The ADP Website

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:
  o **Current Cinema**: first-run films with audio description
  o **DVDs and Blu-ray discs** with AD: commercial movies
  o **Audio Description** on TV: what’s available and how to receive it
  o **Streaming Video** services offering audio description, like Netflix & iTunes
  o **Performing Arts, Museums, Parks, and Tours** which offer audio description
  o **Providers** of audio description services for both consumers and business
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ADP Conferences

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The Audio Description Project
An Initiative of the American Council of the Blind

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About AD for: Movies | DVDs | TV | Streaming Services | Performing Arts | Museums/Parks

Titles with AD: ★ Master AD List ★ | Apple TV+ | Disney+ | Hulu | iTunes | Netflix | Prime Video

Cinema | 2020 DVDs | All DVDs | TV by Days | TV by Network | Spectrum Access | Other Media

All About Audio Description in Each Media

All the Described Titles Available on Each Service Listed

Low Vision Options

Larger Font

Reverse Colors

Larger Font, Reverse

Reset to Default
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
  - Broadcast Networks
    - Req’d: ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC
    - Voluntary: The CW, Telemundo
  - Non-Broadcast Networks
    - Required: Discovery, HGTV, History, TBS, USA
    - Voluntary: Oxygen, SyFy, TNT

- Daily listing of described shows

- About:
  - How to receive audio description
  - Who must provide audio description
  - What the cable providers offer
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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.
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+ follower:
  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!!!

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Thank You!

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