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**Audio Publishers Association announces 2017 Audie Awards® finalists  
in 26 categories**

***Winners to be honored at the Audie Awards® Gala in New York City on June 1st  
hosted by award-winning comedian and author, Paula Poundstone***

New York, NY – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced finalists for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Audie Awards® competition, the premier awards program in the United States recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken word entertainment. Winners will be revealed at the Audie Awards® Gala on June 1, 2017, at the French Institute Alliance Française in New York City. For the second year in a row, award-winning comedian, author, and commentator Paula Poundstone will emcee the event.

“This year has shown another increase in both the number and quality of submissions which mirrors the continued year-over-year growth and interest in audiobooks,” says APA President Linda Lee. “We are excited to have Paula Poundstone back to emcee our festivities this year, which again promises to be a rollicking good time celebrating the best-of-the best in our vibrant industry!”

“Every year our judges’ mission is to select the best, and every year they moan to me over how hard that is,” adds Janet Benson, Audie Awards® Competition Chair. “Audiobooks have definitely arrived – if you’re not listening to one right now, what are you waiting for? The quality titles on this list are a great place to start!”

Through the Audie Awards® competition, publishers enter titles in various categories for recognition of excellence. Finalists are selected by a diverse group of experienced judges and one winner is awarded the Audie in each category. For more information and to see a list of all of the nominees, visit [www.theaudies.com](http://www.theaudies.com).

Finalists in this year’s competition are:

**AUDIO DRAMA**

*Alien: Out of the Shadows: An Audible Original Drama* by Tim Lebbon and Dirk Maggs, narrated by Rutger Hauer, Corey Johnson, Matthew Lewis, Kathryn Drysdale, Laurel Lefkow, Andrea Deck, and Mac McDonald, published by Audible Studios

*Doctor Who: The Tenth Doctor Adventures: Death and the Queen* by James Goss, narrated by David Tennant, Catherine Tate, Alice Krige, Blake Ritson, Beth Chalmers, and Alan Cox, published by Big Finish Productions

*Doctor Who: The War Doctor: Only The Monstrous* by Nicholas Briggs, narrated by John Hurt, Jacqueline Pearce, Carolyn Seymour, and Lucy Briggs-Owen, published by Big Finish Productions

*In the Embers* by Brian Price and Jerry Stearns, narrated by Robin Miles, Edwin Strout, Dean Johnson, et al; music by Mike Wheaton, published by Great Northern Audio Theatre/Blackstone Audio

*The Mountaintop* by Katori Hall, narrated by Aja Naomi King and Larry Powell, published by LA Theatre Works

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**

*Around the Way Girl* written and narrated by Taraji P. Henson, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Buffering: Unshared Tales of a Life Fully Loaded* by Hannah Hart, narrated by Hannah Hart and Judy Young, published by HarperAudio

*The Greatest: My Own Story* by Muhammad Ali with Richard Durham, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Graymalkin Media

*The Rainbow Comes and Goes* written and narrated by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt, published by HarperAudio

*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi; Foreword by Abraham Verghese, narrated by Sunil Malhotra and Cassandra Campbell, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

### **BEST FEMALE NARRATOR**

*Another Brooklyn: A Novel* by Jacqueline Woodson, narrated by Robin Miles, published by HarperAudio

*Be Frank with Me* by Julia Claiborne Johnson, narrated by Tavia Gilbert, published by HarperAudio

*The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien, narrated by Juliet Stevenson, published by Hachette Audio

*The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James, narrated by Emma Thompson, published by Audible Studios

*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

### **BEST MALE NARRATOR**

*Bob Honey Who Just Do Stuff* by Pappy Pariah, narrated by Sean Penn, published by Audible Studios

*End of Watch* by Stephen King, narrated by Will Patton, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Jerusalem* by Alan Moore, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Recorded Books

*The Last Tribe* by Brad Manuel, narrated by Scott Brick, published by Podium Publishing

*The Purloined Poodle* by Kevin Hearne, narrated by Luke Daniels, published by Kevin Hearne/ACX

*Underground Airlines* by Ben H. Winters, narrated by William DeMeritt, published by Hachette Audio

## **BUSINESS/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Capital Offenses: Business Crime and Punishment in America's Corporate Age* by Samuel W. Buell, narrated by LJ Ganser, published by Audible Studios

*Humans Need Not Apply* by Jerry Kaplan, narrated by John Pruden, published by Tantor Media, a Division of Recorded Books

*Shrill* written and narrated by Lindy West, published by Hachette Audio

*The Storyteller's Secret* written and narrated by Carmine Gallo, published by Macmillan Audio

*Treconomics: The Economics of Star Trek* by Manu Saadia, narrated by Oliver Wyman, published by Audible Studios

## **EROTICA**

*The Baller* by Vi Keeland, narrated by Mackenzie Cartwright and Sean Crisden, published by Tantor Media, a Division of Recorded Books

*The Darkest Torment* by Gena Showalter, narrated by Max Bellmore, published by Recorded Books

*Eighteen (18): Based on a True Story* by J.A. Huss, narrated by Ava Erickson, published by Podium Publishing

*January: Calendar Girl, Book 1* by Audrey Carlan, narrated by Summer Morton, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Marriage Games* by CD Reiss, narrated by Sebastian York and Elena Wolfe, published by Flip City Media Inc.

