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# THE AMBIES

**“9/12” WINS PODCAST OF THE YEAR AT THE  
SECOND ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN AUDIO  
PRESENTED BY THE PODCAST ACADEMY**

***“9/12” Earns the Most Wins with Three Ambies  
Followed by “Billie Was a Black Woman” with Two Wins***

***Oscar-Nominated Actress Rosamund Pike Received Her First-Ever  
Ambie Award for Best Performer in Audio Fiction for “Edith!”***

***Global Phenomenon, “Serial” Honored with Governors Award***

LOS ANGELES, CA, MARCH 23, 2022 - The Podcast Academy, the preeminent professional podcast organization, hosted its second annual **Awards for Excellence in Audio (The Ambies®)**. The show celebrates and elevates podcasts as a unique and personal medium for entertainment, information, storytelling and expression. This year’s ceremony highlighted 178 nominees across 25 categories with winners selected by every voting member of The Podcast Academy.

The evening was co-hosted by **Ross Mathews** and **Nikki Boyer** from The Mayan Theater in Los Angeles. This year’s Ambies were presented by Wondery with additional support from Audible, Audacy, PRX, Tenderfoot TV, *The Hollywood Reporter*, Apollo Podcasts, Castbox, Loeb & Loeb and [IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/).

**Second Annual Awards for Excellence in Audio Winners:**

**Podcast of The Year (sponsored by Audacy)**

*9/12*

Amazon Music, Pineapple Street Studios, and Wondery

**Best Business Podcast**

*Business Wars*

Wondery

**Best Comedy Podcast**

*How Did This Get Made?*

Earwolf

**Best Documentary Podcast**

*Stay Away From Matthew McGill*

Pineapple Street Studios

**Best Entertainment Podcast**

*Back Issue*

Pineapple Street Studios

**Best Fiction Podcast (sponsored by Apollo Podcasts)**

*Tejana*

Sonoro, Telemundo

**Best History Podcast**

*Slow Burn: The L.A. Riots*

Slate

**Best Indie Podcast (sponsored by Tenderfoot TV)**

*An Arm and a Leg*

Public Road Productions

**Best Interview Podcast**

*70 over 70*

Pineapple Street Studios

**Best Knowledge, Science or Tech Podcast**

*Overheard at National Geographic*

National Geographic Partners

**Best News Podcast**

*Up First*

NPR

**Best Original Score and Music Supervision**

*9/12*

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**Best Performer in Audio Fiction (sponsored by Audible)**

*Edith!* – Rosamund Pike

QCODE, Crooked Media

**Best Personal Growth / Spirituality Podcast (sponsored by Castbox)**

*Life Kit*

NPR

**Best Podcast for Kids**

*Music Blocks*

Colorado Public Radio

**Best Podcast Host**

*It's Been a Minute with Sam Sanders* – Sam Sanders

NPR

**Best Politics or Opinion Podcast**

*Billie Was a Black Woman*

Paramount Audio/Spoke Media/Audible Originals

**Best Production and Sound Design (sponsored by PRX)**

*Twenty Thousand Hertz*  
Defacto Sound

**Best Reporting**

9/12  
Pineapple Street Studios, Amazon Music & Wondery

**Best Scriptwriting, Fiction**

*Soft Voice* – James Bloor  
QCODE

**Best Scriptwriting, Non-Fiction**

*Have You Heard George's Podcast?* – George the Poet  
BBC Sounds

**Best Society and Culture Podcast**

*Billie Was a Black Woman*  
Paramount Audio/ Spoke Media/Audible Originals

**Best Sports Podcast**

*The Lead*  
Wondery & The Athletic

**Best True Crime Podcast (sponsored by The Hollywood Reporter)**

*Suspect*  
Wondery & Campside Media

**Best Wellness or Relationships Podcast**

*On Purpose with Jay Shetty*  
Record Edit Podcast

**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](#).

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