

OFFICIAL PROGRAM GUIDE

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NANKAI 24!

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THE AMABIE: AN AUSPICIOUS YOKAI, FIRST DOCUMENTED IN 1846. A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATING A STRANGE GREEN LIGHT IN THE WATER IN THE FORMER HIGO PROVINCE (NOW KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE) DISCOVERED...

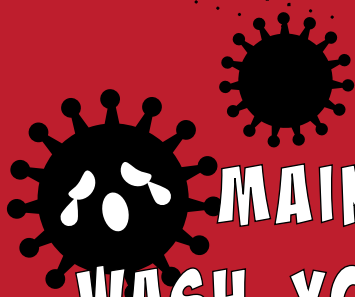
...A GLOWING CREATURE WITH FISHY SCALES, LONG HAIR, THREE FIN-LIKE LEGS, AND A BEAK EMERGING FROM THE SEA...

THE AMABIE MADE A PREDICTION: A PANDEMIC WAS COMING THAT WOULD RAVAGE THE COUNTRY. THE YOKAI THEN INSTRUCTED, "DRAW ME AND SHOW ME TO EVERYONE, AND I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM DISEASE."

WHAT?!



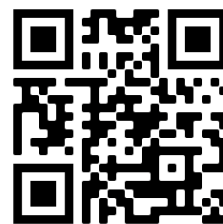
DO YOUR PART! HELP AMABIE!



MASKS ARE REQUIRED

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY



THE PANDEMIC SITUATION WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE AFTER PRINT DATES
CURRENT CONVENTION COVID INFORMATION AT: [NDKDENVER.ORG/COVID/](https://ndkdenver.org/covid/)

WELCOME TO THE 24TH YEAR OF NAN DESU KAN!

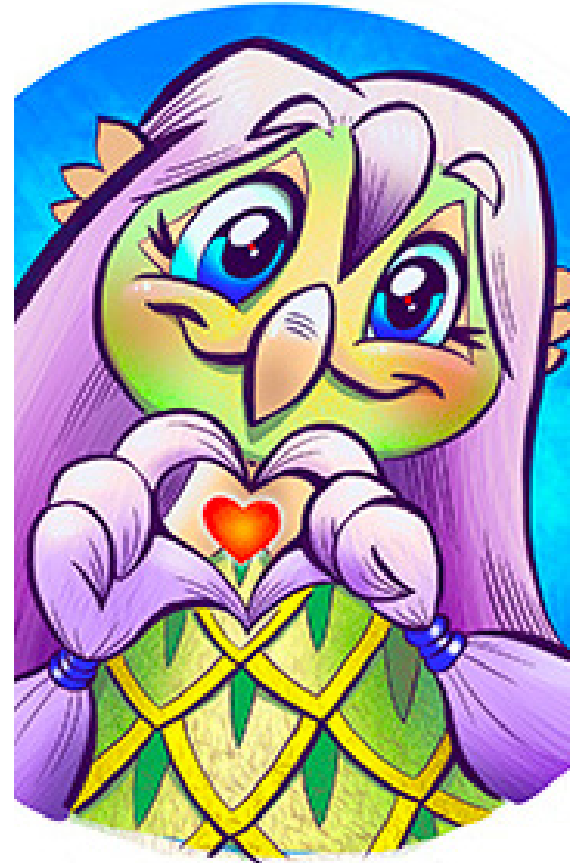
IMPORTANT NOTES!

- New Hotel, New Rules! Make sure to check out our updated rules, so we can all make a good impression on NDK's new home venue.
- Please note that our Cosplay Café is a paid event. Please register at our Merch room in the Aurora Exhibit 2 Registration Desk.
- Check out our brand new Art Academy Room! Please note that some of the craft panels require you to pay a small materials fee. Please pay the amount indicated in the panel description directly to the person running the panel itself. This fee covers the art supplies that they purchased themselves.
- Take a look at our updated Gaylord Photography Policy and rules for both cosplayers and photographers.
- Please note that our Burlesque Show is a strict 18+ show, no exceptions!

Welcome Back to NDK! It feels like an eternity since we were able to be together. The past two years have brought so many changes to the world, both to us personally and to us as an organization. The time apart from you has made us all realize how much having NDK means to us. It isn't just a convention. It's a place where people come together and show their love for their common interests. It's a place of belonging where it's safe to be you, no matter how you identify, or where you come from. We honestly cannot find the words to describe how much joy we have to see you all at NDK again. We are all truly honored to serve this community.

What do you think of this amazing hotel?!? The transition to the Gaylord has been a longtime dream that we have actively been working towards for about 12 years now. We couldn't be happier to see our Gaylord dreams finally come true. This new venue is just beautiful, and we are so grateful to be here inside the walls of our castle on the hill at last! Take a walk around and enjoy this new venue, and please be kind to the hotel staff as they learn who we are. We will be here for many years to come.

For us, the love of anime and Japanese culture isn't just a marketing tool; it's our purpose for existing and a mandate of our 501(c)4 Nonprofit Charter. We bring people together to further the knowledge of Japanese art, animation and culture, and welcome people from all over the region under our roof. We include people of all fandoms, ethnicities and identities. We choose charities that mean something to the community both local and nationwide. We truly care.



I want to thank each and every one of you for sticking with us. Especially through the craziness of 2020. It's because of you that NDK is still operating. Because of your support, we can come back this year stronger than ever and put on the best show we can. We hope NDK holds a special place in your heart, as it does in ours.

— Amanda Liebermann, Executive Director

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RULES

They are for the protection of you and everyone else in the convention. Ignorance of a rule is not an excuse for breaking it.

See our updated policies at NdkDenver.org/Covid

HARASSMENT AND SERIOUS BUSINESS

1. PLEASE respect other people's space! You must ask before making physical contact with another person.
2. Unwanted contact is never okay, and if you are caught doing so, you will be banned from NDK. If you witness or experience unwanted physical or verbal harassment, please tell the staff as soon as possible. Help us keep this convention a safe place to be.
3. Bullying and verbal harassment will not be tolerated. Verbal harassment is defined as: *speech that is intended to insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait (as race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability).*
4. NDK has a single warning policy for lesser problems. This includes, but is not limited to: chasing the guests around, harassing the staff, trashing any part of the hotel, trying to sell items or performances without NDK approval, or anything else that is disturbing. Your badge will be punched once to show the warning; a second punch means expulsion.

COSTUMES

1. **Not allowed, no exceptions:**
 - No guns: metal, paintball, **airsoft** and/or realistic, **even if it has an orange tip.** (Unrealistic colors and gutted of all working parts are acceptable.)
 - No metal swords or metal knives longer than 4 inches.
 - No leashes, metal handcuffs, or lengths of chain longer than 6 inches.
 - No metal pipes, large wrenches, stop signs or shovels.
 - No signs, period. Even if they relate to your costume.
2. All weapons must be approved and peace bonded by Ops staff. They have final say whether a weapon is okay or not.
3. Any realistic weapons purchased from dealers must be taken immediately to your room.
4. Not sure your costume or prop weapon is okay? Check with Ops. The full dress code and weapons policy is posted on the NDK Website for your reference, but the Ops staff has final say. You will be asked to change if your costume is not appropriate.
5. Attendees must wear shoes while on the convention floor per hotel policy.
6. You should not have anything (wings, props, fabric, etc) extending more than 18 inches from your body for the safety of those around you.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR COSPLAYERS:

1. In our beautiful new hotel, NDK has all new photoshoot areas and opportunities! Check out the NDK website and mobile guide for more details on the best photoshoot locations.
2. NDK has a new staff of friendly photographers with professional cameras, staff badges, and bright green vests. The photos they take are for NDK's social media and website, if you choose to participate.

3. If a freelance photographer behaves in any way that makes you uncomfortable, please see the nearest Staff member. The safety and enjoyment of our attendees is NDK's first priority.
4. By purchasing a ticket to NDK, you agree to be filmed or photographed by the convention for promotional purposes.
****Please note that not everyone with a professional looking camera is an official NDK photographer.****


FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS:

1. Did you bring a professional grade camera? Check in to Ops! All freelance photographers **must** sign a Photography Code of Conduct agreement.
2. Photos and video are not permitted in the Dealers Room, Artists Alley, Art Gallery, Model Show, or the Video rooms.
3. Are you planning on selling your photos that you are taking at NDK? If so, you need to purchase a Photography Vendor badge at our Registration desk. This will enable you sell the photos that you take at NDK without being stopped by NDK Staff. Please note that any person selling photos or prints without a Photography Vendor badge will be removed from the convention permanently.

GAYLORD ROCKIES PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY FOR NDK:

All photographers must have valid Nan Desu Kan credentials (attendee badge). Guests who violate these rules may be removed from the property.

1. Photographers are allowed to take photos in the resort's public space using HAND-HELD equipment only. Equipment cannot extend greater than a 15-inch radius around or above the photographer or subject.
2. Free-standing equipment is not permitted. Absolutely no set up of lighting with light stands, ladders, backdrops, large props/signs on the floor, running cords/wires across the floor, etc. will be allowed in public space areas.
3. Photographers and/or equipment cannot block any public area or impede the safe traffic flow of others (entrances, exits, hallways, etc.).
4. The use of drones is not permitted.
5. Attendees and photographers are not permitted in the Back of House (back halls of the resort).



CHRIS GILSTRAP
AREA HEAD
CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHY


WHO TOOK MY PHOTO?

MEET CHRIS GILSTRAP.

HE AND HIS STAFF ARE THE ONLY OFFICIAL NAN DESU KAN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS. MANY PEOPLE MAY ASK FOR YOUR PHOTO OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT ONLY A FEW ARE STAFF FOR THE CONVENTION.

NDK'S PHOTOGRAPHERS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR BRIGHTLY COLORED VESTS AND SPECIAL STAFF BADGES.

IT'S NOW EASIER THAN EVER TO KNOW WHO IS ASKING FOR YOUR PHOTO!
JUST LOOK FOR THIS LOGO ON THE VEST:



6. It is not permitted to take photos of STARS (resort employees) OR other hotel guests not attending Nan Desu Kan.
7. Photography is NOT permitted in the pool area (Arapahoe Springs).
8. Photographers and their subjects (attendees in costume) must also respect the hotel environment by not being disruptive or doing anything unsafe, including but not limited to:
 - Standing on furniture
 - Climbing on any rock formations or railings
 - Climbing on the train caboose
 - Getting into any water feature in the Grand Lodge
 - Climbing on any bronze statues (horses at the front drive, elk in the grand lodge, etc)
 - Hanging items from a light pole or any other part of the building

HEALTH

1. Marijuana is illegal on hotel property in **any** form. If you are found with it, you may be banned from the hotel. The hotel may also charge you an immediate \$500 fine if your room smells like marijuana.
2. If you are over 21 and wish to drink, please imbibe with moderation, and remember that altitude can increase alcohol's effects on you. The police will be involved if anyone is caught providing alcohol to minors.
3. Please take care of yourself during the con: Brush your teeth, bathe, and use plenty of deodorant daily. Also be sure to get plenty of food, sleep and **water**!

HOTEL

1. Remember that we share the common spaces with the rest of Gaylord's guests. Please be courteous to other guests of the hotel while you are in the Grand Lodge, the Pool, and other common areas.
2. Always respect hotel staff and hotel policies. If the hotel kicks you out for breaking their rules, you will be banned from the con.
3. When riding an elevator, please be respectful of others at all times and DO NOT jump in the elevators. If you are caught doing so, you will be charged for the elevator's pricey repair fee, and banned from NDK.
4. Only NDK approved and contracted Vendors and Artists may sell their wares at NDK. If you try to sell things without permission, your badge will be punched, and you will be asked to put your wares away.
5. Please respect your hotel rooms and don't cause damage to hotel property. If you vandalize or trash your hotel room, you will be banned from NDK permanently.
6. If you use body paint, please **bring your own towels and do not use the hotel towels**. If you ruin towels, you will be charged for it, and the hotel may ban you from staying with them again. Also, please do not use the Gaylord's pool for your bathtub after you've used body paint!

SPECIAL NEEDS

NDK is more than a convention: it's a community of friends here to have fun and enjoy their love of fandom and culture together. We've put together a set of guidelines to try and make sure attendees who need a little extra help with seating and lines can get it. Our goal is to make everyone's weekend more enjoyable and accessible. Please



visit our Ops staff for details.

If you have questions about service animals, please contact the hotel directly for their policies. Since NDK is hosted inside a hotel on private property, we must abide by the rules of the owners of our convention space. NDK has no control over, nor liability for the policies that the Gaylord Rockies Resort decides to enforce.

PARENTAL NOTES

NDK is more geared to people over age 13 than under. You have and maintain complete responsibility of, liability for, and control over your children's actions and what they see in this environment. If you choose not to exercise that responsibility, it is completely your decision.

