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
Main Menu
(Subject to Change)

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** (2 main pages)
  - General information about description on DVDs and Blu-ray discs
  - Menu for this year's DVDs, last year's DVDs, Kids' DVDs, All DVDs, and DVDs by Rating or Genre

• **Streaming Services’ Described Videos**
  - Apple TV+
  - Disney+
  - Fandango
  - Google Play
  - Hulu
  - iTunes
  - Max
  - Netflix
  - Paramount+
  - Peacock
  - Prime Video
  - Tubi
  - Spectrum Access
  - Other Media, including Plex, Pluto TV, & the Roku Channel
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, TBS, TLC, TNT
    - Voluntary: Discovery, History, Oxygen, USA, more
- 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**: Abbott Elementary, 3 Celebrity series, Shark Tank
- **CBS**: Fire Country, NCIS, The Neighborhood
- **FOX**: Bob’s Burgers, Family Guy, The Simpsons
- **NBC**: Chicago Fire/Med/PD, Law and Order SVU
- **Hallmark**: When Calls the Heart, lots of movies
- **HGTV**: 100 Day Dream Home, Fixer to Fabulous
- **TBS**: American Dad, plus reruns from other networks
- **TLC**: 90-Day series, Dr. Pimple Popper
- **TNT**: The Lazarus Project, plus reruns from other networks
Listings for Description

- Two Listings options: TV Network and Independent
- Some Networks Offer Separate Pages
- Independent listing services
  - 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-week at a time, 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 1800** described videos available (about 125 per year expected from now on)
• Each listing has a link to Amazon to order (supports our website!) and comments (such as Blu-ray only)
• 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

- Abigail
- Anatomy of a Fall
- Dune (I & II)
- Kung Fu Panda 4
- Origin
- Stopmotion
- The Color Purple
- Wish
- Wonka
DVDs \(\text{w/AD} \) Growth

(As of January 2024)

Number of Described DVDs

Turning Points in Yearly Quantity of Described DVDs (Total 1716)

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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 2020-21, COVID-19 shut down cinemas, affecting DVD release

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Streaming Video

- Nine major providers (all are fee services):
  1. **Apple TV+** started in November 2019 with all-original content described in 9 languages offers over 200 titles
  2. **Disney+** started in November 2019, now with over 1200 described films and TV series
  3. **Hulu** started offering AD in February 2019 and now offers over 550 titles
  4. **iTunes** came onboard in 2016 and has over 2200 new and old described movies
  5. **Max** started offering AD in March 2021 and now offers over 1000 titles
  6. **Netflix** started offering AD in May 2015 and has surpassed 2500 described titles (movies, documentaries, and TV series) – 30% for children
  7. **Paramount+** started in 2021 as a follow-on to CBS All Access and offers over 450 titles
  8. **Peacock** is the latest arrival in 2021 and offers over 300 titles
  9. **Prime Video** began offering description in June 2017 and has rapidly expanded to over 5000 described movies and TV series today

- Smaller Free Services: *Plex, Pluto TV, Roku Channel, Tubi*, more…
- **Watch ABC** (free app) and other network’s online websites often include description tracks for streaming series with description
- **Spectrum Access**: Over 700 free AD Tracks for movies on streaming services or DVD
- Our **Streaming** page covers the subject and lists other services not yet offering description
Special Streaming Features

And ...

Check if a video is described here

Enter the title or partial name of a video

Leading to ...

• A Bug's Life (1998) → DVD, DISNEY+, ITUNES
Search From Main Page

**Check if a video is described!**
Title or partial name of a video:

[Search Master AD List] [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
  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!**
  o “Like” **Audio Description Project**, as over 5000 others have
  o Primary use is to announce new described movies and DVDs, plus streaming services’ additions
  o Additional usage for pointers to site articles and to answer submitted questions

• **We’re on Twitter!**
  o Use handle @ADPwebmaster for “AD Project” (1600+ followers)
  o We generally copy #AudioDescription
  o Primary use is to announce new described title additions
  o 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
  o 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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