



## The Synchronesh Resources: Audio Drama Production Guide

A curated list of online tools and resources to help you at every stage of creating your audio drama.

Category	Sub-Topic	Resource & Link	Description
Pre-Production	Overall Guidance	<a href="#">Atypical Artists Resources</a>	A fantastic starting point. Offers free/PWYC handbooks (production, script) and templates (budgets, marketing plans, schedules).
	Script Writing (Craft)	<a href="#">BBC Writersroom</a>	The gold standard. Explore their script library to read real BBC radio play scripts and understand formatting and pacing.
		<a href="#">ADWIT Toolkit</a>	Audio Drama Writers' Toolkit. Practical exercises and advice on writing specifically for audio, including technical aspects.
		<a href="#">Plottr</a>	A visual story-organizing tool that helps writers plan and map out complex narratives, great for serialized audio drama.
	Script Writing (Formatting)	<a href="#">WriterDuet</a>	A powerful, collaborative screenwriting tool. Its free plan is excellent for correctly formatting audio drama scripts.

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Production		<a href="#">Celtx</a>	Cloud-based scriptwriting and pre-production suite with audio drama templates. Useful for those who want script formatting plus scheduling in one place.
	Project Management	<a href="#">Trello</a> or <a href="#">Notion</a>	Essential free tools for organizing your production: tracking tasks, scripts, contact details, and deadlines in one place.
	Directing & Producing	<a href="#">A Producer's Guide to Remote Recording</a>	An excellent, detailed walkthrough of the modern remote recording process from a producer's perspective.
		<a href="#">Cleanfeed</a>	Browser-based remote recording tool designed for high-quality multitrack audio. Widely used by podcasters and audio drama creators.
	Acting & Voiceover	<a href="#">Voiceover Kickstart</a>	Resources and articles on voice acting skills, from home studio setup to performance techniques.
	Casting	<a href="#">Casting Call Club</a> / <a href="#">Voice123</a>	Major platforms for posting casting calls and finding voice actors (CCC is very indie-friendly).
	Assets (SFX & Music)	<a href="#">ZapSplat</a>	Large library of free and affordable sound effects, often used by indie creators.

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		<a href="#">Sound Transit</a>	Collaborative database of location-based sounds from around the world, good for atmospheric realism.
Post-Production	DAW (Editing Software)	<a href="#">Audacity</a>	The best free, open-source audio editing software. Perfect for beginners.
		<a href="#">Reaper</a>	A powerful, customizable Digital Audio Workstation (DAW). Free to try with a very affordable (\$60) personal license.
		<a href="#">Ardour</a>	Open-source DAW, powerful and flexible for Linux/macOS users.
	Sound Design Guide	<a href="#">11th Hour Audio</a> <a href="#">Drama Sound Design</a>	A comprehensive, beginner-friendly guide covering the philosophy and practice of sound design for narrative audio.
Mixing & Mastering		<a href="#">iZotope's Podcast Mixing Tips</a>	Professional tips for cleaning up dialogue, balancing sounds, and creating a polished final mix.
		<a href="#">Youlean Loudness Meter</a>	A <b>free</b> plugin essential for meeting podcast loudness standards (like -16 LUFS). Ensures your final mix is at the correct volume.

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		<a href="#">Loudness Penalty Analyzer</a>	Free online tool to check how mixes will be adjusted on Spotify, YouTube, etc.
Assets (SFX & Music)	Free Sound Effects	<a href="#">Freesound.org</a>	A massive, collaborative database of Creative Commons licensed sounds. <b>Always check the license for each sound.</b>
		<a href="#">BBC Sound Effects</a>	A library of over 16,000 BBC sound effects. Free for personal, educational, and research use.
	Free Music	<a href="#">Free Music Archive (FMA)</a>	A large collection of music from independent artists. <b>Crucial:</b> Filter by specific license (e.g., CC BY) to ensure you can use it.
		<a href="#">YouTube Audio Library</a>	Offers a wide range of high-quality, royalty-free music and sound effects.
		<a href="#">Incompetech</a>	Kevin MacLeod's famous site. All music is free to use with clear, simple attribution. A staple for indie creators.
Community & Learning	General Discussion	<a href="#">r/AudioDrama</a> (Filter by "Resource" flair)	The central hub for fans and creators. A great place to ask questions, get feedback, and discover new resources.
		<a href="#">Suttonelms (Radio Drama Database)</a>	Extensive UK-focused database of radio drama history, scripts, and makers. A key reference

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			point for researchers and creators.
		<a href="#">Audio Drama Production Podcast (ADPP)</a>	Long-running podcast dedicated to the craft and industry of audio drama.
	<b>Community (Discord)</b>	<a href="#">Audio Drama Hub</a> (Invite Link)	A very active Discord server for audio drama creators and fans. Real-time advice, collaboration, and networking.
	<b>Courses &amp; Workshops</b>	<a href="#">The Podcast Host Academy</a>	Offers paid courses on podcasting and audio storytelling, covering advanced production and storytelling techniques.
	<b>Script Sharing &amp; Peer Review</b>	<a href="#">Stage 32</a>	Networking platform for screenwriters and playwrights, also used by audio drama writers to share and review scripts.
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Hosting &amp; Analytics</b>	<a href="#">Podcast Hosting Comparison</a> (by Apple)	A neutral tool from Apple comparing features of different hosting platforms (Buzzsprout, Libsyn, etc.). A vital first step for publishing.
		<a href="#">Podchaser</a>	Like 'IMDb for podcasts.' Useful for audience discovery and networking with reviewers.

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	<b>Marketing &amp; Networking</b>	<a href="#"><u>Podcast Guest Exchange (via MatchMaker.fm)</u></a>	Helps creators find guests and cross-promo partners, useful for marketing audio dramas.

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