



PANELS & EVENTS
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JAPANESE ARCADE
COSPLAY CONTEST
TABLETOP GAMING



SEPTEMBER 25-27

### WELCOME

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

### CHAIR'S NOTE - DAMARRA A.

I'm keeping it short, folks. I am incredibly sad about this being Anime Fusion's final year, as things currently stand. You can find my more in-depth statement and insights about it on our website if desired.

BUT. I don't want to focus on that right now. I want to focus on this year; this event, this space that we're all in right now, together. I want to focus on *being* together, on everything we've shared, everything we've built, and all the memories and experiences that came as a result.

And that's what I want you to focus on this weekend, too. Love ya'll.



### **GET FEATURED!**

Posting to social media? Use our official hashtags! #AnimeFusion2025 #AF2025 #Mechs&Madness #M&M2025

Tag @AnimeFusionCon (on all social media) and use hashtag #FusionFeature2025 for a chance to have your photos featured on our Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky! Follow us on our socials for con updates, community information, and anime news!

### BASIC RULES

- Don't break the hotel! Signs may only be posted using blue painter's tape.
- Be kind to your fellow attendees. Keep the hallways clear, watch out for large props and trailing costumes, and ask permission before taking photos.
- No sleeping in <u>any</u> convention spaces. No exceptions.
- No real weapons! Live steel is not allowed anywhere in the hotel, even if peace-bonded.
   Prop guns must be clearly identifiable as props on sight (i.e. marked with orange tips).
- Anime Fusion is an all-ages event. Please be mindful of your language and surroundings, and be considerate to everyone around you.
- Alcohol cannot be carried openly or brought into convention spaces.
- If it's illegal outside the convention, it's illegal inside the convention.
- Our complete costume policy, weapons policy, and harassment policy can also be found online at www.animefusion.net.

### **CLOTHING & COSPLAY**

 Anime Fusion is an all-ages event: All clothing worn in convention space must be appropriate for our overall PG-13 rating.

- Clothing printed with pornographic imagery, including "ahegao" print, is not permitted.
- The "bikini" areas of the body must be covered by solid material that is not see-through. This includes the entire buttocks and breast area, FOR ALL GENDERS. Attendees who are not sufficiently covered may be asked to change clothes. Nonclothing items that can be easily lost, such as towels, are not considered sufficient covering.
- All pieces of a costume must remain in the cosplayer's control at all times. No glitter, flower petals, or anything else that might flake off and create a mess unless it has been <u>permanently</u> secured to the costume.
- Costumes must be safe for a crowded public space.
   No sharp edges or sharpened points. Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Anime Fusion is committed to providing a comfortable environment for its attendees.
   Attendees displaying symbols, text, or imagery that is deemed hateful or offensive may be asked to remove those items. Law enforcement uniforms that are realistic enough to cause potential confusion are not permitted.
- Out of respect for those who have lost loved ones, we ask that you not wear clothing or carry signs that make light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### HARASSMENT POLICY

We do not tolerate harassment in any form. Harassment includes offensive verbal or written comments, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, unwelcome photography or recording, sustained disruption of panels or other events, inappropriate physical contact, unwelcome emails or social media content, and unwelcome attention.

Certain clothing, text on clothing, signs, or behaviors that could be considered hate speech may also constitute harassment, even if not directed toward a specific individual. Attendees asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. <u>Violators may be expelled from the convention without a refund</u>.

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have related concerns, please contact a staff member immediately.

### PARKING INFO

The Crowne Plaza has a surface lot and a two-story parking ramp on the hotel property, along with the athletic club parking area around the back of the hotel. The Crowne has also obtained permission from the city of Plymouth for attendees to park on Xenium Lane, between Campus Drive and 34th Avenue (on the west side of the road).

Attendees may also park in the Atria building's lot, with restricted hours allowed between 7 AM and 11 PM. Cars remaining after 11 PM are subject to possibly being towed at owner's expense.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

COPENHAGEN ROOM

Friday: 9 AM - 9 PM Saturday: 9 AM - 9 PM Sunday: 9 AM - 1 PM

### ACCESSIBILITY + PATRON PICKUP STARTS AT 8:45 AM DAILY

### BADGE PICK-UP:

Identification is required to pickup a pre-registered membership badge. Attendees who are 18 years or older must show a government-issued ID with their birthdate and photo to pick up their badge. If you are under 18 and do not have a way to verify your identity, a parent or guardian over the age of 18 can pick it up for you.

Anime Fusion reserves the right to not issue a badge to anyone who cannot prove their identity.

In the event that your pre-registration is not found in our records, proof of payment such as a PayPal receipt will help us issue your badge.

Pre-registered attendees can pick up their badges in Operations when Registration is closed.

Please note that a photo ID is still required to enter 18+ events; your convention badge is not enough to attend adult programming.

### WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS:

If you did not pre-register, you may purchase a badge at the convention. Both weekend memberships and day passes are available at Registration during normal operating hours.

Day passes are valid until 9:00 AM the following day. Outside of Registration hours, full weekend badges can be purchased in Operations.

Day passes are not available after hours.

### AT-CON REGISTRATION RATES:

FULL WEEKEND FRIDAY ONLY
Adult: \$60 Child: \$30 Adult: \$40

SATURDAY ONLY SUNDAY ONLY

Adult: \$45 Adult: \$25

### **SHOPPING PASS**

\$20 - valid on day of purchase only

### **BADGE REPLACEMENTS:**

Your membership badge has value and should be taken care of like money or an ID. If you lose your badge, you can purchase a replacement at Registration for a \$20 fee

We do not offer refunds if your original badge is found, so we recommend checking with Operations and the hotel front desk to see if anyone has turned in a lost badge before you purchase a new one.

### PATRONS:

Thank you for your support! Please make sure to stop by the Anime Fusion Merchandise table in the Dealers Room to pick up your T-shirt and goodie bag.

#### TRANSFERS:

Your convention badge is a registered membership, not a ticket. You may not give your badge to anyone else or allow anyone else to use it. If you need to transfer your membership to someone else, you can do so at the Registration desk during normal operating hours. Transfers cannot be processed after hours or for badges that have already been picked up.

### ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

- We will have a sign at the lobby with guidance for Registration lines to help with clarity for attendees.
- Reg will have Accessibility + Patron hours for badge pick-up 15 minutes prior to regular operating hours.
- Folks with accessibility needs and considerations will also have a separate line and queue option for picking up their badge.
- We will have badge ribbons with certain signifiers for those with accessibility considerations. These will be available at Registration.
- We will have food sensitivity notifications available at Con Fuel for attendees.
- We will have awareness sheets at the entrance to our panel rooms to inform people of what they can expect from certain activities.
- We will have awareness sheets posted outside of each room party to notify people of sensitivity considerations.

### OPERATIONS & SAFETY VISTA ROOM

Friday: 9 AM - 2:30 AM Saturday: 9 AM - 2:30 AM Sunday: 9 AM - 6 PM



Lost something? Got a question? Need help from staff? Operations is the convention's main source for general info, after-hours badge pickup, and the Lost & Found. If you can't make it down to the Vista room to see us, scan our handy dandy QR code to submit a lost item report, to notify us of any issues, or to ask your questions.

Please note lost and found items are kept in storage from year to year - if you think you've misplaced something from years prior please stop by and check! This excludes any unsealed containers of liquid, or loose glitter - this prohibited item will go straight in the trash.

As you're wandering the halls, keep an eye out for the black Staff badges or the brightly colored vests of our Safety team for help and information!

If you ever feel unsafe at the convention and there are no staff members around, you can contact us at (612) 547-8224 for immediate assistance.

This convention emergency hotline is printed on the back of every Anime Fusion membership badge and is a direct line to Operations. It accepts calls *and* text messages.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

### CON FIIFI

### CONFERENCE ROOM E

Friday: 1 PM - 12 AM Saturday: 10 AM - 12 AM Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Con Fuel is where we serve our attendees FREE rice, ramen, snacks, and various thirst-quenching beverages.

Due to the risk of transmissible illnesses, we firmly request that everyone make use of the hand sanitizer available in the room when you enter, prior to touching anything on the line.

Please pay attention to any signs, and clear the tables when you're finished so that everyone can experience a clean and pleasant eating area.

- Sleeping is not allowed in Con Fuel.
- Everybody is expected to pick up after themselves.
- Please alert staff members of any spills immediately.
- Any personal items left in Con Fuel will be taken to Operations immediately, so always start your search there.

As always, please remember that Con Fuel should not be where you get all your food: Con Fuel is meant to help sustain you, but you should have plans for other meal options. Consider ordering out, going to a local restaurant, or bringing food with you.

### CONCESSIONS KIOSK MAIN LEVEL

Friday: 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM Saturday: 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

The Crowne Plaza operates a concessions stand outside Conference Rooms D and E where they offer a variety of items for sale, such as hot dogs, chili, pizza (simple varieties), popcorn, and chicken fingers. Toppings and condiments include cheese, onions, ketchup, mustard, bbg sauce, and mayo. A variety of sodas and drink options are also available. Napkins and utensils are provided.

### **VOLUNTEERS** REACTOR LOUNGE (FIRESIDE)

Friday: 3 PM - 10 PM

Saturday: 11 AM - 10 PM Sunday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Interested in helping out? Want to ensure a smooth experience for your fellow congoers? As an at-con volunteer, you often check badges to keep our convention secure, serve food to the other attendees in Con Fuel, or help out in other areas where needed.

Plus, you can receive rewards for your time and effort! Earn entries into our raffle for every 3 hours of volunteer time, along with other prizes.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITY ROOM**

#### STUDIO 11

Here with your family, or maybe you just like to color? Anime Fusion is happy to provide a place for parents and kids of all ages to take a break and hang out! One of our goals is to bring families together via anime; so drop in for a family-friendly room featuring simple crafting activities, coloring sheets, and more!

As a reminder, this room is intended for parents and children to enjoy together: Please do not leave your children unattended anywhere at the convention.

### MANGA LIBRARY

#### STUDIO 12

There's nothing like curling up with a good book. Anime Fusion is proud to bring you its very own manga library! Rediscover an old favorite or check out something new in this comfy reading nook.

We are also accepting donations of your used manga to help build up our collection. Ask a staff member how you can help make a difference!

### SENSORY SPACE

STUDIO 13

Friday: 2 PM - 10 PM Saturday: 12 PM - 10 PM Sunday: 12 PM - 4 PM

MNeurodivergent provides sensory spaces at festivals. conventions, and community events across Minnesota to support neurodivergent individuals who may experience sensory overload.

These quiet, inclusive areas are designed to offer comfort, regulation, and a safe place to recharge before returning to the event.

Their rooms are often equipped with:

- . Fidget Toys for focus and self-regulation
- . Bubble Tubes for calming visual stimulation
- · Crash Pads for safe physical release
- · Proprioception Canoes for deep pressure input
- Blackout Tents for reduced visual input and privacy
- Noise-Cancelling Ear Muffs to soften overwhelming sound
- · Sensory Tiles for tactile engagement
- . A Hanging Swing to provide vestibular input and relaxation







### GUESTS OF HONOR

### Tiana Camacho

Voice Actor

Gym Leader. Stand User.
Decepticon. World
Warrior. These are just
some of the lives Tiana
Camacho has lived behind
the mic as a professional voice
actor. Her vocal reach has proven

vast and versatile. She's known for her roles in Jojo's Bizarre Adventure: Stone Ocean as Ermes Costello, Dump in Sakamoto Days, Bea and Nessa in Pokémon, Salamandra in Moonrise, Lily in Street Fighter 6, Isabela Keyes in Dead Rising Deluxe Remaster, and loads more!! Tiana is always happy to meet fans and is totally excited to be here!!