NDK allows children age 13 and older to be unaccompanied during daytime hours. Children under the age of 13 found alone will be requested to point out their parent or guardian. If they are unable to do so, they will be taken to Ops and police may be brought in. The convention is not a childcare facility, nor does it take any responsibility for such duties. If you lose your child, please come to Ops so we can inform our security personnel and call police if they cannot be located immediately.

We try to keep all daytime programming acceptable for people under the age of 13. However, certain panels are geared for an older crowd, such as AMVs, our Burlesque show, and anything on stage after 9 pm. We require photo ID for anything that is an 18+ panel, no exceptions.

AUTOGRAPH PASSES

Lines for autograph sessions are handled using our Autograph Pass system. Each Autograph Pass lists what day it's good for. All you have to do is show up at the Autograph Room at the time listed on your pass. Please **DO NOT** loiter around in the hallway hoping to get into the room faster.

Autograph Passes are handed out on a first come- first served basis starting **1 hour** before the autograph session. They can be picked up at the Autograph Pass Table, located in the Registration Hall. Look for the staff with the orange vests.

Having an Autograph Pass does not guarantee you'll be able to meet with a guest. The line for autographs will be capped and autographs will be stopped at the end of the scheduled autograph time, even if you have an Autograph Line Pass. We allow limited autograph times to save our guests from laryngitis/tendonitis, and the signing sessions must stop at the time scheduled for them to end.



MAJOR ATTAWAY

Major Attaway is a classically trained Broadway Actor and Singer, who has voiced the characters of Urouge in One Piece, Arcadios in Fairy Tail, Desmond Rutaganda in Psycho Pass: The Movie, and Naval in Dragon Ball: Xenoverse 2, to name a few.

In 2017, he took over the Tony Award winning role of the Genie in Disney's Aladdin on Broadway! Major granted everyone's wishes by bringing magic and glitter to a packed house!

Major is also a Twitch Affiliate. On his channel IPlayedMajor where he's a variety streamer. Come hang out for a family friendly environment filled with lots of singing, silly voices, and self wellness encouragement.

He is currently working on revamping his Disney-based Cabaret show called The Genies Jukebox and Biohacking his way to a stress-free life with NuCalm.

AUTOGRAPH



AMELIE BELCHER

Amelie Belcher is an award-winning artist, painter, art instructor, comic creator and podcast host.

Known for her comedy based art education presentations, she has traveled the world teaching thousands of budding artists the secrets to starting their own journeys down the path to artistic expression with an eye geared toward Anime and Manga styled creations. She is known for her web comics, "Bounty Hunters" and "The Real-Life Adventures Of Ami Chan". You can read her work on her website www.AmiArmy.com.

She and her husband, Levi Castello, also host the popular podcast Laser Discotheque. You can give a listen on the pod catcher of your choice or visit the website at LaserDiscPod.com

AUTOGRAPH

**DANI CHAMBERS**

Dani Chambers is an actress based in Dallas, TX. She has been acting on stage and film for the past twenty years, and has been performing voice-over work for the past five years.

Dani made her anime debut in 2017 as Chise Hatori, the title character of the show "The Ancient Magus Bride." From then on, she has voiced plenty of roles such as Maharo from My Hero Academia: Heroes Rising Movie, Serva in Kemono Friends, Hina Sato / Odin in The Day I Became a God, Dahlia/Iris Hawthorne in Ace Attorney, and Mary in Fairy Tail: Final Season among others.

Dani is super excited to start getting into the convention scene, and can't wait to start new adventures! Be sure to follow Dani Chambers on Twitter @SkiniMini07, Instagram @danidchambers, and her website DaniDChambers.com for updates!

AUTOGRAPH



AUTOGRAPH SESSION RULES

1. All autograph sessions will have ALL of the guests in attendance, barring any unforeseen conflicts.
2. You are allowed only ONE item to sign, per guest. If you have more than one item, return to the back of the line for each additional item.
3. Please note that guests can charge for additional signatures, selfies, or prints at the autograph table. (When guests are at their table in Artist Alley, they can also charge for autographs.)
4. Bootleg items are not allowed in the autograph lines. Ask a staff member if you're not sure.
5. Do not touch, kiss, or otherwise maul the guests. You may not offer the guests gifts, food, or anything else. You may be removed from the convention if you do.

**** These policies are enforced by NDK and not the guests. Asking the guests to bypass and ignore our policies may lead to ejection from the autograph area.**

**QUEEN D**

Make way for Queen D! The self-proclaimed southern queen of crossplay! You may recognize her from her wildly unsuccessful YouTube show the Dlist!

Queen D is a fourteen-year seasoned cosplay veteran, emcee, and burlesque performer! Known for her wild antics and insane style of hosting shows, causing general chaos, and eating chicken nuggets! A known makeup artist, she has traveled all over the country blessing peasants...Uh... attendees with her shenanigans. She will be hosting a variety of panels throughout the NDK weekend, teaching general cosplay knowledge, stage presence, posing, and makeup! Known as the queen of late night at conventions, she is infamous for her 18+ panels so be sure to attend if you are of age!

AUTOGRAPH

**ALISA FREEDMAN**

Alisa Freedman is a Professor of Japanese Cultural Studies and Literature at the University of Oregon. Her books and co-edited volumes include *Introducing Japanese Popular Culture* (40-chapter textbook), *Tokyo in Transit: Japanese Culture on the Rails and Road*, an annotated translation of Kawabata Yasunari's *The Scarlet Gang of Asakusa*, and *Modern Girls on the Go: Gender, Mobility, and Labor in Japan*. She is currently writing a book about the forgotten story of Japanese women who studied abroad at American universities between 1949 and 1966 and became professors and pioneers of historically male-dominated professions. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *U.S.-Japan Women's Journal*.


 AUTOGRAPH
**BILLY KAMETZ**

Billy Kametz is an L.A.-based voice actor in many popular anime and video games. You can hear him as Josuke in *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure*, Ferdinand von Aegir in *Fire Emblem: Three Houses*, Galo in *Promare*, Metal Lee in *Boruto: Naruto Next Generations*, White Blood Cell in *Cells At Work*, Osomatsu in *Mr. Osomatsu*, Anai in *Aggretsuko*, Takuto Maruki in *Persona 5 The Royal*, and Naofumi in *The Rising of the Shield Hero* which just got picked up for a Season 2 & 3!

Originally from Hershey, PA, Billy came out to California four years ago to play Aladdin in the *Aladdin Musical Spectacular* in Disney's *California Adventure* for the final year of the show's 13-year run! You can keep up with Billy on social media @billykametz


 AUTOGRAPH
**JASON MARTIN**

Illustrator Jason P. Martin began his professional career with Dark Horse Comics, quickly followed by Marvel, DC, Image and IDW Comics. *Spiderman*, *X-Men*, *Battle Chasers*, *Gen13*, *Dirty Pair*, and *Avengers* are among the many books he has worked on.

Jason has contributed art to *PSM*, *Playstation Magazine*, *Xbox*, *IGN*, designed logos, convention mascots and book covers. He has also created concept art for *White Wolf*, *Green Ronin* and various video games. Jason's artwork is featured in Kevin Smith's movie, *Mallrats*, and in Simon Pegg's movie, *Paul*.


 AUTOGRAPH



Heather (a.k.a. HeatherAfter Cosplay) is an artist, model and longtime cosplayer. A part of the convention scene since 1996, her passion for cosplay and all things pop culture led Heather to quickly become a Master-level cosplayer. She has been honored to be a cosplay judge and/or guest at conventions throughout the country, as well as represent various businesses and charity organizations as a cosplay model and spokesmodel. Heather currently uses her sewing skills restoring high-end antique rugs for museums and private collectors, and works as a freelance illustrator designing logos, mascots, and other fun things in her spare time. Sony Entertainment's video game department, Marvel, Image Comics, Amazon, and Google are just a few of the companies that she has worked with, and her cosplay and artwork have appeared worldwide.

AUTOGRAPH



A graduate of the lighting design program from Emerson College, Kevin McKeever has been working in the entertainment industry for nearly 20 years. He has worked in theater production at world class venues such as the Goodspeed Opera House, the Emerson Majestic Theater, Foxwoods Casino, and the Mohegan Sun Resort which he helped open in 1996.

His television production credits include Jackass, Kids Say the Darndest Things, Guinness Book of World Records, Krypton Factor, Farmclub.com, The 60's as well as various television commercials. His film credits include Mystery Men, For Love of the Game, and Billy Frankenstein.



AUTOGRAPH



Daman Mills is a voice actor based in Dallas, TX. He lends his voice to a variety of anime and video games, all while fueled by a copious amount of coffee. He has provided voice work for characters such as Frieza (understudy; 2nd voice) and Monaka in Dragon Ball Super, Moroko in Dragon Ball Super: Broly, Jyugo in Nanbaka, Ginshi Shirazu in Tokyo Ghoul:re, Mustard and Moonfish in My Hero Academia, Leonardo Lionheart in RWBY, Yakov Feltsman in Yuri!!! on ICE, and Tanaka in One Piece Film: Gold, among others.

You can also hear him in other titles like Pokémon, Attack on Titan, Camp Camp, Nomad of Nowhere, and much more! Daman has also provided voice work for video games – notably as Frieza in Dragon Ball FighterZ. He can also be heard in SMITE, Paladins, Realm Royale, and YIIK: A Post Modern RPG.

AUTOGRAPH

**MADELEINE MORRIS**

Madeleine Morris is a Texas-grown actor, adaptive writer, and theatre artist. You've probably heard her voice in Fire Force as Inca, How Heavy Are the Dumbbells You Lift? as Hibiki, Kaguya-sama: Love is War as Miko, or Mushoku Tensei: Jobless Reincarnation as Rudeus! Other favorite projects include Borderlands 3: Boundy of Blood (Juno), Garo -Vanishing Line- (Sophie), How NOT to Summon a Demon Lord (Klem), Hyouka (Eru), and She and Her Cat -Everything Flows- (Miyu). In the Dallas theatre scene, she's a stage actor, stage manager, and sound designer. Her several hats have afforded her over 50 stage credits in the last several years at theatres all over the DFW Metroplex. You should ask her about her cats. Or Bulbasaur.

See more stuff at www.madeleinemorris.actor

AUTOGRAPH

**WENDY POWELL**

Texas-based actor Wendy Powell absolutely loves what she does, performing in all forms of media: film, television, radio, narration, and video games. But where her character-creating skills truly come to life is in anime! Mirroring the shapeshifting abilities of her iconic Fullmetal Alchemist role Envy, she changes her voice into anything and everything imaginable, including quirky robots, mysterious omnipotent aliens, little old fox ladies, wispy exorcists, and everyday human beings.

In 2000, Wendy first began working with Funimation as Amick Hendar in Blue Gender, and from there she just kept on going! Her most well-known roles include Ilena in Claymore, Mukuro in Yuyu Hakusho, Miss Merry Christmas in One Piece, as a "guest star" Popuko in Pop Team Epic! , and... well, how much time do you have, because at over 120 titles, this list could go on for a while...

AUTOGRAPH

**JAN SCOTT-FRAZIER**

Welcome back to Jan Scott-Frazier! She worked in the anime industry in Japan for almost 14 years. She attended animation school and later went on to work at a number of studios including Artland, Production IG and Atelier BWCA on shows including RikiOh 2, Locke the Superman (OVA), Shurato (OVA), Bubblegum Crash (OVA) and Tottoi (feature).

Jan has traveled extensively throughout Asia and the US teaching animation techniques and speaking at tradeshow and conventions. She has also translated videos and manga, written and co-written magazine articles and created extensive training materials for cel painting, animation and computer animation. In 2006 she produced the album Voices for Peace as a charity benefit. She currently produces albums for Voices For, a non-profit corporation.

AUTOGRAPH

**JOHN SWASEY**

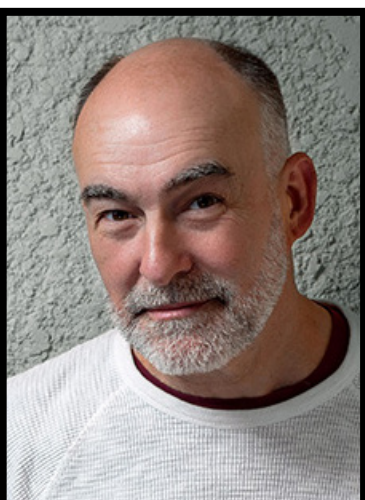
John started down the road of anime in 1997, when he landed his first role in Golden Boy at ADV Films. Since then, John has gone on to voice hundreds shows and characters with Sentai Films, Funimation, Rooster Teeth, ADV Films, Switchblade Films, Okratron 5000, Gearbox, Seraphim Digital and Illumitoons. John's wife once quipped that there are certain actors who might be the "Brad Pitt" of anime but John is the "Kevin Bacon" of anime.

In 2004, John jumped to the other side of the "mic" to direct. Some of the shows he has recently directed include Ushio and Tora, Squid Girl, Flip Flappers, Revue Starlight and Doreiku.

