

September News from the Open Media Foundation

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September Classes

- Click the class title to read descriptions and register online. Click [here](#) to watch videos about some of the classes that we offer.
- Intro to Studio Livestream**
Friday, September 2nd
5:00 - 8:00pm
 - Google Analytics**
Tuesday, September 6th
2:00 - 3:30pm
 - New Member Orientation**
Wednesday, September 7th
6:45 - 8:15pm
 - Field Production Workshop**
Saturday, September 10th
11:00am - 6:00pm
 - Final Cut Pro X Workshop**
Wednesday, September 14th
6:00 - 9:00pm
 - Intro to Studio Production**
Saturday, September 17th
11:00am - 6:00pm
 - Intro to Radio Operations**
Thursday, September 22nd
6:00 - 9:00pm
 - Adobe Audition Workshop**
Tuesday, September 27th
6:00 - 8:00pm
 - Making Music with GarageBand**
Wednesday, September 28th
6:00 - 8:00pm
 - Shooting Video with DSLR Cameras**
Thursday, September 29th
6:00 - 9:00pm

Come for a Tour and Get to Know Us!

What is the change you want to see in the world? Come and explore the Open Media Foundation's facilities and see what we truly have to offer. You can hear about the many ways to get involved and the impact you can have in the community. Everyone is welcome! Great for anyone new to our work and potential interns, volunteers and members.

Open Media Foundation Tour Wednesday, September 21st 5:30 - 6:30pm

DOM's Top Show in August

DOM members and producers submitted their content, viewers voted and your top rated show in August is:

The Source | Episode 3

Congratulations to producer **Vinson Powell**! He will be awarded 25 DOM bucks.

Don't forget to keep voting on [denveropenmedia.org](#)!

Need Help? | Check out the DOM Website!

Denver Open Media is dedicated to supporting members!

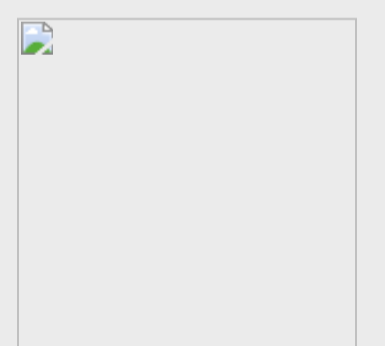
Head over to our [Help Page](#) to find out about:

- Finding Crew
- Tutorials
- Talent and Distribution Releases
- Help Guides
- Radio Assistance
- Report a Problem

Information about equipment, links to tutorials and manuals are live on our site! We got feedback from our community for more support in learning about gear before renting, and our interns have been working hard to provide it for you. Look for a link to a video tutorial and/or manual at the top of the equipment detail page, live for most of our equipment. Take your time learning about gear to ensure you are getting the best equipment for your next studio or field shoot! Visit [Equipment and Studio Rentals](#) to get started.

Member Highlight | Daniel Reskin

Daniel Reskin is a local comedian and Denver Open Media member, where he produces his Denver comedy talk show, [Casa de Haha](#). We met Daniel when he performed at [Open Music Sessions](#) in July 2015. He gave an incredible performance, bonded with crew and staff, and won our monthly raffle for free basic membership and a free class. Daniel joined us for a tour, upgraded his [membership](#) and [classes](#), and produced a promo and four episodes at DOM for Casa de Haha!



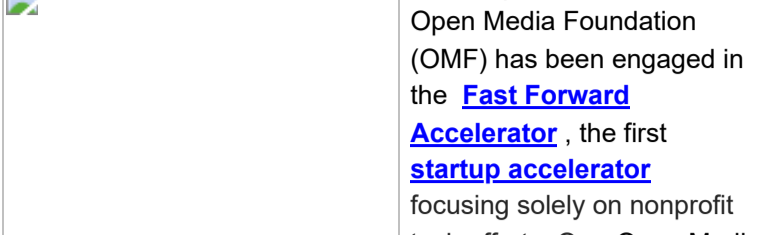
Daniel is an active community member, hosting for Open Music Sessions Countdown Show and Open Music Sessions. This past month he was interviewed by [Westword](#) to talk about his Music & Comedy Festival, Space Owl Alliance, where he spoke about how DOM helps him do his work and achieve his goals. We're excited to support him and happy he is a part of our great community of media-makers!

"Learning video production at Denver Open Media was just what I needed to keep fine-tuning my skills. As a comedian, the more things I can do, the more ways I can express myself and reach people. I figure if I want to shine on camera, I should know how that camera works. Having the teaching, equipment and community support all in one place was exactly what I needed to create something sustainable, while letting me tinker and grow on a new level."

- Daniel

View Daniel's work, [Casa de Haha](#). You may recognize some of your favorite local comics. Enjoy!

