

Shelter in Place podcast // *press kit*

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// Introduction

Tagline: reimagining life through creativity and community.

Genre: narrative nonfiction / personal journal (blend of memoir and interviews)

Availability: [iTunes](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or wherever you listen.

Website: shelterinplacepodcast.org

// Summary

Shelter in Place is a podcast about coming together in a world that pulls us apart. In a time when the only constant is change, we long to find purpose and connection--but not another reason to be on our screens. With a musician's ear, a writer's pen, and a voice that invites you in, Laura Joyce Davis examines life's timely events and timeless questions. Through open-hearted memoir and authentic conversations, Shelter in Place invites listeners into a better normal: seeking not just safety, but a place that everyone can call home.

// Writer & host

Laura Joyce is an award-winning fiction writer and podcaster, the founder and president of the Kasama Collective podcast training program, and the host and Executive Producer of Shelter in Place, which won the Changing the World One Moment at a Time Award at the 2021 International Women's Podcast Awards. Her writing has been recognized with a Fulbright scholarship, a Poets and Writers Exchange Award, Pushcart Prize nominations, and occasional praise from her three children, who believe that anything is possible with a good book, a cape, and a crown (she doesn't disagree). She's been featured in interviews with Emerging Form, Out There, @Sea, Future Hindsight, The Pod Broads, and elsewhere.

// Production

Award-winning vocal quality and production values:

// Season two episode "Hyphenated Identity" is a Golden Crane Award honorable mention winner (December 2021)

// Shelter in Place S2 episode, “An Affront to Zeus,” won the “changing the world one moment at a time” category at the International Women’s Podcast Awards.

// Shelter in Place was a finalist for the Descript Studio Sound awards (2021).

// From March to July of 2020, Laura wrote, recorded, and produced 100+ episodes for [season one](#) of Shelter in Place from her backyard studio in Oakland, California.

// The [five-minute trailer](#) she produced for her previous podcast project, MisInformed, was a finalist for WNYC’s podcast accelerator contest (2019).

// Team

Sarah Edgell // Design Director

- Broad career spanning interior, textile, graphic, & web design
- Clients include Denver Symphony, Mizel Museum, Babi Yar Park, and ColonTown
- Chief hiker, cheerful dissenter, chihuahua handler

Nate Davis // Creative Director

- Radio Mercury Award winner
- 15-year advertising survivor with occasional writing awards
- In-house writing experience from tech to construction to insurance
- Brand definer, episode ideator, road biker, Covid-mullet grower

Melissa Lent // project manager

- Winter 2021 Kasama Collective training program grad; co-writer for Golden Crane Awards honorable mention “hyphenated identity”
- Current day job as multimedia specialist at the Center for an Urban Future
- Polyglot, lifetime New Yorker, exceptional smile-giver.

// Testimonials

“Bingeworthy! Shelter in Place is a truly lovely listen! Laura is a fantastic writer, and although the subject matter is complex, I find myself relaxed listening to her tell stories. This podcast covers a wide range of timely topics, and is creative, entertaining, engaging, and relatable. I highly recommend it!”

—**Taylor Leigh Fraser** // [Emmy-winning journalist](#); Host, [Foreward podcast](#)

“Shelter in Place is a podcast that really matters. I loved how thoughtful and contemplative and curious and wonder-full Laura Davis is in her musings. And yes, authentic. And so, so human. Both practical and philosophical—I love this podcast.”

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer //

Celebrated [poet](#); Cohost, [Emerging Form](#) podcast; Season one, [episode 50](#) guest

“Fascinating and entertaining; a softer voice bringing out the points, non-judgmental, letting the story breathe.... As you so eloquently said, we are common travelers trying to find common ground and a healing place.”

—**Neil Pinkham** //

Chief Operating Officer, [Able Shepherd](#); Season two, [episode 5](#) guest

“What I love most about Shelter in Place are the ways in which Davis draws us into her world by painting vivid scenes and dialogue, reflecting on the larger meaning of a run through the woods or an embarrassing moment when her kids steal plums off a neighbor's tree. She weaves those personal stories into the larger context of what we are all going through: the pandemic, the divided country, the racial protests, climate change. Amazingly, none of this is forced; listen closely and you'll hear the memoirist, the novelist, guiding it all with a very skilled hand.”