### **Tiffany Grant**

Voice Actor, Writer

Tiffany Grant is excited to attend Anime Fusion!
Best known as Asuka from the Evangelion franchise, Tiffany recently narrated the audiobooks for the Neon Genesis Evangelion: Anima

light novels. Her latest projects include the visual novel Angel Wings: Endless Night (Cassia/Nuri) and the Bringing Evangelion to America documentary (on YouTube).

Since 1994, she's voiced characters in 1700+ anime TV episodes, OVAs & movies including Azumanga Daioh (Kaorin), Blue Seed (Kome), Infinite Stratos (Laura), FMP? Fumoffu (Bonta-kun), Amagi Brilliant Park (Moffle), Full Metal Alchemist (Marta), One Piece (Nojiko), Fairy Tail: Phoenix Priestess (Momon), Akame Ga Kill (Koro) and Girls Und Panzer (Sodoko). Select videogame credits: Warframe, Neversong, Brawl Stars, Paladins, Smite, Unlimited Saga, Deus Ex II: Invisible War and AFK Arenal

Ms. Grant has adapted English dubbing scripts for anime TV series such as Hello Kitty's Animation Theater, Ah! My Goddess 2, Infinite Stratos, Parasytethe-Maxim & Girls und Panzer – Der Film, plus scripts for several subtitled projects including Clamp's Miyuki Chan In Wonderland and the live-action Tokyo – The Last Megalopolis.

Non-anime work includes Arlington Road (w/Jeff Bridges) and indie films Laughing Boy, Dead of Knight & Lars the Emo Kid. Tiffany also has years of experience in theatre, commercials and industrial films.

### Tony Oliver

Voice Actor, Writer, Director

Tony Oliver, who was named to IMDB's top 20 all time Anime Voice Actors list, began his career as an actor on stage and camera performing in several feature films and dozens of plays. He found

success as a voice artist, lending his voice to one of the first Anime features to a receive wide US television release – *The Sea Prince and the Fire Child.* His first foray into series television was as the voice of Rick Hunter in the groundbreaking anime series *Robotech.* Following that he turned his attention to writing but continued his voice acting career.

In 1988 he joined Saban Entertainment. Tony was then tapped to help create a new kind of children's television show. The result was the mega hit, *The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*. He served as the development producer and head writer and also wrote the pilot, co-produced the series, directed the voice actors, played the voice of Saba, and produced and directed the Power Rangers live appearance at Universal Studios.

After leaving Saban Entertainment, Tony continued to develop, produce, direct, and act in numerous Theatrical film, Television, Video Game, and Streaming Media projects including Daigunder for ABC Family/Disney; Gurren Lagann for the Sci Fi Channel, Eureka Seven: Good Night, Sleep Tight, Young Lovers which premiered on theatrical screens nationwide, and numerous video games including BlazBlue: Continuum Shift, hack//GU, Delta Force: Black Hawk Down, Lord of the Rings: The War of the Ring, Dynasty Warriors, World of Warcraft, Basara 3 and Bravely Default.

Tony's theatrical voice acting credits include, Hoodwinked Too, The Muppets Wizard of Oz, Lupin the 3rd the First, The Night is Short:Walk on Girl and Alien Xmas, for which he also served as voice director. Anime voice acting credits include Vandread, Sayuki Reload, Gun Grave, Chobits, Bleach, Lupin the 3rd, and Naruto, where he can be heard as Minato, the Fourth Hokage. Tony has also served as voice director for numerous projects including the English releases of Fate/Zero and Fate/Stay Night: Unlimited Bladeworks, Fate Stay Night Heavens Feel in which he also voices the character of Lancer, Fate: Apocrypha, Lego Friends, Fate Grand Order, Ghost in the Shell 2045, Orient, and BeyBlade Burst: Quad Strike for Bang Zoom! Studios and DisneyXD.

### **GUESTS OF HONOR**

Spike Spencer
Voice Actor, Author

Spike has voiced hundreds of episodes of Anime including such notable titles as Evangelion, Pokemon, Bleach, Bungou Stray Dogs, Kengan Ashura, DBZ Super, Vampire Knight. Naruto. Boruto.

Black Butler, Doraemon, Xenoblade, Hunter x Hunter, Knights of Sidonia, God Eater, Gundam Unicorn, Durarara! and many many more.

His video game credits include Colonel Kled and Wukong on League of Legends, numerous characters in World of Warcraft, NIER, Shenmue III, Masquerada, Puyo Puyo Tetris, Persona 5, Bravely Default, LEGO Ultra Agents, Bioshock: Infinite, Saints Row 3, XCOM: Declassified, Lego Ultra Agents, Tales of Vesperia, BlazBlue, One Punch Man, Dynasty and Samurai Warriors, and many others.

Spike can also be heard on *Playmobil: The Movie,* Screechers Wild, Grossery Gang, Food Truckers, Get Blake!, Monster High, Barbie Dreamtopia, Peter Rabbit, and more.

An accomplished onscreen actor, he has worked with such notable stars as Tommy Lee Jones, Sandra Bullock, Frank Langella, Tia Carrere, and Scott Glenn and has been on set with many other stars. Spike has also lent his voice to numerous radio and TV commercials.

Spike is also an author, including: What Happens At The Con, Stays At The Con...? VOL. II!, How to Be A Frickin Genius Voice Actor, Step One, and FoodGame: A Man's Ultimate Recipe For Dating Success.

Spike is also an avid Foodie, chef, coach, sailor, world traveler, Monty Python aficionado, and enjoys a good bit of dancing from time to time.

### **COSPLAY GUESTS**

CosmicRobin Cosplayer

CosmicRobin is an lowabased cosplay crafter specializing largely in needlework. Originally starting as a cosplayer in 2011, she has created multiple award-winning cosplays and has competed across

Midwest winning multiple Best in Shows and Best in Masters placements.

Some of her favorite skills include beadwork, hand embroidery, airbrushing, and making every cosplay just a bit more sparkly than the next. Outside of cosplay, Robin is a full time lab tech working with various plants and insects.



### KookyKatCosplay

Cosplayers

KookyKatCosplay is a
Minneapolis-based cosplay
duo made up of married couple
Kooky & Kat. Known for their
award-winning craftsmanship,
they specialize in sewing, wig
styling, faux fur ears, and crochet.

Their work has earned them top honors, including Best Craftsmanship at the 2022 CONvergence Masquerade and 2nd Place at Riot Games' 2023 National LCS Cosplay Competition.

As judges, Kooky & Kat are especially passionate about the crafting process and the personal, unique touches that make each cosplay special. They love seeing thoughtful material choices and clever construction techniques—signs that a cosplayer has poured time, heart, and creativity into bringing a character to life.

Above all, KandyKatCosplay believes in fostering a kind, encouraging, and inclusive environment, celebrating each cosplayer's journey and growth with genuine support and heartfelt enthusiasm for the community.

### COSPLAY CONTESTS

### MAIN STAGE COSPLAY CONTEST

SCANDINAVIA BALLROOM Saturday: 6 PM - 8:30 PM

For full rules, please visit our webpage for the mainstage contest. www.animefusion.net/highlights/cosplay-contests/

Come check out one of Anime Fusion's prime Saturday evening events! The cosplay contest is packed full of talent each year, so you won't want to miss the incredible costumes and performances! Our room fills fast so please expect to line up early if you wish to be in the mainstage room. We will have overflow seating and viewing in the Viking Lounge area.

### The Cosplay Contest starts at 6PM on Saturday.

Come cheer for our amazing Anime Fusion cosplayers! If you wish to participate in our mainstage cosplay contest:

#### Online Pre-reg Sign-ups:

- If you signed up for our contest online, it is <u>mandatory</u> that you check in with the Cosplay staff in the Cosplay Lounge (Helsinki) Friday between 2PM-7PM.
- You will be given your greenroom time and important information papers. You will also be able to sign up for your craftsmanship judging at this time.
- Failure to check in will result in removal from the contest. If you have a conflict with the check-in time, please reach out to the Cosplay coordinators as soon as possible.

### At-con Sign-ups:

- Walk-ups for the mainstage cosplay contest will take place in the Cosplay Lounge (Helsinki).
- Sign-ups will be open Friday at 5PM and will close at 7PM OR when all spots are filled.
- We have a maximum of 10 spots available at con and will take up to 5 wait-list spots.
- No Saturday sign-ups are available.

### HALL COSPLAY CONTEST

This year, Anime Fusion is happy to offer a hall cosplay contest alongside our mainstage show. Hall cosplay is a low-key, no stage, no sweat, all fun contest where you get to show up in your costume, have your photo taken by our cosplay staff, and possibly win a prize! Open to all ages!

The hall cosplay contest is open on Friday and Saturday only. One entry per day! Stop by the Cosplay Lounge (Helsinki) and talk to our staff about entering.

Friday: 2PM - 7PM Saturday: 11AM - 3PM

For hall contest rules, please visit our webpage: www.animefusion.net/highlights/cosplay-contests/

Our cosplay staff is also willing to help if you do not have a handler. All costumes must adhere to the Clothing and Cosplay Rules of the convention.

Winners will be announced at our mainstage Cosplay Contest awards ceremony on Saturday evening.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- To access the stage, cosplayers will need to pass through a narrow hallway, so please plan your costume accordingly.
- We will have a shallow incline ramp for stage access (ADA compliant elevation).
- One additional handler per group may be brought into the greenroom and backstage if necessary. If you require more assistance, please let the Cosplay Team know upon check-in.
- Our cosplay staff is also willing to help with your consent - if you do not have a handler.
- All costumes must adhere to the Clothing and Cosplay Rules of the convention.



### PERFORMERS

### **Blackout**

Improv Troupe

Blackout is an all-Black troupe that has redefined the improv scene in the Twin Cities. Their flagship format, Swag Hat, is rooted in honest conversation between performers on topics suggested by the audience that gets

spun into improvised theater. Together, they often create comedic dialogue around serious truths, and they always spread joy while doing it. You never know exactly what you're going to get when they're on stage - so come see for yourself!

### Haus of Hades

**Drag Troupe** 

WELCOME TO THE UNDERWORLD! The Gates are closed and your eyes are open to witness a found family of Drag artists! All trans, all autistic and all disabled, between them and the voices in their heads.

they are legion wide, BUT none of them are girls. As the only Drag Haus in Minnesota lead by a King, they are proud to represent many types of drag under one umbrella and between them they hold 7 competitive titles for the years 2023-2025 as well as a nomination for Best Drag Haus from The Minnesota Queer Arts Awards. Please come see their show! They're very hard to forget.

