The ADP Website

ADP Audio Description Project (4D)))

An Initiative of the



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
 - Television: what's available with AD and how to receive it
 - Streaming Video services offering audio description, like Netflix & iTunes
 - o Performing Arts, Museums, Parks, and Tours which offer audio description
 - Providers of audio description services for both consumers and business

Options for Visitors with Vision Impairment

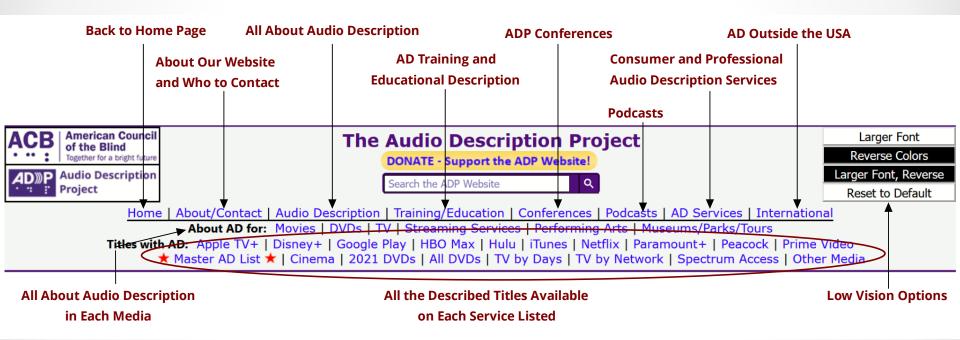
Blind, using a Screen Reader

- 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

Main Menu



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)
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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

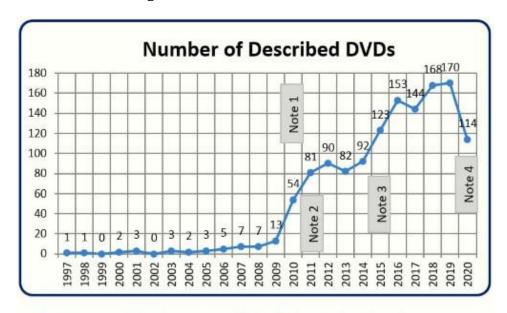
- The only complete listing of every USA commercial movie released on DVD and/or Blu-ray since 1997
- Updated weekly with new releases (avg 2-3/week)
- Nearly 1400 described videos available (about 125 per year expected from now on)
- Each listing has a cover photo, plot summary, link to Amazon to order (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)



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

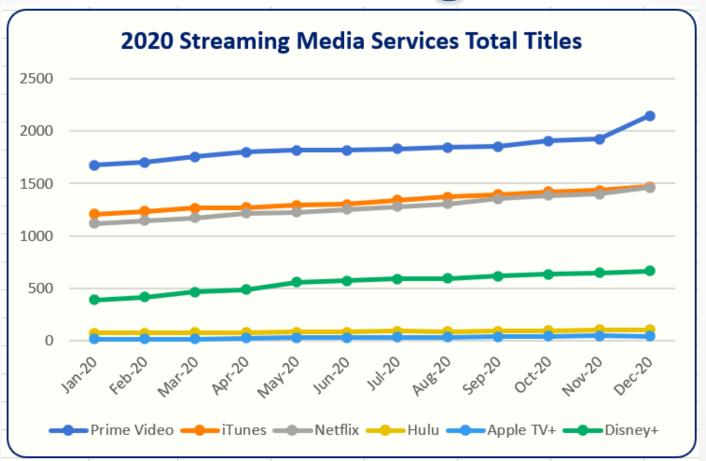
Note 3: In May 2015, Warner Bros began regular description

Note 4: In 2020, COVID-19 shut down cinemas, affecting DVD release Compiled by ADP Webmaster Fred Brack; Last Updated Jan 04, 2021

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



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 ...



- Cinema (current first-run movies)
- DVDs (and Blu-ray discs)
- TV Stations (the nine mandated plus a few more)
- Apple TV+
- Disnev+
- 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 = 6223 titles; 21 titles from Cinema updated 7/16, 1381 DVDs updated 7/16, 70 Apple TV+ 7/16,

And ...

Bob's Burgers [Series] → FOX, TBS, HULU, PRIME-VIDEO

Search From Main Page

Search the ADP Website

** OR **

Check if a video is described here!

Title or partial name of a video:

dogs

Submit

>>> Found 12 titles searching for 'dogs':

- All Dogs Go to Heaven: PRIME-VIDEO
- Cats & Dogs 3: Paws Unite!: PRIME-VIDEO
- Dogs [Series]: NETFLIX
- Hotel for Dogs: NETFLIX, PRIME-VIDEO
- Isle of Dogs: DVD, ITUNES, PRIME-VIDEO
- Reservoir Dogs: PRIME-VIDEO
- Show Dogs: DVD, ITUNES, PRIME-VIDEO, SPECTRUM-ACCESS
- Sleeping Dogs Lie: PRIME-VIDEO
- Snow Dogs: ITUNES
- Straw Dogs: DVD
- Vanderpump Dogs [Series]: PEACOCK
- War Dogs: DVD, ITUNES, NETFLIX, PRIME-VIDEO

PLUS:

Search DCMP (Described and Captioned Media Program)

Other ADP Site Features

- Learn all about audio description
 - What and how
 - Samples of description
 - 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)!

- o 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!

Fred