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PRESS RELEASE

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**RECORDED BOOKS' GRIOT AUDIO TO PUBLISH
UNABRIDGED AUDIO RECORDING OF *DANCING IN THE
DARK* BY CARYL PHILLIPS**

**Griot Audio continues its groundbreaking leadership role in publishing
unabridged audio recordings of the work of leading African-American authors –
Imprint features over 235 Audiobook Titles**

Prince Frederick, MD – November 14, 2005 -- Recorded Books, the world's premier publisher of unabridged audiobooks since 1979 and a Hights Cross Communications company, has announced it will publish the unabridged audio recording of *Dancing in the Dark* by best-selling author Caryl Phillips. *Dancing in the Dark* is a biographical novel about vaudevillian Bert Williams, who in the early 1900s was the highest-paid entertainer in the United States. *Dancing in the Dark* will be available in early 2006.

David Berset, Recorded Books' President, said: "We are proud to publish this excellent work by Caryl Phillips. This audiobook celebrates an outstanding new novel; the continued exceptional narration work of Dion Graham, a highly accomplished actor and audiobook narrator; and the continued achievement of our Griot Audio imprint, the world's largest and most distinguished publishing imprint devoted to unabridged audiobooks by African-American authors."

Established in 2000, the Griot Audio imprint looks to such authoritative sources as *Essence* magazine, *The New York Times*, and Blackboard for reviews of books from new and established African-American authors. In addition to Caryl Phillips, among its dozens of respected authors are Toni Morrison, Carl Weber, Sheila Williams, and Edward P. Jones. Griot Audio publishes innovative fiction, romance, mystery, biography, and commentary about social issues. Griot Audio's narrators are among the most respected African-American performers active today. Griot Audio takes its name from "griot," a West African poet and wandering musician credited with keeping oral traditions alive.

Caryl Phillips was born in St. Kitts, brought up in Leeds, UK, and lives today in New York City. He is the author of eight previous novels as well as three works of nonfiction, and has written for television, radio, theatre, and films. His novel, *Crossing the River*, was short-listed for the 1993 Booker Prize, and *A Distant Shore* won the Commonwealth Writers Prize in 2004.

Narrator and actor Dion Graham has performed on and Off-Broadway and internationally in films and several hit television series. *Dancing in the Dark* is his seventeenth Griot Audio production.

About Recorded Books:

Recorded Books was founded in 1979 and is the world's largest independent publisher of unabridged audiobooks. Recorded Books provides unabridged books on cassette and CD for consumer markets, libraries, and schools. For more information, visit www.recordedbooks.com.

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