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Even More Fun with Fiction: Podcation 2 Returns in 2020 for Live Podcast Creation

Podcation will host its second-ever audio fiction creation event on May 14-18th in Salem, MA. A group of creators will gather to write, perform and record an original pilot episode— genre and theme to be announced. You can read a previous interview with the creators of Podcation at [Bello Collective](#), where they describe their backgrounds, process, and love of fiction (back when it was named Podcamp). A link to the applications form can be found below, under “How to Apply”.

The Story So Far

The first Podcation took place in San Diego in 2018. An [all-star team](#), drafted from dozens of applicants from across the country, drove up into the woods of Palomar Mountain to create a fully scripted show pilot in just about 54 hours. The result was [Jupiter Saloon](#), a sci-fi comedy audio fiction that takes place at a dive bar in space. The pilot has been a success and season one is currently in pre-production.

“We set out to create something that didn’t sound like it was created in a weekend. From our amazing writers and actors, to our elite production squad, to the music supervision provided by Zach Abramson and [YouTooCanWoo](#) and our launch support by Radiopublic, we ended up with something very special,” says Podcation co-founder, Chris O’Keeffe. “Now we need to do it again, only better.”

The 2018 participants also have [very kind words about their experiences](#).

What’s New for 2?

For Podcation 2, the organizers are promising a bigger team, a smarter workflow and a bit more time to write, perform and record. “Our goal is to maximize both productivity and fun,” says Podcation co-founder Patrick Yurick.

Why Salem?

“We looked at several possible locations for Podcation 2,” says

O’Keeffe. “In the end, Salem was the perfect choice. The city shares many of Podcation’s attributes — it’s creative, inclusive, high-energy and a little bit weird — Like us. We now have access to our many great partners and allies in and around Greater Boston, as well as the very special (and sometimes spooky) vibe that Salem provides. It’s my home, and the perfect backdrop for this unique event.”



How to Apply

Interested creators can apply at [the application page](#) on the Podcation website. **Applications will be accepted through November 22, 2019.**

The Fine Print

There’s a \$15 application fee, which is waivable, no questions asked. “We spend hours with each application — and we try to interview everyone — so there is a true administrative cost there. However, if someone can’t or doesn’t want to pay, they can opt to waive it,” says O’Keeffe. It won’t affect anyone’s chances, and it isn’t really any of our business why someone chooses not to pay. We don’t want to create any barriers.”

There is also a \$499 attendance fee for those selected. **This includes all meals, accommodations and local transportation.**

Attendees will need to get themselves to Salem or one of

Podcation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All proceeds from the event will be used to support the organization's mission.

Boston's major transportation hubs (Logan Airport, South Station or North Station). "We hope to be able to offer some sort of scholarships, but that's not confirmed at the moment," says co-founder Patrick Yurick.

Stay tuned

In the coming weeks and months Podcation have more exciting announcements about sponsors, partners, and the larger advisory team. Follow them on social media and sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

Follow Podcation this October

On Thursday, October 10, the Podcation team will be presenting a live education podcast creation sprint entitled Podblitz! at this year's Sound Education conference. The event will take place at The Podcast Garage in Allston, MA. Learn more about it [here](#).

I'm delighted to see Podcation return with bigger, even more adventurous plans, which is precisely what I expect from the founders. Make sure to follow them on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and subscribe to the Jupiter Saloon feed below to get a taste of the magic that comes out of this event.

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