



STOLEN WATER MEDIA, LLC

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Mike Rhyner's Stolen Water Media Celebrates Two Years of Independent Audio Innovation, Launches New Digital Platform

DALLAS (April 20, 2026) — Stolen Water Media, LLC, an independent podcast production and distribution company founded by DFW radio legend Mike Rhyner, is proud to celebrate its second anniversary this May, marking two years of creative growth, successful partnerships, and original programming that continues to expand the boundaries of independent media.

Weight of Stolen Water Media

Founded in 2024, Stolen Water Media has quickly become a dynamic force in the Dallas-Fort Worth podcast and streaming landscape, producing and distributing a diverse mix of podcasts aimed at listeners and viewers who crave authentic voices and compelling storytelling. Its current network, known as The Sunset Lounge DFW, includes:

- **¡Al Máximo!** (hosts: **Victor Villalba & Carlos Nava**)— Victor and Carlos bring the best of two longtime friends, discussing the ups and downs of the Dallas sports scene. But the whole wild, wild world of sports is also on tap! These two bring it all in their quirky, entertaining way, all in Spanish.
- **Beer 30 Sports O’Clock** (host: **Ziggy & Brianna Padgett**)— Where love of the game meets love of a good brew. A fired-up fan with the perspective of a barstool analyst, Ziggy breaks down the action from the sports world, and with Bri’s rotating lineup of craft beers, B30SO keeps things unfiltered and unpredictable. B30SO isn’t just a show—it’s a movement.
- **The Clubhouse Podcast** (hosts: **Rob Ervin, Alex Barhill & Don Ford**)— The one-stop shop for all things sports, pop culture, entertainment and pro wrestling! Since 2010, The Clubhouse has brought its knowledge and passion for these subjects, and so much more, in a way that is entertaining and engaging. It’s a family-friendly show, so it’s okay to sit down with grandma and be part of all their shenanigans!
- **Engel Angle** (host: **Mac Engel**)— The Engel Angle is a combination of commentary on sports, entertainment, pop culture, family and featured guests. Mac brings his hot sports opinions on all things life—from his angle.
- **Just Wondering...with Norm Hitzges**— After 48 continuous years on the air in Dallas, Norm Hitzges ranks as a sports-talk legend. Now begins his next chapter with "Just Wondering...with Norm Hitzges." From major interviews to waxing philosophical, join Norm as he talks sports, travel, life, or...anything he's just wondering about.
- **Signal 51 Chronicles** (hosts: **Jake White & John Henry**)— Signal 51: a law enforcement radio code that announces an investigation. Signal 51 Chronicles is a true crime podcast in which Jake White and John Henry open the investigations into unsolved criminal cases. Jake breaks down law enforcement's original investigation, while John provides the story of the victims, families, law enforcement and the suspects.
- **Sunset Soccer Club** (host: **Tyler Kern**)— The Sunset Soccer Club is for everyone. Whether people tune in once every four years for the World

Cup or are diehard year-round fans, there's no wrong way to soccer.

Tyler's goal is to create a place where everyone can enjoy discussing the game in all its glory.

- **Your Dark Companion** (hosts: **Mike Rhyner & Michael “Grubes” Gruber**)—Your Dark Companion couples familiar friends from The Ticket and The Freak. Grubes throws an occasional grenade, while Mike brings his classic conversations with fascinating acquaintances and friends—old and new—telling stories that make the audience laugh, think differently, or just entertain.

All podcasts available on: (video) **StolenWaterMedia.com, YouTube**, (audio) **Apple, iHeart, Amazon Music/Audible, Spotify, Overcast, Pandora, Pocket Casts, Podcast Addict, Player FM, Listen Notes, Castro, Goodpods, Metacast... wherever you get your favorite podcasts.**

Among its most recognized shows is Your Dark Companion, hosted by legendary broadcaster Mike Rhyner, who founded The Ticket 1310 AM/ 96.7 FM in 1994, alongside longtime producer Michael “Grubes” Gruber. Together, the duo has built one of the region's most uniquely personal and talked-about multimedia experiences, blending humor and honesty, the kind of chemistry only time and talent can produce.

Home base

In conjunction with its anniversary, Stolen Water Media is launching a new online home at www.StolenWaterMedia.com, a centralized platform for its audience to explore The Sunset Lounge's full range of shows, access exclusive content, and engage directly with the creative team.

“This second anniversary is a huge milestone for everyone involved,” said Mike Rhyner. “What started as a handful of ideas in a studio has become a place where creators and audiences connect in real, meaningful ways. That’s exactly what we hoped for.”

“Independent media thrives when people believe in it,” added Grubes. “Stolen Water Media has been built by people who are easy to believe in — with conversations that are real, smart and sometimes a little weird. The new site is a reflection of that energy.”

Future exploration

As Stolen Water Media moves into its third year, the company plans to expand its listener base, develop new programming, and explore live events and collaborative productions that showcase a signature mix of personal stories, music deep dives and cultural commentary, plus collaborative projects that highlight Dallas talent across music, media, entertainment and sports.

“Two years in, and we’re still having a blast doing it our way,” Grubes added. “The fans who’ve followed us from the beginning made this all possible. Every download, every livestream, every message—we see it all, and it means everything.”

Rhyner shares this reflection, “Year three is about deepening the connection. That’s what this whole thing was built on.”

For more information, visit www.StolenWaterMedia.com and follow on social media @SunsetLoungeDFW and @YourDarkCompanion.

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