In addition to anime, John has acted in hundreds of radio and TV commercials and several films including the cult fave...Dazed and Confused.


 AUTOGRAPH
**TECA**

Teca is an award-winning cosplayer who has been cosplaying for nearly seventeen years. She has won more than twenty craftsmanship and presentation awards and judged more than a dozen competitions across the country. She's worked at official industry events as Sailor Jupiter from Sailor Moon and Sailor Moon Crystal for VizMedia, America from Hetalia for FUNimation, Kyoko Sakura from Puella Magi Madoka Magica for Aniplex, Marida Cruz from Gundam Unicorn for Bandai as well as having worked with bands such as Kalafina and CHEMISTRY. She has attended several cosplay events in Japan, including Comic Market (Comiket) and Osaka's Comic Event.


 AUTOGRAPH
**KENT WILLIAMS**

Kent, a native Texan and long-time Dallas resident, received a BFA in acting at Southern Methodist University in 1987, and has since cultivated a dynamic career in the performing arts. A Telly Award winning puppeteer, Kent currently serves as Producing Director with LTDM Entertainment and regularly performs its repertoire of storybook classics.

Kent has an extensive host of voice acting credits in over 200 video game and anime titles. Some of Kent's most notable roles are, Dr. Gero, Tao, Supreme Kai, Kibito Kai, and Elder Kai as seen on DBZ, Blue Ogre (Jorge Sao Tome) and Chuu on Yu Yu Hakusho, Hatori Soma on Fruits Basket, Mr. Compress on My Hero Academia, Sid on Soul Eater, and Father on Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood among others.


 AUTOGRAPH



ALYSIN WONDERLAND

Alysins Wonderland is a cosplayer/burlesque performer based out of New Orleans, Louisiana. Alysins Wonderland (formerly known as Teh Princess Cosplay) has been cosplaying and creating costumes for the past 13 years. When her cosplay world collided with burlesque two years ago, she re-branded and emerged from a pile of fancy fabrics mixed with glitter and rhinestones, and things have never been the same.

Over the past 13 years, Alysins has won multiple best in show awards for her detailed craftsmanship and numerous skit awards for her stage performances. She has cosplayed from many series in the gaming and anime cultures, but her favorite franchise to cosplay from is The Legend of Zelda.

AUTOGRAPH



STARLA WYNN

Starla Wynn is a Kansas City cosplayer that has been doing her crafting thing since 2013. Swift with a brush and accurate with a craft knife, prop building is Starla's passion (sewing just happens to be a really good friend). From small to large builds, from one day craft-a-thons to months long endeavors, Starla's had the full cosplay experience.

After eight years and many competitions later, Starla still enjoys the frustrations challenges of starting a new cosplay. She won the Cosplay Area Head's award in 2017 for her Angewomon from Digimon, and she was our winner of Best in Masterclass Performance in 2018 with Urbosa and 2019 with Mipha both from Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild.

AUTOGRAPH



COSPLAY CAFE FEATURING MOSAIC COSPLAY

Want to take a break, sit down and relax for a bit while enjoying some entertainment? Come join us in our Cosplay Cafe, where our featured players from Mosaic Cosplay will be performing for your enjoyment. This event requires a separate ticket, available at our Merch Room located at the Aurora Exhibit 2 Registration Window. **Tickets cost: \$10**

Saturday Showtimes

12 pm – 1 pm
2 pm – 3 pm
4 pm – 5 pm
6 pm – 7 pm

Sunday Showtimes

1 pm – 2 pm
2 pm – 3 pm

2021 CHARITY

Nan Desu Kan is pleased to announce Stop AAPI Hate as Nan Desu Kan's official Charity recipient for 2021. In response to the alarming escalation in xenophobia and bigotry resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stop AAPI Hate coalition was launched on March 19, 2020. The coalition tracks and responds to incidents of hate, violence, harassment, discrimination, shunning, and child bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Come and learn more about who they are and what you can do to Stop AAPI Hate at their panel on Saturday morning of the convention! Check them out stopaapihate.org

CHECK OUT
EXTENDED GUEST
BIOS ONLINE AT
NDKDENVER.ORG



DO YOUR PART!

This year, some staff members will be giving out some special thank you stickers to people who are practicing safe health and social distancing practices. It's just our way of giving a shoutout to those who are helping make NDK a safer environment. Look for the adorable Amabie stickers wearing a face mask!

WHAT'S THE QUIET ROOM?

On the NDK map, you may notice something labeled as "Quiet Room". This is a place that NDK has had for the past four years, specifically designed for folks to take a break from the hectic environment that NDK can be. It is outfitted with white noise generators, some coloring books and materials, and plenty of space to sit down and relax. Please respect the other people in this room and maintain a low volume while visiting. Please do not eat or use anything that can emit strong smells such as glue or nail polish while you are in the quiet room; it can disturb the folks trying to take a sensory break.



ART GALLERY

Welcome to the NDK Art Gallery, located in the Crest 4 room on Creator's Row. We're looking forward to welcoming new and returning artists to the show! Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Due to Covid, we are limiting the amount of cash sales we are allowing. Please pay with PayPal, Venmo or credit card whenever possible.
- **No photography or filming** allowed in the Art Gallery.
- All sales and winning bids must be purchased and collected by 4 pm on Sunday, or pieces will be returned to the artist.
- Showing your art is free, but space is limited. First come, first served. Reservations are not accepted, however, if you need to make prior arrangements, email artshow@ndkdenver.org
- All art is subject to review for appropriate themes and subject by Art Gallery staff. This is a PG-13 show.
- All flat artwork must be mounted on a firm backing (i.e., foam core, mat board, chipboard), and preferably matted or otherwise professionally displayed. For 3-D or wearable art and jewelry, you must provide your own display stands and arrangements.

Need more information? Feel free to ask the Art Gallery staff or email artshow@ndkdenver.org with any questions.

MODEL SHOW

The IPMS/CoMMiES (International Plastic Model Society, chapter Colorado Modeling Militia Enjoying Sci-Fi) happily sponsors the NDK model show again this year. In addition to the model show, we also sponsor and staff the Plastic Model Make & Take and the Paper Model (papercraft) Make & Take.

We want to share our love of model-building with you, and hope you catch the fever!

MODEL SHOW RULES

No entry fee

Participation in the show is open to all NDK attendees, Staff, and Volunteers.

CONTEST RULES

1. Please note that this is an anime con and select your entries accordingly. Science Fiction and Fantasy themed entries are welcome.
2. NDK is a family-oriented convention. Please, no entries that do not suit this audience.
3. If a model has placed at a previous NDK model contest, please do not enter it again.
4. Please be sure your entries will stand on their own on the display tables.
5. If there are enough entries in a category, the category may be split into two or more smaller categories.
6. Please pick up your entries during posted entry pick-up time on Sunday.

MODEL SHOW JUDGING

Award Certificates will be given in the following Model Show categories.

- 1st-3rd in each category, if number of entries permits
- Best Paper Model
- People's Choice (based on voting by con-goers. Remember to vote!)
- BEOSWL (Best Example of Something We Like, a CoMMiES award)
- Judges' Best of Show

Judging will be done Saturday after the show closes, and the judges will be selected prior to the show. Certificates can be claimed when the entrants pick up their entries.

MAKE & TAKE

This year's Make & Take will feature both paper and plastic models. It will take place in Video 2, just around the corner from the Model Show, on Sunday, from 11-2. Come join in the fun. We run out of plastic models quickly, so be sure to be in line early.

DISCLAIMER: NDK, hotel staff, and the IPMS/CoMMiES are not responsible for damage to or loss of entries. Although model show staff will safeguard entries to the best of their ability to reduce the possibility of damage or loss, accidents do happen.

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ART GALLERY HOURS

Gallery viewing hours

Friday: 3 pm – 9 pm

Saturday: 8 am – 8 pm

Sunday: 8 am – 1 pm

Gallery Auction

Bidding ends: Sunday, 12 pm

Live auction:

Sunday, 1 pm – 3 pm

in Main Events

Artist Info

Check in: Friday 1 pm – Sat. 12 pm

Check out: Sunday 5 pm

MODEL SHOW HOURS

Model intake

Friday: 2 pm – 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

Room open to public:

Friday: 2 pm – 6 pm

After-hours: 8 pm – 11 pm

Bring a model and build with us!

Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm

After-hours: 8 pm – 11 pm

Bring a model and build with us!

Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Judging

Saturday: 7 pm – 8 pm

Winners announced Sunday morning

Entry pickup

Sunday: 3 pm – 4 pm

Make & Take

Video 2

Sunday: 11 am – 2 pm (or when we run out of kits).

**MODEL CONTEST CATEGORIES**

Juniors: Modelers under 18

Adults: Modelers age 18+

Mecha

Robots & power suits. This includes

Super-Deformed, Gundam and MaK

Spaceship

Real-space and science fiction space vehicles

Vehicle

Atmospheric, ground and sea craft

Dekotora

Japanese art cars: semis, vans, cars and motorcycles decorated with chrome, lighting, murals, etc.

Creature

Animals, dinosaurs, and monsters

Figure

Human/humanoid beings

Anime Girl

Representations of female anime characters

Painted Minis

Single figures, groups of figures, and armies

Dioramas

Judged in part by the strength of the theme or story

Kawaii

Japanese for cute

Bears

Out of the box, or customized, we really love bears (Petit'gguy, beargguy, or something new)

MODEL ROOM PANELS**PAINTING FIGURES: SKIN & EYES**

Saturday 12 pm

Tips and tricks from our resident expert on painting anime girls. With Jack Hubbard.

IF I CAN BUILD A MODEL, SO CAN YOU

Saturday 1 pm

The youngest member of our modeling club takes you through the process of building a model. With Dylan Holmes.

USING COLOR MODULATION TO BRING YOUR BUILDS TO LIFE

Saturday 2 pm

Painting models in monochromatic shades can leave them looking small and toy-like. Bump your realism up a notch using color modulation. With Brad Guy.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Saturday 3 pm

An introduction to adding light to your models. With Vern Clark.

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR AIRBRUSH

Saturday 4 pm

How to choose an airbrush, conduct maintenance, etc. With Dan Holmes.

HOW TO USE AN AIRBRUSH

Saturday 5 pm

How do I make this silly thing spray paint? With Dan Holmes.

ROBB'S TOOL BOX

Sunday 11 am

Come see all the strange and unusual things Robb has in his toolbox to help him build models. With Robb Merrill.

EVERYTHING IS A MODEL PART

Sunday 12 pm

How to build creatively, with parts that didn't necessarily come in a model box. With SueAnne Merrill.

PANEL RULES

Our panels feature a large number of different subjects including Japanese culture, games, comedy, and historic events. We welcome your attendance at every panel, but please be warned that panel rooms can fill up quickly. We've implemented several rules in order to give both attendees and panelists the fairest chance of having a positive experience.

- Panel rooms will be cleared after every panel.
- Attendees will be required to show a badge to gain entry to a panel. We are unable to hold spots in line for attendees without their badges, so please make sure to keep your badge with you.
- Lines for all panels will begin when the previous panel line has been let into the room. In the case of the first panel of the day, the line will form **1 hour** before it starts. Attendees will be brought into the room in the order you arrive.
- Please be aware that panel lines are located outside of the panel hallway, and that a Panel Pass for the room may be needed to enter.
- Panel overflow lines may be located on the floor below the start of the panel lines.
- If you have any questions, please ask one of the orange vested staff members in the panel area.

18+ PANELS

Some of NDK's programming is for adults only, and can feature adult material and subjects. These panels are strictly 18+, and require a valid physical photo ID with your age on it to enter. We can't accept pictures of ID's, High School Diplomas, texts from your mom swearing you're 18, Blockbuster membership cards. Sorry!



PANEL PASSES

We provide these passes as a way of reserving a spot in a panel without staying in line as long. They're available from the panel pass pickup table located near the panel hall.

1. Show up when the line would normally begin for the panel. The orange vested staff member for the con will give you a pass.
2. This pass guarantees you access to the panel **up until the panel begins**.
3. Please remember to hand in your pass when you enter the panel!

MAIN EVENTS LINES AND OVERFLOW TICKETS

In cases where the line into Main Events gets too large to allow everyone to line up ahead of time, groups of individuals will be given a color-coded ticket to represent their virtual spot in the line. Groups will then be asked to meet in a different location, and will be brought over as a larger group by Line Control when the line is cleared from the previous groups.

FRIDAY

MAIN EVENTS

BURLESQUE (18+)

When the lights go down, the clothes come off and characters come alive! Welcome back our friends from New Orleans, Royale Revue burlesque troupe! Bringing to life characters from anime to fantasy to the big screen, this performance features dancers from all over South Louisiana. Come be entranced by the more sensual side of some of your favorite characters!

J-POP DANCE

NDK's own DJ OMC brings back another fun night of dancing to your favorite J-pop and K-pop for our Friday night dance event! Join us and dance the night away!

