



The Audies®

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**Keith Richards' *Life* and Walter Dean Myers' *Here in Harlem*
Take Home Top Audies**

Audies Winners Announced at Gala Celebration in New York City

New York, NY – May 25, 2011 – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) announced the winners of the 2011 Audies® at its 16th Annual Audies Gala on May 24th at The TimesCenter in New York City. Often referred to as the “Oscars of spoken word entertainment,” the Audies are the most prestigious awards program in the United States honoring audiobooks.

Bestselling author Adriana Trigiani (*Big Stone Gap*, *Very Valentine*) hosted the event. Presenters included filmmaker John Waters (*Hairspray*, *Cry Baby*), author Thomas Cobb (*Crazy Heart*) and a variety of talented voice artists and entertainers.

The coveted Audiobook of the Year award went to *Life*, the bestselling autobiography of Keith Richards, narrated by Johnny Depp and Joe Hurley with Keith Richards (Hachette Audio). The Audies jury selected the winning title for its multi-pronged marketing campaign that capitalized on Depp’s contributions and left no doubts that new audiobook fans were introduced to the format. *Life* was also recognized with an Audie in the Biography/Memoir category.

The Distinguished Achievement in Production award was presented to *Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices*, by Walter Dean Myers and narrated by a full cast including Muhammad Cunningham, Michael Early, Patricia R. Floyd, Kevin R. Free, Arthur French, Dion Graham, Nathan Hinton, Ezra Knight, Lizan Mitchell, Gail Nelson, Monica Patton, Robin Miles and Charles Turner (Live Oak Media). This award recognizes a production that represents the best the format has to offer in listening excellence. This celebration of Harlem beautifully presented by 13 distinguished narrators was accompanied by jazz music and sound effects to add to the sense of time and place, and impressed the Audies jury.

“This was yet another exciting and competitive year for the Audies,” said Janet Benson, APA President. “We are proud to celebrate all of those who work hard to bring audiobooks to life and grateful to our listeners, who keep asking for more.”

Reviews and sound clips are available at www.TheAudies.com, courtesy of *AudioFile* magazine.

The 2011 Audie winners by category:

AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR

Life

By Keith Richards

Narrated by Johnny Depp and Joe Hurley (Featuring Keith Richards)

Hachette Audio

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN PRODUCTION

Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices

By Walter Dean Myers

Narrated by a full cast including Muhammad Cunningham, Michael Early, Patricia R. Floyd, Kevin R. Free, Arthur French, Dion Graham, Nathan Hinton, Ezra Knight, Liza Mitchell, Gail Nelson, Monica Patton, Robin Miles and Charles Turner

Live Oak Media

SOLO NARRATION—FEMALE

Alfre Woodard

Glorious

By Bernice McFadden

Audible, Inc.

SOLO NARRATION—MALE

Alan Cumming

Zorgamazoo

By Robert Paul Weston

Penguin Audio

NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR or AUTHORS

Emma Thompson

Nanny McPhee Returns

Macmillan Audio

MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE

Jitters – A Quirky Little Audio Book

By Adele Park

Narrated by Adele Park and a full cast

Straight to Audio Productions

AUDIO DRAMA

Saint Joan: A Chronicle Play in Six Scenes and an Epilogue

By George Bernard Shaw

Narrated by Amy Irving, Kristoffer Tabori, Edward Herrmann and a full cast

Blackstone Audio

AUDIOBOOK ADAPTATION

No Country for Old Men
By Cormac McCarthy
Narrated by Sean Barrett
Naxos AudioBooks

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Life
By Keith Richards
Narrated by Johnny Depp and Joe Hurley (Featuring Keith Richards)
Hachette Audio

BUSINESS/EDUCATIONAL

The Intelligent Entrepreneur
By Bill Murphy, Jr.
Narrated by LJ Ganser and Fred Berman
Audible, Inc.

CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES 8 TO 12

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate
By Jacqueline Kelly
Narrated by Natalie Ross
Brilliance Audio

CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES UP TO 8

This Jazz Man
By Karen Ehrhardt
Narrated by James "D-Train" Williams
Live Oak Media

CLASSIC

The Woman in White
By Wilkie Collins
Narrated by Roger Rees, Rosalyn Landor, John Lee, Judy Geeson, Gabrielle de Cuir,
and Stefan Rudnicki
Blackstone Audio

FICTION

Winter's Bone
By Daniel Woodrell
Narrated by Emma Galvin
Hachette Audio

HISTORY

Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic

By Gordon S. Wood

Narrated by Robert Fass

Audible, Inc.

HUMOR

Old Jews Telling Jokes

Edited by Sam Hoffman and Eric Spiegelman

Narrated by Sam Hoffman with Eric Spiegelman and an ensemble cast

HighBridge Audio

INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED FICTION

Fireflies in December

By Jennifer Erin Valent

Narrated by Kate Forbes

Recorded Books

INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED NON-FICTION

In a Heartbeat

By Leigh Anne Tuohy and Sean Tuohy, with Sally Jenkins

Narrated by Leigh Anne Tuohy, Sean Tuohy, Kathleen McInerney, and Rick Adamson

Macmillan Audio

JUDGES AWARD - PARANORMAL

Beautiful Creatures

By Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

Narrated by Kevin T. Collins

Hachette Audio

LITERARY FICTION

Snakewoman of Little Egypt

By Robert Hellenga

Narrated by Coleen Marlo

Tantor Audio

MYSTERY

The Reversal

By Michael Connelly

Narrated by Peter Giles

Hachette Audio

NON-FICTION

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By Rebecca Skloot
Narrated by Cassandra Campbell with Bahni Turpin
Random House Audio/Books on Tape

ORIGINAL WORK

The New Adventures of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer, Vol. 2
By Max Allan Collins, from a story by Mickey Spillane and Max Allan Collins
Narrated by Stacy Keach and a full cast
Blackstone Audio/Falcon Picture Group

PACKAGE DESIGN

The Very Best of Bob and Ray
By Bob Elliott and Ray Goulding
Narrated by Bob Elliott and Ray Goulding
Designed by Sandy Ackerman and Jim Tierney
HighBridge Audio

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Put On Your Crown: Life-Changing Moments on the Path to Queendom
By Queen Latifah with Samantha Marshall
Narrated by Queen Latifah
Hachette Audio

ROMANCE

The Secret Diaries of Charlotte Brontë
By Syrie James
Narrated by Bianca Amato
Recorded Books

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

The Stainless Steel Rat
By Harry Harrison
Narrated by Phil Gigante
Brilliance Audio

SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS

Stories
Edited by Neil Gaiman and Al Sarrantonio
Narrated by Anne Bobby, Jonathan Davis, Peter Francis James, Katherine Kellgren, and Euan Morton, with an introduction by Neil Gaiman
HarperAudio

TEENS

The Rock and The River

By Kekla Magoon
Narrated by Dion Graham
Brilliance Audio

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest
By Stieg Larsson
Narrated by Simon Vance
Random House Audio/Books on Tape

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