*Sweet Dreams* by Sunny Leone, narrated by Vikas Adams and Simone Lewis, published by Novel Audio

## **FANTASY**

*The Bands of Mourning* by Brandon Sanderson, narrated by Michael Kramer, published by Macmillan Audio

*The Black Prism* by Brent Weeks, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Hachette Audio

*The Everything Box* by Richard Kadrey, narrated by Oliver Wyman, published by HarperAudio

*The Hike* by Drew Magary, narrated by Christopher Lane, published by Brilliance Audio

*League of Dragons* by Naomi Novik, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Tantor Media, a Division of Recorded Books

## **FICTION**

*America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie, narrated by Cassandra Campbell, published by HarperAudio

*Darktown* by Thomas Mullen, narrated by Andre Holland, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*End of Watch* by Stephen King, narrated by Will Patton, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Julian Fellowes's Belgravia* by Julian Fellowes, narrated by Juliet Stevenson, published by Hachette Audio

*Sister of Mine* by Sabra Waldfoegel, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by Brilliance Publishing

## **HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

*In Harm's Way: The Sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of Its Survivors* by Doug Stanton, narrated by Mark Boyett, published by Audible Studios

*Paul McCartney: The Life* by Philip Norman, narrated by Jonathan Keeble, published by Recorded Books

*A Time to Die* by Robert Moore, narrated by Pete Cross, published by Dreamscape Media, LLC

*Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick, narrated by Scott Brick, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*The Year of Lear* by James Shapiro, narrated by Robert Fass, published by Tantor Media, a Division of Recorded Books

## **HUMOR**

*The Bassoon King: My Life in Art, Faith, and Idiocy* written and narrated by Rainn Wilson, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*Black Man, White House: An Oral History of the Obama Years* by D.L. Hughley, narrated by Keith Szarabajka, John Reynolds, Fran Tunno, Cherise Boothe, Dan Woren, P.J. Ochlan, Gregory Itzin, Paula Jai Parker-Martin, Mia Barron, Ron Butler, and James Shippy, published by HarperAudio

*I'm Judging You* written and narrated by Luvvie Ajayi, published by Macmillan Audio

*Life and Other Near Death Experiences* by Camille Pagán, narrated by Amy McFadden, published by Brilliance Publishing

*You Can't Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain* by Phoebe Robinson; Foreword by Jessica Williams, narrated by Phoebe Robinson, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*You'll Grow out of It* written and narrated by Jessi Klein, published by Hachette Audio

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

*Beric the Briton* by G.A. Henty, narrated by Brian Blessed, Brian Cox, Tom Baker, Honeysuckle Weeks, John Rhys-Davies, and a full cast, published by Heirloom Audio Productions

*The Christmas Town* written and narrated by Donna VanLiere, published by Macmillan Audio

*The Dragon and the Raven* by G.A. Henty, narrated by Brian Blessed, John Rhys-Davies, Helen George, Sylvester McCoy, John Bell, and a full cast, published by Heirloom Audio Productions

*The Girl from the Train* by Irma Joubert, narrated by Sarah Zimmerman, published by Thomas Nelson/HarperAudio

*Journey's End* by Renee Ryan, narrated by Karen Peakes, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Risen: The Novelization of the Major Motion Picture* by Angela Hunt, narrated by P.J. Ochlan and Alana Kerr Collins, published by christianaudio, a division of Recorded Books

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

*The Awakening of HK Derryberry* by Jim Bradford and Andy Hardin, narrated by Milton Bagby, published by Thomas Nelson/HarperAudio

*Divine Collision* by Jim Gash, narrated by Brandon Batchelar and Jason White, published by Oasis Audio

*Forgiving My Daughter's Killer* by Kate Grosmaire and Nancy French, narrated by Kate Rudd and Nick Podehl, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Great Good Thing* written and narrated by Andrew Klavan, published by Thomas Nelson/HarperAudio

*Space at the Table* written and narrated by Brad Harper and Drew Harper, published by Oasis Audio

### **LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS**

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (read by Johansson)* by Lewis Carroll, narrated by Scarlett Johansson, published by Audible Studios

