

WHO:

Popular film and television actor and political enthusiast, Sean Astin has just launched a crowd funding effort to raise \$30,000 from Kickstarter to take his [Vox Populi](#) online political radio show to the next level. With the government shut down, average people are looking at elected officials and wondering why they aren't communicating. Astin's show is an example of how that can be effectively done.

WHAT:

The weekly show (Broadcast on the Toad--Hop Network) brilliantly matches guests with opposing viewpoints. **The premise of the show is to use civil discourse to explore often hot button topics. Sean expertly interviews notable subjects while effortlessly guiding the broader conversation, creating a unique model for political talk radio**. Currently he has completed thirty-five 2 hour shows with 12,000-15,000 loyal listeners each week. The KickStarter, once funded, will help create a more fully produced listening and viewing experience, continuing the important conversations which cover politics, government and world events.

WHEN:

October 1, 2013 through October 30, 2013

WHERE:

Astin's Kickstarter fund can be found here: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1537018232/vox-populi-voice-of-the-occasionally-interested-person>

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About Sean Astin: Sean Astin (born February 25, 1971) is an American film actor, director, voice artist, and producer best known for his film roles as 'Samwise Gamgee' in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, 'Mikey Walsh' in "The Goonies," and the title character of "Rudy." In television, he appeared as 'Lynn McGill' in the fifth season of "24" and currently voices 'Raphael' in the Nickelodeon "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" TV series. Astin is currently in production for the much anticipated series "The Strain" for FX based on Guillermo del Toro's Novel Series.