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 Television: what’s available with AD 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
Options for Visitors with Vision Impairment

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

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

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

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

- **Streaming Services’ Described Videos**
  - Apple TV+
  - Disney+
  - Google Play
  - HBO Max
  - Hulu
  - iTunes
  - Netflix
  - Paramount+
  - Peacock
  - Prime Video
  - Spectrum Access
  - Other Media
3 Television Pages

- Described TV shows by Network
  - Broadcast Networks
    - Required: ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC
    - Voluntary: The CW, Telemundo
  - Non-Broadcast Networks
    - Required: Hallmark, HGTV, History, TBS, TLC
    - Voluntary: Discovery, Oxygen, TNT, USA

- 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**: black-ish, Modern Family, Shark Tank, The Goldbergs
- **CBS**: Blue Bloods, NCIS (2-3), Young Sheldon
- **FOX**: Bob’s Burgers, Family Guy, The Simpsons, many new series each year
- **NBC**: Chicago Fire/Med/PD, Law and Order SVU
- **Discovery**: Deadliest Catch, Diesel Brothers, Moonshiners
- **Hallmark (new)**: Golden Girls
- **HGTV**: Beachfront Bargain Hunt, Fixer to Fabulous
- **History**: Alone, American Pickers, Pawn Stars
- **TBS and TNT**: Snowpiercer; The Last O.G., 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 Timothy Wynn)
    • Advantage: 1-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 (avg 2-3/week)
• Nearly 1400 described videos available (about 125 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

- A Call to Spy
- Ahead of the Curve
- All My Life
- Boogie
- Breaking News in Yuba County
- Chaos Walking
- Come Play
- Defending Jacob
- Dreamland
- Earwig and the Witch
- Embattled
- Fantasia
DVDs w/AD Growth

(Updated As of Dec 2020)

Number of Described DVDs

Turning Points in Yearly Quantity of Described DVDs (Total 1204)

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
Note 4: In 2020, COVID-19 shut down cinemas, affecting DVD release

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Streaming Video

- Ten major providers (all are fee services):
  1. **Apple TV+** started in November 2019 with all-original content described in 9 languages offers over 70 titles
  2. **Disney+** started in November 2019, now with over 700 described films and TV series
  3. **Google Play** offers 100 or so titles
  4. **HBO Max** started offering AD in March 2021 and now offers over 300 titles
  5. **Hulu** started offering AD in February 2019 and now offers over 150 titles
  6. **iTunes** came onboard in 2016 and has over 1600 new and old described movies
  7. **Netflix** started offering AD in May 2015 and has surpassed 1600 described titles (movies, documentaries, and TV series) – 30% for children
  8. **Paramount+** started in 2021 as a follow-on to CBS All Access and offers over 140 titles
  9. **Peacock** is the latest arrival in 2021 and offers over 35 titles
  10. **Prime Video** began offering description in June 2017 and has rapidly expanded to nearly 3000 described movies and TV series today

- **Watch ABC** (free) and **CBS** (free) Apps includes description tracks for series with description

- **Spectrum Access** (replaced Actiview): Nearly 500 free AD Tracks for movies on streaming services or DVD

- Our **Streaming** page covers the subject and lists other services not yet offering description
2020 Streaming Media

2020 Streaming Media Services Total Titles

Jan-20  Feb-20  Mar-20  Apr-20  May-20  Jun-20  Jul-20  Aug-20  Sep-20  Oct-20  Nov-20  Dec-20

Prime Video  iTunes  Netflix  Hulu  Apple TV+  Disney+

Getting the Most Out of the ADP Website
Special Streaming Features

Alphabetized List of HBO Max Titles With AD

Jump to # A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T The U V W X Y Z

Movies Only  Series Only  By Year  By Genre  By Rating

And ...

Master List of 6000+ AD VIDEOS

• Cinema (current first-run movies)
• DVDs (and Blu-ray discs)
• TV Stations (the nine mandated plus a few more)
• Apple TV+
• Disney+
• Google Play Store
• HBO Max
• Hulu
• IMDb TV (a subset of Prime Video)
• iTunes
• Netflix
• Paramount+
• Prime Video
• Spectrum Access (AD tracks for movies from above sources)
• Other Media

LAST TITLE UPDATE: Jul 17, 2021; count = 6232 titles; 21 titles from Cinema updated 7/16, 1381 DVDs updated 7/16, 70 Apple TV+ 7/16,

Check if a video is described here
Search the Master AD List
Submit

Enter the title or partial name of a video

And ...

Bob's Burgers [Series] ➔ FOX, TBS, HULU, PRIME-VIDEO
Search From Main Page

Search the ADP Website

* OR *

PLUS:
Search DCMP (Described and Captioned Media Program)
Other ADP Site Features

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

• **Podcasts on audio 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.

• Pointers to **providers of AD services**

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

• **We’re on Facebook!**
  - “Like” *Audio Description Project*, as 3000 others have
  - Primary use is to announce new described movies and DVDs, plus streaming services’ additions
  - Additional usage for pointers to site articles and to answer submitted questions

• **We’re on Twitter!**
  - Use handle @ADPwebmaster for “AD Project” (1200+ followers)
  - We generally copy #AudioDescription
  - Primary use is to announce new described title additions
  - Secondary use is to retweet new information about description

• **We Have a Listserv (Email Discussion List)!**
  - Share information on or ask a question about audio description
  - 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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