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Media Mix: Audie Award Finalists Announced

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The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced the finalists for the 2011 Audies competition. This award program recognizes excellence in spoken word recordings in more than two dozen categories. The finalists were selected from over 1,100 submissions, breaking the previous year's record. Winners will be announced at an awards gala on May 24 at the TimesCenter in New York City.

There are three categories that specifically target recordings for children and teens. The finalists in recordings for children up to age 8 are *Despicable Me: The Junior Novel* by Annie Auerbach (Hachette), *Epossumondas Plays Possum* by Coleen Salley (Recorded Books), *Judy Moody & Stink: The Holly Joliday* by Megan McDonald (Brilliance Audio), Garth Nix's *One Beastly Beast* (Bolinda Audio), and *This Jazz Man* by Karen Ehrhardt (Live Oak Media).

In the category for children ages 8 to 12, the nominations are *Alchemy and Maggy Swan* by Karen Cushman (Listening Library), *Nanny McPhee Returns* by Emma Thompson (AudioGo), *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia (Recorded Books), Jacqueline Kelly's *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* (Recorded Books), and *The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo (Brilliance Audio).

In the audiobooks for teens category, the following titles were selected as finalists: *Here in Harlem* by Walter Dean Myers (Live Oak Media), L. A. Meyer's *Rapture of the Deep* (Listen & Live), *The Rock and the River* by Kekla Magoon (Brilliance Audio), *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan (Brilliance Audio), and *Zora and Me* by Victoria Bond and T. R. Simon (Brilliance Audio).

Established in 1986, the mission of the Audio Publishers Association is to "promote awareness of the audiobook industry, gather and disseminate industry statistics, encourage high production standards, and represent the interests of audiobook publishers."

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