### Pippin Panic

Contest Emcee

Get ready for another incredible year. Fusion Family! We are excited to welcome back Pippin Panic as a cosplay quest and emcee for the mainstage cosplay contest! Pippin Panic is an entertainer.

cosplaver, and drag king extraordinaire! Known across the Midwest as a notorious silly little guy, he is the leader of the Haus of Hades, an award winning producer, disability advocate and purveyor of queer joy. Anime Fusion is his home con and he's excited to be back!

### Theology Featured DI

Theology is a VGM Remix producer and DJ from Minneapolis, MN! He is also a mental health activist and believes that, if harnessed properly, video games can be amazing for our mental health. In

addition, he believes video game music heals if we let it. Theology has been DJing and producing for 16 years and is a veteran of the trance and EDM scene. www.theologymusic.com/about

### Harisen Daiko

Taiko Troupe

Since 2013, Harisen Daiko has shared the power and energy of taiko with the Greater Twin Cities Metro Area of Minnesota. They can commonly be found performing at a variety of cultural, educational, and

social events. Whether you are new to taiko or a seasoned fan, Harisen Daiko provides an unforgettable experience of Japanese kumidaiko with a Midwest flair.

### Midnight Minxes

Nerdlesque Troupe

Midnight Minxes is a fantastical adult cosplay entertainment group with a nerdlesque focus from all over the Midwest! Composed of multifaceted stage performers with eclectic talents from all shapes,

sizes, and backgrounds, their inspiration stems from their love of nerdy pop culture, such as: anime and comics to video games and tv shows. Each performer has a unique flavor of expression, whether it be cutesy and comedic or sultry and elegant. The Midnight Minxes are certain to captivate with their surprising tricks and magical flair, bringing to life new ideas and providing astounding content for any audience to enjoy. They provide up to a dozen unique performances inspired completely from nerd culture (Anime, Video Games, Comics, TV Shows & Movies). They are a diverse group that welcomes all bodies, ethnicities, genders, and abilities.

### VENDOR INFORMATION

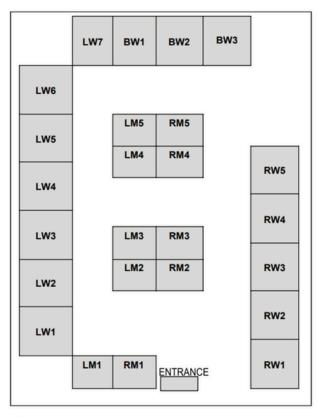
### DEALERS ROOM

REGENCY ROOM

Friday: 2:30 PM - 7 PM Saturday: 10:30 AM - 6 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM - 4 PM

Patrons may enter the vendor hall 30 minutes early each day.

In the Dealers Room, you'll find a wide range of merchandise to suit any fandom. From games to figures, clothes to collectibles, it's all here!



### 2025 VENDORS

LW7 Jedi Master's Tovs & Collectibles LW6 Sakuras Blossoms LW5 Sakuras Blossoms LW4 Sakuras Blossoms LW3 Pokepalooza LW2 Ivy Lace Mace LW1 Tabletop Shop

LM5 Chill Vibes Worldwide LM4 Chill Vibes Worldwide

LM3 Wisparia LM2 Spooky Sniper LM1 Tiffany Grant (GoH)

RM5 Cartoon Passion RM4 Cartoon Passion RM3 Cosplay MooMoo

RM2 Cosplay MooMoo

RM1 AF Merch

RW5 Lady Dragon's Treasures RW4 Yume's Collectables

RW3 Fast Food Anime RW2 Fast Food Anime

RW1 Fast Food Anime

**BW1** Fragmented Nostalgia **BW2** Fragmented Nostalgia

**BW3** Fragmented Nostalgia

 $\star$  Fox Den will be selling a variety of board games and Trading Card Games in their room (Conf F), so be sure to check them out for all your tabletop gaming needs!

### ANIME FUSION MERCHANDISE

REGENCY ROOM

Looking for a fun way to commemorate your time at Anime Fusion? Look no further than our Convention Merchandise! Now located in the Dealers Room, you can pick up some cool Anime Fusionthemed souvenirs like t-shirts, lanyards, stress relievers, posters, and more!

This year we have new lanyards featuring chibi art of our mascots, a new annual con shirt (in two colors!), acrylic pins of our mascots, and a series of six art prints (including our cover art)!

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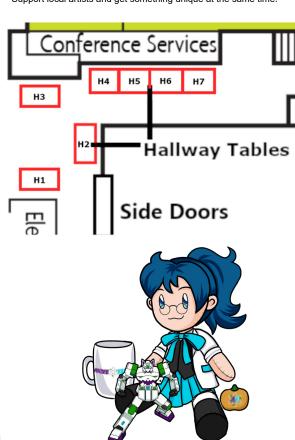
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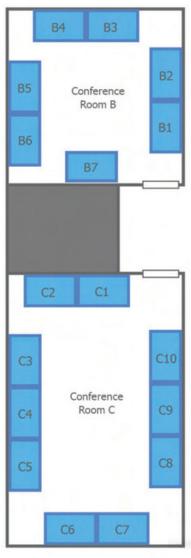
# ARTIST ALLEY CONFERENCE ROOMS B&C

Friday: 2:30 PM - 7 PM Saturday: 10:30 AM - 6 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM - 4 PM

Patrons may enter the Artist Alley 30 minutes early each day. Looking for a handmade product, a fanart print or button, or maybe a cute new plushie? Head over to Conference Rooms B and C on the main floor to visit our awesome local artists! They make a variety of products, from prints to cosplay pieces.

Support local artists and get something unique at the same time!





C1: Nakama Nerd-Op

C2: Wolf Dynasty Studios

C3: Fried Unicorn Studios

C4: Solace Studio

C5: 8-Bit Ichigo

C6: Enrique Draws

C7: Amanda Nelson Design Co.

C8: Noraneko Prints

C9: Better Off Studios

C10: Teashop0

B1: heidibunnyart

**B2: Mapleleaf Creations** 

B3: MevrouwRoze Studios

B4: Claire Doolittle Illustration LLC

B5: tauruslovestaurus

B6: SweeToothGhost

B7: BluuuoArt

2025 ARTISTS

H1: Scout Bennett

H2: Zecypher

H3: Dapper Raptor Studios

H4: Craft Quest

H5: Solo Cut Art

H6: Heroes of Nowhere

H7: Wingingit Studio

### TABLETOP GAMING VENDOR

### FOX DEN BOARD GAMING CAFE

Friday: 2 PM - 12 AM Saturday: 10 AM - 12 AM Sunday: 10 AM - 3 PM

This year's host for our tabletop gaming room will be Fox Den Board Gaming Cafe, coming to us straight from Burnsville, MN!
They will be hosting tournaments, game sessions and "learn to play" sessions for all attendees during the weekend, and will also have copies of great games for attendees to borrow and play with their friends or fellow con-goers: Your table awaits!

Fox Den will be selling a variety of board games and Trading Card Games in their room, so check them out!



#### About Fox Den:

Playing games should be fun for everyone, and that simple belief sparked the creation of Fox Den Board Game Cafe, opening our doors on December 15th, 2023 in Burnsville, MN. We envisioned an elevated space where gamers of all levels, ages, and backgrounds could connect, compete, and enjoy their passion. More than just a retail store, Fox Den is a community hub offering a diverse library of board games, thrilling trading card game tournaments, engaging tabletop RPG opportunities via our community board, and comfortable semi-private gaming rooms alongside a welcoming open play space.

At Fox Den, we've blended the excitement of gaming with the inviting atmosphere of a cozy cafe. Refuel your adventures with expertly crafted espresso drinks, refreshing bubble teas, locally sourced baked goods and deli items, and fun shareable snacks. Our team is dedicated to creating a comfortable and inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome, from seasoned veterans to those new to the world of games. We're constantly evolving, hosting daily events, and striving to be your favorite spot to gather, game, and enjoy good company. We can't wait to welcome you to the den!

### TABLETOP TOURNAMENTS

#### Friday

- 2 PM 6 PM: On-demand events
  - Bring 8 participants for any TCG Fox Den carries and they'll run an event for you and your crew!
  - \$10-\$50 depending on the specific event.
- · 7 PM: Magic Lord of the Rings Draft
  - Entry: \$25 for a 3-pack draft
  - Best of three 55-minute rounds
  - Prizing: 2 packs for participation, and special promos to the undefeated players!
  - Player Cap: 32

#### Saturday

- 10 AM: One Piece Constructed
  - Entry: \$10
  - o Best of one 35-minute round
  - Prizing: Pack per round win. Promos for participation. Winner promos to the undefeated players.
  - Player Cap: 32
- 1 PM: Digimon Constructed
  - Entry: \$10
  - o Best of three 55-minute rounds
  - Prizing: Pack per round win. Promos for participation. Winner promos to the undefeated players.
  - Player Cap: 32

#### Saturday continued...

- · 4 PM: Yu-gi-oh Constructed
  - o Entry: \$10
  - o Best of three 55-minute rounds
  - Prizing: Pack per round win. Promos for participation.
  - Player Cap: 32
- 5 PM CLOSE: MtG Commander Party
  - Bring/buy a commander deck and enjoy some casual Commander with fellow convention goers.
  - Entry: Buy a Pack and play a game to receive a FREE promo
  - Player Cap: Available room capacity at start

#### Sunday

- 10 AM 3 PM: Learn to Play, Magic the Gathering
- · 12 PM: Magic Lord of the Rings Draft
  - Entry: \$25 for a 3-pack draft
  - Best of three 55-minute rounds
  - Prizing: 2 packs for participation and special promos to the undefeated players.
  - Player Cap: 32

### VIDEO GAMING

### **CONSOLE & ARCADE**

**CONFERENCE ROOM I** 

Friday: 10 AM - 1 AM Saturday: 10 AM - 1 AM Sunday: 10 AM - 5 PM

Chomping bits and smashing pixels! We've got your video gaming needs covered. No tricks: We treat you to all the gaming time you'd like! Enjoy current generation games and some modern classics. Retro more your style? We will have games for NES, SNES, Genesis, N64, and more! Come play!

For special features this year we'll have a handful of "new" systems available to play. Look forward to the Vectrex and GameCube, along with a selection of arcade rhythm games on offer (courtesy of Adam Helsene)!

Be sure to take care of yourself physically throughout the weekend; this includes getting enough sleep (just not here), eating, hygiene, and hydration.

### VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENTS

### RETRO BLACK SHEEP

CONFERENCE ROOM H

If you're itching for some competition, check out our gaming tournaments!

Friday:

Cyberbots @ 5:30 PM Bust-A-Move @ 6 PM Marvel vs Capcom 2 @ 7 PM Saturday:

Samurai Shodown V Special @ 2:30 PM Street Fighter III 3rd Strike @ 4 PM Street Fighter Alpha 3 @ 6:30 PM

Friday and Sunday will have Community Tournament slots open - these are "free" slots for any attendee who wants to host their own tournament! They must supply their own equipment.



### SPECIAL FEATURES

### COSPLAY LOUNGE

HELSINKI ROOM

Friday: 2PM- 8PM Saturday: 11AM - 5PM Sunday: 10AM - 5PM

The hub for cosplay information at Anime Fusion! Hosted by our Cosplay Department, this lounge provides an area for contest check- in/sign-up, Hall cosplay contest participation, and a chill space to chat cosplay and hang out with friends! We also have a cosplay repair station for cosplayers on the go!

