



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.

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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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Friday, 6 P.M.

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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Saturday, 10 A.M.

Disney Character Sing-a-long

Presented by guests Rapunzel, Elsa, Belle, Ariel, and more!

Location: Main Stage, 10 – 11 a.m.

Characters you all know and love invite you to sing along to your favorite Disney songs all together. Come with your families, ready to sing your hearts out!

5 Tips To Get Started With Crowdfunding Comics

Presented by John Kratky, writer of Home Free, The Black Wall, Getting Back to Normal, & Goblet at the Black Oak.

Location: Panel Room, 10 – 11 a.m.

Are you interested in making comics, but just don't have the funds to cover everything? Crowdfunding your comic is an excellent way to not only cover costs like printing, but to help get yourself established within the comics community. Host John Kratky has had 6 successful campaigns since 2021.

D&D for Beginners

Presented by dungeon master Paul Glenn

Location: Tournament Room, 10 – 2 p.m.

Calling all Adventurers! Have you ever been interested in Dungeons and Dragons? Does it feel intimidating to learn on your own? Come on down and let Paul walk you through character creation and your first adventure. We will have a simple format where you will get to create your character! 6 spots are open for this session.

Dungeons and Dragons: Hellinia's Hunt! Reign of Iron – Session 1
Presented by dungeon master Devon Gsoell
Location: Tournament Room, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Heed the call with your fellow adventurers on a hunt for one of the most dangerous creatures in D&D, a dragon! But no ordinary dragon -- a Magnetic Dragon. Join us as pre-generated characters; dice will be given to our adventurers to take home after their deadly encounter!*6 spots are open for each session.*

Cosplay Contest Pre-judging
Location: Cosplay Ballroom, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Do you love to create things? Have you made a costume you're really proud of? Do you want to share what you're passionate about with the world? Then this is the contest for you!! Sign-ups take place [HERE](#) – there are limited spots available in the contest and cosplays are accepted on a first come, first served basis so sign up today!

Saturday, 11 A.M.

Celebrity Highlight: Michaela Jill Murphy
Location: Main Stage, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Michaela Jill Murphy (aka Jessie Flower) is a Los Angeles based actor, singer, and writer known for voicing “Toph Beifong” in Nickelodeon’s Avatar: The Last Airbender. Other credits include “Chaca” in Kronk’s New Groove/Emperor’s New School, “Young Franny” in Meet the Robinsons, “Nasse” in Platinum End, and “Harika” in Boruto. She studied Screenwriting and Theater at Yale University, has performed with cover band "Faces for Radio" in renowned New York venues from Bowery Electric to Stephen Talkhouse, and recently started the Bandit community which you can check out on her website: michaelajillmurphy.com. Follow her on Instagram/Threads/YouTube: @michaelamostly and TikTok: @michaelajillmurphy

The Infatuated, The Awkward, The Deplorable--Romance Tropes and Why We Love or Hate Them

Presented by Misty Polish (Best Selling Fantasy Romance Author) and Ashley Lavering (Paranormal/Fantasy Romance Author)

Location: Panel Room, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Explore romance tropes with authors M.R. Polish and Ashley Lavering. Why do some romance tropes work, and others don't? Why we love or hate one trope over another? Picking the right tropes can shape our favorite stories and reveal the values and true behaviors of the characters.

Saturday, 12 P.M.

Celebrity Highlight: Matthew G. Taylor

Location: Main Stage, 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Matthew G. Taylor is a Canadian born Actor who has been a part of the Television and Film industry since 1996. Matthew played the legendary role of NEMESIS, from Resident Evil: Apocalypse. He starred in the movie- Detroit Rock City as Chongo, Zac O'Toole in Queer as Folk, and other prominent roles in The Umbrella Academy, Exit Wounds, Gothika, Pacific Rim, Immortals and the Apple TV hit series, SEE with Jason Momoa.

Throughout the Comiccon and Horror Fests, Matthew's role as NEMESIS draws in the crowds. He shares his memories of playing the iconic role, including the process he was involved in when the custom built costume was created. Matthew enjoys meeting the people who appreciate the roles he has played over his career, and embraces the opportunity to take photos and sign autographs.

Return of the Musings of Jedi

Presented by Mark Christensen and Hooten Fullmer

Location: Panel Room, 12 – 1 p.m.

A Star Wars Panel discussing the endearing and enduring qualities of Star Wars hosted by life-long Star Wars enthusiasts. They will be discussing different eras of Star Wars in-universe history and some of the interesting inhabitants of the galaxy.

