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**Audies Competition Has Record-Breaking Year with Over 1,250 Entries!**

*Michael Showalter to Emcee the Gala on June 5, 2012, at the New-York Historical Society in New York City*

**Princeton Junction, NJ** – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced finalists for its 2012 Audie Awards® competition, the only awards program in the United States devoted entirely to honoring spoken word entertainment. Winners will be announced at the Audies Gala on June 5, 2012, at the New-York Historical Society in New York City. Comedian, actor, writer, and director Michael Showalter will emcee the event.

Breaking last year's already impressive record with over 1,250 titles entered, the competition is livelier than ever in 2012, a clear indicator of the strength of the audiobook industry. New to the competition is the separation of the Science Fiction and Fantasy categories, allowing for more nominations and a more focused selection process. The Paranormal category, which was added as a special judges' category in 2011, has been added as a permanent classification.

"We are absolutely thrilled with both the quality and quantity of the nominations we are seeing," said Michele Cobb, APA President. "The tremendous range of excellent audiobooks produced this year is a testament to the industry's continued growth, and with so many truly exceptional nominees, this is sure to be one of the most exciting and competitive races yet!"

Showalter, the show's host, is a member of the sketch comedy trio *Stella*. He first came to recognition as a cast member on MTV's *The State*, which aired from 1993 to 1995. He co-wrote and starred in *Wet Hot American Summer* (2001), and wrote, directed, and starred in *The Baxter* (2005), with Michelle Williams, Justin Theroux, and Elizabeth Banks. He and his longtime collaborator Michael Ian Black co-wrote, co-directed, and co-starred in a well-acclaimed series for Comedy Central, *Michael and Michael Have Issues*, which is newly available on DVD. Showalter also created a popular web interview series on Collegehumor.com called *The Michael Showalter Showalter*. His comedic memoir, *Mr. Funny Pants*, hit shelves in 2011 and is published by Hachette Book Group.

"I am delighted to be hosting the Audies, a glamorous night that celebrates the actors, producers and authors who bring books to life through the spoken word. Audiobooks add personality, humor, and raw emotion to literature – and you can expect the Audies to provide an evening full of life, laughter, and excitement this year!" said Showalter.

Finalists for Distinguished Achievement in Production and Audiobook of the Year, the Audies' most prestigious awards, will be announced in the spring. The Distinguished Achievement in Production award honors an audiobook that demonstrates excellence in all areas of production. The Audiobook of the Year award recognizes an audiobook that, through quality, innovation, marketing and sales, has had a significant impact on the industry..

Finalists in this year's competition include the following titles:

### **AUDIO DRAMA**

*The Arthur Miller Collection*, by Arthur Miller, Narrated by Stacy Keach, Richard Dreyfuss, Ed O'Neill, Brian Cox and a full cast, L.A. Theatre Works

*The Graduate*, adapted for the stage by Terry Johnson, based on the novel by Charles Webb and the screenplay by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry, Narrated by Bruce Davidson, John Getz, Jamison Jones, Devon Sorvari, Linda Purl, Matthew Rhys and Kathleen Turner, L.A. Theatre Works

*I, Claudius*, by Robert Graves, Narrated by Derek Jacobi, Tim McInnerny, Harriet Walter, AudioGO/BBC Audio

*The Mark of Zorro*, by Johnston McCulley and Yuri Rasovsky, Narrated by Val Kilmer and a full cast, Blackstone Audio

*We're Alive*, by Kc Wayland, Narrated by a full cast, Blackstone Audio

### **BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**

*Bossypants*, by Tina Fey, Narrated by Tina Fey, Hachette Audio

*The Dirty Life*, by Kristin Kimball, Narrated by Tavia Gilbert, Tantor Audio

*Here Comes Trouble*, by Michael Moore, Narrated by Michael Moore, Hachette Audio

*My Dog Tulip*, by J.R. Ackerley, Narrated by Ralph Cosham, Blackstone Audio

*Until Tuesday*, by Louis Carlos Montalvan, Narrated by Louis Carlos Montalvan, Audible, Inc.

### **BUSINESS/EDUCATIONAL**

*23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism*, by Ha-Joon Chang, Narrated by Joe Barrett, Audible, Inc.

*Aftershock: Protect Yourself and Profit in the Next Global Financial Meltdown*, by David Wiedemer, Robert A. Wiedemer and Cindy S. Spitzer, Narrated by Christopher Kipiniak, Audible, Inc.

