

# **Brett Petersel**

**Founder and Creator of AlleyWatch at**

New York, NY, US

Serial Entrepreneur; Founder of AlleyWatch; Digital / Social Media Strategist

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## **Biography**

Brett Petersel is a marketing leader who has a proven track record running digital, social media, and interactive marketing programs for/with artists and brands such as Mashable, Atari Teenage Riot, #GivingTuesday and The Next Web.

Brett is also the Founder of AlleyWatch, an online publication dedicated to the New York startup scene that he created in 2011. As an event organizer focused on the New York tech scene since 2006 with such events as Lunch 2.0, Digital Somethings and NextWeb, Brett launched AlleyWatch to provide a foundation online for New York's tech communities to connect and learn about/from each other.

His work in the media space has been both featured and recognized by the Huffington Post, BizBash, Cnet, We Are NYC Tech, TechCrunch, NYConvergence, Nylon Men's Magazine, Samsung, Zemoga, and Business Insider as well as by/on Techweek's Top 100 for 2015. He is a leader in the space, and is a social innovator and recognized communications expert for start-ups, celebrities and established companies around the world.

Before entering the online media/startup space, Brett worked as a schoolteacher in both the Long Island and New York City public schools. He holds a BS in Elementary Education and a MS in Special Education in addition to participating in marketing and entrepreneurship education programs from New York Institute of Technology.

Speaking Experience:

140 Conference (Barcelona), Blog World, Internet Week New York, LikeableU, Mobile World Congress, New Media Expo, Social Media Week, Spa Week, SXSW, TECHmunch, Ultra Light Startups

Featured In:

?Nylon Men (Magazine), The Huffington Post, We Are NY Tech, Samsung, BizBash, Silicon Alley Insider, Business Insider, Limelight, and Mashable.

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## **Availability**

Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Social Media, Media - Online, Events Services, Advertising/Marketing, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing, Media - Broadcast, Publishing, Entertainment, Fund-Raising

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Community Management, Online Communities, Events, News & Digital Media, News Writing, News Media, Music and Entertainment Industry, Media & Entertainment, Marketing & Branding

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## **Affiliations**

AlleyWatch, Penguin Random House, The Next Web, Mashable

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## **Sample Talks**

### **Ultra Light Startups**

Ultra Light Startups is a community dedicated to helping technology startups grow their businesses and become successful. The community is built around monthly startup-investor pitch events in New York and Boston. At these events, about 8-10 startups pitch to a panel of early stage technology investors, who give advice and feedback. Events draw an audience from across the technology startup ecosystem (investors, founders, service providers, representatives from innovative large companies/brands, and aspiring entrepreneurs). Ultra Light Startups is the #1 startup-investor pitch event in New York and Boston. It is the best place to discover new startups and to get discovered.

### **SXSW: Don't Stop Believin: Singing our Way to Changing the World**

“Karaoke came on like a ninja...stealthily entering North American pubs and Koreatowns. But it wasn't here to entertain, no. Karaoke came to unite us in song. In fact, Karaoke is a core part of our reMix culture and this panel will show you how. This stellar group of speakers (some of whom wrote books on the subject) will uncover the real impetus behind the karaoke revolution.”

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Dont Stop Believin: How Karaoke is Going to Change the World**

South by South West

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## **Education**

### **Long Island University - C.W Post**

B.S.Ed Elementary Education

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M.S.Ed Reading and Special Education

### **New York Institute of Technology**

M.B.A Marketing and Entrepreneurship

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## **Accomplishments**

## **Alley Watch**

I created/founded AlleyWatch in September 2011.

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