- No photography is permitted in this room outside of the designated photography area. Please respect our resting and repairing cosplayers.
- Do not leave your personal belongings in the Lounge. Anime Fusion Cosplay staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- If it's not yours, don't touch it at least not without asking first.
- No food or drinks that could stain if dropped or spilled. Grapes are great. Grape juice is a no-no!
- Please pick up after yourself when you leave.
   No one likes litter.
- Non-consumable cosplay first aid kit items and tools should not leave the room. Please do your repairs in the Lounge.

### TWISTED TAILS ESCAPE ROOM

STUDIO 3

Friday: 12 PM - 4 PM; 5 PM - 10 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM; 3 PM - 7 PM; 8 PM - 10 PM

Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Twisted Tails Escape is returning with an all new Pirate Adventure! Set Sail with Captain Domino as you work to uncover the Secret of the Furbidden Treasure!



Tickets are \$25 per person with a maximum of 10 players per group. Players by themselves or in a small group will be paired up with other like-minded adventurers to a maximum of 10 players per game.

For private bookings, a minimum of 5 tickets must be purchased. Also, a portion of every ticket will go to the convention's charity!

If you have any questions, please contact us directly at info@twistedtailsescape.com.

Find out more at www.TwistedTailsEscape.com, and we hope to see you Scallywags there!

### SPECIAL FEATURES

### CHARITY AUCTIONS STUDIO 5

Friday: 2 PM - 8 PM Saturday: 10 AM - 7 PM Sunday: 10 AM - 2 PM



Anime Fusion is hosting our first charity auction in years, and we couldn't be more excited! We'll have our items in Studio 5 alongside GPS' auction items, so check them both out!

We have some incredibly cool items, such as out-of-print manga and magazines, DVDs, and decorative items, beautiful art prints (including a custom piece), retro toys and video games, figures, and more!

MANY of our items are signed by a variety of industry talent, including current and past year's Guests of Honor and beyond. Don't worry, items from this year's Guests are different than what you will find at their tables!

Our auction this year offers a double-whammy of charitable organization support:

40% of the proceeds will go to Quad Cities Anime Inc. - the 501(c)(3) nonprofit that owns Anime Fusion - in order to fund a variety of future events and activities.

# The other 60% of proceeds will go to ACLU of Minnesota, our state's branch of the American Civil Liberties Union!

ACLU MN works to promote, protect, and extend the civil liberties and rights of people in Minnesota through litigation, lobbying, and community engagement – especially those who are marginalized.

Learn more at: www.aclu-mn.org/en/about/about-us

### PRE-CON AND LIVE BIDDING!

We will be using Charity Auctions Today to host our inventory of auction items and enable all you wonderful people to view and bid on items with ease!

You'll have *three* opportunities to bid: Leading up to the convention, throughout Friday and early Saturday of con, and during our live Charity Auction event right here in Panel 2 (Conf D) on Saturday from 1:30-2:30pm!

Using their desktop or mobile browser, you'll be able to see all of our listed items, current prices, and get real-time updates if you're outbid on an item you had your eye on!

You can place bids manually, or enter a max amount that you'd be willing to spend on an item - this lets the system auto-bid for you each time a new submission comes in, up to the limit you selected.

More details will be shared on our social media and website, so keep your eye out! Plan subject to change.



SCAN ME TO GO TO THE ANIME FUSION AUCTION PAGE!

### How to Bid in 3 Easy Steps

- Register: Click the "Register" button on the auction page and fill out your details to get started.
- Browse Items: Explore our amazing catalog of items. Click on any item to see more details, photos, and the current bid.
- Place Your Bid: Enter your bid amount and click "Bid Now". You can also set a "Max Bid" and our system will automatically bid for you up to your limit!

Happy Bidding & Thank You for Your Support!

### **GEEK PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY**

We'd like to thank Anime Fusion/Quad Cities Anime Inc. for their continued support of the Geek Partnership Society.

This event is in a hybrid silent auction format with items in-person in Studio 5 and bidding online. Items up for auction have been donated by community members, dealers, and artists. Thank you to all of our donors for your support!

Funds raised will go to support year-round geeky community building, and public programs such as Project Lighthouse (an educational grants program), the GPS Annual Writing Contest, and the Space Camp Scholarship Fund.

By bidding in the live or silent auctions, each bidder agrees to posted auction rules, and to release contact information (name, phone number, email) in the event that item(s) won are not paid for and picked up.

#### **Online Bidding Hours:**

You can place your bid anytime between Thursday at noon through Saturday at 7pm.Find auction items via the QR code or at https://tinyurl.com/5n75xx4r.



Stop on by or get involved. Visit our website at www.geekpartnership.org, like us on Facebook, join us on Meetup, or email us at info@geekpartnership.org.

"We are a society celebrating imagination, inspiring creativity, and building our community all through service and education."



### SPECIAL FEATURES

### AMTGARD ACTION ROOM

CONFERENCE ROOM G Friday: 4 PM - 10 PM Saturday: 11 AM - 8 PM Sunday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Come to the Amtgard Action Room to try sword fighting with the available padded weapons! Whether you are looking for physically active fun, to let



some con food settle, or to *definitively* prove which of your cosplayed characters would win in a fight, the Amtgard Action Room is ready for fighters of any experience level to get a taste of this real-life fantasy combat sport!

In Amtgard, you can use everything from swords to bows to magical projectiles and spells to take the field in everything from one on one tournaments to large wars! Amtgard is a world-wide organization dedicated to medieval and fantasy combat sports and recreation. They use padded weapons, fantasy and authentic clothing, and imagination to immerse players in a world of heroic combat, quests, crafts, and more. No matter if your interest is competitive sports fighting, finding an outlet for your creative talents, or honing your leadership skills, Amtgard has something to offer you!

The chapter of Amtgard within the Twin Cities is called Greenharbor. Check them out at midwestlarp.com, or at amtgard.com.

### KITAKU MAID & BUTLER CAFE STUDIO 2

Kitaku Cafe is excited to serve you again at Anime Fusion! Join the maids and butlers for yummy snacks, cute dances, and fun for people of *all* ages and interests! Please note that the Kitaku Cafe is a ticketed event, and you will need both an Anime Fusion badge and a cafe ticket to attend. Tickets are available for purchase outside of the Reactor Lounge by the main lobby.



### **ROOM PARTIES**

### LOWER LEVEL

We would like to invite everyone from the convention to a party! That's right, anyone that has purchased an Anime Fusion badge is able to attend. And the best part is, it's free (but don't forget to tip if you can)!

As always, these wonderful parties can't happen without you, the attendees. We would like to thank our numerous party hosts this year for taking the time and effort to provide us with awesome experiences! We are so excited to have such a variety of options, and it's all thanks to you.

### Important FYI's:

- All 21+ parties require a valid government ID to be able to enter the room.
- Open/unsecured alcoholic drinks cannot be carried throughout the convention and hotel spaces.
- To find the party area, take the sleeping rooms elevator to the ground floor, or take the stairs down from the sleeping room wing or Reactor Lounge.
- Only those that have applied and registered with Anime Fusion can be permitted to have an opendoor room party. Any other unofficial parties will be asked to close their door.

### The Green Dragon Inn

Room 0001

Friday: 2 PM - 8 PM Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM

All ages No alcohol

Join us for some Hobbit relaxation at the Green Dragon Inn. We will be serving pancakes and watching fantasy anime with drinks.

### Minicon: Next Gen

Friday: 8 PM - 2 AM Saturday: 8 PM - 2 AM

21+ Alcohol served

Minicon is the longest running volunteer run Sci-Fi Convention in the Midwest, (on our 59th year). We're a community driven general fannish Convention, branching out to more gaming, anime, and other related themes. Come by our party for a small taste of our community and for some Blog, our official drink.

ACNH: IRL

Room 0003 Saturday: 8 PM - 2 AM

21+ Alcohol served

Visit ACNH: IRL, a ☆☆☆☆ paradise! Grab a drink with Isabelle, fish for jello shots, and have fun with some of your favorite Animal Crossing characters! Organized by Akeome Con∼

Mushroom Kingdom

Friday: 8 PM - 12 AM Saturday: 8 PM - 1 AM

21+ Alcohol served

Step into the Mushroom Kingdom with us and try our Mario themed cocktails as well as our themed snacks. While you are at it come play a few rounds of Mario Kart with us!

### SPECIAL FEATURES

### ROOM PARTIES CONT.

LOWER LEVEL

The E-Tank Room 0005 Friday: 8 PM - 2 AM Saturday: 8 PM - 2 AM 21+ Alcohol served

Come join all things gaming and drinks with colorful 21+ drinks and 21+ slushies!

### The Anakt Garden Karaoke Bar Room 0006

Friday: 9 PM - 12:30 AM Saturday: 9 PM - 12:30 AM

21+ Alcohol served

Join the participants from season 50 of Alien Stage in the Anakt Garden Karaoke Bar! Join us for drinks, snacks, and come prove that you have what it takes to win Alien Stage!

### Photo Studio feat. Cosplay Cameos

Studio 9 Friday: 4 PM - 9 PM Saturday: 11 AM - 8 PM Sunday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Have you ever wanted your cosplay shown on the next level? Stop in to the Cosplay Cameos photo booth to get your FREE basic photo (white background), or if you want to power up to 9000, a commissioned photo with a photoshopped background appropriate to your cosplay character. Put you and your cosplay into the anime or show it comes from, and make yourself part of the story!

Convention experience: CONsole Room, Anime Fusion, JordanCon, Dragons Dungeons & Drinks, Manticon, Northern Convergence, Blizzard World Minneapolis

https://triquetraproductions.smugmug.com/Recent-Projects



### Y2Kawaii Room Room 0007

Friday: 8 PM - 2 AM Saturday: 8 PM - 2 AM

21+ Alcohol served

R U, like, longing 4 a simplr time? Do U want 2, um, party? Then, like, come join us in the year 2003, where Hello Kitty iz our kween, n our drinks R sparkly!

### Swap Meet

Europa (Outside of Reg) Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM

Bring your cool stuff and swap it for different cool stuff! No sales allowed - trades only.



### Roaming Photographer - Lou Zurn

We are thrilled to have a roaming photographer who will be popping up here and there throughout the event to capture candid shots, performances, and the overall spirit of the con!

Broadly describing her work as documentarian, Lou is currently based out of Minneapolis, MN and has been taking pictures professionally for over 10 years. She is often found capturing street portraits with a vintage film camera or taking pictures for the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus and OneVoice Mixed chorus; as well as other queer-focused events in the metro area. In addition to this, she loves to capture convention life having shot for Anime Fargo, Fargo CoreCon, Bay Area Brony Spectacular, Ponyville Ciderfest, Whinny City Pony Con, and the most recent addition Anime Fusion. In her free time, she loves spending time with friends doing all manner of activities from curling to camping. Her favorite con guest that she's met is Jonny Brugh who played Deacon in What We Do In The Shadows (the movie, not the show).

@lourrzurn on Insta, FB, Bluesky www.lourrzurn.com



Please note that the only official photographers for the convention are those mentioned in the Staff List, on our social media and website, or on this page. None of our photographers will charge money for photos outside of the Photo Studio's custom offerings.