*The Barefoot Executive*, by Carrie Wilkerson, Narrated by Carrie Wilkerson, Oasis Audio

*The Blue Sweater*, by Jacqueline Novogratz, Narrated by Jacqueline Novogratz, Audible, Inc.

*I'm Feeling Lucky*, by Douglas Edwards, Narrated by Douglas Edwards, Audible, Inc.

*The Thank You Economy*, by Gary Vaynerchuk, Narrated by Gary Vaynerchuk, HarperAudio

### **CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES 8-12**

*Countdown*, by Deborah Wiles, Narrated by Emma Galvin, Random House Audio/Listening Library

*The Flint Heart*, by Katherine Paterson and John Paterson, Narrated by Ralph Lister, Brilliance Audio

*Heart and Soul*, by Kadir Nelson, Narrated by Debbie Allen, HarperAudio

*The Hidden Valley: The Incurable Children of Aston Place: Book II*, by Maryrose Wood, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, HarperAudio

*A Tale Dark and Grimm*, by Adam Gidwitz, Narrated by Johnny Heller, Recorded Books, LLC

### **CHILDREN'S TITLES FOR AGES UP TO 8**

*Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Johnson*, by Charles R. Smith, Jr., Narrated by Dion Graham, Live Oak Media

*Django: World's Greatest Jazz Guitarist*, by Bonnie Christensen, Narrated by George Guidall, Live Oak Media

*Looking Like Me*, by Walter Dean Myers, Narrated by Dion Graham and Quincy Tyler Bernstine, Live Oak Media

*Stone Soup*, by John J. Muth, Narrated by BD Wong, Weston Woods

*When I Grow Up*, by Al Yankovic, Narrated by Al Yankovic, HarperAudio

*Wolf Pie*, by Brenda Seabrooke, Narrated by Andrew Watts, Recorded Books, LLC

### **CLASSIC**

*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, Narrated by Elijah Wood, Audible, Inc.

*Deliverance*, by James Dickey, Narrated by Will Patton, Audible, Inc.

*Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad, Narrated by Kenneth Branagh, Audible, Inc.

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou, Narrated by Maya Angelou, Random House/Books on Tape

*The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby*, by Charles Dickens, Narrated by Simon Vance, Tantor Audio

### **FANTASY**

*The Automatic Detective*, by A. Lee Martinez, Narrated by Marc Vietor, Audible, Inc.

*Daughter of Smoke and Bone*, by Laini Taylor, Narrated by Kristine Hvam, Hachette Audio

*The Land of Laughs*, by Jonathan Carroll, Narrated by Edoardo Ballerini, Audible, Inc.

*Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: Dreadfully Ever After*, by Steve Hockensmith, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Audible, Inc.

*Rumo & His Miraculous Adventures*, by Walter Moers, Narrated by Bronson Pinchot, Blackstone Audio.

### **FICTION**

*Alas, Babylon*, by Pat Frank, Narrated by Will Patton, Audible, Inc.

*American Gods: The Tenth Anniversary Edition*, by Neil Gaiman, Narrated by Neil Gaiman, Dennis Boutsikaris, Daniel Oreskes, Ron McLarty, Sarah Jones and a full cast, HarperAudio

*Heat Rises*, by Richard Castle, Narrated by Johnny Heller, Hyperion Audio

*Portrait of a Spy*, by Daniel Silva, Narrated by Simon Vance, HarperAudio

*Winds of War*, by Herman Wouk, Narrated by Kevin Pariseau, Audible, Inc.

## **HISTORY**

*1812: The Navy's War*, by George C. Daughan, Narrated by Marc Vietor, Audible, Inc.

*1861: The Civil War Awakening*, by Adam Goodheart, Narrated by Jonathan Davis, Audible, Inc.

*Eichmann in Jerusalem*, by Hannah Arendt, Narrated by Wanda McCaddon, Tantor Audio

*The Emperor of All Maladies*, by Siddhartha Mukherjee, Narrated by Stephen Hoye, Tantor Audio

*In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson, Narrated by Stephen Hoye, Random House Audio/Books on Tape

## **HUMOR**

*Bossypants*, by Tina Fey, Narrated by Tina Fey, Hachette Audio

*Go the F—k to Sleep*, by Adam Mansbach, Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson, Audible, Inc.

