



# Afros & Audio Inaugural Podcast Festival Press Release



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**Brooklyn, NY: Community, Collaboration, and a Commitment to Do Both is the theme for our inaugural Afros & Audio Podcast Festival. Join us June 22nd - 23rd, 2019 and be part of the movement!**

Afros & Audio is proud to host our inaugural two-day festival at **We Are Much Different**, A Live Audience Recording Theater. Bringing together the most progressive, accomplished, and innovative minds in the Black podcast and audio/digital tech communities. Throughout the weekend, we will acknowledge our current contributions and successes, and develop strategies for leadership positioning, monetization, and career opportunities within the burgeoning industry of podcasting.

As a community of creatives and professionals, we will move beyond the conversations around diversity, inclusion and industry barriers, to discuss real strategies and implementation for transforming the current landscape, demanding an equal playing field and building an infrastructure of sustainable resources and consistent support.

As Afros & Audio seeks to be a mainstay in the lives and work of Black podcast creators and audio/digital tech professionals, our inaugural festival will also mark the launch of Afros & Audio's, "Industry and Business Partnership Initiative," specifically designed to align business and industry leadership with Black podcast creators, tech professionals, digital agencies, media networks, and more.

Come out on Saturday and Sunday to meet industry insiders from Gimlet Media, Pod Digital Media, Complex Media, Indie Creative Network, Urban Web Summit, BLK Pod Collective, AIR Inc. and more.

Our culminating town hall-style panel, **The State of Black Podcasts: Past, Present & Future**, will take place on Sunday and is not to be missed! We expect an immersive and enjoyable experience that increases active podcasts by Black creatives in the market, determines funding and resources for podcast development, business strategies for generating sustainable income, and evaluates industry trends, predictions, and opportunities affecting Black podcast creators and audio/digital tech professionals. Don't miss this game-changing event!

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