled that he will host this year's *Audies*," said Michele Cobb, President of the APA.

Winners in all 30 categories will be announced in the hotel's elegant Crystal Ballroom. 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.

For more information on covering the *Audies*, contact Kaitlin Friedmann at (609) 799-6000 extension 21, or to purchase a table or ticket, contact Diane Galante at (609) 799-6327.

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.