### **CONTENT CREATOR & MEDIA SUPPORT**

Chrossplay (aka Brianna) is an up-and-coming creator who will be joining us this year to spread positivity and engagement while talking to attendees, making helpful content, and giving you fun insights into Anime Fusion's activities!

Chrossplay began her cosplay journey in 2020 during the pandemic, inspired by convention vlogs and the creativity of cosplayers online. What started as a way to pass the time quickly grew into a passion for connecting with the cosplay community. The name "Chrossplay" comes from a blend of Christ, the Cross, and Cosplay, reflecting her desire to bring faith, creativity, and positivity into the hobby.

Over the years, Chrossplay has been grateful to meet fellow cosplayers, learn new skills, and share her journey through social media. Her work combines a love for anime, cosplay, and storytelling, while also building spaces for encouragement and community.





Chrossplay aka Brianna Jackson



### FRIDAY SCHEDULE

	Main Stage	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4
	(Scandinavia Blrm)	(Oslo Room)	(Conference D)	(Board Room 2)	(Board Room 1)
9:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
10:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
10:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
11:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
11:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
12:00 PM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
12:30 PM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
1:00 PM		Anime Music Videos			UnbelievaBill
1:30 PM		Affilitie Wusic Videos	DIY Anime		Oribellevabili
2:00 PM	Three Decades of Sailor Moon		DIT Allille	Neopets in 2025	
2:30 PM	Musicals	Voice Acting 101		Neopels III 2025	Origami Workshop
3:00 PM		with Tiana Camacho	AniSong Quiz &		Ongaini vvolkshop
3:30 PM			Bingo!	Reading Rainbow:	
4:00 PM	Opening	Seven Deadly Categories - Trivia		A Queer Book Club	[this space for rent]
4:30 PM	Ceremonies	With a Clown!	Love Live! Jeopardy		[uno opude for ferri
5:00 PM			Love Live: deopardy		
5:30 PM	Who Want To Be A	J-Pop Random	Clear the Room	"Skye Hoshi:	We <3 Cozy Games
6:00 PM	Paladin Of Voltron!?	Dance	Don't Kill Your Date (And Other Tips) with	Anime Girl"	vvc 10 002y Games
6:30 PM			Spike Spencer (18+)	Film Screening	
7:00 PM	Setup			a Sarinta for	Event Organizer
7:30 PM		·	Adapting Scripts for English Dubs with	Clear the Room	Roundtable
8:00 PM	Sea	iting	Tiffany Grant	Black Butler Trivia	
8:30 PM	Haus o	f Hades		(18+)	Closed
9:00 PM	Haus of Hades Drag Show		The Wonderful World of Anidols!		Closed
9:30 PM				Get Off My Lawn!	
10:00 PM	Clear th	e Room	Clear the Room	ŕ	
10:30 PM			Top or Bottom/Doomed or	Clear the Room  A Comprehensive	
11:00 PM	Seating		Happy? (18+)	Guide to GHOST	Karaoke
11:30 PM	Booting Up &Stripping Down!			(the band) (18+)	
12:00 AM	(18+)		Fanfiction Mad Libs, but Spicy (18+)		
12:30 AM			but Spicy (16+)	A Hell Of A Sleepover (18+)	
1:00 AM	THE GREAT TUMBLE SEXY MAN			Gleepovel (10+)	AMV Hell
1:30 AM	DEBATE (18+)		Closed	Closed	Closed
2:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Ciosea	Ciosea	Ciosea

### **PANEL AND ACTIVITY FYIS**

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	(Plymouth Room)	(Studio 6)	(Studio 7)	(Lower Level)
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9:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
10:00 AM	Closed		Closed	Closed
10:30 AM	Closed	Fate/Stay Night [D]	Closed	Closed
11:00 AM	Closed	[D]	The Princess and the	Closed
11:30 AM	Closed	Powered Armor	Pilot	Closed
12:00 PM	Closed	Dorvack	[S]	Closed
12:30 PM	Closed	(11:45)	Undefeated Bahamut	Closed
1:00 PM	Cons, Cosplay and	[S]	Chronicle	Closed
1:30 PM	Mobility Aids	Dual! Parallel Trouble	(12:45)	Closed
2:00 PM		Adventure	[S]	Soul Eater
2:30 PM		[D]	Voltron: Legendary	Soul Later
3:00 PM	Cosplay for Spoonies		Defender [D]	My Dress-Up Darling
3:30 PM	Cospiay for Spootiles	Digimon Adventure (3:15)		My Dress-Up Darling
4:00 PM	Competing in Cosplay:	(3.13) [D]		Blue Exorcist
4:30 PM	What to Know		Revisions	
5:00 PM			(4:15) [S]	Dungeon Meshi
5:30 PM	Planning a Cosplay for	Robot Carnival [S]		
6:00 PM	Competition	[-]	My Next Life as a	Trinket Trading
6:30 PM			Villainess [D]	Trinket Trading
7:00 PM	Wigs: Detangling the	Cyborg Soldier 009 (6:45) [S]		Hatsune Miku
7:30 PM	Mystery		Puella Magi Madoka Magica (7:45) [S]	Tiatourio Wiika
8:00 PM				Closed
8:30 PM	Do You Wear Wigs? [Mastering Advanced	Gurren Lagann [S]		Closed
9:00 PM	Wigcraft]			Closed
9:30 PM		. ,	1.5.1.01.1	Closed
10:00 PM	Fluff Happens: Making Faux Fur Ears	Project A-ko (10:15) [S]	Infinite Stratos [D]	Closed
10:30 PM	Like a Pro			Closed
11:00 PM	Closed		Closed	Closed
11:30 PM	Closed		Closed	Closed
12:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
12:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
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1:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
2:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed



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9:30 AM	Cosplay Contest	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
10:00 AM	Orientation	Spirit of the Shiba Inu	Camp Activities with Sydney and		Sketch Swap!
10:30 AM					
11:00 AM			Jedediah	Did You Know? Transformers and	
11:30 AM		[this space for rent]		Anime	DEI&B Committee
12:00 PM		[tills space for ferrij	Evangelion: 30 Years Later with		Panel
12:30 PM	Harisen Daiko		Spike & Tiffany	Queer Manga Sampler with	
1:00 PM	Hariseii Daiko			Quatrefoil Library!	All About ITA Bags
1:30 PM	Taiko: Up Close and		Charity Auction		Meet Up
2:00 PM	Personal!	Let's Learn Japanese Phrases	Onanty Addition	Neurodivergent	
2:30 PM		You Can Use Today!		Geek Meet-Up!	3D Printing for
3:00 PM			Can We Ship It		Cosplay
3:30 PM	Let's Make a Fan-Song!	Queer Anime Fans	Can we only it	30+ Years of Sailor Moon	
4:00 PM	J				Twisted Crafts in
4:30 PM			Guest Game Time!		Wonderland
5:00 PM	Se	tup	Guest Game Time:	It's More Than Hitting Your Friends	
5:30 PM	Seating			With Sticks!	
6:00 PM			The Anime Industry, Then and Now with		Jackbox Games
6:30 PM				Yumeshipping Show and Tell!	
7:00 PM	Cosplay Contest		Clear the Room		
7:30 PM			Creepypasta Live		
8:00 PM			(18+)	Mammon's	Jackbox Games
8:30 PM				Magnificent Musical	(18+)
9:00 PM			Fanfiction Mad Libs		
9:30 PM	Blackout Improv			Brony or Phony?	
10:00 PM			Clear the Room	,	
10:30 PM			Who's That Anime		
11:00 PM	Setup		Protagonist? (18+)	What the Hype?!	Karaoke
11:30 PM				,,	
12:00 AM	Dance feat. Theology		Mario Party the Musical! (18+)	Clear the Room Ensemble Stars!!	
12:30 AM				Smash or Pass?	Clear the Room
1:00 AM				(18+)	Evangelion ReDeath (18+)
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2:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

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10:00 AM		Medabots	Closed	Closed
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11:00 AM	Beyond SR Harris: Locally Sourcing		Voltron: Legendary Defender [D]	Critical Role
11:30 AM	Cosplay Supplies	01		
12:00 PM		Shaman King (11:45)	[D]	The Legend of Zelda
12:30 PM	How To Make Cosplay	`[D] ´		, and the second
1:00 PM	Build Books		My Love Story!! (12:45)	Naruto
1:30 PM		Voltron	[D]	
2:00 PM	How To Cos-Plan Like	[D]		Trinket Trading
2:30 PM	An Engineer		Ground Control to	Thinker trading
3:00 PM		-	Psychoelectric Girl	K-Pop Demon Hunters
3:30 PM	Posing 101 for Cosplay	Robotech (3:15)	[S]	K-Fop Demon Hunters
4:00 PM	Photos	(0.10) [D]	Undefeated Bahamut Chronicle	Homestuck
4:30 PM				
5:00 PM	Closed	5.17.1	(4:15) [D]	Seraph of The End
5:30 PM	Closed	RahXephon [D]		
6:00 PM	Closed		Nobunaga the Fool [S]	JoJo's Bizarre
6:30 PM	Closed			Adventure
7:00 PM	Closed	Sakura Wars (6:45)		Artist Meetup
7:30 PM	Closed	(0.45) [S]	School-Live! (7:45) [D]	
8:00 PM	Closed			Closed
8:30 PM	Closed			Closed
9:00 PM	Closed	Rose of Versailles [S]		Closed
9:30 PM	Closed	[0]	Genshiken Second	Closed
10:00 PM	Closed		Generation	Closed
10:30 PM	Closed	Gunbuster (40:45)	[S]	Closed
11:00 PM	Closed	(10:15) [D]	Closed	Closed
11:30 PM	Closed		Closed	Closed
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SWAP MEET EUROPA ROOM (buffet area)

Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

	Main Stage	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4
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11:30 AM	Directing Anime		The Comics Code Authority	Mini-Pumpkin
12:00 PM	with Tony Oliver	The Amazing World		Painting .
12:30 PM		of One Piece	Sports Anime With	
1:00 PM	Cosplay Lip Sync		Amazing Female Characters	Patrons/Guests Meet & Greet
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2:00 PM		Name That Pet	Defend Your Blorbo	
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5:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies	Closed	Closed	Closed

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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

	Cosplay Corner (Plymouth Room)	Video 1: Classic (Studio 6)	Video 2: Current (Studio 7)	Group Meetups (Lower Level)
9:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
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10:30 AM	Screen Printing for	Mazinger Z [S]	Closed	Pokemon
11:00 AM	Cosplay	[0]	The Price of Smiles [S]	\0/a
11:30 AM				Warhammer
12:00 PM	Behind the Magic of	Kimi ni Todoke (11:45) [S]		Vtuber Fans
12:30 PM	Transformation Cosplays		Revisions (12:45) [D]	
1:00 PM				
1:30 PM	Lasthania Casalau	New Getter Robo [D]		
2:00 PM	Leather in Cosplay			K-Pop Demon
2:30 PM			Closed	Hunters
3:00 PM	How It's Made:	Closed	Closed	Closed
3:30 PM	Cosplay Manufacturing	Closed	Closed	Closed
4:00 PM		Closed	Closed	Closed
4:30 PM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
5:00 PM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed



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### Friday

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### Anime Music Videos

1:00 PM. Panel 1(Oslo)

Kick off your weekend with some of our favorite AMVs!

