



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT





## MISSION STATEMENT

Ohm Radio provides listener-supported, non-profit, non-commercial, locally-produced programming dedicated to serving Charleston, SC with a wide range of community perspectives. We operate in a nonpartisan, nonsectarian manner. We believe that democracy cannot flourish when only a few have access to the media, so we aspire to be a forum for voices and points of view that are underrepresented in our community's existing media. Our goal is to inform and empower listeners to play an active role in Ohm Radio and in the Charleston community. Our programming promotes the arts, equality, peace, sustainability, democracy, health, and social and economic justice. Because we believe that knowledge is power, we work diligently to bring rich educational resources to our listening audience.

## VALUES

The values that guide Ohm Radio as an organization are best characterized as nonpartisan, nonsectarian, democratic, educational, egalitarian, truth seeking, and transparent.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

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**Instagram:** @ohmradio963

**Twitter:** @OhmRadio963

## APP

Find our FREE App in the App Store and Google Play! Just search for "Ohm Radio"

# 2018 RECAP

**32**

DJS AND HOSTS

**2,000**

HOURS OF LOCAL PROGRAMMING

**565**

APP DOWNLOADS

**68,843**

MINUTES STREAMED BY LISTENERS  
IN 12 COUNTRIES

**7**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**86**

DONORS

**17**

UNDERWRITERS

# YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD

2018 Recorded local shows (most shows air twice a week unless otherwise noted)

## **KEEP MOVING CHANGE LANES LATER**

2 hours of music with Charleston DJ Buff Ross Monday through Friday

## **MAIXTAPE WITH MARCUS**

Music with Charleston's Poet Laureate Marcus Amaker

## **UP & ADAM**

The latest progressive rock with DJ Adam Chandler

## **BEGGED BORROWED AND STOLEN**

Local musician Lindsay Holler gives listeners a good dose of Alt Country

## **THE SCIENTIST'S LABORATORY**

An eclectic mix of hip hop to show tunes with DJ Matt Jones

## **RUDEBOI RUNDOWN**

DJ SP the MC spins the latest greatest hip hop from the old school

## **EIGHT TRACKS**

The Yungmans focus on 8 tracks of music linked in often obscure ways

## **MYSTIKK MIX**

An inspiring solid two hours of Jamaican tunes from DJ Mr. Fixx It

## **THE PRESCRIPTION**

Dr. Frols makes it all better with a daily dose of music for the soul

## **BIRDLAND**

Hip hop has a history and DJ Ian Horner takes there with every song

## **DANCING IN THE DARK**

Turn down the lights as you relax with DJ's Matt Williams smooth sounds

## **JAZZ STANDARDS**

Jazz historian Tom Worsdale plays the Great American Soundbook of Jazz





## **WAX ON**

The cutting edge of hip hop and soul “worldwide” from DJ Willie Soul

## **SOUL PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Local DJ Pam Huseby digs into her vinyl collection each week to give us the classics of soul and R&B

## **CALL TO ADVENTURE**

Fascinating conversations with local Charlestonians who have acted when adventure called them, curated by Alex Opolous and John Duckworth

## **LATITUDE 32**

Local journalist Eileen Waldron covers local issues in the low country ranging from the environment to transit

## **2018 RECORDED NATIONAL SHOWS**

**The Paul Leslie Hour** – Leslie ranges wide and deep, interviewing everyone from Willie Nelson to Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg

**Democracy Now!**

**Project Censored**

**Making Contact**

**Woodsongs**

**Rockabilly’n’ Blues**

**Saturday Light Brigade**

**Blues Over Sunrise**

**Blues Before Sunrise**

**Grateful Dead Hour**

# RECORDED AND LIVE DJS AND HOSTS

## LIVE MUSIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING

Ohm DJs interviewed musicians playing local gigs and aired live music sessions in the studio. Show hosts focused on local issues important to the community, from the environment, transportation and race relations. Nonprofits and their community efforts were a particular spotlight on these shows.

Recorded shows: 12 shows with 16 people  
Live shows: 13 shows with 18 people

DJ Name/Show Title	Show Title/ Live Show Host Name
Adam Chandler/Up & Adam	The Lowdown/Eileen Waldron
Matt Wilson/ Dancing in the Dark	The Experience/Caryn Antos
Marcus Amaker/ Mixtape with Marcus	The Experience/Elli Richter
James Frolio/The Prescription	Rudeboi Rundown/Stephen Pond
Clifton Polite/ Mystik Mix 1& 2	9-5 Live/Seth Abramson
Kate Ledbetter/ Easy Does It	9-5 Live/Taylor Czerwinski
Matt Jones/Scientist’s Laboratory	The Main Studio/Vikki Matsis
Hans Teder/ Hans FM	Harris Family Happy Hour/Alex Harris
Maggie Worsdale/Jazz Standards	Harris Family Happy Hour/Vanessa
Tom Worsdale/ Jazz Standards	Just Imagine/Stephanie Hunt
Jeffrey Wilson/Studio Picks	Just Imagine/Eliza Ingle
Jeffrey Cohen/Yoga of Rock n Roll	Dr. Frois Live/ James Frolio
Producer: Bennett Jones, Enough Pie - Jaye Smith/Summer Anderson/Tales from the Manor	Wealth And Wellness/ Marcus Stevenson
	Mic’d Up/Tamika “ Mika” Gadsden
	Soul Preservation Society/Pam Huseby
	Live and Local with Jenna/Jenna Feeney
	Creative Brief/Ivan Lima





# VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Ohm Radio aired two pledge drives in 2018 and also increased the stations live news and public affairs programming.

