



News

Mini Winter School 2021



Winter School 2021 happened at the beginning of the year and what a treat it was!

We had hundreds of registrants from all over the world.

The event embodies everything the ASD aims to do throughout the year: create community, educate and encourage the best possible practice.

Thank you to everyone that took part, to our amazing seminar leaders, our audiences and of course our social event attendees.

A special congratulations to Caoimhe and Dylan on winning the first ever ASD Quiz and Bingo Trophies.

Did you miss it? Don't worry!

Check out the seminar videos on the new [WS 2021 page](#).

COVID-19 Industry Practice

Through the ASD's work with [AAPTLE](#) we are looking at working practice for those who have returned to or undertaken work during the pandemic.

Have you had a really good experience with an employer who undertook their COVID-19 related responsibilities in an exemplary way?

Have you worked for someone who's practice fell short of expectation and H&S

We would love to hear your experiences as we look at a cross section of industry and look to create the next revision of the ABTT Working Guidance 103.

Submissions are anonymous and can be submitted [here](#).

Harmonic Inn Open for Business



Our online social space is open for business on Thursday from 7pm. Join us for audio chat and general silliness with a beverage of your choice. Zoom details can be found on the front page of the [website](#).

Corporate Member News

Session 3 Announced



LACOUSTICS

Join Scott Sugden on **February 17th** as he walks us through understanding line source behaviour for better system optimisation!

This will be the third session in our series and registration is open via the [ASD website](#).

Shure Roundtable discussions



Shure have done some great seminars and discussions over the last year, [this one](#) from last month was a real highlight.

If you've got some time to spare, a look at their [YouTube channel](#) would be a good way to spend it.



Rigging for Entertainment Zoom Session

Part 1 in a free series of online sessions hosted by dBS & delivered by

NRC Level 3 Rigging Supervisor Alan McGregor

In this session we discuss Trusses & Slings

Different types, their correct use as well as what to avoid

There will also be a Q&A section, your chance to ask Alan your rigging questions

To sign up for this free session please email staff@dBS-Solutions.co.uk with the subject "Rigging"

**Feb 8th
13:00**



 dead hang rigging

dBS are excited to announce the first of several online sessions discussing rigging for entertainment with NRC rigging supervisor Alan McGregor. In these free sessions, Alan will discuss truss, strops steels, and their uses as well as some things to avoid. There will be a chance to ask questions as well as feedback on what you would like the other rigging sessions to cover. Click [here](#) for more details.

Hardware, Software and Sounds

Sennheiser HD 250BT



These new bluetooth speakers from Sennheiser look great and at £60ish, they're affordable too. They boast 25hrs battery life and are controllable via the Smart Control app. Read more [here](#).

Klang: Kontroller



Announced at NAAM 2021, the KLANG: Kontroller is the next step in immersive IEM mixes. With a whole host of features, the unit promise fast and intuitive tactile control for all KLANG immersive in-ear mixing processors. It even boasts a set of fully digital binaural ambience microphones that can handle up to 130db, so you can stay aware of everything happening in the rehearsal room. Find our what Headliner thought [here](#).

BBC Soundscapes for Wellbeing



[This project](#) from the BBC is a great opportunity to play in their nature sound archives and build your own natural soundscape. It is in conjunction with the University of Exeter and there is the opportunity to join in with their studies to see how exposure to virtual nature affects our moods [here](#).

Interesting Reading

Looking for a way to make quizzes a bit more exciting at home? Check out the QLab-Cookbook for a [fingers on buzzers tutorial!](#)

Fun little craft activity from ProTools Expert: how to turn a phone into a low-fi mic. Read and watch the whole article [here](#).

This article from Hackaday investigates how Nintendo mastered the dual screen while other games companies concentrated on graphics, find out how it paid off [here](#).



Looking forward to the Easter Holidays? With the news full of Staycation talk, get in early and secure a gorgeous cottage with a discount via the ASD benefits microsite.

[Log into](#) your profile and follow the links to the Collage Breaks page.

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