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**AUDIOBOOK SALES RECORD SET THIS WEEKEND
BY RANDOM HOUSE AUDIO'S
"HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS" PRODUCTION**

New York, NY (July 23, 2007) -- HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS by J. K. Rowling is projected to have sold more than 225,000 copies in its compact disc and cassette Listening Library/Random House Audio imprint formats in North America on Saturday and Sunday (21-22)--the fastest and largest two-day sale in the history of the audiobook medium, Random House, Inc. says. Sales these two days were forty percent greater in the comparable period than those of the previous HARRY POTTER audiobook, published by Listening Library in 2005.

In another sales milestone, both Amazon.com and Bn.com have been ranking the CD version of the Listening Library production as their #2 bestselling title overall---behind the #1 bestselling POTTER hardcover, a showing for an audiobook not achieved since the 2005 release of HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE.

Listening Library is the children's audiobook imprint of Random House, Inc.

These sales were announced today by Madeline McIntosh, Senior Vice President, Publisher, Random House Audio Publishing Group. "It is exhilarating to report these record-breaking first-weekend sales," says Ms. McIntosh, "Jim Dale's performance of J.K. Rowling's final Harry Potter volume is truly magical and we are delighted that so many Harry Potter fans are enjoying Mr. Dale's extraordinary performance."

Listening Library published the unabridged audiobook in both cassette and CD formats with a list price of \$79.95 and first printing of 635,000 copies. With the sales to date for HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS the total number of Harry Potter audiobooks in print in North America is more than six million copies.

Grammy® award-winning narrator Jim Dale read before thousands Friday night at Barnes & Noble's flagship location on Union Square in New York City. He will tour Houston, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Charlotte, N.C. in the coming weeks to promote the audiobook editions of the Harry Potter series.

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