Both efforts were made possible with a renewed internship and volunteer programs.

Three College of Charleston interns worked at Ohm Radio 10 hours a week in the Fall 2018 semester. Their duties included running the broadcast board for live shows, uploading new music into the system, running the merch table at events and posting events and news on social media. Their final project was conducting their own live interview on air about a subject of their choice.

These students got an inside view of the day to day operation of running a community radio station, and assisted when we moved to a brand new location in October 2018.

The station had numerous volunteers in 2018 including an IT professional who helped us with computer issues. Many volunteers stepped up during our two pledge drives, on the air asking for donations , or helping process the information about donors and sending out pledge prizes.

Station volunteers were also vital to our fundraising events like Jazz Jam and High Water Music Festival, doing everything from hauling tables to serving guests.

Finally, every Ohm DJ and show host is a volunteer and their contribution amounts to nearly 50 hours of local community music and public affairs programming every week !





# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## **VALENTINE'S DAY SINGING TELEGRAMS - FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

Ohm Radio offered singing telegram deliveries for Valentine's Day!

## **OHM RADIO DONOR AND DJ APPRECIATION EVENT AND RELOCATION Q&A - MAY 14, 2018**

Ohm celebrated and thanked DJs, volunteers, supporters, listeners and everyone who helped the radio grow and flourish. Q&A was available to the public for anyone who had questions about our potential move to our new location. Oh and let's not forget: any one who donated time, talent or energy to Ohm got their first beer of the evening complimentary thanks to Edmund's Oast Brewing Company.

## **PICCOLO SPOLETO HARBOR CRUISE WITH OHM RADIO - MAY 31, 2018**

Live vinyl provided this night by Soul Preservation Society and a live music performance by Ward Buckheister of Sol Driven train... on a boat... in the Charleston harbor.

## **OHM RADIO .5K FUN RUN - A RACE FOR THE REST OF US! - JUNE 2, 2018**

A five minute race where registrants received a free beer or ice cream before the start of the race. Prizes were awarded for first and last place, while costumes were encouraged and embraced. Special thanks to Butcher and Bee, The Daily and Workshop for providing gift certificates as prizes for best costume, best relay team and best instigator of fun.

## **TINY POOL PARTY - BENEFIT FOR OHM RADIO - JULY 25, 2018**

A party with tiny pools... what else can we say?

## **NEW STUDIO LAUNCH PARTY! - NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

This was the most exciting day of the year in 2018 for Ohm! We officially opened our studio doors to the public at Workshop. Participants got to tour the new studio, and had the chance to go live on air and record a promo for the station. Visitors got to meet the Ohm team, enjoy beer and food at Workshop, and enjoy Ohm's first live Broadcast from the new location of a performance by the Charleston Symphony Brass Quintet. The four movement piece was paired with four beers chosen by EOBX to coincide with the character of each movement.

*Press Release*

# OHM RADIO EXPANDS WITH NEW STUDIO; LAUNCH PARTY

(Charleston, SC) Ohm Radio, broadcasting at 96.3 FM and streaming at [ohmradio963.org](http://ohmradio963.org), is Charleston's only non-profit, non-commercial community radio station, and Ohm is expanding. The station has just finished a successful move to a new, more accessible, more visible station at Workshop, and will be celebrating that move and a new, expanded schedule of live broadcasting with a Launch Party, Thursday November 8.

"We want our community to know that you have a voice and a choice in media broadcasting," says Ohm co-founder and board chair, Vikki Matsis. "Ohm is a fresh alternative to syndicated radio. We are a listener-supported, grassroots alternative to corporate media conglomerates that may distort the news and don't have our community's best interests at heart."

Live and broadcasting 24/7 since August 2015, Ohm Radio presents music by local, independent and legendary artists, and unites Charleston's diverse community of voices with original and creative programming. With this move to a new studio, the station is poised to expand its original, live programming and broaden its listenership and reach. "This is an exciting time for Ohm, with so much potential to grow," says Matsis.

The board members and broadcast team at Ohm Radio invite the public to a Launch Party event to learn more about Ohm and celebrate our new space and partnership with Workshop. Participants will get to tour the studio, have a chance to go live on the air and record a promo for the station. All are welcome to drop by, meet our team and experience this one-of-a-kind radio station. Ohm's emphasis is all-things local, with volunteer DJs and program hosts.

