



Panel and Workshop Schedule Friday, August 9th, 2024

Friday, 2 P.M.

Everything You Need to Know for a Cosplay Contest

Presented by master cosplayers Going Ape Costume and VelmaRipp Creations

Location: Main Stage, 2 – 3 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what to expect when signing up for a cosplay contest? What do the judges really look for? What documentation is required? What should I do on stage? How do you maximize your chances of winning - or should winning a prize even be the goal? Master-competing cosplayers will cover all this and more from their experience. Feel free come with questions!

Disney Trivia

Presented by Sandra Leahy of Sandra's Cosplay Asylum

Location: Panel Room, 2 – 3 p.m.

Come along and bring your Disney knowledge, hosted by Sandra's Cosplay Asylum and H&J Comics. The game plays like Jeopardy with the top three points winners moving into round 2. Round 3 is final Jeopardy where all three contestants bet their points to try to be the top winner!

Friday, 3 P.M.

Celebrity Highlight: Matt Meese & Tori Pence

Location: Main Stage, 3 – 4 p.m.

Matt & Tori, both best known for the sketch comedy show “Studio C” on BYUtv, will discuss what it’s like to work in sketch comedy professionally. Come with questions and learn the basics of comedy sketch writing, developing ideas and characters, and bringing those ideas to life on stage!

Make it Faster or Easier? Cosplay and Historical Costume Shortcuts that Work (and Some That Don't)

Presented by master cosplayers Vivien (Fresh Frippery) and Becky (Going Ape Costume), who have 50+ years combined of costume experience!

Location: Panel Room, 3 – 4 p.m.

You need more time/less stress, but can you take a shortcut in your costumes? Two experienced cosplayers discuss sewing machines and sergers, materials, patterns, tools, linings, faking historical silhouettes, and other costume hacks and tricks! We'll bring fabrics you can feel and a book list.

Costume Basics: Zombie Shirt

Presented by costumer/sewist Trevor Kleist from Heartstoppers Haunted House

Location: Workshop Room, 3 – 4 p.m.

Only 25 spots available - \$10/person - Cash/Venmo Only

Follow along with Trevor, as they share tips and tricks with you to elevate your “horror-wear.” You will leave with a shirt of your own creation and an understanding of materials and skills used. Warning; includes working with things that will stain or dye clothing!

Friday, 4 P.M.

Medieval Warfare: Seizing the Advantage

Presented by Titan Forged Siegeworks

Location: Main Stage, 4 – 5 p.m.

How did we go from hitting rocks to launching nukes? This panel will discuss the evolution of the technology of siege-craft: catapults, ballista, trebuchet, cannons, and more! Presenters from Titan Forged Siege Works build and demonstrate various medieval weaponry at Renaissance Faires around the country.

Tips & Tricks: SFX Makeup

Presented by professional SFX makeup artists & costumers Rain Williamson, Trevor Kleist, and Troy Alan Larson.

Location: Panel Room, 4 – 5 p.m.

Want to take your costumes to the next level? Join a panel of professional special effects artists as they discuss airbrush vs. hand detailing, good makeup brands, techniques, and which products to use (and to avoid!). Come with questions.

Cosplay 101

Presented by Sandra Leahy of Sandra's Cosplay Asylum and Destinee of Gazelleon Cosplay

Location: Workshop Room, 4 – 5 p.m.

Basics of cosplay and cosplay costumes. Join Sandra's Cosplay Asylum and Gazelleon Cosplay as they discuss basic ideas for beginners who are trying to create their first Cosplay.

Friday Night Magic – Open Play

Location: Tournament Room, 4 – 8 p.m.

Cosplay Karaoke

Location: Cosplay Ballroom, 4 – 8 p.m.

Ever been rick-rolled by Spock? Was Sleeping Beauty truly blessed with the gift of music? Would Deadpool and Wolverine ever sing a duet? Join fellow geeks and friends to sing your heart out (whether or not you are dressed in costume).

Friday, 5 P.M.

Levels of Conflict in Fiction: Examining and Designing Multi-Faceted Conflict

Presented by Curtis Moore, Author and Conflict Resolution Professional

Location: Main Stage, 5 – 6 p.m.

Conflicts are a complicated, but inevitable part of life and fiction. Learn how stakeholders behave at different levels of conflict both in the real world and in fiction, how to analyze conflicts at different levels, and how conflict mapping can help lead your story to a satisfying resolution.

How to Avoid Predatory Photographers

Presented by professional photographer Mark Loertscher & cosplayer Hyacinth Wonders

Location: Panel Room, 5 – 6 p.m.

Cosplay and photography are usually a great combination, but sometimes photographers can have other motives. This panel will discuss how to spot the hallmarks of a predatory photographer and the tactics they employ to betray a model's trust and use photography as a dating app or even an excuse to assault their models. Presented by veterans of both cosplay and photography, this panel will be a great resource and way to protect not only yourself but also your friends, family and partners.

Backdrops and Facades Demo

Presented by professional artists Troy Alan Larson & Rain Williamson

Location: Workshop Room, 5 – 6 p.m.

This demonstration teaches the various techniques that are used to create environmental textures utilizing a variety of readily available materials. Spectators will listen to a detailed explanation of all the processes as well as view a live demo of how these techniques are performed.

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Celebrity Highlight: Adrian Ropp

Location: Main Stage, 6 – 7 p.m.

Adrian Ropp has been working in the entertainment industry for over thirty years. Beginning as a film animator, Adrian brought to life the adventures of the Velveteen Rabbit (Netflix) and many other delightful animated cartoons. He began working in games as the Head of Story for the award winning Disney Infinity and Hogwarts Legacy, and has drawn beloved comic book characters such as Maleficent, Archie, Underdog and The Pink Panther.

A native of Idaho, Adrian has lived in the mountain west his entire life and enjoys helping new talent develop their craft in amazing and magical ways. A recent recipient, Adrian currently spends a portion of his time advocating for kidney donors to help bring hope to the thousands of people who need a friend.

The Story of the Robin Hood Renaissance Faire

Presented by the Rotary Club of Elko

Location: Panel Room, 6 – 7 p.m.

Hear ye, hear ye - there's fun, feasting, and fantasy for all at a faire that brings the community together in a unique way! Learn about Renaissance activities and the Royal Court and how those support local community initiatives and youth-focused projects as you lose yourself in a simpler time.

Take and Paint a Foam Prop with Going Ape Costume: Shield and Dagger!

Presented by Becky Lee Evans aka Going Ape Costume

Location: Workshop Room, 6 – 8 p.m.

Only 25 spots available - \$25 per person (ages 12+) - Cash/Venmo Only

Becky Lee Evans - aka Going Ape Costume - has constructed 25 foam shields and daggers that you can take and paint! Several painting techniques covered, including dry brushing & aging techniques. The foam painting panel was a hit last year so 10 more seats have been added!

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Friday, 7 P.M.

Behind-the-Scenes: Haunted Houses

Presented by industry experts Rain Williamson, Trevor Kleist, and Troy Alan Larson

Location: Main Stage, 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn from industry experts what it takes to develop a haunt theme, the equipment required, and how to set up and maintain immersive haunt scenes, props, and costumes for haunted houses and film.

The Ultimate Superfight Game

Presented by Jojo, Jesse, & Morgan

Location: Panel Room, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join up for a game of SUPERFIGHT: where players get hero cards and a combination of super - or not so super - powers and then must argue about how their hero would win in a fight versus another. Play a round for a prize - one must be fully dedicated to the absurdity to win! Let foolish hilarity ensue!

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