### UnbelievaBill with Bill

1:00 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Can you Billeave that there won't be a Fusion next year? How do I Bill'd these puns? I hope to see my two regulars, thanks for holding

### Cons, Cosplay and Mobility Aids with Hoshi Rosethorn Cosplay, Prismatic Cosplay, Starry **Knight Cosplay**

1:00 PM. Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Come join us as we talk about tips and tricks for being a mobility aid user and cosplaying/attending cons in general. Topics will include challenges we face, ideas for poses with different mobility aids, modifications to cosplays, and more!

### DIY Anime with Michael, Joev 1:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Inspired by your favorite anime or stories and want to create your own? This panel will teach you that no matter your current skill or trade you too can bring your vision to life.

### Three Decades of Sailor Moon Musicals: A Sing-Along History with Spoony Moony Show Choir 2:00 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Since 1993, the Sailor Moon Musicals (Sera Mvu) have added new depth, melodies, characters, and stories to the Sailor Moon universe. This spring, Sera Myu even toured the US! Join us for a musical revue of highlights in the history of Sera Myu.

#### Neopets in 2025 with Nathaniel 2:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Learn about the world of Neopia and how it's doing, even if your pets have been starving since 2008.

### Voice Acting 101 with Tiana Camacho 2:30 PM, Panel 1(Oslo)

Do YOU want to be a voice actor? Tiana Camacho, full time professional voice actor with over a decade of experience, will show you how!! In this interactive panel workshop you will learn how to break down character copy, and how to portray characters in anime and video games!!

#### Origami Workshop 2:30 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Learn the ancient art of Japanese paper folding.

#### AniSong Quiz & Bingo! with Chrono 3:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Come play along either with your device or just the bingo as contestants try to score against a seasonal anime expert and their vast knowledge of anime OPs/EDs!

### Reading Rainbow: A Queer Book Club with Zee. Harl Oh

3:30 PM. Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Whether you're part of the community or simply an ally, everyone likes a good book. Join us as we discuss our favorite LGBT books and give recommendations.

### Opening Ceremonies

### 4:00 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Join us as we kick off Anime Fusion 2025: Mechs and Madness! Meet our special guests, learn important information that will help you have a great weekend, and celebrate with us.

### Seven Deadly Categories - Trivia With a Clown! with fiftypluflowerboy 4:00 PM. Panel 1 (Oslo)

My name is Harlequin and I know way too much about a lot of

things! Join me for a Jeopardy-style trivia panel of various games and anime of varying popularity and obscurity! Prizes will be given out to any and all participants!

### Competing in Cosplay: What to Know with Hardlyasmallfry, HighOctaneBaptism 4:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Curious about competing? Want to know what goes into the masquerade? The Cosplay team has you covered! From signing up to stepping on stage, learn the ins and outs of competing from master cosplavers.

#### Love Live! Jeopardy with Delta 4:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

How much do you know about Love Live? Come test your knowledge in a game show format! Prizes will be awarded, and goodies will also be given for participation!

### "Skve Hoshi: Anime Girl" Film Screening 5:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Skye Hoshi: Anime Girl is the indie movie that's been lighting up anime conventions across the country, and now you can experience it for yourself! Join us for a special screening of this fan-favorite film that mashes up anime flair with real-world adventure in a way you've never seen before. Stick around after the credits for an exclusive panel with the film's director and cast. Get ready for this laser-filled, ramen-fueled adventure!

### Who Want To Be A Paladin Of Voltron!? (A Voltron Cosplay Panel!) with FarawayPigeons Cosplay, MakirOnii, Scoopwafflecone, Beehivian,

### Stormcosplayzs, Mystic.cOsplay, ux.laureine 5:30 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

We say VOL you say TRON! The legendary defenders of Voltron have come to Anime Fusion to recruit help in the fight against the Galra! Are you worthy? come find out in this in character Voltron panel! (Audience participation highly encouraged!)

#### J-Pop Random Dance with Coco 5:30 PM. Panel 1 (Oslo)

A mix of old and new Japanese Idol songs to dance to!

#### We <3 Cozy Games with WonderJen 5:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Cozy gamers unite! Come talk about your favorite cozy games and maybe discover some new ones to try. You might even find some new friends to game with!

### Friday, cont.

### Planning a Cosplay for Competition with CosmicRobin

### 5:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Have you ever wanted to enter a cosplay competition or are you looking for ways to improve your current competition cosplays? Join multi award winning cosplayer and judge CosmicRobin to discuss all the ins and outs of creating competition cosplays, how to choose a contest, how to make it uniquely yours and more!

### Don't Kill Your Date (And Other Dating Tips) (18+) with Spike Spencer

### 6:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Spike shares some of his recipes, recommendations and tips from his book "FoodGame." Spike is a highly trained dating, relationship, and communication coach who lived and practiced everything he preaches. If you are interested in finding, keeping, and/or perfecting your relationships, attend this panel!

### Event Organizer Roundtable

#### 7:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

There are a lot of new geeky activities popping up in the Twin Cities area, and many events that have been running for decades. Are you an event organizer? Are you thinking about starting a new event of your own? Let's chat and learn from each other!

### Wigs: Detangling the Mystery with Sushi and

#### 7:00 PM. Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Are you new to wig styling? Does it scare you? Well, fear not! We got your back and we'll dish our knowledge out to you with this beginner wig panel.

### Adapting Scripts for English Dubs with Tiffany Grant

### 7:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

"Hey! Why'd they change that?!" Come find out what it takes to adapt a translation into a script used for dubbing.

### Black Butler Trivia (18+) with Joy, Morgan

#### 8:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Do you have an approximate knowledge of Black Butler? Do you like prizes? Of course you do! Come play + win!!!

#### Haus of Hades Drag Show

### 8:30 PM. Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

WELCOME TO THE UNDERWORLD! Join Minnesota's ONLY kingand-thing-oriented drag haus as they present their annual cosplaydrag offerings to the court. Experience gender like you never have before

### Do You Wear Wigs? (Mastering Advanced Wiggraft) with KookyKatCosplay

### 8:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Learn advanced wig techniques like sculpting, gluing, dyeing, and creating gravity-defying styles - plus how to plan for comfort and wearability. Perfect for cosplayers ready to tame their wildest wig

### The Wonderful World of Anidols! with Delta 9:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Are you interested in anime idols? Or are you a current fan interested in expanding your horizons? Look no further than The Wonderful World of Anidols!

#### Get Off My Lawn! with KetsubanKova 9:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

When I was your age, I had to get my anime through fansubs! On VHS! With a money order! Uphill! In the snow!

#### Karaoke

#### 10:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Show us what you got! (But please don't get schwifty in here.)

### Fluff Happens: Making Faux Fur Ears Like a Pro with KookvKatCosplay

#### 10:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Learn how to craft standout faux fur ears from scratch! We'll cover materials, tools, common mistakes, and how to trust the process even when things get fluffy. Great for cosplayers ready to level up their ear game!

### Top or Bottom/Doomed or Happy? (18+) with fizzydanchu, cerisejump

#### 10:30 PM. Panel 2 (Conference D)

Compete to test your knowledge on yaoi and yuri! Which one is the top or bottom for yaoi? Is the yuri doomed or do they somehow make it out? Prizes will be given and someone will be named the #1 yaoi and yuri expert.

### A Comprehensive Guide to GHOST (the band) (18+) with Atlan. Finn

#### 11:00 PM. Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

We will be going over all the basics of learning about the lore, ghouls and songs of the band GHOST! Helpful for new listeners and a easily digestible way to keep track for those who get confused.

### Booting Up & Stripping Down! (18+) with Midnight Minyes

#### 11:30 PM. Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Welcome all adults to the Midnight Minxes' nerdlesque variety show, Booting Up & Stripping Down! Come experience new sights of tantalizing escapades that will unravel before you on stage with our talented array of cosplay performers. Witness your favorite characters come to life with a sultry twist and we'll be certain to leave a lingering impression in your thoughts you won't soon forget, long after the curtains have dropped.

### Fanfiction Mad Libs. but Spicy (18+) with cremebruleecos

### 12:00 AM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Help our fanfiction writer fill in the blanks (character, adjective, etc.) from your favorite anime/media. Create a chaotic, spicy, scary, or very weird story together; now with extra spice! (Audience participation is highly recommended!)

### A Hell Of A Sleepover (18+) with Jera Of All Trades, Cos.Beef

### 12:30 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Get in your PJs and head down to the Hazbin Hotel to have some fun with Hell's favorite people from Hazbin Hotel and Helluva Boss hosted by The Big Boss of Hell himself Lucifer Morningstar!

### THE GREAT TUMBLE SEXY MAN DEBATE (18+) with Atlan. Kenzie

#### 1:00 AM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Have you ever wanted to see which tumblr sexy man was the most sexy? Well come fight for your sexy man in a bracket to see who wins!

### AMV Hell

#### 1:00 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

You've seen the best anime music videos: now see... this.

### Saturday

### Cosplay Contest Orientation

9:00 AM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

This panel is mandatory for those who are participating in Saturday's cosplay contest event. Please come on time to the orientation to learn about our dos and don'ts, talk with tech about audio, speak with the emcee, and take a turn to rehearse on the stage. We will also discuss craftsmanship judging and you will get a chance to ask any last-minute questions.

### Spirit of the Shiba Inu: Japan's Loyal & Legendary Companion with Doc Cos

10:00 AM. Panel 1 (Oslo)

Come meet Zuko the Shiba Inu — a real-life floofy fox-dog with a big personality! This panel dives into the history and quirks of Japan's beloved Shiba Inu breed. Learn about their role in Japanese culture, anime, and memes, and get up close w/Zuko.

### Sketch Swap! with Nathaniel 10:00 AM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

A panel dedicated to swapping sketches of other people's original characters! Please bring a sketchbook if you can, but I'll also have paper provided! All art skills welcomed!!!

### Camp Activities with Sydney and Jedediah 10:30 AM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Join nurse Sydney and co-nurse Jedediah here at Camp Here & There as they host a myriad of fun camp activities for you campers! Stop by and join the fun!

### Did You Know? A History About Transformers and Anime! with Chrono

11:00 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Many people know or grew up on Transformers via the cartoons or movies. But what about the anime-specific ones? Especially Transformers Galaxy Force aka Transformers Cybertron.

### Beyond SR Harris: Locally Sourcing your Cosplay Supplies with Radiant Starlight Cosplay 11:00 AM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

With the closure of Joann's, many cosplayers are left with only online shopping. Not here in Minnesota though! From fabric to theatrical makeup and even rhinestones, we are blessed with a lot of brick and mortar shops. Come learn more!

### QCA DEI&B Committee Panel

. 11:30 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Come learn more about Quad Cities Anime's very own DEI&B Committee and learn how to join for yourself!

### Evangelion: 30 Years Later with Spike Spencer, Tiffany Grant

12:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Join the original actors of Shinji and Asuka to reflect on all of the work and art that has gone into the project, Neon Genesis Evangelion. From their time in the booth, to talking about the world with fans in the community, see how they've carried on the legacy of this fantastical franchise.

