

VICE Media Group Names Charles Raggio as Vice President of Audio

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, December 2022 - VICE Media Group, the global multi-platform media organization, today announces the addition of Charles Raggio as the new Vice President of Audio.

Raggio – who joins from Consequence of Sound, an independent online magazine featuring news, editorials, and reviews of music, movies, and television – will be the ambassador for VICE Media Group’s audio content in the podcast and wider audio marketplace, responsible for the development and execution of the creative and editorial vision, as well as the business strategy. Working across the global youth media organization, Raggio will oversee audio strategy across all VICE Media Group brands including VICE News, VICE World News, Refinery29, i-D, VICE Digital, VICE TV, and Virtue, focusing on locations where VMG has active audio projects including the United States, United Kingdom, Latam, Japan, and India.

Announcing the hire, *Jesse Angelo, President, Global News and Entertainment, VICE Media Group* said, “This is an exciting time for growth and expansion within VICE Audio. Charles has the right combination of editorial experience, commercial know-how, and creative thinking to grow our global Audio business. I have no doubt that Charles will have a big impact here and fit well with our journalism, our brands, and our people.”

“There is no other media company like VICE and it's a dream to join a brand that I've been a fan of for a decade and a half,” says Raggio. “I'm beyond excited to help grow and amplify existing prestige properties, shows, and series globally, and to have the chance to work with world-class editorial and commercial teams to develop and distribute new original audio content that will be important to a hugely passionate audience. I may have a hard time tuning down my fandom, and I might not try.”

Raggio began his career as an artist manager and record label co-founder before moving to digital audio and brand partnerships. In previous positions at Consequence of Sound, TuneIn, and Pandora, Charles built teams and executive produced original and branded podcasts, custom digital radio stations, and led the audio extension of major music festivals, including *South by Southwest, Firefly, Newport Folk Fest, Shaky Knees, Outside Lands, and Stagecoach*. Most recently at Consequence, Raggio helped grow and migrate the Consequence Podcast Network with multiple pods hitting the top of the charts. Charles has created exclusive audio content partnerships for Lexus, SONOS, Red Bull, Toyota, Bose, MasterCard, T-Mobile, and US Bank.

Raggio will be based in VICE’s Los Angeles offices and report into Brooklyn based Jesse Angelo, President of Global News and Entertainment.

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ABOUT VICE MEDIA GROUP

VICE Media Group is a global multi-platform media company. Launched in 1994, VICE has offices in 25 countries across the globe with a focus on five key businesses: VICE.com, an award-winning international network of digital content; VICE STUDIOS, a feature film and television production studio; VICE TV, an Emmy-winning international television network; a Peabody award-winning NEWS division with the most Emmy-awarded nightly news broadcast; and VIRTUE, a global, full-service creative agency. VICE Media Group's portfolio includes Refinery29, the leading global media and entertainment company focused on women; Pulse Films, a London-based next-generation production studio with outposts in Los Angeles, New York, Paris and Berlin; and i-D, a global digital and quarterly style bible defining fashion and contemporary culture and design.