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ACCLAIMED AUDIOBOOK NARRATOR SCOTT BRICK STEPS IN TO HOST THE AUDIES® ON MAY 30 AT THE MILLENNIUM BILTMORE HOTEL

Princeton Junction, NJ – May 12, 2008 – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced that **Scott Brick**, the award-winning narrator of over 400 audiobooks, will replace actor Tim Curry as host for The Audies® awards for excellence in audiobooks. The gala will take place 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.

Scott Brick has been quickly embraced by the audio world, having recorded over 400 audiobooks in roughly eight years. To date he's won more than 40 Earphones Awards for his narrating skills, as well as a 2003 Audie Award for *Dune: The Butlerian Jihad*. Some of his notable recordings include: *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMille, *Zero Game* by Brad Meltzer, *Split Second* by David Baldacci, *The Bourne Legacy* by Eric Van Lustbader and classics *Fahrenheit 451* and *In Cold Blood*. Scott has been named an *AudioFile* Golden Voice and 2006 Narrator of the Year by *Publishers Weekly*.

"We are thrilled that Scott has agreed to lead the ceremony," said Michele Cobb, President of the APA. "He has brought audiobooks of so many genres to life and is a true star of the audio publishing industry. I have no doubt he'll breathe incredible energy into The Audies® celebration this year."

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.