#### Harisen Daiko

#### 12:30 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Since 2013, Harisen Daiko has shared the power and energy of taiko with the Greater Twin Cities Metro Area of Minnesota. They can commonly be found performing at a variety of cultural, educational, and social events. Whether you are new to taiko or a seasoned fan, Harisen Daiko provides an unforgettable experience of Japanese kumidaiko with a Midwest flair.

### Queer Manga Sampler with Quatrefoil Library 12:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Quatrefoil Library is a volunteer-run queer community library in Minneapolis. We'll go over information about the library as well as a 'tasting menu' of some of the LGBTQIA+ manga we have in our collection!

### How To Make Cosplay Build Books with Mrs.HarleenCosplays

12:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Pictures? Swatches? Notes? Oh My! Learn what goes into a Cosplay Build Book and how to start one.

### All About ITA Bags Meet Up with Lee, Non 1:00 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

All About ITA Bags is an informative meet up for sourcing bags, materials, and sharing tips and tricks. All bag enthusiasts welcome! It will also be a meet up to showcase your bag. (If you want)

### Taiko: Up Close and Personal! with Fishay, Jill 1:30 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

What is taiko? Why is it here in Minnesota? What is its history? Where do I learn and how can I get started? We will give you an indepth informational all about taiko and answer whatever questions you may have! Come get a closer look at a drum!

### **Charity Auction**

1:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Anime Fusion will be auctioning a wide variety of signed and unsigned items ranging from boxed sets of manga and media, figures, toys, and a surprising collection of out-of-print books and art. This auction will benefit both QCA (Fusion's 501c3 parent org) and the ACLUI

### Let's Learn Japanese Phrases You Can Use Today! with JASM

2:00 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

### Neurodivergent Geek Meet-Up! with QCA DEI&B 2:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Meet fellow neurodivergent con-goers, and share your experiences and tips and tricks for surviving con.

### How To Cos-Plan Like An Engineer with Bees 2:00 PM. Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Want to plan a cosplay but not sure where to start? Learn some project planning tips and tricks from the engineering world, and help plan a cosplay to go with Anime Fusion's theme: Mechs and Madness!

### 3D Printing for Cosplay with Dead Legato 2:30 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

A guide to FDM printing for cosplay and making your own anime swag.

### Let's Make a Fan-Song! with Erin Burnheart,

3:00 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Join us to discuss fan-songs, fandom culture, DIY music creation, and the creation of a brand new fan-song with the crowd!

### Can We Ship It with Haus of Hades 3:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

The Haus of Hades once again brings you the Midwest's favorite debatestyle audience participation game: Are these two randomly generated characters from completely different franchises SHIPPABLE?

### Saturday, cont.

### Queer Anime Fans with QCA DEI&B 3:30 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

A roundtable discussion for anime fans that identify within the LGBTQIA+ umbrella and allies to discuss their experiences, triumphs and tribulations of being in the con and fandom scene.

### 30+ Years of Sailor Moon with KetsubanKoya 3:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

From the original manga to the new Cosmos movies, it's the series that keeps on giving! Let's take a quick trip through the history of the legendary series that introduced so many of us to anime. Sailor Moon says: "Tsuki no hikari wa ai no message."

### Posing 101 for Cosplay Photos with cremebruleecos 3:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

A beginner's educational guide on posing in your cosplay for photos. Hosted by cremebruleecos: a Midwest cosplayer and photographer.

### Twisted Crafts in Wonderland with Mimi, Koy 4:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Crafts based on the game Twisted Wonderland.

### **Guest Game Time!**

#### 4:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Come see our lovely Guests of Honor relax and enjoy some goofy and challenging games together! The games will be decided at the beginning of the panel, but could include things like Pictionary, Needs More Pixels. the Character Dating Game, and more!

### It's More Than Hitting Your Friends With Sticks! with Twin Cities Amtgard

#### 5:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Learn about Amtgard, a real-life fantasy combat sport! We'll share stories about why we love the game and the community of both fighters and crafters, do Q&A, and tell you what you can expect if you come play! Amtgard is an immersive game system where you can use everything from padded swords to bows to magical projectiles and spells to fight in live action battle games.

### Jackbox Games with KitKatChaosX, KOLD X 5:30 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Gather all your friends and family (including the kids)! We will be playing Jackbox Games - and as many as we can - with censorship enabled so everyone can join in the fun! If you've never played at the con before, what are you waiting for?

#### Cosplay Contest

#### 6:00 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

See the best costumes at Anime Fusion on the main stage!

### The Anime Industry, Then and Now with Tiana Camacho, Tony Oliver

### 6:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Tony Oliver first debuted within animation in 1982. Tiana first emerged within the scene in 2010. Come listen to the experiences from our Guests of Honor about how the animation industry has changed and grown on the screen, and behind the scenes.

### Yumeshipping Show and Tell! with Nathaniel, Finn 6:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

A silly panel for showing off your self-ships and ocxcanon stories!

### Creepypasta Live (18+) with Bonnie, Morgan, Alex 7:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Come listen to live readings of some of your favorite classic Creepypastas. The good, the bad, and the cringe.

### Jackbox Games (18+) with KitKatChaosX, KOLD X 7:30 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Gather all your friends and family (after putting the kids to bed, of course)! We will be playing Jackbox Games - and as many as we can - with censors TURNED OFF! If you've never played at the con before, what are you waiting for?

### Mammon's Magnificent Musical with Dead Legato 8:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Hazbin Hotel and Helluva Boss Sing-A-Long. Come vote for your favorite songs and SING! 16+ Suggested.

### Blackout Improv

9:00 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

### Fanfiction Mad Libs with cremebruleecos 9:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Help our fanfiction writer fill in the blanks (character, adjective, etc.) from your favorite anime/media. Create a chaotic story together. (Audience participation is highly recommended!)

### Brony or Phony? with Radiant Starlight Cosplay 9:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

An exciting journey through musical genres. For every song that plays, guess whether it's a My Little Pony fansong or not! The most accurate music connoisseurs will receive a prize!

#### Karaoke

### 10:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Show us what you got! (But please don't get schwifty in here.)

### Who's That Anime Protagonist? (18+) with Abby, Hardlyasmallfry

### 10:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Magical girls, skating boys, demon hunters, oh my! Can you guess this character by their poorly drawn outline?

### What the Hype?! with Oxen 11:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

What if anime men were forced by a women-only government to rap for their territory? If that piqued your interest, Hypnosis Microphone is the perfect multi-media project for you! Join gentaro yumeno as he explains the world of hypmic!

### Dance feat. Theology

#### 12:00 AM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Looking to let out a little extra energy and dance the night away? Saturday night features an EDM and videogame remix set for those who want to get lost in memories and work up a sweat for that final boss fight!

### Mario Party the Musical! (18+) with Kaz, Dani, Keegan, Kade, Leaf, Bee, Finn, Skylar.Cosplaysss, Koda, Tae, Jac, Nolan, Fawn, Shaq

### 12:00 AM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

M.M.M is back again performing Mario Party the Musical! Roll the dice and win as many minigames as you can before the superstar is chosen! Enjoy the hour long parody Musical featuring songs like "Love Thy Neighbor", "Monster", and more! Who will win?

### Ensemble Stars!! Smash or Pass? (18+) with Delta 12:30 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Cast your judgement on the adult cast of Enstars! Non-Enstars fans are welcome too!

#### Evangelion ReDeath (18+)

### 1:00 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

It's GENDO! Oh, baby. Enjoy this ridiculous and hilarious fan-made parody from the early days of anime fandom.

### Sunday

### Anime Music Videos

10:00 AM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

### That Time I Flew to Japan and Got Lost Looking for Pikachu: Navigating Nerdery as a Traveler with McBirdthing, Song of Amazon

10:30 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Planning a trip to Japan with your favorite fandoms in mind? We will discuss Japan travel with a focus on geek culture: tips and tricks for fandom shopping, visiting collab attractions, navigating cosplay events, and experiences on any budget.

### What Happens at the Con Stays at the Con...? VOL II with Spike Spencer

10:30 AM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Spike's raucous take on what happens behind the scenes in the industry and at the conventions. From after parties to kidnappings, porn stars to bottled up human gases; Spike will keep you laughing while he reads from his book full of hilarious versions of what really happens at the Con.

### Screen Printing for Cosplay with Vicemage 10:30 AM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Are you dreading applique? Unhappy with how paint looks? Do you just want another option? A trained printmaker will teach you how to add screen printing to your bag of cosplay tricks!

### The Gay Agenda vs The Comics Code Authority with Nathaniel. Finn

11:00 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

A comedic retelling of the journey to have the first gay superhero-Marvel's Northstar to come out on page in the 90's! A tale that involves Loki convincing our hero he is literally a fairy??

### Directing Anime with Tony Oliver 11:30 AM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

If you love to dive "deep into the weeds" about Anime production, this is the panel for you. In this hour, Veteran Voice Director Tony Oliver discusses his approach to directing and to directing anime in particular. He'll share some tricks of the trade, give advice to aspiring directors and answer all your questions about directing and the people who do it professionally.

### Mini-Pumpkin Painting

11:30 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Carving pumpkins would be a bit too messy, but we can still have some Halloween fun! Decorate a miniature pumpkin to take home.

### The Amazing World of One Piece with Sabrina, Alastair

12:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference D)

Join us as we talk about the amazing world building Oda has given us. Let's chat about the rich, expensive and unique setting of One Piece. Devil fruits, psychic snails and wild geography are just a few of things we hope to talk about!

### Behind the Magic of Transformation Cosplays with Haruka

12:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Curious how to make costume magic happen with a cosplay reveal? Come join Haruka, a theatrical quick change dresser of 9 years, as they show you how to make your own transformation cosplay!

### Sports Anime With Amazing Female Characters with Chrono

12:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Welcome to sports anime. Stories of youth and passion. But what about the possibly less-known shows? What's a Birdie Wing? How come you keep hearing about horse girls running? Driving tanks is a sport too? This panel aims to answer these and more!

### Cosplay Lip Sync Battle with Jera Of All Trades 1:00 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Wanna perform as your fav characters? Then come to the Cosplay Lipsync Battlel Sign up at https://forms.gle/hEJwdSV7J1FpEDpt7 and perform your heart out. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will receive a prizel Not participating? No probl Come watch the showl

### Patrons/Guests Meet & Greet

1:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Patron attendees can chat with our Guests of Honor during this reserved hour.

### Name That Pet with MoonlightMeika 1:30 PM. Panel 2 (Conference D)

Join your fellow audience members in identifying animals from anime, cartoons, and fandoms of any kind! Points don't matter and bragging rights will be the reward~

### Leather in Cosplay with Wig-Wig Cosplay 1:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Cosplay is about bringing characters to life and one way to do that can be with natural and historical materials such as leather! An age-old technique now newly-turned niche for cosplayers is a specialty for Wig-Wig Cosplay! Bring your hide (oh boy, leather puns) and questions as they take you through the tools and trade of using leather in cosplay.

### Defend Your Blorbo with Sushi 2:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Do you have a special character you would throw down for in a heartbeat? Yes? Perfect! Come yap about them, and let the audience decide, "Is this a good blorbo?"

