

PAGAN PODCASTING

With Christopher Orapello

About Pagan Podcasting

❖ **Introductions**

- Hello my name is Christopher Orapello and I am the presenter of this workshop.
- I produce and host my own podcast called The Infinite and the Beyond which has been out since January of 2009 and currently has 7 episodes.

❖ **Synopsis**

- This workshop will introduce you to pagan podcasting
- Here you will learn about what is available.
- We'll go over how to find podcasts online.
- Ways in which you can listen to them.
- As well as how to produce your own podcast.

❖ **What is a podcast?**

- A podcast is an audio file (mp3) that is best compared to a radio show except it is not on the radio, but is instead found online for people to download and listen to!
- Some radio shows become podcasts available for download online.
 - National Public Radio (NPR) releases many of their shows as podcasts so listeners can hear them at their leisure or listen to them again if they enjoyed the show.
 - <http://www.npr.org>
 - <http://www.xpn.org>
 - Pagan FM, a weekly 2 hour radio show from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, comes out as a podcast on a weekly basis.
 - <http://www.paganfm.com/podcast.html>
 - Though not all shows keep such a regular schedule
 - Since many podcasters do this as a hobby some shows can be bi-weekly or even monthly depending on what is going on in their lives.
- A podcast can be found for practically any interest.
 - You name it and there is probably a show for it!
 - The trick is finding a show you enjoy.
- Podcasting is a very accessible medium for both producers and listeners.
 - Can be a very cost efficient hobby as a minimal amount of equipment is needed for either end of the scenario.
 - Producers - just need a place to host the show, a microphone, and recording program.
 - Listeners - just need a computer or access to the internet to find and listen to a show.
- Some groups and organizations even put out podcasts.
 - The Order of Bards, Ovates, and Druids sponsors...
 - Druid Cast - <http://www.druidcast.libsyn.com/>
 - The Ordo Templi Orientis sponsors...
 - Thelema NOW! - <http://wuel2000.libsyn.com/>

❖ **Where can you find Pagan Podcasts online?**

- There are a lot of directory websites that contain podcast listings.
 - Some of the major podcast directories are...
 - iTunes – www.itunes.com
 - Zune – www.zune.com
 - Podcast Alley – www.podcastalley.com
 - You can search for shows by name, by subject, or by genre
 - Shows will often be listed in order of popularity
 - Which may be dependent upon the number of overall...
 - Votes
 - Comments
 - Recent downloads
 - To find Pagan Podcasts on these sites search for “pagan” or “paganism” or look under the “Religion and Spirituality” category.
 - Or, when on iTunes, further specify this category by selecting...
 - Religion and Spirituality>Other
 - Religion and Spirituality>Spirituality
 - Other Websites to find Pagan podcasts
 - Witches Voice - http://www.witchvox.com/lx/lx_podcasts.html
 - Pagan Radio Network - <http://www.paganradio.net/>
 - Proud Pagan Podcasters – <http://www.paganpodcasting.org>
 - The Pagan Podcast Index - <http://paganpodcastindex.wordpress.com/>

❖ **Benefits of listening to a Pagan Podcast**

- They’re uncensored!
 - Generally speaking.
- They tend to relate to your spiritual and or religious path.
 - Not found on regular radio.
- You become exposed to others and their unique perspectives on paganism.
- You become exposed to other pagan communities.
 - Events and festivals
- You become exposed to pagan and similar types of music
 - SJ Tucker
 - Emerald Rose
 - Arthur Hinds
 - Blackmore’s Night
 - Chalice and Blade
 - Damh the Bard
 - Gaia Consort
 - The Evolutionaries
 - The Dragon Ritual Drummers
 - Wendy Rule
 - ...and others
- You become exposed to a greater community of modern paganism and modern pagan media, which doesn’t tend to fall in to your lap like mainstream media does.
 - Britney Spears... Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie...
 - Even if you have no interest in these celebrities we’re often bombarded by them and their lives whether we like it or not.

❖ **How can one listen to them?**

- Some show websites have mp3 players on them.
- Save and listen later on your computer or listen online. Some podcast directories have players on them or some shows have players on their websites.
 - iTunes – <http://www.itunes.com>
 - Mevio.com - <http://www.mevio.com/directory/>
 - Podcast Alley – <http://www.podcastalley.com>
 - Podbean- <http://www.podbean.com>
 - ...and others
- Listen Live
 - Some shows stream live.
 - Pagan FM
 - PCP recently orchestrated a live online show.
- Or listen on the go?
 - iPod, Zune, or any mp3 player!
 - Burn shows to a CD

❖ **Q: How to know when new shows are available?**

❖ **A: Subscribe!**

- Subscriptions are done via an RSS feed.
 - RSS feeds
 - RSS stands for *Really Simple Syndication*
 - Makes podcasting what it is!
 - The RSS feed was developed by a friend of MTV VJ Adam Curry and he was the first podcaster
- There are podcast directory websites that allow you to subscribe.
 - Ex: Podbean
- Some directories provide podcatchers which one can download.
 - iTunes
 - Podcast Alley