



Over My Shoulder Foundation (OMSF) is a non-profit organization co-founded by Patti Austin and Dawn Carroll to promote mentoring and Mentorology through music and design. Over My Shoulder Foundation hails Mentorology, the art and science of mentoring, as the number-one priority as they move forward producing live events which bring together industry leaders in order to pay tribute to great mentors and put the spotlight on the importance of mentoring.

Think of “**Mentoring**”, “**Music**” and “**Design**” together.

Now envision **Over My Shoulder Foundation** uniting those worlds.

From LA to Boston, Berlin and beyond, Over My Shoulder Foundation Co-Founders Dawn Carroll and Patti Austin have been sharing the mentoring message of Designing the Next Generation in 2013.



DESIGN BLOGGERS CONFERENCE IN LA

OMSF’s international conversation about mentoring in the design world, **Designing the Next Generation**, got Dawn and Patti invited as Design Bloggers Conference guest speakers March 3-5, 2013 at Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City. [read more](#)



BOSTON WOMEN IN MEDIA AND DESIGN

Dawn Carroll was elected to Boston Women in Media and Design’s board as Vice President of Mentoring and Inclusion. [read more](#)



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS (ASID) RECOGNITION

ASID New England Chapter Annual Awards Gala donated a portion of proceeds to OMSF for mentoring efforts and community service on March 21, 2013 at Mandarin Oriental in Boston’s Back Bay neighborhood. [read more](#)



LEADERS OF DESIGN COUNCIL (LDC) CONFERENCE IN BERLIN, GERMANY

OMSF Co-Founders Patti Austin and Dawn Carroll attended the LDC Conference in Berlin, Germany at the Hotel de Rome from April 3-5, 2013. They dazzled with their mentoring message and Patti even performed the song *Lean on Me*. [read more](#)



HOLLYWOOD BOWL IN LA

Patti Austin will be inducted into the Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame on June 22, 2013 along with John Legend, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry. On that night, Patti will perform the song that started OMSF on the path of the mentoring work. [read more](#)

Here are some other Over My Shoulder Foundation accomplishments in mentoring, music and design ...



OMSF partnered with CUMAR Marble & Granite to create The Boston Globe’s Design New England Magazine MIDDIE (Mentors in Design) awards. **The MIDDIES** salute design professionals in interior design, architecture, building, landscape design, and related fields, who share their time, expertise, and wisdom with the next generation.



OMSF launched the inaugural “**Designing the Next Generation**” event in 2012 with Cumar Marble and Granite to expand the mentoring conversation nationally. The Inspirational Evening of Mentoring Story and Song at the Liberty Hotel in Boston featured speakers Stephen Powell (Executive Director, Mentoring USA), Ted Fujimoto (Founder, The Right to Succeed Foundation) and keynote speaker Attorney Richard Dyer who was introduced by Attorney Gary Greenberg of GreenbergTruarig.

Rick Dyer presented former Presidential Candidate, Governor Michael Dukakis, with a stunning award designed by Cumar Inc. thanking him for the mentoring that allowed him to turn his life around. The audience was graced with beautiful musical performances by Patti Austin, Charlie Farren, Robin Lane, Hal Lebeaux and Julie Silver.



OMSF partnered with well-known design brands like the prestigious **Poggenpohl** kitchen design studios and **Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams** furniture showrooms in 2012 to promote mentoring in design. The events are just a hint of what is to come nationally as individuals from the worlds of mentoring, music and design are gathering to recognize the importance of Mentorology and help OMSF spread the concept for future generations.



One little song called *Over My Shoulder* has brought the world a little closer and has us all paying close attention to mentoring. The mentoring song was written by Dawn Carroll, Charlie Farren, Brynn Arens and Barry Orms. It was first performed by Patti Austin and her mentee, Lianna Gutierrez, as a duet. The message of the song is to mentor, whether older to younger or the other way around – mentoring knows no age.

Watch Patti and Lianna perform *Over My Shoulder* [here](#).