*In Fifty Years We'll All Be Chicks*, by Adam Carolla, Narrated by Adam Carolla, Random House/Books on Tape

*Shatner Rules*, by William Shatner with Chris Regan, Narrated by William Shatner, Penguin Audio

*This Is an Audiobook*, by Demetri Martin, Narrated by Demetri Martin, Hachette Audio

## **INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED FICTION**

*The Christmas Note*, by Donna VanLiere, Narrated by Donna VanLiere, Macmillan Audio

*Courageous*, by Randy Alcorn, Alex Kendrick and Stephen Kendrick, Narrated by Roger Mueller, Oasis Audio

*Lion of Babylon*, by Davis Bunn, Narrated by Paul Boehmer, eChristian, Inc.

*The Resurrection of Nat Turner, Part 1: The Witnesses*, by Sharon Ewell Foster, Narrated by John McLain, Oasis Audio

*Thunder of Heaven*, by Tim LaHaye and Craig Parshall, Narrated by Stefan Rudnicki, Zondervan

*Wonder of Your Love*, by Beth Wiseman, Narrated by Kirsten Potter, eChristian, Inc.

## **INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED NON-FICTION**

*All Is Grace*, by Brennan Manning, Narrated by Maurice England, eChristian, Inc.

*Buddha Standard Time*, by Lama Surya Das, Narrated by Peter Berkrot, Tantor Audio

*The Invisible World: Understanding Angels, Demons, and the Spiritual Realities that Surround Us*, by Anthony DeStefano, Narrated by Anthony DeStefano, Audible, Inc.

*The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, by James Martin, Narrated by James Martin, HarperAudio

*Resolving Everyday Conflict*, by Ken Sande and Kevin Johnson, Narrated by Maurice England, eChristian, Inc.

*The Story*, by Zondervan, Narrated by Michael Blain-Rozgay, Allison Moffett and a full cast, Zondervan

## **LITERARY FICTION**

*Emily and Einstein*, by Linda Francis Lee, Narrated by Dan John Miller and Cassandra Campbell, Tantor Audio

*Follow the River*, by James Alexander Thom, Narrated by David Drummond, Tantor Audio

*The Marriage Plot*, by Jeffrey Eugenides, Narrated by David Pittu, Macmillan Audio

*No One in the World*, by E. Lynn Harris and R.M. Johnson, Narrated by Alan Bomar Jones, Tantor Audio

*State of Wonder*, by Ann Patchett, Narrated by Hope Davis, HarperAudio

## **MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE**

*1Q84*, by Haruki Murakami, Narrated by Mark Boyett, Marc Vietor and Allison Hiroto, Audible, Inc.

*Bruiser*, by Neal Shusterman, Narrated by Nick Podehl, Kate Rudd, Luke Daniels and Laura Hamilton, Brilliance Audio

*The Graduate*, adapted for the stage by Terry Johnson, based on the novel by Charles Webb and the screenplay by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry, Narrated by Bruce Davidson, John Getz, Jamison Jones, Devon Sorvari, Linda Purl, Matthew Rhys and Kathleen Turner, L.A. Theatre Works

*A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry, Narrated by Judyann Elder, James Gleason, Noah Gray-Cabey, Corey Hawkins, Deidrie Henry, Terrell Tilford, Rutina Wesley and Mirron E. Willis, L.A. Theatre Works

*The Watch That Ends in the Night*, by Allan Wolf, Narrated by Michael Page, Phil Gigante, Christopher Lane, Laural Merlington and Angela Dawe, Brilliance Audio

## **MYSTERY**

*Feast Day of Fools*, by James Lee Burke, Narrated by Will Patton, Simon & Schuster Audio

*Naughty in Nice: A Royal Spyness Mystery*, by Rhys Bowen, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Audible, Inc.

*One Dog Night*, by David Rosenfelt, Narrated by Grover Gardner, Listen & Live Audio

*Return to Marshall's Bayou: A Dassas Cormier Mystery*, by S.H. Baker, Narrated by a full cast, Siren Audio Studios

*Rogue Island*, by Bruce DeSilva, Narrated by Jeff Woodman, Audible, Inc.

