



# Resources for Podcasters

## Join Facebook Groups

- [Podcaster's Hangout](#) was created by John Dennis to allow for the participation of community and collaboration of Podcasters around the world.
- [Podcast Movement Community - For Podcasters](#) was created by Podcast Movement (Dan Franks and Jared Easley) as a place for people who are podcasters, looking to become a podcaster, or who are members of the podcasting industry.
- [Independent Podcasters Group](#) was created by Independent Podcast Conference (Joe Pardo) as a group designed to bring together independent podcasters. They are always looking to help others get to the next level and grow together.
- [Podcasters Paradise](#) was created by the Entrepreneur on Fire Community (John Lee Dumas and Kate Erickson) as a place for fellow Paradise members to share valuable information, collaborate with other Paradise members, and provide others with constructive feedback on podcast-related topics.
- [She Podcasts](#) was created by She Podcasts (Jessica Kupferman and Elsie Escobar) as a safe place for women and those who identify as female or identify as non-binary ONLY who podcast or who are setting up a show currently to ask questions, provide support, share resources, wins, advocate for each other and whatever else they like.

## Attend a Podcast Conference

- [Podcast Movement](#) - *August 5-8, 2020 Dallas, TX* - Podcast Movement is the largest, longest running annual conference for podcasters and the podcast industry. Whether you're just getting started or you're an industry veteran, they have over 150 sessions and events designed just for you.
- [Podfest Expo](#) - *March 5-7, 2021 Orlando, FL* - Whether you're new to podcasting or a veteran podcaster looking to innovate and improve your podcast, our easy-to-understand conference tracks allow you to customize a daily agenda based on what you're most interested in learning. No matter your skill level or experience, Podfest has plenty to offer.
- [She Podcasts](#) - *October 15-18, 2020 Scottsdale, AZ* - The largest in-person gathering of women podcasters, audio content creators, story tellers, and more. The purpose of She Podcasts LIVE is to offer women audio creators a chance to learn and experience community in an environment created JUST for them. They focus the education, the social interaction, and even the aesthetic on women only and it makes a big difference.
- [Independent Podcasters Conference](#) - *September 24-26, 2020 Philadelphia, PA* - ICON originally started out as Mid-Atlantic Podcast started (December 2014) as a Facebook group for podcasters who live in the Mid-Atlantic States. After seeing the interest to have a podcast (exclusive) conference in the northeast, Joe Pardo jumped on the opportunity to make it happen. This conference is for anyone that identifies as an independent podcaster all around the world.

## Invest in Quality Equipment

- [Microphones](#) - We highly recommend a dynamic microphone, because they are more forgiving and have an easier learning curve. Avoid a condenser microphone.
  - [Shure SM 58](#) - This microphone is very durable and great for traveling.
  - [Audio Technica ATR2100](#) - Most popular microphone in all of podcasting.
    - [ATR-2100 Kit with boom arm, shock mount, pop filter, and cable](#)
  - [Electro-Voice RE320](#) - This is the microphone we currently use and our favorite mic.
    - [RE320 Kit with boom arm, shock mount, and cable](#)

- **Recorders**
  - [Rodecaster Pro](#) - This widely used and adored product can support multi-track recording and easily bring in guests.
  - [Zoom H5](#) - Zoom recorders don't require a computer. You just record directly onto the SD card. The interface is intuitive and easy to follow.
  - [Zoom H6](#)
  - [Zoom F4](#) - This recorder is more portable with many awesome features.
  
- **USB Interface**
  - [Focusrite Scarlett 2i2](#) - The best USB interface on the market and all you need.
  
- **Microphone Accessories** - You want a microphone stand that will bring the microphone up to your mouth.
  - [Boom Arm](#) we recommend the Rode PSA 1
  - [Tabletop Stand](#)
  - [Pop Filter](#) or a windscreen

## Choose a Podcast Hosting Company

It is important to partner with a reputable hosting company, because they are going to give you reliable service and reliable stats.

- [Libsyn](#) (use PROPOD promo code)
- [Simplecast](#)
- [Blubrry](#)
- [Buzzsprout](#)
- [Podbean](#)
- [Megaphone](#)

## Use Royalty Free Music

If you are using music in your podcast it needs to be royalty-free and not copyrighted music. Look through their terms to see which one is best suited for you.

- [Audio Jungle](#)
- [Premium Beat](#)
- [BenSound](#)
- [Incomptetech](#)

## Create Engaging Artwork

We have an [entire podcast episode](#) on this topic featuring podcast branding expert, Mark Des Cotes.

## Learn from Our Video Library

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