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**RANDOM HOUSE AUDIO AND XM SATELLITE RADIO DEBUT
"THE RANDOM HOUSE HOUR" ON SONIC THEATER**

Daily program to bring dozens of Random House Audio's bestselling authors including Maya Angelou, P. D. James, John McCain, Tess Gerritsen, Sophie Kinsella and Louis L'Amour to millions of XM subscribers as it broadcasts bestselling audiobooks in their entirety.

New York, NY, and Washington, DC, February 2, 2006—Random House Audio, the largest publisher of audiobooks and XM Satellite Radio, the nation's leading satellite radio service with more than six million subscribers, announced today the launch of "The Random House Hour," a new radio series to be broadcast exclusively on XM's Sonic Theater (XM channel 163) beginning Monday, February 6. The one-hour radio program will feature 30-minute segments of two audiobooks, which will be broadcast in their entirety over the course of consecutive multiple episodes. "The Random House Hour" will air nationally Monday through Friday at 8 AM and 4 PM ET.

"Broadcasting audiobooks harkens back to the origins of radio when dramatized stories were performed for the listening public. We think renewing this storytelling tradition with XM Satellite Radio is a great way to broaden consumer awareness of audiobooks in general and to bring listenership and audio purchases of the featured authors to a new level," says Madeline McIntosh, Senior Vice President, Publisher, Random House Audio Publishing Group.

The first selections for the new series, *A CERTAIN JUSTICE*, the novel by bestselling author P. D. James and the poetry of Pulitzer Prize-nominated Maya Angelou, will be broadcast in their entirety to XM subscribers.

P. D. James' critically acclaimed *A CERTAIN JUSTICE* was an international bestseller when it was released in 1997. It is anticipated that both listeners familiar with her work and new listeners will find themselves eagerly awaiting each installment of "The Random House Hour" to hear how this classic detective story develops over the five episodes.

"Poetry naturally lends itself to the spoken-word format and three-time GRAMMY Award Winner Maya Angelou's work is an eloquent addition to the first installment of 'The Random House Hour.' To hear the former Poet Laureate read her work is truly awe-inspiring and a marvelous launch for this new program," Madeline McIntosh added.

"The addition of 'The Random House Hour' to the Sonic Theater schedule will provide millions of XM listeners with thorough exposure to some of the most popular and prolific writers of our time from Random House's impressive audiobook catalog," said Kevin Straley, vice president of talk programming for XM Satellite Radio. "Random House Audio is a perfect complement to the diverse offering of spoken word material on Sonic Theater from such world leaders as the BBC, Audible.com and others."

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Future episodes of "The Random House Hour" will feature audiobooks from other bestselling Random House Audio authors, including John McCain, Tess Gerritsen, Sophie Kinsella and Louis L'Amour. Complete details on "The Random House Hour," including programming schedules, are available online at <http://www.xmradio.com>.

The Random House Audio Group is a division of Random House, Inc., the U.S. company of Random House, the trade book publishing division of Bertelsmann AG. Random House Audiobooks are available at booksellers and libraries nationwide.

XM is America's number one satellite radio service with more than 6 million subscribers. Broadcasting live daily from studios in Washington, DC, New York City, the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Toronto and Montreal, XM's 2006 lineup includes 160 digital channels of choice from coast to coast: the most commercial-free music channels, plus premier sports, talk, comedy, children's and entertainment programming; and 21 channels of the most advanced traffic and weather information.

XM, the leader in satellite-delivered entertainment and data services for the automobile market through partnerships with General Motors, Honda, Toyota, Hyundai, Nissan and Volkswagen/Audi, is available in more than 140 different vehicle models for 2006. XM's industry-leading products are available at consumer electronics retailers nationwide. For more information about XM hardware, programming and partnerships, please visit <http://www.xmradio.com>.

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