### Fusion Farewell with the Con Chair 2:30 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

Have observations and opinions to share about the con (or congoing experiences in general) that were great or left something to be desired? Want to reflect on the many years of Fusion and its place in the community? Join the Convention Chair for a panel where they will be taking feedback, insights, and creating space to reminisce and get out our feels. Come share some laughs, tears, and stories as the weekend comes to a close.

#### Intro to BJDs with Vicemage

2:30 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Curious about the BJD hobby? Come learn the basics (and more!) at this panel open to both newbies and seasoned collectors, and maybe even take home a prize!

#### RIG-marole with Michael, Joey

3:00 PM. Panel 2 (Conference D)

Come and see how many of your favorite characters in video games and shows are built and move about in our rigging tutorial. Learn the basics of rigging and see a virtual mannequin come to life before your very eyes.

### How It's Made: Cosplay Manufacturing with Bees, Faeringtics

3:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Let's dive into the world of clothing manufacturing, and the tricks and methods they use to get your cosplay to you for less!

### Closing Ceremonies

4:30 PM, Main Events (Scandinavia Ballroom)

You know how it goes: Even the best things must come to an end. Join us as we bid farewell to another year at Anime Fusion, possibly for the last time.

Let's go out with a bang - Autobots, Fuse and roll out!

P.S. If you're reading this, the Programming team loves you. :)

### VIDEO ROOMS

### Friday

#### Fate/Stay Night 10:00 AM, Video 1 (English Dub)

Shirou is a sorcerer but a weak one. That is until he gets tangled up into the War for the Holy Grail, a relic that will grant one's wishes. He summons a servant known as Saber to protect himself and to fight in the war.

### The Princess and the Pilot

11:00 AM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

The San Maltilia Airforce hires a mercenary to fly a princess to her prince through enemy territory.

### Powered Armor Dorvack 11:45 AM. Video 1 (Subtitled)

When an alien civilization threatens to take control of Earth, Colonel Takagi and the Dorvack unit's Variable Machines must protect our world from invasion

### **Undefeated Bahamut Chronicle**

12:45 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Lux was once known as the strongest of the Drag-Knights, users of mysterious armored suits found in ruins all over the world, but he refuses to attack anyone. After angering the kingdom's princess, he ends up attending her all-female training academy.

### Dual! Parallel Trouble Adventure

1:30 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

Kazuki is able to see visions from a parallel universe, where giant robots are locked in endless battles. Eventually, he is sent to the other world, where he joins the fight as part of the Earth Defense Force.

### Voltron: Legendary Defender

2:30 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

In this remake of the beloved classic, five humans are again charged with piloting mechanical lions that join together to form the colossal warrior mech, Voltron.

#### Digimon Adventure

3:15 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

While getting ready for summer camp this group gets transported to the Digital World, where they meet their partner Digimon and must save the digital world from disaster.

#### Revisions

4:15 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

When part of Shibuya is suddenly transported 300 years into the future, Daisuke and his four friends are caught up in a battle of giant robot monsters

### **Robot Carnival**

5:00 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

A collection of short films about robots, created by some of the leading animators in Japan.

### My Next Life as a Villainess 6:00 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

After bumping her head one day Catarina Claes remembers her previous life, and realizes she has reincarnated into one of her favorite otome games...as the villainess! Now it's her mission to avoid all of her bad endinos!

### Cyborg Soldier 009 6:45 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

The secret organization Black Ghost abducts shunned members of society and turns them into cyborgs, intending to build a lethal force under their control. Joe, Cyborg 009, leads the group as they rebel against their captors.

### Puella Magi Madoka Magica

7:45 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

14-year-old Madoka encounters Kyube, a magical creature willing to grant her a wish. In exchange, she must risk her life using magical powers to fight witches and save humanity. However, another magical girl is determined to stop her from accepting this deal.

#### Gurren Lagann

8:30 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

In their closed-off underground village, Kamina and Simon chafe at the limits imposed by the village elder. All this changes when Simon stumbles across a fantastic device - just as the village's peace is broken by a violent intrusion.

#### **Infinite Stratos**

9:30 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

Ichika Orimura finds himself enrolled in an all-girls training school when he becomes the first boy able to operate the flying armored suits known as Infinite Stratos.

#### Proiect A-ko

10:15 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Sixteen years have passed since a mysterious alien ship crashed on Earth. Superhuman high school student A-Ko dukes it out with the diabolical genius B-Ko. Meanwhile, another ship is headed toward Earth to find its planet's lost princess.

### Saturday

#### Medabots

10:00 AM, Video 1 (English Dub)

In the future, everyone owns and collects intelligent service robots known as Medabots. Ikki Tenryo activates the cheap old Medabot that was all he could afford with a mysterious lost medal he finds, enabling him to enter the World Robattle Tournament.

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#### Shaman King

11:45 AM, Video 1 (English Dub)

This show follows the adventures of a 13 year old shaman and his teammate, who travel the world fighting evil spirits on his journey to become the next Shaman King!

### My Love Story!!

12:45 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

Takeo Goda, a tall and muscular student, has no luck with love as all the girls fall for his best friend. This all changes when he encounters a shy young girl who falls for him.

### Voltron

1:30 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

Five humans get pulled onto an alien planet to recover the five lions that form Volton, the Defender of the Universe, in order to save their home planet.

### Ground Control to Psychoelectric Girl 2:30 PM. Video 2 (Subtitled)

Self-proclaimed Alien Erio Touwa has been missing for half a year and was found floating in the sea. With no memories of what happened, she believes it was aliens.

### VIDEO ROOMS

### Saturday, cont.

#### Robotech

#### 3:15 PM, VIdeo 1 (English Dub)

Experience the legendary series that was cobbled together from three different anime, in the way that could only be done in the 80s. When humanity makes contact with aliens, Rick Hunter is quickly drawn into a war between giant fighting machines.

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#### RahXephon

### 5:00 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

Ayato Kamina's life is turned upside down when he discovers Tokyo is actually a captive city frozen in time. The outside world he thought was destroyed is actually populated by humans engaged in a war with the alien civilization known as MU.

### Nobunaga the Fool

### 6:00 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Two separated planets are finally reconnected when Jeanne, destined to be the savior of her planet, encounters Nobunaga, who is desperate to change the fate of his own world.

#### Sakura Wars

#### 6:45 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Sakura plans to follow in her father's footsteps in the battle against demons. Unexpectedly, she learns that she must use her spiritual energy to pilot a mech, as well as perform in the theater that is used as a front for The Imperial Flower Division.

#### School-Live!

#### 7:45 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

Follow the School Living Club, a group of friends who live at their school, and their daily adventures as they explore the new zombie-infested world they live in.

### Rose of Versailles

#### 8:30 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Raised from birth as a man, the Lady Oscar commands the palace guards at Versailles in the years before the French Revolution. She is torn between her duty to class and country and her own heart and desires.

#### Genshiken Second Generation

#### 9:30 PM. Video 2 (Subtitled)

Members of a college anime club must adjust to their new circumstances - from becoming the next Club President, to fitting into new surroundings.

#### Gunbuster

#### 10:15 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

At Okinawa Girls Space Pilot High School, Noriko Takaya struggles to realize her potential as the successor to her father's legacy as an accomplished pilot.

### Sunday

### Mazinger Z

#### 10:00 AM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Kouji pilots a robot known as Mazinger Z, constructed from an indestructible metal known as Super-Alloy Z. His goal is to avenge his grandfather's death and protect Japan from the mechanical creations of Dr. Hell.

#### The Price of Smiles

#### 11:00 AM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Princess Yuki is the heir to a distant kingdom where everyone always smiles. When the Empire threatens her realm, Yuki's loyal vassals will do whatever it takes to protect the cheer of their princess and their kingdom.

#### Kimi ni Todoke

#### 11:45 AM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Sawako Kuronuma just wants to make friends, but since she looks like the woman from the Ring movie this isn't as easy as one would think

#### Revisions

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### **New Getter Robo**

### 1:30 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

Using the power of Getter Rays, the giant robots created by Dr. Saotome are able to fight back against the demonic creatures that threaten humanity.



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We are thrilled to have elected the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota for our co-beneficiary for this year's Charity Auction! They're an invaluable asset in our communities, and we highly recommend that you bookmark them as a tool for staying informed and educated.



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#### COSPLAY CONTEST CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to all of our wonderful donators of various prizes for this year's Cosplay Contest!





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#### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We want to take a moment to acknowledge and give appreciation to all of our Partners who have engaged with us in an exchange of support, promotion, and geeky

Connecting with groups and orgs in our community's super important - not just to us, but we think to the fabric and betterment of the community itself. So cheers to this year's Ambassadors - check out their tables!



### PLANNED PARENTHOOD

A special shout-out for these folks, as they will only be able to ioin us for one day.

Please stop by and check out their table, Friday ONLY.

Planned Parenthood is an amazing resource, and we're glad to have them with us to support our attendees' needs and questions about sexual and personal health!





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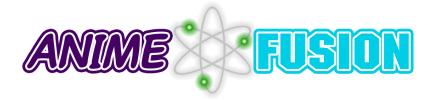






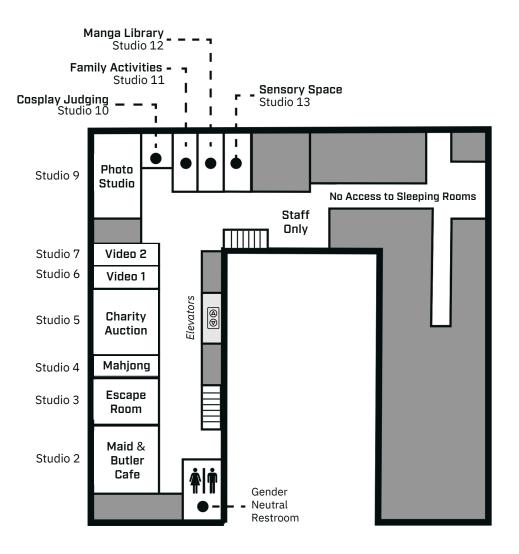


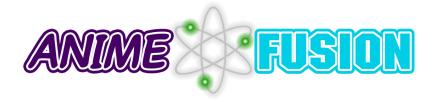




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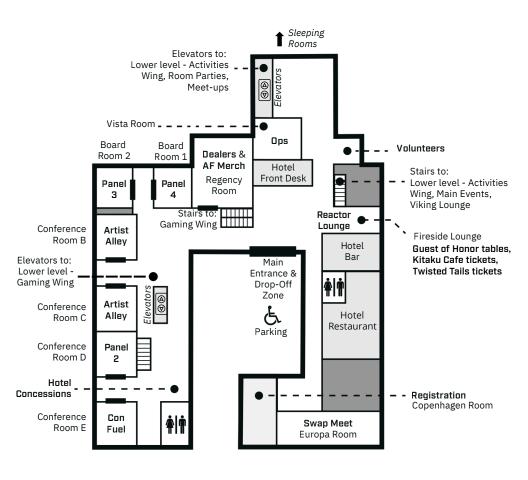
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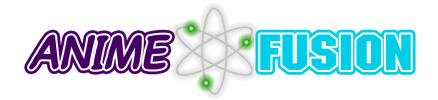




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