The ADP Website

Audio Description Project

Described TV, Movies, DVDs, Streaming Videos, Performing Arts, Museums, and More!

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History

• **March 2002:** Audio Description International (ADI) Conference in Washington DC; Barry Levine president

• **March 2003:** Fred Brack takes over as ADI webmaster

• **April 2009:** Barry Levine dies; Fred maintains website

• **May 2010:** ACB takes on the “Audio Description Project” as a sponsored initiative, with Joel Snyder as Project Director and Fred Brack as webmaster

• **2014:** Joel officially forms the ADP Committee to help guide the Project and Conference; subsequently six subcommittees formed
Overview

• Our site is intended for both **users** and **providers** of audio description worldwide, but primarily the USA
• We answer the questions **what**, **how**, **who**, **where**, and **when** about audio description in multiple media
• We primarily cover:
  - **Current Cinema**: first-run films with audio description
  - **DVDs and Blu-ray discs** with AD: commercial movies
  - **Audio Description** on TV: what’s available and how to receive it
  - **Streaming Video** services offering audio description, like Netflix & iTunes
  - **Performing Arts, Museums, Parks, and Tours** which offer audio description
  - **Providers** of audio description services for both consumers and business
Options for Visitors with Vision Impairment

• Blind, using a Screen Reader
  o Alt text on all images
  o Headings used to help navigate page sections
  o Hidden “Skip Navigation” link on each page
  o Certain other hidden links (such as description of logo)

• Low Vision
  o Large font
  o Black text on white or light-colored background
  o High contrast headings (white on purple or black)
  o Two additional options available (and remembered) via buttons at the top of every page:
    • Even larger font
    • Reverse colors
Popular Pages

• **Television** (3 pages)
  o Described TV series *by network* or *by day*
  o How to find described shows
  o How to access description on your TV
  o Cable companies and boxes, options, and usage

• **DVDs** (4 main pages)
  o General information about description on DVDs and Blu-ray discs
  o This year’s releases, indexed, but most recent first, updated weekly
  o Links to all previous years (since 1997), *alpha listing, children’s shows*, and more
  o Plot summaries and link to Amazon for purchase (commission to ACB)

• **Streaming Services’ Described Videos**
  o Apple TV+
  o Disney+
  o Hulu
  o iTunes
  o Netflix
  o Prime Video
  o Spectrum Access
  o Other (Miscellaneous)
3 Television Pages

• Described TV shows by Network
  o Broadcast Networks
    • Req’d: ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC
    • Voluntary: The CW, Telemundo
  o Non-Broadcast Networks
    • Required: Discovery, HGTV, History, TBS, USA
    • Voluntary: Oxygen, SyFy, TNT

• **Daily listing** of described shows

• **About:**
  o How to receive audio description
  o Who must provide audio description
  o What the cable providers offer
  o Links to more information
Popular Described Series

- **ABC**: American Housewife, black-ish, Modern Family, Shark Tank, The Goldbergs
- **CBS**: Blue Bloods, NCIS (all 3), Young Sheldon
- **FOX**: Bob’s Burgers, Family Guy, The Resident, many new shows each year
- **NBC**: Chicago Fire/Med/PD, Law and Order SVU
- **Discovery**: Deadliest Catch, Diesel Brothers, Vegas series
- **HGTV**: Fixer Upper, House Hunters, Property Brothers
- **History**: Alone, American Pickers, Pawn Stars
- **TBS and TNT**: The Last O.G., Snowpiercer; plus reruns from other networks
- **USA**: Chrisley Knows Best, Miz & Mrs; plus reruns from other networks
Listings for Description

• Two Listings options: TV Network and Independent
• Some Networks Offer Separate Pages
• Independent listing services
  o AFB
    • Advantage: very specific to your provider and time zone
    • Disadvantage: must make 4 menu selections first, and listing is very detailed and specific to one day
  o ADP’s offering (via Sebastian Andrade-Miles)
    • Advantage: 2-weeks, all networks, in one list
    • Disadvantage: Must pass through low-interest shows (such as repeats) to find the one(s) you want
DVDs and Blu-ray Discs

- The **only complete listing** of every USA commercial movie released on DVD and/or Blu-ray since 1997
- Updated weekly with new releases (average 3/wk)
- **Over 1200** described videos available (about 150 per year expected from now on)
- Each listing has a cover photo, plot summary, link to Amazon to order (*supports our website!*), and comments (such as availability on iTunes)
- Pointers to additional sources for described DVDs (such as educational and international)
- Info on how to access the description track
Some Recent DVDs w/AD

