

SESSION NAME: Accessible Audiobooks (production)
DAY/TIME: Wednesday, Feb 28, 12:15pm-1:45pm (Eastern Time)
TYPE: Webinar (panelists on screen only ... Q/A via chat)
ROOM: [Direct ZOOM Link \(GMAIL\)](#), yes recording

Emergency Contact (text msg preferred): Emma Harris (312) 231-1926

[Link to opening slides for HQ](#)

NAMES/ROLES

SESSION RUN OF SHOW

arrive 5-10 mins early Speakers: Richard Rieman Annie Donnellon Andy Garcia-Ruse Moderator: Emily Pike Stewart arrive 15 mins early HQ Team Member: Emma Harris • 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. Speakers kicks off the session with self-intros.
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Speaker Bios: www.audiopub.org/apac-speaker-bios

Moderated by:

Emily Pike Stewart (*Producer, Director, and Narrator - Sounds True, Inc.*)

Emily Pike Stewart is an award-winning creator of audiobooks with extensive experience across the spoken word industry. She primarily produces and directs for publisher Sounds True, Inc. and narrates and directs independently. She is the producer and host of audiobook podcast The Nomad Narrator featuring in-depth, on-location interviews with narrators and authors across America.

Speakers:

Annie Donnellon (*Narrator*)

Annie Donnellon holds a bachelors' degree from Northern Kentucky University in vocal performance. From an early age, she spent hours reading children's books aloud to practice braille skills and reading fluency. Her voice has been described as lyrical, joyful, and authoritative, well-suited for the genres of children's literature, young adult, and self-help.

Andy Garcia-Ruse (*Narrator*)

Andy is a Kansas City based, award winning, SAG-AFTRA Audiobook Narrator specializing in YA, LitFic, Sweet Romance, Sci-Fi/Fantasy, and Non-Fiction. Hispano by blood, Midwestern by upbringing, she has a unique cultural heritage and lived experience of "Ni de aquí, ni de allá". As a member of the Disability community, Andy works to educate and support others in DEI initiatives. When she's not telling stories in the studio, you'll find her with a cup of coffee, yerba mate, or tea in hand while she write books, homesteads, work puzzles, creates social media content, or dives into genealogy and other historical research.

Richard Rieman (*Audiobook Wizard*)

Author Richard Rieman, "The Audiobook Wizard," has narrated and produced hundreds of Indie-published audiobooks. He is the author of the award-winning "The Author's Guide to Audiobook Creation." Richard is Founder and CEO of Imagination Storybooks, a pioneer Nonprofit making children's illustrated books accessible to blind and deaf children. He received a Special Recognition Audies Award for his contributions to audiobook accessibility.