MAJOR ATTAWAY'S MUSICAL CABARET

Join Major as he sings his favorite songs in this magical, live performance! This cabaret was created with the love of the fans in mind, and formulated during his time of playing the Genie on Broadway! Be sure to show up early to get a great seat and be ready to be entertained!

ACTIVITY 1

VOCALOID PAJAMA PARTY!

Join the cast of Mosaic Cosplay Cafe as some of your favorite Vocaloid characters for a fun-filled night of games, dancing, and music! This is a free panel event with limited capacity, so be sure to come early to secure your spot. We'll be playing some classic cafe games, as well as some of our favorite board and card games, and possibly some mobile Among Us! PJs encouraged, but not required!

PANEL 1

BILLY KAMETZ Q&A

Bring your questions! Join Billy Kametz at his first NDK solo appearance as he discusses his journey from musical theatre to voice overs.

CONVENTION HORROR STORIES WITH JOHN SWASEY 18+

Join John Swasey as he shares his favorite NSFW stories from his many years attending conventions. This panel is not for the faint of heart!



FRIDAY CULTURAL/ SANA PANELS



JAPANESE COMMERCIALS: HISTORICAL LOOK AT ADS THAT CHANGED JAPAN

Japanese commercials. How can they be both so weird and influential? Dr. Alisa Freedman discusses the advertisements that changed Japan. (Panel Room 1)

MORE THAN MAINSTREAM: INTRO TO JAPANESE RAP DETAILED OUTLINE

Is K-Pop a little too idol for you? American rap too overwhelming? Japanese rap is the ultimate middle ground. Come turn-up to everything from complete memes to ultimate tearjerkers; Japanese rap has it all! (Panel Room 1)

IREZUMI: HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF TATTOO TRADITIONS FROM JAPAN TO AMERICA

Explore the origin of Japanese tattoo traditions and how they migrated to America. Learn how those designs and traditions have changed and evolved into what we see today including anime- and comic book-style tattoo art. As an artist with 12 years of experience, come join me as we discuss these subjects. Tattoos are more mainstream than ever before! (Panel Room 4)

THE UNTOLD STORY OF JAPANESE FEMALE STUDENTS IN THE U.S., 1949-1952

Japanese female students, who were in the U.S. during 1919 to 1952, have a hidden, untold story. Join Dr. Alisa Freedman as she discusses their story. (Panel Room 4)

FROM ANIME TO IDOLS

With all the new idol and anime content we have even more anime and idol similarities! Join the discussion and bring your questions!

**I CAN PAINT THAT!:
BASIC COSPLAY PAINTING DEMO**

Come join Cosplay Guest Starla Wynn as she does a live demo of basic cosplay painting.

PANEL 2**ARTIST ALLEY AMA WITH
AMELIE BELCHER**

More than 20 years of conversation experience culminates in a panel where YOU, the attendees, get to ask artist Amelie Belcher pretty much anything. Come welcome Amelie to her very first NDK appearance!

**BOB AFTER DARK PRESENTS:
YOKAI AND YOU**

Join paranormal investigator/researcher Bob Anderson, host of the podcast **Bob After Dark**, as he discusses strange cases of the Japanese Yokai, and the popular ghost tropes of Japan.

DRAWING POKEMON FROM MEMORY

While Pokemon have simple designs and you might be able to imagine what it looks like, putting it to paper is another story entirely. In this audience-participant game, players will compete with each other by drawing Pokemon strictly from memory! This will include ALL Pokemon, not just Generation 1!

HENTAI: ALL YOU CAN HANDLE (18+)

Let's talk about Hentai! How it started, where it came from, notorious titles, and what is coming out in the future.

HISTORY OF ROBOTECH PART 1.5

Join Harmony Gold's Kevin McKeever as he takes a look at the colorful history of the Robotech franchise from the summer of 2007 onwards.

**TABLETOP GAME DESIGN
WITH JAPANESE GAMES**

Join Japanime games' designers as we discuss tabletop game design and working with Japanese licenses. Learn more about making games in Japan and the U.S. from the people actively making them! Panel by: Eric Price, Brett Fennell, Keith Meyers, and Sean Brown.

**PANEL 3****BACK TO THE ANIME
OPENING FUTURE!**

Anime openings are known for having catchy songs and cool animation. Come witness a visual showcase of some of the best anime openings from throughout the decades. Feel free to sing along if you know the words!

HAIKYUU! THE BALL IS IN YOUR COURT!

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams..." In celebration of conventions returning, join Karasuno for a time of fun! Watch the crows soar above the troubles of Covid, trying to bring a spark back into the world.

K-POP RANDOM DANCE

Come and dance to K-pop both old and new, title tracks and b-sides, Korean singles and Japanese singles. Who knows what we'll play next! Let's light it up like DYNAMITE!

KARAOKE

Wind down your Friday evening at NDK by belting out some of your favorite tunes in our Karaoke room.

PANEL 4**BALL JOINT DOLLS (BJD)
FACE UP BASICS**

This panel will go over the very basics of face up supplies for BJDs and various alternative supplies you can use. This panel will also cover a simple ear mod for BJDs.

**CONVENTION HORROR
STORIES WITH TECA (18+)**

The saying goes that "the best stories come from the worst decisions." After nearly two decades of cosplaying, you tend to have seen and done some inadvisable things. Come hear some stories of great and not so great things that can happen, from cosplaying in Japan to working as a face character for the premier of Sailor Moon.

COSPLAY JEOPARDY: SEASON 4

Whether you've been cosplaying for years or are just starting out, come test your knowledge and learn new things! The points are still made up and don't matter, but there's candy for correct answers!

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COSPLAY
IS NOT CONSENT MOVEMENT**

Want to learn about an important movement in the cosplay community? Join Caroline of CrazyLadyCreations as she presents about the Importance of the Cosplay Is Not Consent Movement, its history, relevance, cosplay/con etiquette, and resources. While not 18+, this panel covers difficult and sensitive topics and may not be appropriate for younger children.

**WHAT DO YOU (THINK YOU)
KNOW ABOUT TAROT?**

The symbology of the tarot is used in widely different ways in games and shows, but how much of that depiction is true to life? We'll explain the basics of Tarot!

SATURDAY

MAIN EVENTS

ANIME MUSIC VIDEO CONTEST

Welcome to NDK's AMV Contest, considered one of the best AMV competitions in the world, and featuring editors from around the globe. This is one of NDK's most popular events, so show up early to get in line and vote for your favorite videos. This event might contain spoilers!

BURLESQUE ENCORE (18+)

Welcome back our friends from New Orleans, Royale Revue burlesque troupe! Bringing to life characters from anime to fantasy to the big screen, this performance features dancers from all over South Louisiana. Come be entranced by the more sensual side of some of your favorite characters! Please note: This is a shorter show than Friday, and will showcase some new routines mixed in with the best from the first performance!

COSTUME & COSPLAY CONTEST

Our Saturday night costume extravaganza! As always, NDK has the two split so you can watch the spectacle of fantastic costuming skills or skit-making genius from the contestants.

MAJOR ATTAWAY'S CABARET ENCORE!

Join Major as he sings even more of his favorite songs in this magical live performance! This cabaret was created with the love of the fans in mind, and formulated during his time of playing the Genie on Broadway! Be sure to show up early to get a great seat and be ready to be entertained!

PANEL 1

COSPLAY WITH PRIDE WITH QUEEN D

This panel is for all the freaks, geeks, and outcasts. The ones who were told to not be yourself. The ones who were bullied, mocked, and may have even lost friends over your art. Come to this panel and see that it wasn't all for nothing. Cosplay is love. Join the Queen of the freaks and geeks himself, Queen D as he helps you to "cosplay with pride."

SATURDAY CULTURAL /SANA PANELS



AMERICA'S INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS

In 1941, the U.S. imprisoned more than 10,000 Japanese-Americans in internment camps in response to Pearl Harbor. Come learn about the horrible conditions and struggles these American citizens endured and their strength and survival. (Panel Room 1)

KYUDO WITH GUY!

Join NDK's very own Guy Davis as he does a Kyudo (Japanese archery) demonstration! Guy has studied and practiced the beautiful art of Kyudo for many years both in Japan and the United States, and he is excited to share his knowledge with you. (Panel Room 1)

AMABIE, PIPO-KUN AND FRIENDS

Join Dr. Alisa Freedman as she discusses the cute and creepy warning characters out of Japanese folklore, including NDK's 2021 themed mascot, the yokai Amabie. (Panel Room 2)

LET'S SHODO WITH MAMIKO IKEDA!

Shodo means the art of Japanese Calligraphy! Join expert Mamiko Ikeda as she talks about Shodo tools, different Kanji, style, brush strokes, and does a live demonstration. (Panel Room 2)

DISNEY DEBATE WITH MAJOR ATTAWAY

Come discuss your favorite Disney story and or character. Find out which of your faves are friends with the Genie.

IN DEFENSE OF THE JELLY DONUT

Adapting Scripts for an English-Speaking Audience with Madeleine Morris

Voice actor, script adapter-person, and anime-enjoyer Madeleine Morris shines a light on the differences between translation and adaptation, shares her (totally subjective) philosophy on adapting international media for an American audience, and will likely wax poetic about jelly donuts... or were those rice balls?

IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT HENTAI PANEL (18+)

There are many unrealistic things in hentai, and some of them are actually more surprising than you might think. Come see why if these actions were performed in real life they would either be impossible, or lead to death.

KARAOKE

Wind down your Saturday evening at NDK by belting out some of you favorite tunes.

MAJOR'S BACKSTAGE PASS

Join Major for an all access pass to his career from the booth to Broadway. Be sure to ask him about the famed ATTaway method!

OH THE HUMANITY WITH QUEEN D (18+)

Ever been so shocked that you just have to grab your pearls and gasp "oh my lord"? Well prepare yourself for Queen D's hilarious and terrifying stories of life and the horrible things we do for cosplay. Disclaimer: D is not responsible for therapy resulting from attending this panel.

PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST TRIP TO JAPAN

Vacation time is precious, and most people don't get nearly enough of it. So how can you make the most of the time you do have? Join Harmony Gold's Kevin McKeever as he gives essential tips before you hop on the long flight.

ROYALE REVUE READING RAINBOW (18+)

This wildly popular and hilarious panel features the fabulous Queen D and the Royale Revue reading and re-enacting the WORST fanfiction available. Guaranteed to bring tears to your eyes one way or another. This one fills up fast, so show up early!

ROBOTECH: A NEW BEGINNING WITH KEVIN MCKEEVER

Harmony Gold USA presents the latest developments in the Robotech universe, from awesome new products to the live action film in the works at Sony Pictures with the producers of "300" and the director of Stephen King's "It".

SPEED SEWING! WITH ALYSIN WONDERLAND

Join Alysia Wonderland as she speed-sews a small garment in just an hour! This girl has got some serious skills.

THE ANIME THAT BETRAYED US

Come one, come all to our rant/round table discussion of the anime and games that betrayed us. We were set up by the cute art style but bitterly betrayed by the dark storyline. Bring your A game (and smartphone) because prizes for trivia can be obtained. Commiserate with us as we go on a journey with no redemption. Beware Spoilers!

THE HISTORY OF ULTRAMAN

Are you a fan of giant monsters destroying Tokyo? Are you familiar with Ultraman? I will give brief overview of the history of the Ultra franchise that has been running for 55 years.

PANEL 2**AMV HOUR...WITH A SPIN!**

Join Kisanzi and Radical Yue for the annual AMV hour! In addition to the commentary and discussion of AMVs, we will be holding an audience judged event and providing some fun giveaways! Please stop on by to see the spin we've decided to put on this year!

ANIME CHARACTER TAROT READING

Pulling elaborate tarot readings for some of the most classic, beloved, hated, and talked about characters in anime.