Here There Be Dragons: Mental Health & the Stigmas of Cosplay

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

Location: Workshop Room, 12 – 1 p.m.

Cosplay is more popular than ever! But with popularity comes mental health issues, social stigmas, and preconceived notions of what "cosplay" is. Join us in this open forum to discuss the emotional highs and lows of the hobby we all love.

Tea and Storytime with Princesses

Presented by Elsa, Ariel, and Belle (Madison Gervais, Tanah Shaffmaster, Susan Scott)

Location: Kid Zone, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a magical tea party as you mingle with Elsa, Belle, Ariel and Hiro Hamada and enjoy some yummy cookies and tea. The Princesses and Hiro will read off some Disney stories to end the party. Cookies will be store bought and a gluten friendly option will be offered as well.

Saturday, 1 P.M.

Vikings Celebrity Highlight: Clive Standen & Lucy Martin

Location: Main Stage, 1 – 2 p.m.

Clive Standen is best known for his captivating portrayal as Rollo in the series Vikings and most recently Bryan Mills in Taken on NBC. His career spans two decades across every genre, and you can currently hear him as Captain Titus in the video game Warhammer 40,000: Space Marine 2.

Lucy Martin is an actress, singer and dancer who began her career on stage in London's West End, appearing in multiple productions. She is perhaps best well known for her role as Queen Ingrid in the series Vikings.

Marvel Trivia

Presented by Sandra Leahy of Sandra's Cosplay Asylum

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Fly in with your Marvel 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!

Beginner's Guide to Silicone Prosthetic Transfers: Creating Realistic Lacerations

Presented by Rain Factor FX, a SFX makeup artist with 11 years of experience

Location: Workshop Room, 1 – 2 p.m.

Only 10 spots available - \$40 per person - Cash/Cards/Venmo

Join Rain Factor FX for a 1-hour beginner-friendly workshop on creating realistic lacerations with silicone transfers. Learn application techniques, color matching, and safe removal methods with step-by-step guidance. Ideal for beginners or those expanding their skills.

Saturday, 2 P.M.

Celebrity Highlight: Andrey Ivchenko

Location: Main Stage, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Born in the heart of the Ukraine, in a city called Kharkiv, Andrey Ivchenko was always a dreamer and very passionate about television and film. Knowing his opportunities to succeed in film and television were extremely limited in the Ukraine, Andrey packed up and moved to follow his dreams. He is most recognized as the Russian Terminator, Grigori, on season 3 of the Netflix mega hit series Stranger Things, as well as Red Erik in xXx: The Return Of Xander Cage and as Perseus in Call Of Duty: Black Ops Cold War.

Andrey has definitely become a recognizable face and name within the entertainment industry and this next year will be very exciting with all of the upcoming projects he has in the works. In his spare time he likes to hang out with friends, go to the gym, and travel.

So You Wanna Be Post-Apocalyptic?

Presented by Wastelanders Marrow, Crybaby, Morgue, & Allyn Wrench

Location: Panel Room, 2 – 3 p.m.

Post-apo enthusiasts discuss the creation and weathering of costumes for such fandoms as Fallout, Mad Max, Bioshock and more! Much will be covered from theming/costuming guidelines, tips and tricks for thrifting, building armor out of random items, making a piece cohesive through weathering, etc.

Coloring with Rapunzel: Let's Make Art!

Location: Kid Zone, 2 – 3 p.m.

Come along to get colorful and happy with some fun coloring time with Princess Rapunzel!

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Designing Cosplay from Image to Cosplay

Presented by

Location: Panel Room, 3 – 4 p.m.

Join cosplayers Going Ape Cosplay and Sandra's Cosplay Asylum as they discuss tips and ideas to help take your cosplay from an image to a design - and to a completed cosplay!

Kid's Costume Contest

Location: Cosplay Ballroom, 3 – 4 p.m.

Calling all knights, heroes, princesses, and more! We are looking for shining stars to take the stage and show us the characters they love! No early application or sign-up will be required. This fun contest is for children ages 1 – 10 only (every child must be accompanied by an adult at all times). The costumes can either be made (by the child or someone else) or purchased. Each kid in the contest will stand before the crowd and show us their costume – they can pose, dance, or show off their best fighter moves – whatever they want! Afterwards we will walk the convention floor in a big parade of costumes!

Saturday, 4 P.M.

