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**“SLOW BURN: BECOMING JUSTICE THOMAS”  
WINS PODCAST OF THE YEAR AT  
THE PODCAST ACADEMY’S FOURTH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN AUDIO**

***“Weight For It” Earns Most Wins with Three Ambies Including  
Best Indie Podcast, Best Indie Podcast Host/Hosts, and  
Best Society and Culture Podcast***

***“50 Years of Hip-Hop,” “Dear Alana,” “New Heights with Jason and Travis Kelce,”  
“Today, Explained,” and “Wiser Than Me with Julia Louis-Dreyfus”  
Among This Year’s Winners***

***Malcolm Gladwell Honored with Governors Award;  
Ira Madison III Recognized with Impact Award***

LOS ANGELES, CA, MARCH 26, 2024—Tonight, [The Podcast Academy](#) (TPA), the preeminent professional podcast organization, announced winners at its fourth annual [Awards for Excellence in Audio](#) (The Ambies®) from the JW Marriott LA Live Los Angeles hosted by season 3 winner of “RuPaul’s Drag Race All Stars,” **Trixie Mattel**. Additionally, **Malcolm Gladwell** was honored with the esteemed **Governors Award**, which recognizes a podcast or individual for the compelling influence they’ve had on the industry; and pop-culture podcaster **Ira Madison III** received the **Impact Award**, which recognizes an individual or podcast that has made a significant, positive effect on its listeners.

The Ambies celebrate excellence in podcasting and elevate awareness and status of podcasts as a unique and personal medium for entertainment, information, storytelling and expression. The ceremony highlighted 192 nominees across 27 categories with winners selected by every voting member of The Podcast Academy (TPA).

#### **FOURTH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN AUDIO WINNERS:**

##### **Podcast of The Year (Sponsored by OUTFRONT)**

*Slow Burn: Becoming Justice Thomas*

Slate

##### **Best Business Podcast:**

*Spellcaster: The Fall of Sam Bankman-Fried*

Wondery

**Best Comedy Podcast:**

*How Did This Get Made?*

Earwolf and Sirius XM Podcasts

**Best DIY Podcast:**

*STITCH PLEASE*

Black Women Stitch with editing support from Podcast Laundry

**Best Documentary Podcast:**

*Ghost Story*

Wondery and Audacy Podcasts' Pineapple Street Studios

**Best Entertainment Podcast (Sponsored by The Hollywood Reporter):**

*50 Years of Hip-Hop*

KEXP

**Best Fiction Podcast:**

*PREVIA: A Tech Heist*

Sonoro and Audible

**Best History Podcast:**

*Unreformed: the Story of the Alabama Industrial School for Negro Children*

School of Humans and iHeartPodcasts

**Best Indie Podcast Host or Hosts:**

Ronald Young Jr.

for *Weight For It*

**Best Indie Podcast (Sponsored by Tenderfoot TV):**

*Weight For It*

ohitsBigRon Studios

**Best Interview Podcast:**

*Wiser Than Me with Julia Louis-Dreyfus*

Lemonada Media

**Best Knowledge, Science or Tech Podcast:**

*Darknet Diaries*

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**Best News Podcast:**

*Today, Explained*

Vox and The Vox Media Podcast Network

**Best Original Score and Music Supervision:**

*Lindsay Jones*

for *Othello*

**Best Performance in Audio Fiction:**

*Sam Richardson, Method Man, Langston Kerman*

for *Yes We Cannabis*

**Best Personal Growth / Spirituality Podcast:**

*Dear Alana,*

Tenderfoot TV

**Best Podcast for Kids:**

*The Cat In The Hat Cast*

Wondery, Dr. Seuss Enterprises and Story Pirates

**Best Podcast Host or Hosts:**

Martine Powers

for *The Empty Grave of Comrade Bishop*

**Best Politics or Opinion Podcast:**

*The NPR Politics Podcast*

NPR

**Best Production and Sound Design (Sponsored by Dolby):**

Ramtin Arablouei, Rund Abdelfatah, Lawrence Wu, Julie Caine

for *Throughline*

**Best Reporting:**

Lauren Chooljian

for *The 13th Step*

**Best Scriptwriting, Fiction:**

Troian Bellisario, Joshua Close

for *Ad Lucem*

**Best Scriptwriting, Nonfiction:**

B.A. Parker  
for *Code Switch*

**Best Society and Culture Podcast:**

*Weight For It*  
ohitsBigRon Studios

**Best Sports Podcast:**

*New Heights with Jason and Travis Kelce*  
Wave Sports and Entertainment

**Best True Crime Podcast:**

*The Girlfriends*  
Novel

**Best Wellness or Relationships Podcast:**

*Embodied*  
North Carolina Public Radio WUNC

**ABOUT THE PODCAST ACADEMY**

Founded in February 2020, The Podcast Academy is a not-for-profit professional membership organization that celebrates excellence in podcasting and elevates awareness of podcasts as an indispensable medium for entertainment, information, and creative expression. It values individual and organizational creators alike, of all backgrounds and means, and defines achievement through the values of quality, creativity, innovation, inclusion, and impact. The Podcast Academy provides community, professional development, and industry connections through inclusive, dynamic programming. For more information about The Podcast Academy, please visit [www.thepodcastacademy.com](http://www.thepodcastacademy.com) and follow/like/subscribe on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Linkedin](#). [Visit our donation page to support our mission.](#)

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