DUNGEON MASTER CLASS

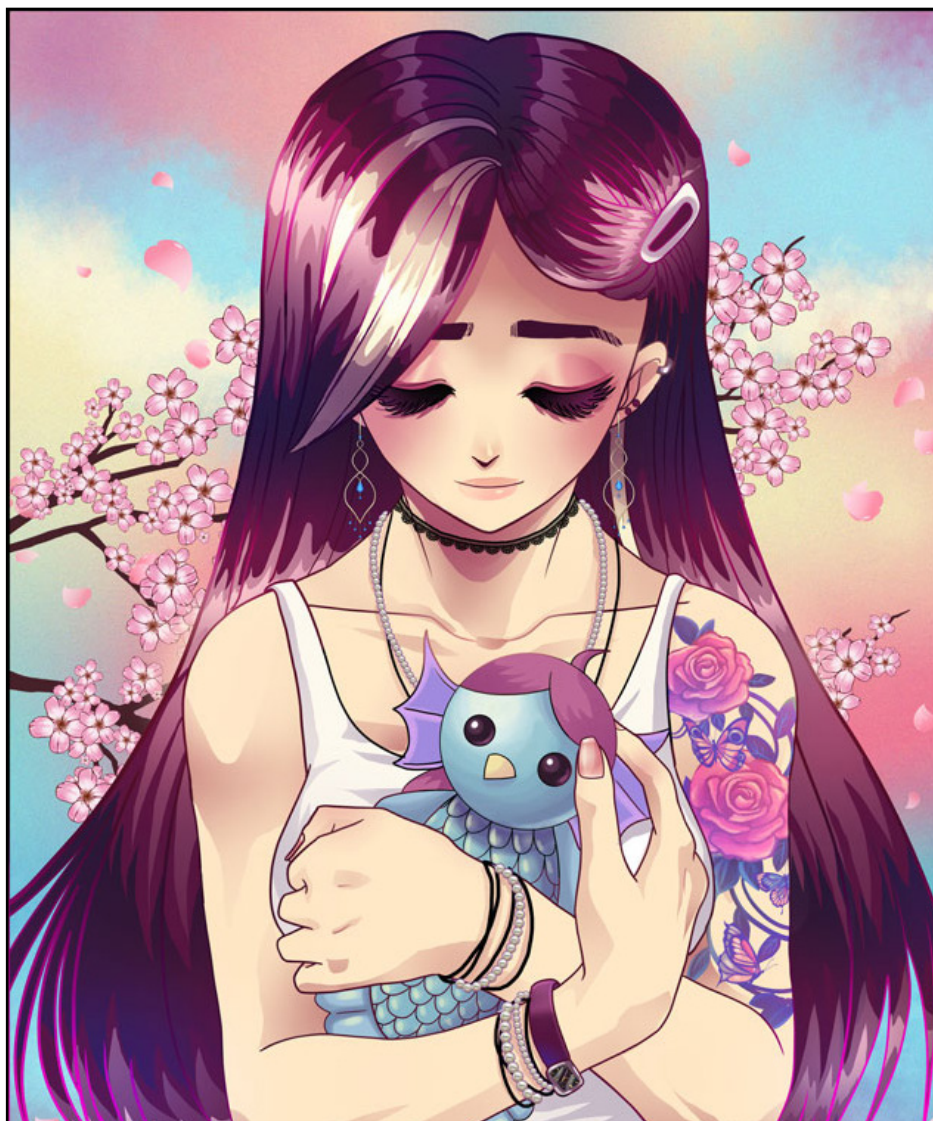
Have you ever thought about becoming a Dungeon Master? Running a Dungeons & Dragons game can be intimidating, but it's easier than you think! Come learn the tricks of the trade. Our tips can be applied to most tabletop RPGs and LARPs. We will talk about creating memorable characters, preparation, world building, and running adventures

GEEK OUT! WITH DANI CHAMBERS

Everyone has something that they are passionate about. Join Dani Chambers as she discusses both hers and your favorite things to geek out on. Whether it's anime, video games, or reading, let's chat about it!

INDIE GAME DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Ever wonder what it's actually like to be part of an indie game development team? Join us as we discuss the ins and outs of the world of independent game design and development.

**JAPANIME GAMES PANEL**

A history and future of Japanime Games, including video interviews of several Japanese game designers! Come for a first look at what cool things you can expect from this creative company! Panel by Eric Price and Brett Finnell.

WAR STORIES FROM THE CONVENTIONS (18+)

Do you think touring around anime conventions is easy, glamorous and luxurious? If you think so you are in for a shock as Kevin McKeever tells you about the good, the bad, and the funny of life touring around anime and media conventions!

YOU VS. BILLY KAMETZ IN SUPER SMASH BROS

Bring your Nintendo Switch and your skills because you've been challenged! Join Billy Kametz and compete in this event. There will be prizes!

PANEL 3**A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO COSPLAY CONTESTS**

Are you curious about entering a cosplay contest, but you don't know where to start? Or are you looking for some tips to improve your performance at the next one? This panel will cover the basics of cosplay contests including preparation, talking to judges, and stage presence. You'll leave with the knowledge and confidence to try one out for yourself!

ANIME GOES TO COLLEGE

Attend a short lecture from Emilie Waggoner, who teaches the University of Colorado Denver's first-year seminar on anime through a sociological lens!

**DISNEY TRIVIA
WITH ORGANIZATION XIII**

Calling all Disney nerds, young and old! Time to put your thinking cap on, bring your team of choice, and show up to compete in epic Disney Trivia! Hosted by the sinister Organization XIII, arising from the deep inner workings of Kingdom Hearts. They're looking to regain their hearts and become whole again!

**HOLLYWOOD AND JAPANESE
REPRESENTATION**

Japanese-American actors have been present in Hollywood since the silent film era, but so has racism. Let's discuss examples, good and bad, of representation from Hollywood's beginnings to today.

NINTENDO JEOPARDY!

A twist on the classic game show Jeopardy! where all of the categories will be based on popular franchises from the videogame company, Nintendo. Test your knowledge of these game series with two rounds of Jeopardy! quiz boards.

POKEMON JEOPARDY!

A twist on the classic game show Jeopardy! where all of the categories will be based on the worldwide video game hit, Pokemon. Test your knowledge of Pokemon with two rounds of Jeopardy! quiz boards.

**TAKASHI MIIKE:
JAPAN'S LEGENDARY CULT DIRECTOR**

Takashi Miike has created more than 100 movies, from yakuza action flicks to cult horror to fantasy-adventure. His films are legendary for being chaotic and often filled with taboos and dark humor. Come check out trailers and let's talk about his strange, wonderful films.

TIKTOK, COSPLAY, OCS, OH MY!

TikTok burst into the scene way back when Vine was still a thing, but it was cosplayers that made it into the powerhouse it is now. In this TikTok 101 panel we cover a brief history, the different trends, tips, and a Q&A! to help start your journey on TikTok.

**COSPLAY CAFE****FEATURING MOSAIC COSPLAY**

Want to take a break, sit down and relax for a bit while enjoying some entertainment? Come join us in our Cosplay Cafe, where our featured players from Mosaic Cosplay will be performing for your enjoyment. This event requires a separate ticket, available at our Merch Room located at the Aurora Exhibit 2 Registration Window. **Tickets cost: \$10**

Saturday Showtimes

12 pm – 1 pm
2 pm – 3 pm
4 pm – 5 pm
6 pm – 7 pm

Sunday Showtimes

1 pm – 2 pm
2 pm – 3 pm

WHAT ARE ANIME FASHION DOLLS?

Ever dreamt of having your own personal anime girl? Well, that dream can be a reality and this panel can help get you started! Vinyl anime fashion dolls are a cross between traditional dolls and action figures. They are highly customizable. You can also buy your favorite anime characters!

PANEL 4**DIC SAILOR MOON:
WAS IT REALLY THAT BAD?**

The DiC version of Sailor Moon was a gateway that brought many people to the anime fandom. Even though it has not been held in high regard over the years, does it really deserve all the hate? What did it fail at and what good things did it bring to the series and fandom?

INDIE ANIME 2021

Join us for a journey into the world of independent animation with a focus on creators working in an anime style or with a heavy anime influence. We'll show a wide variety of short animations, ranging from student work to music videos to independent creators making a name for themselves in the animation world today.

ITABAGS... WHERE DO I START?

Have you ever been so obsessed with your favorite character that you felt the need to spend unhealthy amounts of money to prove it? That's what itabags are for! Regardless of if you're a beginner or an expert, this panel will go through the process of the purchasing and building your bag(s), along with tips to make them look professional!

IWATOBI END OF SUMMER PARTY

Summer is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean the party's over! Join the Iwatobi Swim Club for their end of summer bash! A party to end all summer parties! There's no pool, but they make do. Come see what surprises they have planned and make your summer full of memories!

**MEDIA BLASTERS PAST,
PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

Media Blasters has been a publisher of anime for many years. Join me as I talk about our history, what we are doing now, and will do in the future.

MOBILE GAMING

Glued to your phone because of a certain game? Waking up at odd hours just to get bonuses? Then this panel is for you! Come talk with us about mobile games and why we love them.

**SAILOR MOON: CARDS, CLANS,
AND DEATH PHANTOMS, OH MY!**

Following up on my 2019 Sailor Moon panel, "Crisis on Three Dark Kingdom" this time around I will be comparing and contrasting the differences between Sailor Moon R and Sailor Moon Crystal's second season.



STOP AAPI HATE!

In response to the alarming escalation in xenophobia and bigotry resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stop AAPI Hate coalition was launched on March 19, 2020. The coalition tracks and responds to incidents of hate, violence, harassment, discrimination, shunning, and child bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Come and learn more about who they are and what you can do to Stop AAPI Hate! Stop AAPI Hate is Nan Desu Kan's official charity recipient for 2021.

TRUE CRIME JAPAN

Calling all True Crime fans! Let's look at some of the most shocking crimes that happened in Japan. Come hear about the Concrete High School Girl Case, The Pregnant Ripper Case, The Kobe Cannibal, The Akihabara Massacre, and the Otaku murders among many more. Bring your Uggs and flavored coffee drinks!

UNDER THE UMBRELLA: RESIDENT EVIL

With the release of Resident Evil 8, hype and love for the franchise is at an all-time high. Come share your experiences with the mansions, police stations, villages, and ships of the series as we look into its humble beginnings and modern influence.

WEBTOON REVOLUTION

Join us as we talk about the rise in popularity of webtoons including anime adaptations, why they are currently so popular, where you can read them so that you are supporting the author, and animes to be on the lookout for.

WHAT MAKES AN ANIME HERO?

Anime heroes are wide and varied! You have heroes that are the villain of their own story, cliched, and so much more. With a large library of anime series, let's look at the different categories of heroes and those anime characters that match. It will be fun, entertaining, and enlightening!

VIDEO ROOM 1**WHEN REDNECKS DUB! (18+)**

Join John Swasey as he shares a hilarious redneck dub of Gamara, the cult classic giant rubber turtle monster! John will host some time for a contest and Q&A after the screening. This panel is strictly 18+, so please have your ID ready when you arrive.

SUNDAY**MAIN EVENTS****AMV CONTEST RE-SHOW**

Welcome to the re-showing of NDK's AMV Contest, considered one of the best AMV competitions in the world, and featuring editors from around the globe. This is one of NDK's most popular events, so show up early to get in line. (Note: There is no voting at the re-show).

AMV WINNERS

Join us as we announce the winners of NDK's AMV contest! This is a very popular event, so come early to get a good seat!

CHARITY AUCTION

Join NDK Jeremy as he auctions off rare art, and anime memorabilia for a good cause. This year benefits Stop AAPI Hate, who tracks and responds to incidents of hate, violence, harassment, discrimination, shunning, and child bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

PANEL 1**COSPLAY Q&A**

Do you have questions about cosplay? Then come ask Alysia Wonderland and bring your burning cosplay questions as she does a Q&A on cosplay and cosplay-related topics.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO KINGDOM HEARTS

With the 20th anniversary of Kingdom Hearts fast approaching, this panel will explore the franchise's beginnings as well as what makes it so beloved. Come share your stories and experiences with the series in this interactive panel

GOTTA SCALP 'EM ALL? DISCUSSING THE CURRENT POKEMON CARD SHORTAGE

What? Pokemon is popular again? Why haven't I been able to buy Pokemon cards in stores? To answer these questions and more, join us for a deep dive into how COVID-19 and internet influencers caused a massive spike in the Pokemon market. Sealed Pokemon product will be raffled off to one lucky Pokemon Trainer at the end of the panel!

**SUNDAY CULTURAL /SANA PANELS****POWERFUL WOMEN OF JAPANESE POP CULTURE**

Join Dr. Alisa Freedman as she discusses some of the most powerful women in Japanese pop culture and their impact on women today.

(Panel Room 1)

WOTAGEI LIGHTSTICK DANCING

Join Jessie as she talks about the Japanese cultural phenomena of Wotagei Dancing (dancing with lightsticks). Demonstration and audience participation to follow the lecture part of the panel.

(Panel Room 1)

HOW I BROKE INTO THE ANIME INDUSTRY WITH KEVIN MCKEEVER

How does one person go from a small New England town to working on one of the worlds biggest anime franchises? Find out here!

MANGA AND MURDER

Come explore manga, murder, and madness in this panel that dives deep into several brutal murders that inspired manga adaptations. Let's look at how the manga deviated from the real crimes and how the world of law and order differs in Japan.

PANEL 2**ANIME AESTHETICS! BUILT LIKE AN ANIME CHARACTER!**

A practical approach to exercise, fitness and nutrition to help you look like your favorite anime characters!

COSPLAY FOAMSMITHING

Learn the basics and advanced techniques on how to work with foam for cosplays, props, and armor.

COSPLAY ROUNDTABLE

Had a cosplay question that you didn't get answered? Come chat with experienced cosplayers. Whether it's about sewing, props, wigs or presentation, our pool of knowledge can help you out!