Building the Perfect Magic System for Your Story

Presented by Amber Argyle, award-winning novelist whose work has been translated into multiple languages

Location: Main Stage, 4 – 5 p.m.

Does magic require Rules? Consequences? Fiction writers, DMs, & magic enthusiasts: join fantasy-author Amber Argyle for an engaging class on the intricacies of magic in storytelling! We'll cover: Soft vs. Hard Magical Systems, Rules and Consequences, Story Requirements & more!

Star Wars Trivia

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Working with Monster Clay

Presented by professional SFX artist & fabricator, Troy Alan Larson

Location: Workshop Room, 4 – 5 p.m.

Only 15 spots available - \$15/person - Cash/Card/Venmo

Ready to learn something new? We'll be experimenting with numerous textures that can be used to create different types of skin textures, wounds and scars, general animal/creature skin textures as well as other useful techniques. Each student will leave with a sample size pack of medium Monster Clay.

Pokémon The Card Game Tournament

Presented by Tyler Brown of Titan Forged Siegeworks

Location: Tournament Room, 4 – 6 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to catch them all? Bring your decks to battle it out in a Pokémon TCG Tournament hosted by a veteran Poké-Master!

Saturday, 5 P.M.

Making Independent Comics

Presented by Cameron Ferguson, Robert Gift, Robert Tweedy, Nate Johns, Steven Yu, and Jonathan Greenberg

Location: Main Stage, 5 – 6 p.m.

Join seasoned illustrators, editors, and up-and-coming creators as they discuss the process of developing, producing, and promoting independent comics. Panelists include seasoned illustrators, editors, and up-and-coming creators.

Black Thumbs: Making Mad Max Cars
Presented by Wastelanders Allyn Wrench & Crybaby
Location: Panel Room, 5 – 6 p.m.

So you want a thrilling ride? Two Blackthumbs (mechanics) discuss what it takes to get a car ready for the Wastes. Both have had cars in the Wasteland Car Show & Armada - the largest gathering of Mad Max-style cars in the world - and are ready to talk shop with anyone who will listen. WITNESS!

Intro to Haunt Sliding
Presented by Trevor Kleist from Heartstoppers Haunted House
Location: Workshop Room, 5 – 6 p.m.

Run, Crouch, Slide! Trevor has 8 years of scare actor experience and 7 as a slider. This presentation will cover all the basics including gear and safety. Attendees will leave with a clear understanding of required personal safety equipment and how to start sliding in their freetime.

Cosplay Karaoke
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Saturday, 6 P.M.

From Blackmoor to Baldur's Gate: 50 years of Dungeons & Dragons
Presented by Tyler Brown of Titan Forged Siegeworks and local Dungeon Masters Matt Leahy & Colton Broadwater
Location: Main Stage, 6 – 7 p.m.

Dungeon and Dragons has become a worldwide phenomenon taking the world by storm with videogames, card games, and movies. But, where did it start and what will the future bring? Join us as we take a look back on the first 50 years of the tabletop game that has taken Pop Culture by storm.

Haunted Legends & Future Dreams: The Story of the Commercial Hotel
Presented by Dr. Chad Edwards, Owner of the Commercial Fun Center & Haunted Commercial Hotel

Location: Panel Room, 6 – 7 p.m.

Explore the Haunted Commercial Hotel's dark history, including infamous murders and its role as "Vegas before Vegas" with live entertainment and gambling. Learn about the exciting current activities at the Commercial Fun Center and our future plans. Q&A and special swag for attendees!

Introduction to Face Paint

Presented by professional face painter Susan Kole

Location: Workshop Room, 6 – 7 p.m.

Only 20 spots available - \$40 per person - Cash/Cards/Venmo

Join Cheeky Doodles, your local face painter, for an exciting face painting session! The class includes a mini kit of professional-grade face paints for you to keep, along with live instructions on application techniques. Discover the distinctions between various face paint types, special effects supplies, and prioritize skin safety during the session.

Cosplay Karaoke

Presented by

Location: Cosplay Ballroom, 5 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, 7 P.M.

Elko Pop Con Cosplay Contest

Location: Main Stage, 7 – 9 p.m.

Come feast your eyes on the hard work and talent of cosplayers from all skill levels and fandoms as they become their favorite characters before your eyes! The categories to compete

in are: Youth (ages 11 -16), Armor & Foamwork, and Sewing & Textiles. Prizes will be awarded to the top three competitors in each category, with a prize of \$1,500 for the Best in Show!