ANDY WEIR’S PROJECT HAIL MARY, READ BY RAY PORTER, AWARDED AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE AUDIO PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION’S 2022 AUDIE AWARDS®

RYAN LA SALA’S BE DAZZLED HONORED WITH YOUNG ADULT AWARD

March 4, 2022, NEW YORK, NY – Tonight, the Audio Publishers Association (APA) announced the winners of the 2022 Audie Awards®, the premier awards program recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken-word entertainment. Hosted by actor, author, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, Kal Penn, the ceremony was held virtually honoring finalists across 25 competitive categories. Project Hail Mary, written by Andy Weir, narrated by Ray Porter, and published by Audible Studios received the night’s top honor, Audiobook of the Year. Be Dazzled, written by Ryan La Sala, narrated by Pete Cross, and published by Dreamscape Media won the Young Adult Audie Award. Full list of winners below.

Special guest judges Gigi Gorgeous (critically acclaimed author, LGBTQ+ activist, and co-host of the hit podcast Queerified with Gigi Gorgeous and Mimi), Caitlyn Paxson (writer and book reviewer for NPR), and Anthony Allen Ramos (Executive Producer of the GLAAD Media Awards and official Entertainment Correspondent) judged the Young Adult category; Kristen Arnett (New York Times bestselling author), Gayle Forman (award-winning author and journalist), and Seija Rankin (Senior Books Editor at Entertainment Weekly) judged the Audiobook of the Year category.

“The audio of Project Hail Mary did exactly what I want an audiobook to do, which is to use the medium to expand the story,” said Forman regarding the Audiobook of the Year recipient. She went on to add, “If this Sci-Fi book could make a fan out of me, a lover of contemporary realistic fiction, it could definitely win over any first-time audio listeners.”

In response to Young Adult winner, Be Dazzled, Gorgeous stated: “The narration of this audiobook wonderfully complements the author’s intent through the enthusiastic and genuine performance by the narrator. It allows the listener to sympathize with the emotional ups and downs that the characters are feeling, as if you’re inside their heads and seeing the world
around them. Many of our LGBTQ youth today experience these exact same feelings, turmoils, and joys, which makes this a refreshing and inspiring story to be able to listen to.”

**AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR**
*Project Hail Mary*
Written by Andy Weir
Narrated by Ray Porter
Published by Audible Studios

**AUDIO DRAMA**
*Sherlock Holmes - The Seamstress of Peckham Rye*
Written by Jonathan Barnes
Performed by Nicholas Briggs, Richard Earl, Lucy Briggs-Owen, India Fisher, James Joyce, Anjella MacKintosh, Glen McCready, and Mark Elstob
Published by Big Finish Productions

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**
*Somebody’s Daughter*
Written and narrated by Ashley C. Ford
Published by Macmillan Audio

**BEST FEMALE NARRATOR**
Deepti Gupta
*The Parted Earth*
Written by Anjali Enjeti
Published by Novel Audio

**BEST MALE NARRATOR**
Lin-Manuel Miranda
*Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World*
Written by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

**BUSINESS/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
*Machiavelli for Women*
Written and narrated by Stacey Vanek Smith
Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

**ESPAÑOL - SPANISH LANGUAGE**
*La casa de Bernarda Alba*
Written by Federico García Lorca
Narrated by Gloria Muñoz, Elena González, Rebeca Hernando, Carmen Mayordomo, Marta Poveda, Sol de la Barreda, Beatriz Melgares, Cristina Arias, and Antonio Martínez Asensio
Published by Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial

**FAITH-BASED FICTION OR NON-FICTION**
*The Gift of Black Folk*
Written by W.E.B. Du Bois
Narrated by Arnell Powell
Published by Brilliance Publishing

**FANTASY**
*Rhythm of War*
Written by Brandon Sanderson
Narrated by Michael Kramer and Kate Reading
Published by Macmillan Audio

**FICTION**
*The Final Revival of Opal & Nev*
Written by Dawnie Walton
Narrated by Janina Edwards, Bahni Turpin, James Langton, André De Shields, Dennis Boutsikaris, Steve West, Gabra Zackman, Robin Miles, and a full cast
Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

**HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**
*Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other*
Written and narrated by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish (with a foreword written and narrated by Diana Gabaldon)
Published by Hodder & Stoughton

**HUMOR**
*How Y’all Doing?*
Written and narrated by Leslie Jordan
Published by HarperAudio

**LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS**
*All Creatures Great and Small*
Written by James Herriot
Narrated by Nicholas Ralph
Published by Macmillan Audio

**MIDDLE GRADE**
*Playing the Cards You’re Dealt*
Written by Varian Johnson
Narrated by Dion Graham
Published by Scholastic Audio

**MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE**
*Heresy*
Written by Melissa Lenhardt
Narrated by Barrie Kreinik, Bailey Carr, Ella Turenne, Nikki Massoud, Natalie Naudus, Imani Jade Powers, and James Fouhey
Published by Hachette Audio
**MYSTERY**
*Later*
Written by Stephen King
Narrated by Seth Numrich
Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

**NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR**
*A Promised Land*
Written and narrated by Barack Obama
Published by Penguin Random House Audio

**NON-FICTION**
*The Joy of Sweat*
Written by Sarah Everts
Narrated by Sophie Amoss
Published by Penguin Random House Audio

**ORIGINAL WORK**
*Heroine*
Written and narrated by Mary Jane Wells
Published by Author's Republic

**ROMANCE**
*Reel: Hollywood Renaissance, Book 1*
Written by Kennedy Ryan
Narrated by Eboni Flowers, Jakobi Diem, Nicole Small, and April Christina
Published by Scribechick Media LLC, Produced by Lyric Audiobooks

**SCIENCE FICTION**
*Project Hail Mary*
Written by Andy Weir
Narrated by Ray Porter
Published by Audible Studios

**SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**
*Blackout*
Written by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon
Narrated by Joniece Abbott-Pratt, Dion Graham, Imani Parks, Jordan Cobb, Shayna Small, A.J. Beckles, and Bahni Turpin
Published by HarperAudio

**THRILLER/SUSPENSE**
*Local Woman Missing*
Written by Mary Kubica
Narrated by Brittany Pressley, Jennifer Jill Araya, Gary Tiedemann, and Jesse Vilinsky
Published by HarperAudio

**YOUNG ADULT**
*Be Dazzled*
Written by Ryan La Sala
Narrated by Pete Cross
Published by Dreamscape Media

**YOUNG LISTENERS**
*I and I Bob Marley*
Written by Tony Medina
Narrated by Jaime Lincoln Smith and Tony Medina
Published by Live Oak Media

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