*Another Brooklyn: A Novel* by Jacqueline Woodson, narrated by Robin Miles, published by HarperAudio

*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens, narrated by Richard Armitage, published by Audible Studios

*Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, narrated by Dominic Hoffman, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*LaRose* written and narrated by Louise Erdrich, published by HarperAudio

*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

### **MIDDLE GRADE**

*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor, narrated by Michael Crouch and Kathleen McInerney, published by HarperAudio

*Demon Dentist* by David Walliams, narrated by David Walliams, Jocelyn Jee Esien, and Nitin Ganatra, published by HarperAudio

*The Enchanted Files: Hatched* by Bruce Coville, narrated by a full cast, published by Listening Library

*How to Train Your Dragon: How to Fight a Dragon's Fury* by Cressida Cowell, narrated by David Tennant, published by Hachette Audio

*The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz, narrated by Adam Gidwitz and various, published by Listening Library

### **MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE**

*Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Read by the Cast of the Stage Play* by Choderlos de Laclos, narrated by Dominic West, Janet McTeer, Una Stubbs, Elaine Cassidy, Adjoa Andoh, Edward Holcroft, and Morfydd Clark, published by Audible Studios

*The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom, narrated by Mitch Albom, Roger McGuinn, Ingrid Michaelson, John Pizzarelli, Paul Stanley, George Guidall, and more, published by HarperAudio

*Pruno, Ramen, and a Side of Hope: Stories of Surviving Wrongful Conviction* by Courtney Lance and Nikki Pope, narrated by Whoopi Goldberg and Bill Kurtis, published by Post Hill Press

*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, narrated by Audra McDonald, Cassandra Campbell and Ari Fliakos, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*Thomas Jefferson-From Boy to Man* by Jayne D'Alessandro-Cox, narrated by James Brinkley, published by James Brinkley/Jayne D'Alessandro-Cox

*A Wild Swan* by Michael Cunningham, narrated by Lili Taylor and Billy Hough, published by Macmillan Audio

### **MYSTERY**

*Crimson Shore* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child, narrated by Rene Auberjonois, published by Hachette Audio

*The Crossing* by Michael Connelly, narrated by Titus Welliver, published by Hachette Audio

*A Great Reckoning* by Louise Penny, narrated by Robert Bathurst, published by Macmillan Audio

*The Heavens May Fall* by Allen Eskens, narrated by R.C. Bray, David Colacci and Amy McFadden, published by Tantor Media, a Division of Recorded Books

*IQ* by Joe Ide, narrated by Sullivan Jones, published by Hachette Audio

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

*Dear Mr. You* written and narrated by Mary-Louise Parker, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo* written and narrated by Amy Schumer, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*In Such Good Company: Eleven Years of Laughter, Mayhem, and Fun in the Sandbox* written and narrated by Carol Burnett, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*LaRose* by Louise Erdrich, written and narrated by Louise Erdrich, published by HarperAudio

*A Life in Parts* written and narrated by Bryan Cranston, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*The View from the Cheap Seats* written and narrated by Neil Gaiman, published by HarperAudio

## **NON-FICTION**

*Adnan's Story* written and narrated by Rabia Chaudry, published by Macmillan Audio

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*The Gene* by Siddhartha Mukherjee, narrated by Dennis Boutsikaris, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Hillbilly Elegy* written and narrated by J.D. Vance, published by HarperAudio

*A Million Years in a Day* by Greg Jenner, narrated by Matthew Lloyd Davies, published by Tantor Media, a Division of Recorded Books

*Words on the Move: Why English Won't - and Can't - Sit Still (Like, Literally)* written and narrated by John McWhorter, published by Audible Studios

## **ORIGINAL WORK**

*The Adventures of Tom Stranger, Interdimensional Insurance Agent* by Larry Correia, narrated by Adam Baldwin, published by Audible Studios

*Alien: Out of the Shadows: An Audible Original Drama* by Tim Lebbon and Dirk Maggs, narrated by Rutger Hauer, Corey Johnson, Matthew Lewis, Kathryn Drysdale, Laurel Lefkow, Andrea Deck, and Mac McDonald, published by Audible Studios

*Car Talk Science: MIT Wants Its Diplomas Back* written and narrated by Tom Magliozzi and Ray Magliozzi, published by HighBridge/Recorded Books

*The Dispatcher* by John Scalzi, narrated by Zachary Quinto, published by Audible Studios

*In the Embers* by Brian Price and Jerry Stearns, narrated by Robin Miles, Edwin Strout, Dean Johnson, Jacquie Maddix and a full cast, published by Great Northern Audio Theatre/Blackstone Audio

*Pete Seeger: The Storm King, Vol. 2* by Pete Seeger, ed. and Jeff Haynes, narrated by Pete Seeger, published by Hachette Audio