—**Elaine Grant** // Partner, [Podcast Allies](#); Producer, [Business Wars Daily](#)

“Shelter in Place is a podcast that captures so many resonant feelings, challenges and experiences from the COVID-19 pandemic. After a few episodes, Laura Joyce Davis felt like an old friend. Even during the darkest moments, she always finds a glimmer of genuine hope. She's a thoughtful and generous host, and is the reason Shelter in Place has become one of my favorite podcasts.”

—**Christie Aschwanden** //

Bestselling author of [Good to Go](#); Cohost, [Emerging Form](#) podcast

“Each episode strikes the perfect balance of being both grounding and thought provoking. By bringing her whole self to each episode, being honest and vulnerable about life's challenges, Laura helps me feel less alone in my experiences and struggles in a world that is increasingly difficult to navigate. I am a better coach as a result of time listening to Shelter in Place, and am extremely grateful for that.”

—**Jesselle Miura** // [Leadership coach](#), JM Squared Consulting

“Laura's Shelter in Place podcast brings the intimacy and connection we want into the storytelling space of our shared virtual reality. Each episode highlights our humanity through intimate conversations that reflect the lovingkindness needed to heal our society.”

—**Edissa Nicolás-Huntsman** //

Writer & Founder, [Karma Compass](#); Season one, [episode 93](#) guest

“The pandemic has put all of us in very painful realities that many of us didn't know how to handle. What the pandemic has also done is provide a space for fresh voices to arise and teach us creative, wholesome, and charitable ways to come together in deep and meaningful ways.”

“Shelter in Place has become its own mental shelter where I find fresh courage to press on and live an expansive life of care and empathy to myself, the people I love, and the communities I live in.”

—**Muoki Musau** // [Realtor](#), theologian; Season one, [episode 67](#) guest

“Shelter in Place provides a cozy audio space for thoughtful respite and reflection. Laura Joyce Davis' engaging narration is reminiscent of writer Cheryl Strayed, her interviews with intriguing individuals from across the thought spectrum calling to mind iconic radio hosts like Terry Gross and Anna Sale. Shelter in Place is a must-listen!”

—**Georgia Wright** // Host, [Inherited podcast](#); Season two, [episode 6](#) guest

“I had the pleasure of being interviewed on this amazing podcast! Immediately, I felt at home as if I was talking with an old friend. Laura Davis is truly pushing the ball forward with honesty, thoughtfulness and a genuine desire to highlight subject matters that run the gamut. Highly recommended and it was an honor to be a part of this sweet space.”

—**Miko Marks** // [Acclaimed musician](#); Season one, [episode 65](#) guest

// Reviews

☆☆☆☆☆ “An uplifting fusion of art and honesty, full of insights into our strange cultural moment.” —jsk75gate

☆☆☆☆☆ “If the story doesn’t get you, her voice will.” —jojofrat

☆☆☆☆☆ “Her podcast brilliantly makes the case for why art, and not just doctors, will save us.” —allisonhoward08

☆☆☆☆☆ “Telling genuine stories with heart, Laura is a joy to listen to.” —Racqustar

☆☆☆☆☆ “The best of what podcasting can be: easy enough to consume length-wise, but challenging to digest internally because it rearranges your mental maps of the world.” —eduszynski

☆☆☆☆☆ “This podcast is restorative in a way that a call to a good friend can be” —KatieQuirk

☆☆☆☆☆ “A daily reminder of how our fragile, grubby hands can hold hope” —J. Sheedy

☆☆☆☆☆ “Laura combines thoughtful reflection, relevant research and writing, and a refreshing perspective on these challenging times.” —JesselleM

☆☆☆☆☆ “A quick, intimate cross between TED talks and Chicken Soup for the Soul” —Donovan101

Read the other 60+ reviews [on iTunes](#).