**HOW TO HOST
A GOOD ANIME CONVENTION PANEL**

With conventions in restart mode across the country, the demand for strong programming at the shows has returned as well. Join Robotech Convention Tour Director Kevin McKeever as he explains what makes a good anime convention panel and how to avoid the traps that often derail fan presentations.

**POKÉMON TRAINER MADELEINE
WANTS TO BATTLE**

Bring your Nintendo Switch and battle Madeleine Morris in Pokémon Sword and Shield while we talk about our favorite Pokémon. That's the whole thing. Let's go!

OTAKU'S GUIDE TO JOB HUNTING

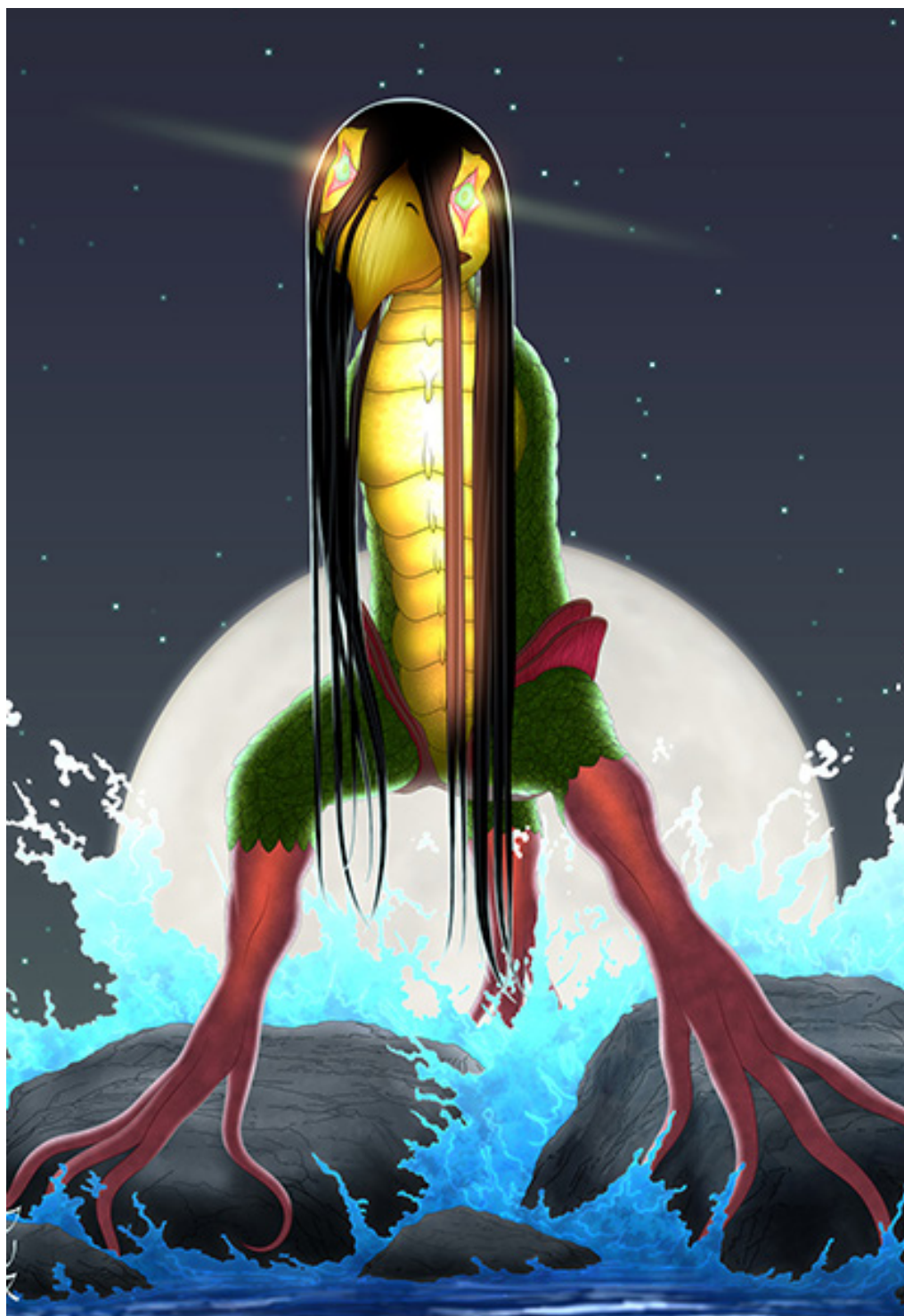
Calling all otaku, are you looking to get into the industry or seeking advice on landing the perfect job? Is it hard being different and fitting into professional cultures? Do you have challenges looking for that right fit? If so, please attend this panel hosted by a real life HR Manager who has hired people to work in every industry!

PANEL 3**BUILDING YOUR DREAM COSPLAY**

Do you have a dream cosplay that just seems too daunting to complete? This panel is for cosplayers who have big ideas in mind, but don't know where to start! Learn some tips and tricks for how to research, break down, and source materials for major projects. Come armed with questions for your own projects

**JOJO'S CRAZY NOISY
BIZARRE PANEL**

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure is one of the most beloved (and memed) anime series of all time. Come share your love and experiences with the series in this interactive panel celebrating all things Jojo.

**K-POP RANDOM DANCE CHALLENGE!**

Come dance to some of the most classic and popular K-pop songs!

LUPIN THE THIRD: MANGA AND ANIME'S FAVORITE THIEF

Join us as we explore the origin and timeline of Lupin III. We'll have fun facts and trivia!

THE DOCTOR AND THE QUEEN

Come ye peasants. Join Queen D and her friend Dr. Alisa Freedman as they discuss anything and everything they can, and they will. Who knows what this panel will end up looking like?

PANEL 4

**BRANDING ONLINE
VERSUS IN PERSON**

This panel will go over the differences between branding for an in-person company and an online persona. It will also talk about finding a middle ground between your online persona and your in person persona.

**COSPLAY CONTESTS 201:
GAMESMANSHIP**

Got the contest basic downs but wanting to go further? Join member of Team USA 2022 for the World Cosplay Summit and cosplay guest Teca to do a deep dive in not only selecting your competition costume, but also how to plan and execute your costume and presentation to maximize your chance of taking home the top prize!

GRAB BAG SHUFFLE

Amassed too many items from your grab bag addiction? Bring them to us! Participants will supply new/unused items equaling at least \$30 to make grab bags on the spot. We will then shuffle all the bags made during the panel and distribute them randomly back to participants.

GUESS THE ANIME OPENING

We will play song clips from popular anime and you, the game participants, have to guess which anime the song is from!

**MAYBE I CAN'T PAINT
THAT ... BUT YOU CAN!****Advanced Cosplay Painting Live Demo**

Join Starla Wynn as she does a live painting demo of an advanced cosplay piece while discussing tips and tricks.

**MIKU IS A RACECAR DRIVER?!
THE HISTORY OF RACING MIKU**

Have you ever wondered why Hatsune Miku is always on the sides of racecars? Why everyone cosplays racing versions of her? Or do you just really like Miku? Well, here you can learn the history of Goodsmile Racing and why they're all things Miku! Let's go GSR!

RECORDING DURING A PANDEMIC

Recording in a closet vs a studio. Join Wendy Powell as she discusses the changes to voice acting as we knew it while the world struggled with the Covid-19 pandemic.

WOULD YOU RATHER...?

An easy, classic game catered to NDK that relates to anime, videogames and manga. Come with your favorite 'would you rather' questions and let the fun begin!

ARTIST ALLEY

Make sure and stop by Artists Alley! Remember, unless you are an artist taking reference shots or have a press badge, photography is not allowed. Also make sure to stop by the information table on Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm to vote for your favorite artists!

STAFF

- Alice & the 3 Dark Kings
- MadMouseMedia
- Monroe's Art Room
- Wings, Charms, and Things

ART

- aSinglePolygon
- Belli-buttons
- COSUMOSU
- Elpis of Hope
- Hailcakes
- Ink Junk
- jdelgado!
- Kehasuk
- KittykatParades
- Kurry Studio
- LucidSky
- Maeca Art
- magefordays
- Marcotte Studios
- Matsumoto Art
- Mindy Soung
- ofSkySociety
- pakeji
- Penelopeloveprints
- puppySHAKER!
- R. TRIGGER

■ Rio Burton Illustration

- Sariochan Arts
- Savvy Jensen Art
- Shane Sauer Art
- Shoujo Havoc
- Soul Bound Art
- TaradactylJane Studio
- Timeskip Studio
- Tsuchonici
- Ukiyo-e Heroes
- Wavechan
- Yokokins
- Zesaika Works
- Zzyzzzy

CRAFT

- Bee-Ribboned
- Bitten Designs
- Bottle The Moon
- Charming Little Fox Creations
- Collect2display
- Hero Wares and Supplies
- Miss Victoria Regina
- PumpkinMasquerade
- Rabbit Tales
- Rocky Mountain Dragons
- Savage Embroidery

MIXED

- Anirose Art
- Boop The Cat
- Cat Crossing
- Cglas
- chiffonsu
- Chim Arts
- Chainmail by Firelight
- DinosaurMermaid
- Dragon Lady Art
- Fantasm
- Freeze-Ex ICECUTE Studio
- HelianthusCrown
- Lemon Penguin
- Lilycli and Upbeat Pals
- Nerdy Needles Studio
- ONEE-GIRI ART
- PaletteGhost
- Primordial Pals
- Rookie Cookie Designs
- Sabasse Studios
- Sabbie
- The Mog Shop
- ToriKat
- XXTRA PASTEL SHOP
- Yen Pen

GUESTS

- Consulate General of Japan in Denver
- Amelie Belcher
- Black Aradia Designs
- Kumoricon
- Kat Lowry
- Mosaic Cosplay
- Queen D
- Royale Revue
- Starla Wynn
- CosPositive
- Rockies Japanese Academy
- Mamiko Ikeda Japanese Calligraphy
- Momono Trading Company — JBAR
- MothMint
- Voice Actors (Tables will be manned periodically during their off-time.)

**ARTIST ALLEY
HOURS**

Friday: 2 pm – 10 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 10 pm
Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm

THE NDK ART ACADEMY

Welcome to NDK's brand new Art Academy. This is a place where our Guest and Staff Artists come to share their years of experience and knowledge with you! You will find hands-on panels on everything from traditional art techniques, graphic design, and even digital art creation. Come by and get your hands into creating some art of your own!

HEATHER MARTIN

MAKE YOUR OWN PET DRAGON PLUSH

(50 person limit, \$10 Cash Fee Required)

Who wouldn't want a pet dragon?! Heather (a.k.a. HeatherAfter Cosplay) will show you how to create your very own poseable pet dragon. The dragon will happily curl around your wrist, and be a constant companion throughout the convention weekend and future adventures. Tools and materials are provided for a small fee (cash only). Participants must be comfortable with hand-sewing, scissors and hot glue.

MAKE YOUR OWN TINY TOTORO PLUSH

(60 person limit, \$5 Cash Fee Required)

How would you like to have a lovable Totoro friend of your very own? Why not make one?! Heather (a.k.a. HeatherAfter Cosplay) will show you how to create a super cute Totoro plush. These adorable little woodland creatures easily attach to keychains and backpacks, or can just ride around in your pocket. They even make excellent holiday ornaments! Tools and materials are provided for a small fee (cash only). Participants must be comfortable with hand-sewing, scissors and hot glue.

JESSIE WEHLING

MEDIATION AND THE ART OF ZEN GARDENS

Join us for a discussion and demonstration of utilizing Zen gardens for calmness and mediation. Enjoy some history in addition to learning techniques, tools, and suggestions.

UKIYO-E WOODBLOCK PRINTING

(50 person limit, \$5 cash fee)

Back by popular demand! Join Jessie and learn to create your own beautiful woodblock printing art!

GUY DAVIS

CEL PAINTING

Join Guy as he walks you through the lost art of painting animation cels. Paint and cel material will be provided, as well as art that you can use. Or! Bring your own art to use for the cel background.

TARA & KELLY O'NEIL

DESIGNING NDK

Ever wonder why NDK looks so good? It's because of these folks' hard work for the past 15 years! Join Tara and Kelly O'Neil as they discuss their process and the secrets behind how they continue to create NDK's signature style.

WELCOME TO THE THROWDOWN

Join Tara O'Neil in a discussion about pottery from an accessible beginners perspective. Tools, materials, and techniques will be discussed here. If you're curious about pottery, and don't know where to start, this is a great resource for you.



AMELIE BELCHER

ANATOMY FOR ARTISTS 101

Come learn the human form with professional illustrator and comic artist Amelie Belcher. Learn what is and isn't important when constructing a character's form and how to visualize your images three dimensionally before pencil ever meets paper.

HOW NOT TO DRAW

You did it. You know you did. We ALL did. Come point and laugh as professional artist Amelie Belcher takes you through cringe fest that is EVERYONE'S first sketchbook. It's okay to point and laugh.

DIGITAL ART 101

Let professional artist Amelie Belcher teach you the ends and outs of creating your digital masterpieces. It's easier than you think. Secrets will be shared. Stories will be told. Show up and learn a thing or two.