## **PARANORMAL**

*Blood of the Earth: Soulwood, Book 1* by Faith Hunter, narrated by Khristine Hvam, published by Audible Studios

*The Elementals* by Michael McDowell, narrated by R.C. Bray, published by Valancourt Audiobooks in association with Blue Heron Audio

*Ghost Gifts* by Laura Spinella, narrated by Nicol Zanzarella, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Raven King* by Maggie Stiefvater, narrated by Will Patton, published by Scholastic Audio

*Staked* by Kevin Hearne, narrated by Luke Daniels, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

## **ROMANCE**

*Dirty* by Kylie Scott, narrated by Andi Arndt, published by Macmillan Audio

*Duke of Sin* by Elizabeth Hoyt, narrated by Ashford McNab, published by Hachette Audio

*First Star I See Tonight* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips, narrated by Nicole Poole, published by HarperAudio

*Glitterland: Spires, Book 1* by Alexis Hall, narrated by Nicholas Boulton, published by Hedgehog Inc Productions

*The Obsession* by Nora Roberts, narrated by Shannon McManus, published by Brilliance Publishing

## **SCIENCE FICTION**

*The Book of the Unnamed Midwife* by Meg Ellison, narrated by Angela Dawe, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Crosstalk* by Connie Willis, narrated by Mia Barron, published by Recorded Books

*The Dispatcher* by John Scalzi, narrated by Zachary Quinto, published by Audible Studios

*Sleeping Giants* by Sylvain Neuvel, narrated by a full cast, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

*Star Wars: The Force Awakens* by Alan Dean Foster, narrated by Marc Thompson, published by Penguin Random House Audio / Books On Tape

## **SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**

*The Brink: Stories* by Austin Bunn, narrated by Austin Bunn, Luke Daniels, Tanya Eby, Ralph Lister, Amy McFadden, Mikael Naramore, and Nick Podehl, published by Blunder Woman Productions via ACX

*Certain Dark Things* by M.J. Pack, narrated by Jacob York, published by Audible Studios

*Coffee at Luke's* edited by Jennifer Crusie, narrated by Colby Elliott, published by Last Word Audio

*The Collected Stories of Arthur C. Clarke* by Arthur C. Clarke, narrated by Ray Porter, Jonathan Davis and Ralph Lister, published by Audible Studios



*East, West* by Salman Rushdie, narrated by Sunil Malhotra and Steven Crossley, published by Recorded Books

*Killer Women: Crime Club Anthology #1* by Louise Millar, Alex Marwood and Tammy Cohen, narrated by Clare Corbett, Adjoa Andoh, Rachel Atkins, and Carl Prekopp, published by Audible Studios

### **THRILLER/SUSPENSE**

*Cross Justice* by James Patterson, narrated by Ruben Santiago Hudson and Jefferson Mays, published by Hachette Audio

*The Fall of Moscow Station* by Mark Henshaw, narrated by Eric G. Dove, published by Dreamscape Media, LLC

*Hidden Bodies* by Caroline Kepnes, narrated by Santino Fontana, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Home* by Harlan Coben, narrated by Steven Weber, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Short Drop* by Matthew FitzSimmons, narrated by James Patrick Cronin, published by Brilliance Publishing

### **YOUNG ADULT**

*The Game of Love and Death* by Martha Brockenbrough, narrated by Susan Hanfield, published by Scholastic Audio

*Gemina* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff, narrated by Carla Corvo, Steve West and various, published by Listening Library

*My Lady Jane* by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, and Jodi Meadows, narrated by Katherine Kellgren, published by HarperAudio

*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, narrated by Jorjeana Marie, Will Damron, Cassandra Morris and Michael Crouch, published by Listening Library

*Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco and James Patterson, narrated by Nicola Barber, published by Hachette Audio

*Winter* by Marissa Meyer, narrated by Rebecca Soler, published by Macmillan Audio

### **YOUNG LISTENERS (up to age 8)**

*28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World* by Charles R. Smith, Jr., narrated by a full cast, published by Live Oak Media

*Island Treasures: Growing up in Cuba* by Alma Flor Ada, narrated by Trini Alvarado, published by Recorded Books

*The Quentin Blake and John Yeoman Collection* by Quentin Blake and John Yeoman, narrated by Stephen Thorne, published by Bolinda Publishing Pty Ltd

*The Tale of Kitty-in-Boots* by Beatrix Potter, narrated by Helen Mirren, published by Listening Library

*Voice of Freedom* by Carole Boston Weatherford, narrated by Janina Edwards, published by Dreamscape Media, LLC

*The Wooden Prince: Out of Abaton* by John Claude Bemis, narrated by Ralph Lister, published by Oasis Audio

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