- The Hunt
- Onward
- The Call of the Wild
- The Rhythm Section
- Like A Boss
- Little Women
- The Rise of Skywalker
- 1917
- Richard Jewell
- Bombshell
- A Bug’s Life
- Frozen II
- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
DVDs w/AD Growth

(Updated As of June, 2020)

Number of Described DVDs

Turning Points in Yearly Quantity of Described DVDs (Total 1202)
Note 1: In 2010, Sony, Universal, and Disney began regular description
Note 2: In 2011, Fox and Paramount began regular description
Note 3: In May 2015, Warner Bros began regular description
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Streaming Video

• Six major providers (all are fee services):
  o Apple TV+ started in November 2019 with all-original content described in 9 languages
  o Disney+ started in November 2019, now with over 500 described films and TV series
  o Hulu started offering AD in late 1Q19 but only via a PC browser. They now operate on all major streaming devices and ended 2019 with 68 titles
  o iTunes came onboard in 2016 and has over 1200 new and old described movies
  o Netflix started offering AD in May 2015 and has surpassed 1200 described titles (movies, documentaries, and TV series) – 30% for children
  o Prime Video began offering description in June 2017 and has rapidly expanded in 2019 to over 1800 described movies and TV series today

• Watch ABC (free) and CBS All Access (fee) Apps includes description tracks for series with description
• Spectrum Access (replaced Actiview): Free AD Tracks for movies on streaming services or DVD
• Under pressure to provide described programming: HBO (in negotiation with the ACB)
• Our Streaming page covers the subject and lists other services not yet offering description
At YE2019, Apple TV+ had 12 titles, and Disney+ had 308 titles.
In June 2020, Apple TV+ had 29 titles, and Disney+ had 565 titles.
Search From Main Page

Search within the ADP website

roger rabbit

Disney+ Audio Described Titles by Genre

acb.org/adp/disney/disneycomedy.html
... Who Framed Roger Rabbit [1988 Movie; rated PG]; You Lucky Dog [1998 Movie; rated TV-G]. 68 titles for the Comedy genre. [Top] [Home]
Contact Webmaster.

Spectrum Access Audio Described Titles

https://acb.org/adp/spectrumad.html
... What to Expect When You're Expecting; When the Game Stands Tall; Who Framed Roger Rabbit; Winchester; Wonder Park; World War Z; Wreck-It Ralph ...

iTunes Audio Described Titles by Genre

acb.org/adp/itunes/itunescomedy.html
... Jim Gaffigan: Quality Time [Movie; Not Rated] PREORDER; Jojo Rabbit [Movie; ... When Harry Met Sally [Movie; rated R]; Who Framed Roger Rabbit [Movie; ...
Other ADP Site Features

• The **Master AD List** covers all available described titles (over 4000 of them!) on all media

• Learn all **about audio description**
  - What and how
  - Samples of description
  - Articles and blogs about description

• **Training opportunities** for describers, and how description is used in educational settings and in academic programs

• **Description opportunities** across the country in performing arts venues, museums, parks, etc.

• Information about **description at movie theaters**

• Pointers to **providers of AD services**

• **International** AD information
Other Media We Use

• We’re on Facebook!
  o “Like” Audio Description Project, as 2800+ others have
  o Primary use is to announce new described movies and DVDs, plus streaming services’ additions
  o Additional usage for pointers to site articles and to answer submitted questions

• We’re on Twitter!
  o Use handle @ADPwebmaster for “AD Project” (1000+ followers)
  o We generally copy #AudioDescription
  o Primary use is to announce new described title additions
  o Secondary use is to retweet new information about description

• We Have a Listserv (Email Discussion List)!
  o Share information on or ask a question about audio description
  o See the About/Contact page on our website to join or view
How YOU Can Help

1. If you represent an organization, **send us an article** for the website
2. If you find the ADP Website, Facebook page, or Twitter feed useful … **spread the word!**
3. Help support our site by **purchasing DVDs** or Blu-ray discs via our Amazon links
4. Help support our site by initiating **any purchases you choose to make from Amazon** via the link on our main page – and bookmark that link for future use!
5. Use the **DONATE** button at the top of each page!!!

*Thank You!*

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