DIGITAL ART 102

Take your digital art to the next level. Learn the secret layer, brush, and settings magic that artsy fartsy types want you to take out a student loan for. No nerds. Just Kidding. Nerds welcome.



VIDEO GAMING

This year's Video Game Room will be just like every other year's room — and yet completely different. There will be several tracks of constant gaming all weekend long featuring the PS4, Xbox One, and Switch as well as pachinko and general mayhem courtesy of the VGR Staff.

We're also featuring our usual awesome array of events including Guilty Gear –Strive–, Smash Ultimate 2v2, and My Hero One's Justice 2 tournaments! And don't forget late night Rock Band!

CH, CH, CHANGES!

So we're now at the Gaylord and the space is immense. Not only are we sharing space with the Japanese Arcade, we'll have some chairs and tables to hang out and chill at.

We'll also have more hand sanitizer stations and disinfectant wipes; help us keep the room clean and healthy by using these tools. We may even have something special for exhibition.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

We are part of NDK's Gaming District, and are located in Aurora Ballroom B, right next to the Gaming Dojo.

OPEN ALL CONVENTION LONG, WITH A CAVEAT ...

Even with the new digs we are remaining open 24 hours with no cool downs for main systems and arcade machines! However, things have dragged in the wee hours of the morning these last few years. In the interest of our staffers' health with the unprecedented situation, if you aren't showing up, we're going to close for a few hours and make sure everyone gets some rest.

CHARITY ARCADE

Every year, NDK raises money for charity and this year the VGR is getting involved. NDK is providing arcade machines with a variety of games to be played all weekend long including Galaga, Sinistar, Metal

Slug, Samurai Shodown and more! We're also expanding our arcade machines by partnering with our friends at Akihabara to include more machines! Come and play for a good cause!

PACHINKO FOR CHARITY

The Pachinko Thunder-Dome is here to stay! Our phenomenal showcase increased our charity contribution to record amounts and we have you to thank for it. So give us your money for a cup full of balls and have at them!

NO TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP

If you want to join a tournament, just come in when the tournament starts so we can check your badge, and collect a tournament token.

Each token has a number, and those numbers are your ticket into the tournament! When you sit down to compete, you'll slot up your token right there, and if you get beaten, you lose it. If you win, that token is your proof that you're still in the tournament.

Keep track of it! And don't try trading it to your friends — even if we don't catch you, the rest of the participants will.

PRIZES

We are sponsoring: Best Video Game Art/Model, Best Video Game Costume, and Best Video Game Music Video.

The winners get a Golden Joystick of their very own and some extra special prizes as well!

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S ALRIGHT FOR FIGHTING

Saturday, September 4

- 12:00 pm: Smash Ultimate 2v2
- 4:00 pm: My Hero One's Justice 2
- 7:00 pm: Guilty Gear –Strive–

Please remember that there is no sign up for tournaments. Get to the tournament center and the VGR Staff will check your badge and give you a numbered token!

WHO'S EVEN AWAKE BY NOON ANYWAY?

Sunday, September 5

- 12:00 pm: TBA

THE RULES

We've got some straightforward rules and regulations in the VGR and they're clearly posted everywhere. Let's go over them real quick, just to be sure:

1. **No food or drink is allowed in the VGR at any time**, unless you're a VGR staff member. Yes, we will eat right there in front of you as we don't get to leave.
2. **No roughhousing.** There are really no situations where body parts should be touching other body parts while in the VGR. The only real exception is when you shake the hand of the person who just whupped your hiney at Smash Ultimate, because you're a good sport.
3. **Do not abuse any games, systems, peripherals, or staff members in the VGR. Seriously.** Anyone damaging equipment intentionally will have an equivalent weight in body parts removed by the VGR Staff. You are not Pete Townshend; do not smash that guitar controller when you finish your set. Destruction of hotel or NDK property is an immediate ban from the convention.
4. **No unattended children under 12.** The VGR is funded primarily through the sales of unattended children to medical research facilities. But hey, maybe some of those researchers are actually mad scientists and have some liquid adamantium handy.
5. **No outside games, or systems.** This is due to Colorado State liability laws, not because we're jerks. No, we're not making an exception for you. Stop asking. Yes, we're talking to you. You know who you are; you ask every year.
6. **You may bring your own controllers including joysticks for use in the VGR for Open Play and Tournaments.** However, don't be a lowdown dirty cheater with them. If you cheat in open gaming



you're just being a jerk. If you cheat in a tourney you're being a jerk that'll be kicked out of the tournament at the very least.

7. **No stealing from us or your fellow attendees.** A terrible curse is laid on those who steal from the VGR: all your saved games will be corrupted and lost, right after you get further in your game than you ever have before; all your achievements will be lost to the aether! Beware! Oh, and you'll get Ban-Hammered by Security. And we may even have to notify the authorities.
8. **No whining.** Please note that this rule does not say: no suggestions, no feedback, no requests or no opinions. Just No Whining.
9. **Do not leave your personal belongings in the VGR.** Not only are the VGR staff not responsible for your personal belongings, we refuse to take responsibility for them. If we find unattended items we will take them to the lost and found at Convention Operations.

10. **No sleeping in the VGR.** Yes, we're fully operational for the duration of the convention. No, this is not your crash pad.

11. **To play pachinko, just locate the staffer nearby, give them some money and play pachinko with your cup full of balls!** All joking aside: **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE PACHINKO MACHINES BY STUFFING THEM WITH QUARTERS!**

The Ban-Hammer will be used to smite the offenders right off the premises. With luck, they may even see the curvature of the Earth.

12. **Please do not change the settings on the games.** We have the settings arranged to ensure that everyone can play, have a good match, then make way for the next round of attendees. Just because you and your friends enjoy a 100 Stock round of Smash doesn't mean the dozens of people behind you wants to be waiting around for the match to resolve. Keep that kind of play at home, please.

13. **No harassment.**

Do not hug, grab, kiss, or glomp anyone who does not want you to. If you are caught or reported as having done so, you may be banned from the convention. We take this very seriously, so do yourself a favor: ask first and make sure it's okay. If someone tells you that it's not okay, respect their wishes.

If you feel as if you've experienced unwanted touching, hugging, or glomping, report it to the nearest NDK staff member immediately.

Verbal harassment will also not be tolerated. This includes derogatory terms, hate speech, and all manners of verbal abuse.

GOLDEN RULE OF THE VIDEO GAME ROOM: PASS THAT CONTROLLER!

The chairs in the VGR are set up in rudimentary lines, clearly indicating who's "got next." If you want to play a game, have a seat. As people finish, they move away and everyone moves forward. Sometimes a game is so popular that people stand in line behind the chairs – this is OK too. You know what the best part of this system is?

You, the attendees, created it yourselves. You did without any direction from VGR Staff. The Shogun & Digitalcynic couldn't be more proud of you. When you finish a game, check to see if someone is behind you waiting for it. If no one wants in, you're all

good. If someone wants to give it a try, pass it on. You'll be back in no time, because they have to pass when they're done too.

If someone isn't passing the controller, tell a VGR staff member immediately. We are serious about enforcing this rule, but whining about it after the fact is fruitless. If we could travel through time, we wouldn't have to work for a living.

Addendum: this also includes the "winner passes" or "loser passes" rules — those rules **DO NOT** apply in the VGR. If you win the match, pass the controller. If you lose the match, pass the controller.

THE TABLETOP GAMING DOJO

Welcome to the Dojo's third year! A Dojo is a hall or space for immersive learning or meditation in the field of martial arts. The term literally means "place of the Way" in Japanese. Our Dojo is a place where you can engage in the study of and practice Tabletop Gaming-Do, or "the way of tabletop gaming". Our Gaming Sensei and Senpai are there to help you.

Come to the tabletop gaming Dojo to indulge in our vast library of games, learn new games through the demos, classes, and scheduled play, partake in the gaming tournaments, or just to have space to play games or RPGs of your own. Our staff can help you select a game and help you get set up and learn the rules if you would like. We can also help you find players if needed.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday 10 am – Sunday 3 pm

CHESS CLASS

Have you always wanted to learn Chess? Or do you know how to play, but can't seem to ever win? Well this is the class for you. Join Troy in this beginner's chess class on how pieces move, the rules of the game, and basic chess theory.

DREAD!

This will be a story driven RPG using a loose variation of the rules of Dread (where instead of dice a Jenga tower is used). In the Dread system player characters are almost guaranteed not to survive the story. Ask a Dojo Sensei or Senpai for the Player Sign-up sheet. Age 16+ recommended

EARTH TAU

Come early on Friday and Saturday to learn how to play the head-to-head Superhero themed card game and prepare for the Saturday tournament!

Earth Tau! It's time to clip on your cape and step into the knee-high boots of Earth Tau. Join us for a demo of a new card game where you become a leader in the super community as the world spins out around you. Do you have the superior tactics necessary to out maneuver your rivals and claim victory? Put your new skills to the test in our free Saturday tournament for a chance



to win a copy of the game. So call your clone, round up your rogue's gallery, and adjust that codpiece. Without you there is no tomorrow for Earth 6.28.

KING-SIZED KING OF TOKYO

Who will win this year's Dojo giant-sized Shoji piece trophy? Stop by the Dojo to learn how to play the game that will be featured Saturday night for the Dojo's king-sized Tournament. 16 players with 4 alternates will be allowed (in case any of the first 16 are absent/tardy). Come compete to be the reigning Kaiju in IELLO's dice-driven game King of Tokyo. Sign up early because there is limited space.

POKÉMON UNOFFICIAL TRADING CARD GAME TOURNAMENT

(Only Themed Decks allowed)

What is a "Theme Deck"? Theme Decks are purchased as a preconstructed deck of 60 cards built around a central theme. These can contain a mix of cards and card types. The back of each theme deck package will contain a list of the cards included. Decks used in this tournament **MUST** be one of the unaltered, premade Theme Decks, a.k.a Premade Theme Deck, by Hasbro/WoTC with exceptions.* You can bring your own previously purchased Theme deck. Or you can purchase one at the convention while supplies last. A printout/hardcopy list of all cards in the deck is required if you do not have the official box of the themed deck.

***Banned Themed Deck Sets: Any of the World Championships Decks, Online Exclusive Theme Decks, Epic Collection Decks, League Battle Decks, EX Master Trainer Decks, or V Battle Decks.**

SUPER HAPPY FUN TRIVIA HOUR!

Join in on the Dojo's very first trivia game as either a team or individually. Will it be super? Will it be happy? Will it be fun? Well, I don't know. BUT it will definitely be an hour... give or take.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

EARTH TAU DEMOS

Friday 1 pm – 7pm

LOVE LIVE SUNSHINE THE BOARD GAME

Friday 3pm – 5pm

Demo presented by Japanime Games

KING OF TOKYO DEMO

Friday 5pm – 6pm

Practice and/or sign-up for Saturday's tournament.

SUPER HAPPY FUN TRIVIA HOUR!

Friday 7 pm – 8 pm

DREAD! ROLE PLAYING GAME

Friday 10 pm – 12 am

EARTH TAU DEMOS

Saturday 10 am – 4 pm

POKEMON TOURNAMENT

Saturday 12 pm: Sign up

Saturday 12:30 pm: Tournament start (Tournament starts when all decks have been checked.)

CHESS CLASS 101

Saturday 3 pm

EARTH TAU TOURNAMENT

Saturday 4 pm: Tournament Sign up

Saturday 5 pm: Tournament Start

KING-SIZED KING OF TOKYO TOURNAMENT

Saturday 7 pm

EARTH TAU DEMOS

Sunday 10am – 2pm

LOVE LIVE SUNSHINE THE BOARD GAME

Sunday 12 pm – 2 pm

Demo presented by Japanime Games

CHESS CLASS 101

Sunday 12 pm

JAPANESE ARCADE

Welcome to NDK's Japanese Arcade inside NDK's Gaming District Hall located at Aurora Ballroom B. This year Arcadency continues to bring NDK the best in Japanese Arcade gaming with more than 12 machines, some of them brand new!

HOURS OF OPERATION*

Friday: 10 am – 2 am

Saturday: 8 am – 2 am

Sunday: 8 am – 3 pm

*Subject to change

ROOM RULES

- No Shoes = No Play (on the dance machines). We are not liable for injury resulting from failure to follow this rule.
- No food or open container drinks near our equipment. Bottled liquids are acceptable.
- Consumption of alcohol in our room is forbidden, even if the hotel says it's okay.
- All rules that apply to NDK apply to our room. Be courteous to other guests!

