

# American Council of the Blind Announces Audio Description Awards

WASHINGTON , USA, August 18, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The American Council of the Blind (ACB) proudly announces the 2014 Achievement Awards in [Audio Description](#), an initiative of the Council's Audio Description Project (ADP).



In conjunction with ACB's 53rd annual conference and convention in Las Vegas, Nev., the awards were presented at a gala luncheon during the Audio Description Project's Conference and shared with almost 2,000 ACB members/convention attendees. The prestigious awards included:

Achievement in Audio Description - Performing Arts: Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center, Miami, FL

Achievement in Audio Description - Media: Diane Johnson and Descriptive Video Works, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Achievement in Audio Description - Museums: Sandy Malmquist and the Connecticut Children's Museum, New Haven, CT

Achievement in Audio Description - International: Steph Kirkland and the VocalEye Descriptive Arts Society, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Dr. Margaret R. Pfanstiehl Memorial Achievement Award in Audio Description – Research and Development: Dr. Louise Fryer, London, UK

Barry Levine Memorial Award for Career Achievement in Audio Description: Dr. Joel Snyder, Takoma Park, MD

The Achievement Awards are presented to individuals and/or organizations for outstanding contributions to the establishment and/or continued development of significant audio description programs. The Barry Levine Memorial Award for Career Achievement in Audio Description recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to the field of audio

description over an extended period of time, leading, inspiring or providing significant service to others.

"Audio description uses words that are succinct, vivid, and imaginative to convey the visual image from television, film, DVDs, theater, museums and many other settings," stated Kim Charlson, president of the American Council of the Blind. "The organizations and individuals honored with these awards are among the leaders in description. They help make so many aspects of our culture accessible to people who are blind or have low vision; they deserve this special recognition."

Additional information about ACB's Audio Description Project is available at [www.acb.org/adp](http://www.acb.org/adp).

About the American Council of the Blind

The American Council of the Blind is the largest consumer-based organization of [blind and visually impaired](#) Americans advocating for [the rights of blind Americans](#). Comprised of more than 70 affiliates across the United States, the organization is dedicated to making it possible for blind and visually impaired Americans to participate fully in all aspects of American society. For more information, visit [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org); write to American Council of the Blind, 2200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 650, Arlington, VA 22201; phone (202) 467-5081; or fax (703) 465-5085.

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