Executive Director Letter



For the past few months, Open Media Foundation (OMF) has been engaged in the [Fast Forward Accelerator](#), the first [startup accelerator](#) focusing solely on nonprofit tech efforts. Our [Open Media Project \(OMP\)](#), a Government Transparency Software-as-a-Service, was one of nine projects selected from across the country. The award included a \$25,000 grant, over 200 hours of mentorship and coaching, and support in pitching our Government Transparency and Civic Engagement service to potential funders and partners across the country. We have big plans for this innovative little program: plans we'll be sharing at several conferences and demo days over the last two weeks of September.

"We recognized the enormous opportunity OMF had tapped into with their Open Media Project," says Shannon Farley of Fast Forward Accelerator. "Over half of the government bodies in the US serve small towns and cities with populations and budgets too small to be served by the commercial service providers, and OMF's innovative, low-cost solution was poised to serve a segment of the market that no one else is serving."

Read the full letter [here](#)

Open Music Sessions | First Friday Party | September 2nd

Join us for this month's Open Music Sessions! Local bands, local comedy, local food, local fun.

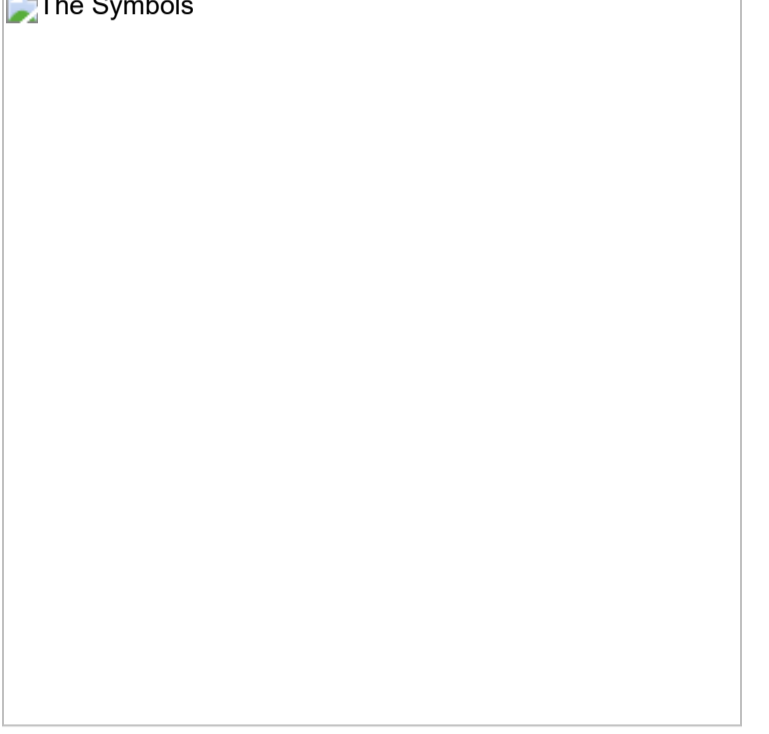
When: Friday, September 2nd, 6:00 - 9:30pm
Where: [Open Media Foundation](#)
700 Kalamath Street in Denver

Featuring Live Music From [The Symbols](#)

The Symbols' breed of rock is intellectual and spiritual, with modern-day, deep-pocket grooves, where progressive female croon meets funkier neo-soul vocals.

Rollicking - Rocking - Chill - Danceable - Sexy

The guitar string-bending, whammy bar manipulations are undeniably sexy. Fans of The Symbols have come to agree that the sound is undoubtedly "Spiritual Porn Rock."



[The Symbols](#)

And the Comedy Stylings of Janae Burris



From DOM's Studio A: Broadcast live on Denver Comcast Channel 57 Streaming on DOM's website

VIP/Ticketed reception upstairs at 7:00pm for \$20, featuring food by [Illegal Pete's](#) and [Sexy Pizza](#). Free for members of Denver Open Media.

Please join our [Facebook event](#) and share!

Friday, September 2nd
Outside performances at 6:00pm
VIP/DOM member reception upstairs at 7:00pm
Open Music Sessions in Studio A at 8:00pm
[Open Media Foundation](#)
700 Kalamath Street, Denver, CO

DOM Hosts General Election Public Forum | Denver District Attorney Debate

Denver Open Media is hosting the first public forum in the general election race for Denver District Attorney!

When: Friday, September 16th
Reception at 6:00pm | Debate at 7:00pm

Where: Studio A
[Open Media Foundation](#)
700 Kalamath St in Denver

Join the Colorado Independent at Denver Open Media for the first public forum in the general election race for Denver DA. This public forum will inform voters about who's running and how they differ from current Denver DA, Mitch Morrissey. Where do the candidates stand on prosecuting the homeless and mentally ill? What are they thinking about racial profiling, excessive force and the city's longstanding pattern of not prosecuting killer cops and sheriff's deputies?

