

SESSION NAME: Mission: Audition (production)
DAY/TIME: Wednesday, Feb 28, 12:15pm-1:45pm (Eastern Time)
TYPE: Webinar (panelists on screen only ... Q/A via chat)
ROOM: [Forte](#), yes recording
DIRECT LINK:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89963222084?pwd=bUpQK2ordlFZbmk3NHo1cmhjYThzUT09>
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[Link to opening slides for HQ](#)

NAMES/ROLES

SESSION RUN OF SHOW

arrive 5-10 mins early Speaker: Chris Ciulla Julie Wilson Moderator: Grover Gardner arrive 15 mins early HQ Team Member: JoAnna Laskas • Housekeeping • Support	General Notes: Everyone joins as a participant with cameras and mics OFF. As soon as your camera and mic are on, you are seen and heard by ALL participants. HQ to arrive 15 minutes before the session starts and will elevate all panelists/speakers/moderators to “panelist” status. HQ is screen sharing opening slides. At 12:15pm ET HQ will give a heads up that we are about to begin. HQ makes some housekeeping remarks (antitrust, sponsors, using the chat functions), turn things over to Moderator. Moderator kicks off the session, and turns things over to speaker.
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Speaker Bios: www.audiopub.org/apac-speaker-bios

Moderator:

Grover Gardner (*Senior Audio Producer, Blackstone Publishing*)

Grover Gardner is an audiobook narrator, producer and director with over 40 years experience in the industry. He has won numerous awards and is an Audiofile Magazine "Golden Voice."

Speakers:

Chris Ciulla (*Narrator, Director, Producer, Publisher, CEO - Leonardo Audio*)

Leonardo Audio's mission is two-fold. First, Leonardo Audio is a regional imprint for New England. It's developing both local narration talent and engineering/post-production teams to best support a pipeline of New England-based audiobook titles. Second, through the strategic use of audiobook production, Leonardo Audio currently assists high-market IP in achieving multimedia goals in gaming, television and film production.

Chris has narrated over 500 titles in his audiobook career. In 2023, he's been nominated for a SOVAS award for Best Fantasy (*They Split the Party*, CamCat) and received two Audie nominations for Best Thriller (*Snowstorm in August*, Blackstone Audio) and Best Multi-Cast (*Star Trek: No Man's Land*, Simon and Schuster). He's received six Earphones Awards from AudioFile Magazine, a 2022 SOVAS nomination for Best Mystery (*No One Will Miss Her*, HarperCollins), and an Odyssey Award (*Sadie*, Macmillan). Chris is also a TV and Film actor with credits in such shows as *Castle* and *Gotham* (he dies quite well...), is a frequent video game voice actor with over 30 characters in the *Fallout* game series and two primary characters in the new AAA release *Starfield* for Bethesda, and can be heard voicing the Ultimate History Quiz on your nearest Alexa device for The History Channel/A&E.

Julie Wilson (*Directing of Casting, Strategic Partnerships, & Digital Production Platforms, Award-Winning Senior Executive Producer, Penguin Random House*)

Julie Wilson is an industry leader in audio storytelling and an award-winning Senior Executive Producer. As the Director of Casting and Strategic Partnerships at Penguin Random House Audio, she spearheads the growth of the global talent pool and partners with production, language, music, and technology companies. Recent production credits include working with Adam Grant, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Alicia Keys, Brandi Carlile, Seth Rogen, and The Tiny Chef. She created the global casting platform for voiceover, Ahab Talent, which increases diverse casting options for creators.