## **NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR or AUTHORS**

Libba Bray, *Beauty Queens*, Scholastic Audio

Tina Fey, *Bossypants*, Hachette Audio

John Lithgow, *Drama*, HarperAudio

Ellen DeGeneres, *Seriously... I'm Kidding*, Hachette Audio

Rob Lowe, *Stories I Only Tell My Friends*, Macmillan Audio

### **NON-FICTION**

*The 4 Percent Universe*, by Richard Panek, Narrated by Ray Porter, Blackstone Audio

*Dog Sense*, by John Bradshaw, Narrated by Michael Page, Tantor Audio

*The Murder of the Century*, by Paul Collins, Narrated by William Dufris, AudioGO

*My Korean Deli*, by Ben Ryder Howe, Narrated by Bronson Pinchot, Blackstone Audio

*Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand, Narrated by Edward Herrmann, Random House Audio/Books on Tape

### **ORIGINAL WORK**

*Macbeth: A Novel*, by A.J. Hartley and David Hewson, Narrated by Alan Cumming, Audible, Inc.

*METAtropolis: Cascadia*, by Jay Lake, Mary Robinette Kowal, Elizabeth Bear, Ken Scholes, Karl Schroeder, and Tobias S. Buckell, Narrated by Rene Auberjonois, Kate Mulgrew, Wil Wheaton, Gates McFadden, Jonathan Frakes and LeVar Burton, Audible, Inc.

*The New Adventures of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer, Vol. 3*, by Max Allan Collins and Mickey Spillane, Narrated by Stacy Keach and a full cast, Blackstone Audio

*Prayers: A Personal Selection*, by various authors, Narrated by Michael York, eChristian, Inc.

*Solaris*, by Stanislaw Lem, Narrated by Alessandro Juliani, Audible, Inc.

*The Witches of Lublin – Collector's Edition*, by Ellen Kushner, Elizabeth Schwartz and Yale Strom, Narrated by Ellen Kushner and a full cast, SueMedia Productions

### **PACKAGE DESIGN**

*Jane Austen: Classic BBC Radio Productions*, by Jane Austen, Narrated by Angharad Rees and a full cast; Hannah Gordon and a full cast, Juliet Stevenson; Annette Crosbie, AudioGO/BBC Audio

*Kardashian Confidential*, by Kim Kardashian, Kourtney Kardashian and Khloe Kardashian, Narrated by Kim Kardashian, Kourtney Kardashian and Khloe Kardashian, Macmillan Audio

*NPR American Chronicles: The Civil War*, by NPR, Narrated by various performers, hosted by Neal Conan, HighBridge Company

*One Grave at a Time*, by Jeaniene Frost, Narrated by Tavia Gilbert, Blackstone Audio

*Sherrilyn Kenyon Audio Coffin Box Set*, by Sherrilyn Kenyon, Narrated by Fred Berman and Carrington MacDuffie, Macmillan Audio

*The Witches of Lublin – Collector's Edition*, by Ellen Kushner, Elizabeth Schwartz and Yale Strom, Narrated by Ellen Kushner and Miriam Margolyes, SueMedia Productions

### **PARANORMAL**

*The Cypress House*, by Michael Koryta, Narrated by Robert Petkoff, Hachette Audio

*Dragon Bound*, by Thea Harrison, Narrated by Sophie Eastlake, Tantor Audio

*First Grave on the Right*, by Darynda Jones, Narrated by Lorelei King, Macmillan Audio

*Hard Magic*, by Larry Correia, Narrated by Bronson Pinchot, Audible, Inc.

*Monster Hunter International*, by Larry Correia, Narrated by Oliver Wyman, Audible, Inc.

## **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*The Courage to Be Free*, by Guy Finley, Narrated by Sean Runnette, Tantor Audio

*Don't Sing at the Table*, by Adriana Trigiani, Narrated by Adriana Trigiani, HarperAudio

*Fortytude*, by Sarah Brokaw, Narrated by Sarah Brokaw, Macmillan Audio

*iGetSlim: Amazing Daily Weight-Loss Program*, by Tony Wrighton, Narrated by Tony Wrighton, 70,000 thoughts audiobooks

*Money Secrets of the Amish*, by Lorilee Craker, Narrated by Lorilee Craker, Oasis Audio, LLC

*Prime Time*, by Jane Fonda, Narrated by Jane Fonda, Random House Audio/Books on Tape

## **ROMANCE**

*The Darkest Surrender*, by Gena Showalter, Narrated by Max Bellmore, Audible, Inc.

*New York to Dallas*, by J.D. Robb, Narrated by Susan Ericksen, Brilliance Audio

*Notorious*, by Nicola Cornick, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Audible, Inc.

