Libsyn Unveils November 2023 Podcast Advertising Rates & 5 Developments to Watch in 2024

PITTSBURGH, December 1, 2023 – Today, <u>Liberated Syndication Inc.</u> ("Libsyn"), the leading all-in-one podcasting platform for creators and advertisers, announced its **November 2023 Podcast Advertising Rates**, including the highest and most accessible CPM categories, and shares **2024 podcast advertising predictions**.

2024 Podcast Advertising Developments to Watch

Podcast advertising has experienced a meteoric rise in recent years, and as we enter 2024, there is no sign of this growth abating. According to <u>IAB research</u>, in 2023 alone, U.S. podcast ad revenue is projected to soar to \$2.28 billion, up 25% year over year — and will reach \$4 billion by 2025. With more people immersing themselves in their favorite podcasts, listenership and engagement is surging, offering advertisers a golden opportunity to connect with dedicated and loyal audiences.

Dave Hanley, Chief Revenue Officer of Libsyn AdvertiseCast, outlines five predictions for podcast advertising in 2024, underscoring the industry's continued momentum.

- Persistent Brand Safety Concerns Put to Rest: Advertisers will become more comfortable with brand safety in the podcast channel due to recent technology and procedural developments. The emphasis will shift towards brand suitability, authenticity in tone, and aligning with the right content creators. As brands recognize this, the call to action will be clear: Don't sit on the sidelines in 2024—leverage the genuine connection podcasts offer to engage audiences effectively.
- AI-Powered Contextual Targeting Expands Ad Inventory: Libsyn's AdvertiseCast expects a rise in adoption of AI and predictive contextual targeting in the year ahead. Leveraging innovative tools to provide accurate context to content will unlock a wealth of relevant inventory for advertisers. This ensures that their messages resonate with intended audiences, driving precise targeting and ad effectiveness, while eliminating waste.
- Regional & Local Ad Boom with Data-Driven Precision: Libsyn's AdvertiseCast anticipates more regional and local advertisers will enter the podcast advertising space, fueled by the growing interest in data-driven targeting. Advertisers can now geo-target with increased precision and at scale to connect with desired local podcast audiences across hundreds of audience segments.
- Surge in Video Enhancing Discoverability: The growing popularity of video podcasts will see the further blurring of lines between audio and video. Libsyn's AdvertiseCast, which already offers a "simulcast" ad product to advertisers, recognizes the significant advantage of using video to improve podcast discoverability. This approach amplifies the reach and impact for creators — thereby attracting more advertisers.
- Cause-based Advertising An Untapped Opportunity: An untapped opportunity lies in the underutilization
 of cause-based advertisers collaborating with podcast hosts. The influential voice of podcast hosts presents a
 powerful platform for promoting social and environmental causes, and this synergy fosters impactful
 conversations and prompts action. Beyond cause-based campaigns, we see this strategy being applied for
 political advertisers gearing up for the 2024 election cycle.

Hanley commented, "Podcasting has emerged as one of the fastest-growing advertising channels, and its trajectory remains on an upward curve. With greater access to sophisticated audience-based targeting and attribution measurement, new advertisers are capitalizing on the expanding opportunities to achieve their brand goals, be it direct response or brand awareness. We've been at the forefront of delivering new capabilities for advertisers, and since introducing programmatic ads in August 2022, we've witnessed a threefold increase in advertisers utilizing our automatic ad solution."

November 2023 Podcast Advertising Rates

The following rates, which are denoted as cost per thousand or CPM, are published monthly by Libsyn's AdvertiseCast, the industry's premier podcast advertising marketplace that connects advertisers with podcasters. The Company releases the figures to empower the podcaster and advertiser communities to readily monitor market pricing and provide greater insight into podcasting advertising as a monetization vehicle. The data is derived from actual sales data across AdvertiseCast's network of thousands of shows.

For November 2023, the **average CPM rate** was \$22.94 for a 60-second ad spot. That figure is up by 2.5% compared to last month (October 2023 avg. CPM rate: \$22.37) and has decreased year-over-year (November 2022 avg. CPM rate: \$24.58).

The three highest CPM categories in November based on delivered advertising were:

- Kids & Family: \$27
- Arts: \$26
- Education: \$25

Moreover, three categories where advertisers can effectively tap into highly engaged audiences at more **accessible CPM rates** include History, TV & Film, and True Crime, which averaged around the low 20s in November.

Libsyn's AdvertiseCast combines an industry-leading ad buying and management platform with full-service capabilities that makes it easy for podcast advertisers to initiate and manage highly targeted and measurable campaigns, while providing maximum return for creators. Historical monthly CPM rates can be found on AdvertiseCast's website at: www.advertisecast.com/podcast-advertisers.

About Liberated Syndication

Founded in 2004, Liberated Syndication Inc. ("Libsyn") is the leading all-in-one podcasting platform for creators and advertisers to host, distribute, monetize, amplify, and measure their audio content. In 2022, the Company hosted over 75,000 shows and delivered over 8 billion downloads to listeners globally. Libsyn's <u>AdvertiseCast</u> marketplace combines an industry-leading ad buying and management platform with full-service capabilities that make it easy for podcast advertisers to initiate and manage highly targeted and measurable campaigns on over 3,000 shows. Based in Munich, Germany, Libsyn's <u>Julep Media</u> platform is the leading podcasting hosting platform and advertising marketplace in Europe. Libsyn also powers podcast membership platform, <u>Glow</u>, and web hosting platform, <u>Pair Networks</u>. Visit <u>libsyn.com</u> or <u>investor.libsyn.com</u> for more Company information.

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