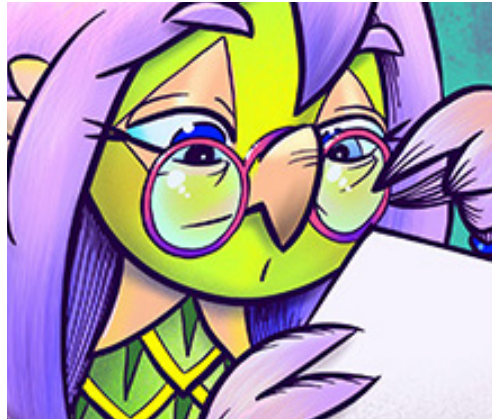
INDUSTRY GUEST

Eric Price is the founder and President of Japanime Games. He began his journey in Table Top gaming in the 1990's, with his game store in Seattle, Cardhaus Games. Eric started traveling to Japan in the late 90s, meeting many people involved with games, and being involved in the growth of the game industry in Japan.



Since establishing Japanime Games in 2010, Eric has produced more than 30 titles from designers all over the world, and Japanime Games titles are now produced in 8 languages.

Eric still travels to Japan at least once a year to find more great games to bring to the rest of the world!



EXHIBITORS HALL

Welcome to NDK's gigantic Exhibitors Hall! We are pleased to present a huge selection of brand new vendors as well as returning favorites in our new space. As always, we are proud to endorse a completely bootleg-free Exhibitors Hall. Thank you for your continued support of the anime industry, and for keeping NDK free of bootleg items. At times of high volume there may be a line into the Exhibitors Hall. We will do our best to get you in as quickly as possible!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please remember that photography is not permitted in the Exhibitors Hall unless you have an **official press badge**. We do this to keep traffic flow going. If you have a smartphone, please keep the camera turned off.

THEFT POLICY

Stealing here is no different from stealing anywhere else: Police will be called, charges will be pressed, and you will sorely regret it.

Also note, we have video cameras active throughout the Exhibitors Hall and by entering, you agree to your image being recorded and waive all rights to protest this image being used for evidentiary purposes.

If you are unsure where to pay for an item, DO NOT pick it up and wander around looking for a cashier. In the past we've had some attendees accused of attempted theft for this. Find the cashier first, then show them the item you wish to pay for.

Please keep your receipts with you and items purchased in their bags while in the Exhibitors Hall; showing your friend or a stranger the item you just bought should be done outside the Exhibitors Hall.

HALL HOURS

Friday: 3 pm – 7 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

Benefactor badges are allowed to enter the Dealer's room 30 minutes prior to opening each day.

NEW EXHIBITORS

- Anime Crew LLC
- Dragon Alley
- IT Cosplay
- Japanime Games
- Kinwamons
- LumicaUSA
- OTP (18+)
- Pop Heart Studios
- Pritten Paws (18+)
- Savage Sparrow Studios
- Settai Ryouiki Studios
- Yuki Pearl And Jade

RETURNING EXHIBITORS

- 168 Dragon Trading
- Anime Depot
- Anime Palace
- Anime Pavillion
- Anime Pop
- Anime Stuff Store
- Asylum Anime
- Bowen Dragon Trading
- Cartoon Passion
- Cosplay MooMoo
- Doc's Video Games
- Dryad Tea
- Fame & Fortune
- Foreign Expressions
- Generations of Art
- JPN Toys
- Media Blasters
- Nani Wear
- PawStar
- Rainy Day Anime
- Sorbet Jungle
- TeeTurtle
- Toys Logic
- Wizard's Chest

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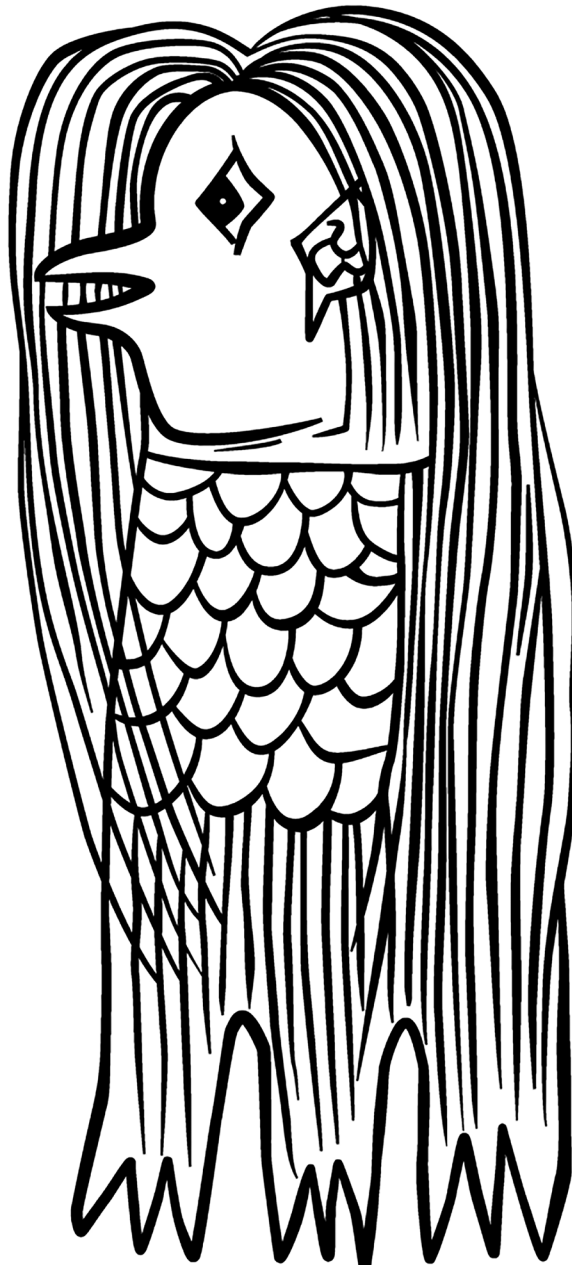
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Exhibitors Hall: Derrick Illes
Japanese Arcade: Matt Rowles with Mark Kraska
Japanese Guest Services: Nami Larson
Gaming Dojo: Troy Fluhr
Green Room: Mary Pieta and Muriah Summer
Industry: Jessica Wehling
J-Pop Dance: Dan Durkin
Line Control: Pam Crawford and Cam Girnt-Lewis
Logistics: Tambria Leland
Masquerave: Marcus Gomez
Main Events: Mark Bradford
Merchandise: Lisa Pace
Model Show: SueAnne Merrill
OFM: Jarrod Lombardo
Operations: Casey Till
Photography: Chris Gilstrap
Photoshoots: Carolyn Coop
Press: Matthew Porter



Registration: Lindsay Andres and JP Prentiss

Security: Ben Pieta and Steven Till

Social Media: Paige Wilson

Staff Suite: Krystin McKinney

Video: Jaqi and Jamie Judson

Video Room Heads: Joel Berger, Lisa Gutierrez, Dan Hess, Tony Stornetta

Video Gaming: Alex Wilder and Mike Milan

Volunteers: Anna French and Lou Poutre

THANK YOUS AND CREDITS

To the genius and hard work of each
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Program Book Images: Stephanie Kao, John Peters

Promotional Images: Kelly O'Neil, Tara O'Neil

Program Book Design: Ellen Keeble

Program Book Production: Sir Speedy of S.E. Aurora

T-shirt Production: Cat Specialties

FRIDAY

Convention Journal & Notes:

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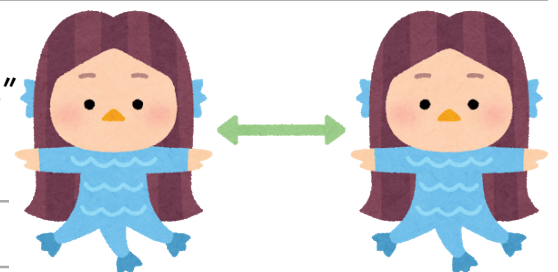
"Don't forget to wear your mask."



SATURDAY

Convention Journal & Notes:

"Maintain 6' of social distance and spread out."

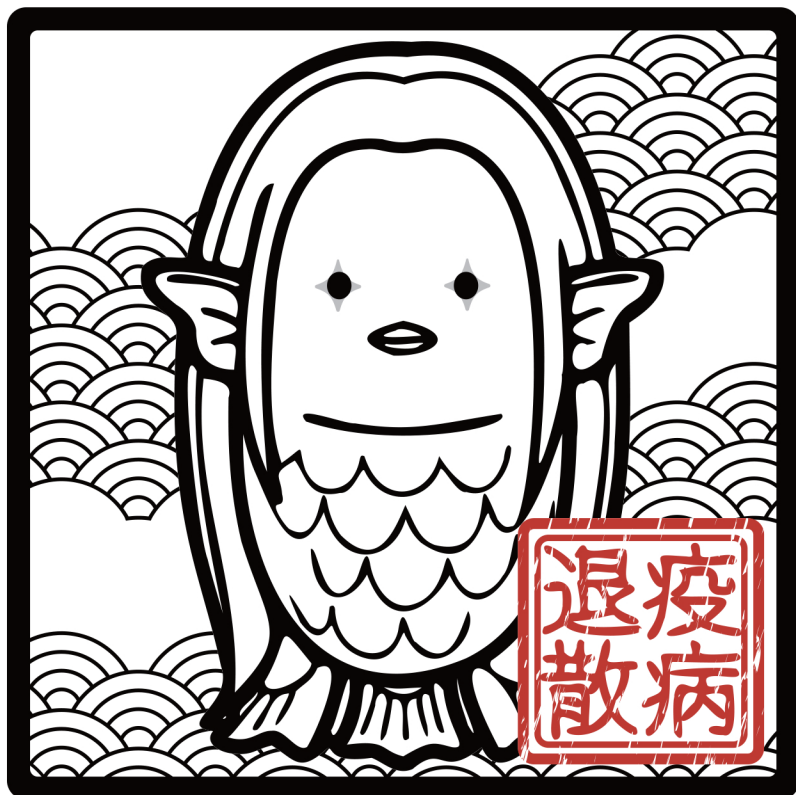


SUNDAY

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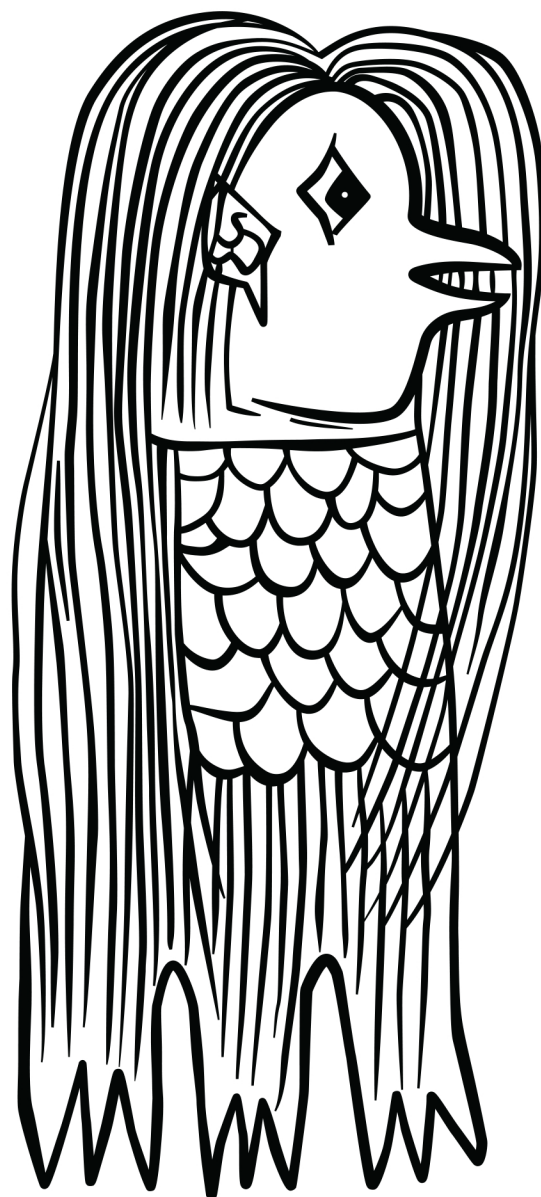
"Wash your hands frequently, and for 20 seconds each time."





DRAW YOUR OWN AMABIE!
(AND SHOW HER TO EVERYONE!)

COLOR AMABIE!



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2021 Charity Activities to Benefit:

STOP AAPI HATE

In response to the alarming escalation in xenophobia and bigotry resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), and the Asian American Studies Department of San Francisco State University launched the Stop AAPI Hate coalition on March 19, 2020. The coalition tracks and responds to incidents of hate, violence, harassment, discrimination, shunning, and child bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

Stop AAPI Hate is fiscally sponsored by Chinese for Affirmative Action, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

stopaapihate.org



NDK & NYE

Annual Costume Ball

December 31st, 2021

Denver Marriott South @ Park Meadows
1035 Park Meadows Drive
Lone Tree, CO 80124

Pre-Register @ NDK & Earlybird Online (Sep 3 - Sep 18) for **\$30**

Pre-Register Online (Sep 19 - Dec 30) for **\$35**

At the Door (Dec 31) **\$40**

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Semi-Formal Dress Code Applies