## **More about the event:**

A New Home for Ohm

Studio Launch Party

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8

4:30-7:30PM

WORKSHOP AT 1503 KING STREET (Pacific Box & Crate)

Free event. Beer and food available for purchase from Workshop vendors

Live music Schedule

5PM- in studio interview and performance by the Loose Hinges

6PM- live performance by the Charleston Symphony Brass Quintet. They will be playing a four-movement piece inspired by four English pubs. The music will be paired with four beers chosen by EOBY to coincide with the character of each movement.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our underwriters and event sponsors. Principle underwriters include: Workshop, Pacific Box & Crate, PMC Commercial Interiors, Bonitz, Interface, Edmunds Oast Brewing Co. Event sponsors and nonprofit partners will be at the event and include:

Queen Street Grocery + Birthdays For all  
Objectivity Squared + Social Venture Partners  
Flipper Finders + Charleston Water Keeper  
Caryn & Elli + Amor Healing Kitchen

96.3 FM  
OHM RADIO

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Free Parking

NEW STUDIO

LAUNCH PARTY!

FREE!

COME AND CELEBRATE

New Home for Ohm

CHARLESTON'S INDEPENDENT RADIO STATION

THURSDAY

NOV. 8

4:30-7:30pm

WORKSHOP

1503 KING STREET

PACIFIC BOX & CRATE

LIVE MUSIC BY THE CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BRASS QUINTET.  
BEER AND FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: FROM WORKSHOP & EOBY VENDORS.

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## TESTIMONIALS AND QUOTES

"Ohm Radio is bringing a plethora of original stories and content as well as good music to the Charleston community. Inspiring, connecting and bringing important issues to the airwaves that move us all forward and together as a community." - *Summer Anderson, Tales from the Manor*

"Ohm Radio fills a vital hole in the Charleston community by offering equipment and expertise to amplify the voices of those who are not often heard." - *Bennett Jones, Tales from the Manor*

"The vibe of the interview and everything leading up to the interview was really chilled. It was almost like being in a bubble to some degree because when the interview was over I forgot I was in a public space... The free flowing structure of the show definitely made me more comfortable and relaxed. Definitely enjoyed my time there and everybody that helped with the show that I was involved in." - *Abstract - That Rapper*

"Ohm Radio has become part of my daily routine of consumption of independent news and music. Even though I don't live in the Charleston area, I tune in through the Ohm app every morning when I'm outside in my garden or getting ready for my day." - *Susan Valentino, Ph.D., Listener and Supporter*

"It's important for Charleston that the voices, art and lived experiences of its residents have a place to be heard. Ohm Radio has provided us with such a place. They are stewards of one of our most valuable resources...community." - *Mika Gadsden, host of Mic'd Up on Ohm*

"Ohm Radio has created more than a platform for local music and artists, but continually fueling a vibrant growing artistic culture." - *Selby Austin, singer and guitarist, Easy Honey*



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Community Volunteer

### **Lindsay Holler**

Singer, Songwriter, Producer

### **Stephanie Hunt**

Writer and Editor

## STAFF MEMBERS

### **Eileen Waldron**

Station Manager

### **James Frolio**

Sound Engineer



# JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Jan - Dec 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Indirect Public Support	
Amazon Contributions	27.23
Total Indirect Public Support	27.23
Direct Public Grants	1,600.00
Government Grants	2,000.00
Direct Public Support	
Fundraising Events	20,363.93
Individual Contributions	11,460.90
Corporate Contributions	4,907.77
Total Direct Public Support	36,732.60
Total Income	40,359.83
Expense	
Facilities and Equipment	
Alarm System	290.00
Equipment	1,530.36
Rent	5,035.00
Facilities and Equipment - Other	255.96
Total Facilities and Equipment	7,111.32
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	520.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	520.00
Business Expenses	
Banking / Merchant Fees	489.07
Business Registration Fees	51.85
Business Expenses - Other	75.00
Total Business Expenses	615.92
Contract Services	
Outside Contract Services	6,130.38
Accounting Fees	400.00
Contract Services - Other	38.86
Total Contract Services	6,569.24
Operations	
Utilities	47.95
Maintenance & Repairs	112.15
Royalties / License Fees	1,716.95
Programming Fees	619.00
File Sharing / Cloud Hosting	429.88
Marketing Materials	390.30
Web Hosting	634.87
Printing and Copying	203.94
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	46.98

	Jan - Dec 18
Supplies	761.51
Postage, Mailing Service	47.35
Total Operations	5,010.88
Travel and Meetings	
Meals	507.47
Travel	139.11
Total Travel and Meetings	646.58
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll Service Fee	558.00
ER Payroll Taxes	1,200.99
Salary	16,500.00
Total Payroll Expenses	18,258.99
Total Expense	38,732.93
Net Ordinary Income	1,626.90
Net Income	1,626.90





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