Democrat Beth McCann and independent candidate Helen Morgan will debate questions posed by Indy editor Susan Greene.

Tune into our livestream of the debate on Denver Open Media's public access channels.

Seating in our studio will be first-come, first-served.

Hackthe.News Hackathon and Reception | September 16th

We are teaming up with [Name.com](#) for a [hackathon](#) to develop projects that help journalists tell the stories that matter. Come watch the competition, vote on your favorite project and hang out with us!

When: Friday, September 16th, 7:00 - 9:30pm
Where: Studio A | Upstairs Reception
[Open Media Foundation](#)
700 Kalamath Street in Denver



In a time when news outlets must resort to sensationalism to stay profitable, the integrity of news as we know it is in question.

Hackthe.News

brings developers and journalists together to create ways that reporters and news outlets can share important stories while maintaining their business's sustainability.

Hacking teams will have just two hours to develop a project that helps journalists report news sustainably. Top projects will be awarded over \$5,000 in prizes! Want to hack? [Sign up here](#)!

OMF will also announce some exciting news about our [Open Media Project](#) for Government, our innovative platform for livestream and video on demand services. Increasing government transparency and civic engagement through media!

Video Client Highlight | Pop Culture Classroom

Take a look at the new video the OMF [Video Production](#) team recently completed for Pop Culture Classroom:



Storytelling Through Comics

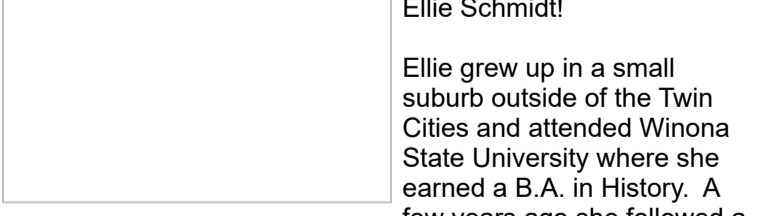
[Pop Culture Classroom](#) is a local organization that delivers high quality, all-inclusive educational resources to school districts, teachers, and community organizations using comics, graphic novels and related pop culture media.

Use the power of pop culture to bring your classroom to life.

Storytelling Through Comics (STC) is a standards-based curriculum that explores age-appropriate comic literature with the goals of igniting a love of learning and increasing literacy. STC also helps students acquire problem-solving abilities and build stronger in-class communities with their peers and teachers.

Click [here](#) to watch more projects completed by the Video Production Services team.

Meet Our New OMF Staff

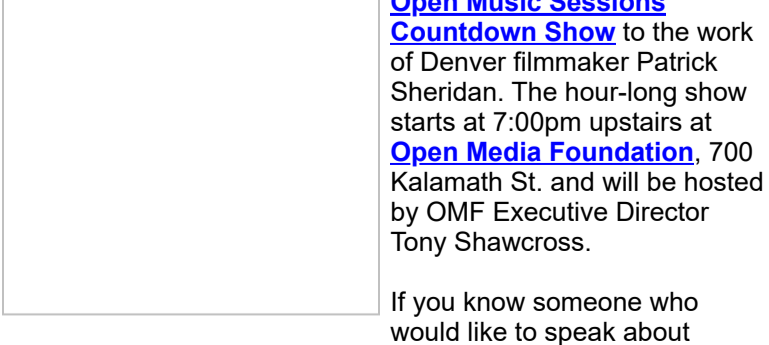


Join us in welcoming our new Video Production Manager, Ellie Schmidt!

Ellie grew up in a small suburb outside of the Twin Cities and attended Winona State University where she earned a B.A. in History. A few years ago she followed a passion and found herself back in school for screenwriting. Ellie wrote and produced plays for the MN Shorts Festival and MN Fringe Festival before relocating to Denver with her husband. A desire for creative collaboration led her to OMF, where she completed a Video Production and Editing internship. She is excited to be part of a team that helps tell the stories of our community.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the entire OMF team.

Patrick Sheridan Tribute



Join us on Friday, October 7, as we dedicate next month's [Open Music Sessions Countdown Show](#) to the work of Denver filmmaker Patrick Sheridan. The hour-long show starts at 7:00pm upstairs at [Open Media Foundation](#), 700 Kalamath St. and will be hosted by OMF Executive Director Tony Shawcross.

If you know someone who would like to speak about Patrick's work in the Denver filmmaking community or [The Emerging Filmmakers Project](#), please contact Nicole at [nicole@openmediafoundation.org](#).

Click [here](#) to learn more about Patrick.