

VOICES

Designers Share 12 of Their Favorite Podcasts

Stock up on learnings and laughs by tuning into designers' favorite business and design podcasts

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Popular podcaster and author Tim Ferriss, of The Tim Ferriss Show, ranks high among designers' favorites.

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Designers of all stripes, from the emerging to the established, are tuning in to a slew of podcasts designed to keep them informed, better their businesses, inspire them aesthetically. AD PRO asks: What are *you* listening to?

"I listen to a fascinating podcast about art collecting, *Collect Wisely* by Sean Kelly Gallery NYC. The owner of the gallery interviews art collectors. He asks them questions about collecting: When did they start collecting? What does connoisseurship mean to them? What is the role of an art collector? What advice do they have for starting a collection?... Why did they start collecting? What do they collect? What motivates them about art and collecting; do they collect and sell pieces, or will they donate them to museums?" —Heather Hilliard, Heather Hilliard Design

How I Built This

"*How I Built This*: Ever had to sleep on your friend's sofa while you pursued your career dreams? If so, this podcast is definitely for you! The host, Guy Raz, interviews startup founders whose companies skyrocketed into becoming multimillion-dollar brands. Guy digs deep into their history, perseverance, and even spotlights the real struggles that most CEOs wouldn't care to share, including Airbnb founder Joe Gebbia and Clif Bar founder Gary Erikson." —Mikel Welch, Mikel Welch Interior Design

Queery

"Have you watched the entire season of *Queer Eye* on Netflix and now found yourself wanting more? *Queery* is the perfect audio fix! Sit in on an hourlong conversation hosted by standup comic Cameron Esposito as she explores individual stories of identity, personality, and the shifting cultural matrix around gender, sexuality and civil rights." —Mikel Welch, Mikel Welch Interior Design

The Tim Ferriss Show

"One of my favorite podcasts from this past year was an interview between Tim Ferris and hotelier Liz Lambert. Liz is owner of the hotel group Bunkhouse, and she's someone I've looked up to for years. She's also from the South—Texas—and I find her authenticity and entrepreneurial spirit incredibly inspiring. Everything she touches has a cool factor that feels both effortless and genuine. In this particular podcast, she talks about her journey, the narrative behind her designs, as well as the importance of operational rigor. She's a very talented and wise woman but super low-key, which I really admire." —Brad Ford, Brad Ford ID

Good Company

"I like *Good Company*—this gem of a podcast provides thoughtful entrees to all sides of creative businesses. To me, it is consistently the most thoughtful and inspiring of the bunch. The host, Grace, doesn't shy away from the hard questions. As a creative entrepreneur, this podcast helps fill a void in the conversation of the realities of this industry." —Renée Gaddis, Renée Gaddis Interiors

Business of Home

"*Business of Home* is definitely my favorite industry podcast. I love listening to host Dennis Scully interview industry leaders and tastemakers, and talk about challenges that we all face. Everyone in the home, architecture/design space should definitely subscribe. He covers everything from the future of our industry to conversations with the great Bunny Williams." — Libby Langdon, Libby Langdon Interiors

The Dave Ramsey Show

"*The Dave Ramsey Show* [is] a great show on business and personal finance discipline. Dave Ramsey is entertaining, inspiring, and motivating. We've integrated many of his practical financial growth tools while growing our company." — Laura Muller, Four Points Design Build

A Well-Designed Business

"A *Well-Designed Business* [from podcaster] LuAnn Nigara brought our industry together. She got designers talking to one another and continues to make us better business owners with each passing interview. Plus, she distills down the crucial takeaways." —Sandra Levy, House of Funk

Hey Cool Job!

"At some point in your life, you've been speaking to someone who works in a completely opposite field and thought to yourself, 'Hey, cool job.' Well that's exactly what this podcast is about. Host Mary H.K. Choi chats it up with people with unique jobs such as editor of Marvel Comics Axel Alonso and *Kinfolk* magazine founder Keith Abrams." —Mikel Welch, Mikel Welch Interior Design

The GaryVee Audio Experience Podcast

"When I'm in the mood for a pep talk about business and hard work motivation, I turn to *The GaryVee Audio Experience Podcast*. It's a beating at times, which is awesome. Good tools, great optimism, and super positivity." —Laura Muller, Four Points Design Build

The Wingnut Social Podcast

"The Wingnut Social Podcast covers all things social media for interior designers...everything from SEO on your website to IGTV to Pinterest. Darla and Natalie do a great job cohosting, and each episode is packed with content." —Natalie Reddell, Natalie Reddell Interior Design

The Chaise Lounge

"Nick May hosts a very popular, conversational, easy-style podcast about the interior design business, but Nick tends to lean more toward the human aspect of the business 'why.' It feels more like catching up with old friends. Very interesting and diverse roster of guests. Love it!" —Laura Muller, Four Points Design Build