*Summer Rental*, by Mary Kay Andrews, Narrated by Isabel Keating, Macmillan Audio

*When Beauty Tamed the Beast*, by Eloisa James, Narrated by Susan Duerden, HarperAudio

*The Winter Sea*, by Susanna Kearsley, Narrated by Rosalyn Landor, Audible, Inc.

## **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Agent to the Stars*, by John Scalzi, Narrated by Wil Wheaton, Audible, Inc.

*The Cold Commands*, by Richard K. Morgan, Narrated by Simon Vance, Tantor Audio

*Fuzzy Nation*, by John Scalzi, Narrated by Wil Wheaton, Audible, Inc.

*Leviathan Wakes*, by James S.A. Corey, Narrated by Jefferson Mays, Recorded Books, LLC.

*Solaris*, by Stanislaw Lem, Narrated by Alessandro Juliani, Audible, Inc.

*The Tears of the Sun*, by S.M. Stirling, Narrated by Todd McLaren, Tantor Audio

## **SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**

*Black Mask: Doors in the Dark*, Edited by Otto Penzler, Narrated by Eric Conger, Oliver Wyman, Alan Sklar, Pete Larkin and Jeff Gurner, HighBridge Company

*Bullfighting*, by Roddy Doyle, Narrated by Lorcan Cranitch, AudioGO

*The Collected Stories of Eudora Welty*, by Eudora Welty, Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, Jessica Almay, Victor Bevine, Mark Boyett, Jonathan Davis and Coleman Domingo, Audible, Inc.

*Selected Short Stories: New American Stories*, by Aleksandar Hemon, Jhumpa Lahiri, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Sherman Alexie, Narrated by Boyd Gaines, Rita Wolf, Condola Rashad and BD Wong, Symphony Space

*The Yellow Wallpaper and Other Stories*, by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Narrated by Kirsten Potter, Tantor Audio

*You Know When the Men Are Gone*, by Siobhan Fallon, Narrated by Cassandra Campbell, Tantor Audio

### **SOLO NARRATION—FEMALE**

Katherine Kellgren, narrator of *Ashes: Ashes Trilogy, Book 1*, by Ilsa J. Bick, Audible, Inc.

Katherine Kellgren, narrator of *The Wake of the Lorelei Lee*, by L.A. Meyer, Listen & Live Audio

Lorelei King, narrator of *First Grave on the Right*, by Darynda Jones, Macmillan Audio

Rosalyn Landor, narrator of *The Winter Sea*, by Susanna Kearsley, Audible, Inc.

Sissy Spacek, narrator of *Loretta Lynn: Coal Miner's Daughter*, by Loretta Lynn with George Vecsey, Random House/Books on Tape

### **SOLO NARRATION—MALE**

Kenneth Branagh, narrator of *Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad, Audible, Inc.

Dion Graham, narrator of *Going to Meet the Man*, by James Baldwin, AudioGO

Charlton Griffin, narrator of *The Complete Stories of Sherlock Holmes, Volume 3*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Audio Connoisseur

Bronson Pinchot, narrator of *Hard Magic*, by Larry Correia, Audible, Inc.

Simon Vance, narrator of *The King's Speech: How One Man Saved the British Monarchy*, by Mark Logue and Peter Conradi, Tantor Audio

### **TEENS**

*Beauty Queens*, by Libba Bray, Narrated by Libba Bray, Scholastic Audio

*Chime*, by Franny Billingsley, Narrated by Susan Duerden, Random House Audio/Listening Library

*Okay for Now*, by Gary D. Schmidt, Narrated by Lincoln Hoppe, Random House Audio/Listening Library

*Pick-Up Game*, by Marc Aronson and Charles R. Smith Jr., Narrated by Dion Graham and Quincy Tyler Bernstine, Brilliance Audio

*The Wake of the Lorelei Lee*, by L.A. Meyer, Narrated by Katherine Kellgren, Listen & Live Audio

### **THRILLER/SUSPENSE**

*Adrenaline*, by Jeff Abbott, Narrated by Kevin T. Collins, Hachette Audio

*The Bone House*, by Brian Freeman, Narrated by Joe Barrett, Blackstone Audio

*A Kiss Before Dying*, by Ira Levin, Narrated by Mauro Hantman, AudioGO

*The Nightmare Thief*, by Meg Gardiner, Narrated by Susan Ericksen, Brilliance Audio

*Out of My Head*, by Didier van Cauwelaert, Narrated by Bronson Pinchot, Blackstone Audio

*Silent Screams*, by Karen Rose, Narrated by Marguerite Gavin, Blackstone Audio

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