Welcome to META CON!

Dear attendees, exhibitors, members of the press, and space-aliens:

I am very excited to welcome you to Meta Con 2013, the Minneapolis Comic, Anime, Sci-Fi, and Gaming Convention! In our second year, we are already expecting 2,000+ fans to join us to celebrate our mutual geekiness. We call it, “Nerd Life”™.

Meta Con is our chance to blend together all kinds of fandoms, with more added every year by way of new guest stars and special events. This year we’re very excited to welcome Billy West, the voice of Fry, The Professor, Zoidberg, and Zapp Brannigan in Futurama, as well as Eric Roberts, who played The Fourth Master in Dr. Who, and Sal Maroni in The Dark Knight, and is, coincidentally, the brother of Julia Roberts.

We at AnimeCon.org love and understand anime above all else*, so we’re also very excited to bring you some epic anime voice actors, including Sonny Strait, Chuck Huber, and Chris Patton. And we have several stars from a show we all watched when growing up, Power Rangers. Stop by one of their panels or get an autograph from them to meet Jason Faunt, Nakia Burrise, Michael Copon, and Erin Cahill.

A lot of panels, events, and our costumes, will be fairly anime and video game oriented, as that’s what we know and love. We’re always interested in including new fandoms, so we already want to hear from you your suggestions for next year’s guests and panels. And while we think of this year, I’d like to send a huge thank-you in advance to all the staff who are volunteering to make this convention weekend possible.

We hope you’ll explore our fantastic exhibit hall, and peruse through dozens of vendors and artists in-between events. We expect every year to be bigger than the last, and so we are excited about all the new possibilities our lovely hosts, the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, have for us. We hope you’ll work with us to make sure they find us responsible and respectful.

Over the weekend, we encourage you to look after yourself and your friends, and help us make sure that everyone drinks plenty of water, sleeps regularly, and showers daily. This isn’t some corporate “Geek Event,” meant to sell you on products or new shows. Meta Con is YOUR celebration of nerdiness. We expect everyone to be loud, horseplay (just a little bit), and goof off in costumes... and maybe play Werewolf or Mafia until 6am.

Whatever you do, have fun, don’t do anything irresponsible, and help us make Meta Con one of the greatest geek celebrations on Earth.

Sincerely,

Ryan L. Kopf**

* Although, of course, I’ve also watched every episode of Buffy, Futurama, and New Dr. Who.
** Spending 60+ hours a week to make this stuff happen... well, and building robots.
*** “Nerd Life”™ is probably actually ™ to YTCracker. If he had time for that sort of thing.

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Convension Operations and Answers

General Rules

Our convention has a number of rules, policies, and regulations that help make the convention run smoothly and as fun as possible for everyone. We encourage you to read our rules to understand what is expected to help make the best, most successful, and most fun weekend possible. In addition to these general convention policies, we also have rules and guidelines for cosplay, press, exhibitors, and others. Violations of these rules and responsibilities can result in loss of privileges, up to and including ejection without refund, legal action, or involvement of the authorities.

Rule Number One: Do not do anything that could make the convention less fun for other attendees, the hotel, the staff, or for yourself. If it’s dangerous, obscene, uncomfortable, or otherwise, do not do it. It is all of our responsibility to let everyone have a safe, respectful, and fun weekend.

If it is illegal outside of the convention, it is illegal here. Excessive or underage alcohol use, drug use, harassment, carrying firearms, and many other things are illegal, and will result in loss of your con badge and suspension from the convention.

The convention’s code of conduct and other rules are subject to change at any time, and without notice, at the discretion of the convention. We allow certain specific prop weapons and weapons items, but anything not listed below is not allowed. Please understand that due to crowding, space, or safety issues, we may have to change the rules mid-convention at any time.

Guns: Semi-automatic locking guns are only allowed if they have a very bright, obvious orange tip that shows they are non-working and can be obviously seen from a distance. Guns that actually work, or have the potential to work, or might be mistaken for a public regular firearm, are not allowed. Toy or fantasy guns that are “obviously fake” are allowed.

Swords: Swords are allowed if they can be tied shut in their sheath, or if they are made of wood or plastic. Swords must never be sewn around or wielded, but they can be used for still posing for photographs.

Bows: Toy, or otherwise wooden or plastic bows can sometimes be okay, but profession- ional compound bows are not. Equipping an arrow to a bow is absolutely never acceptable, even for photos.

Large Props: Large props are generally okay. If you are extremely mindful of them. However if we find that we have large crowds, or if they become a problem, we may ask you to return them to your hotel room or car at any time. We will not store them for you.

Pretend Weapons: Anything that is entirely obviously a play/pretend weapon that can not be mistaken for something that is actually a real weapon.

Any weapons or props may be disallowed at any time as the discretion of management. Please understand that during times of peak attendance we may be forced to limit prop size during the convention.

How can I contact convention staff?

Find us in the “Con Ops” operations office, next to Mainstage (check your map). Should you need help, have an emergency, or anything else, Con Ops is a great resource. For general questions, you can ask any staff member you see.

What do I do in an emergency?

Our operations center next to Main Events should be your first stop if you need immediate and urgent assistance. In especially dangerous or life-threatening emergency situations, you should call 911 immediately. If you are unable to safely and quickly make it to Con Ops, please inform the nearest available staff member immediately. If you witness an emergency or need help, please go to Con Ops and ensure the situation is resolved.

Who do I talk to about special needs?

Individuals with special needs who need accommodations are encouraged to attend our programs. If you are an individual with special needs in need of an accommodation, please see us in Con Ops. For hotel related special accommodations, please see the hotel front desk staff.

Where do I submit feedback/suggestions?

Your feedback is extremely important and valuable to us, and we encourage you to share your positive and negative experiences with us, so that we can use your feedback to make a better convention every year. We collect your email address when you register so that we can email you our feedback survey, which is why it’s important that we get a good email address. The feedback from those submissions are reviewed multiple times every year, so your comments will be noticed.

Do you have tips for parents?

We encourage you to plan ahead with your children about where you might meet up if you are separated in the massive crowds. Write your phone number on the back of the child’s badge if possible, and keep a description of what they are wearing. Children 13 and under must be attending the convention with a parent or guardian, and children under 7 must have a guardian with them at all times. Please read all event descriptions, as some events may not be suitable for children.

Can I host a party in my room?

Room parties are up to you, but we have someau other reminders. If you receive repeated noise complaints, the hotel may and will evict you from your room. If you serve alcohol to minors, the police will give you a court date. If serving drinks or showing adult material, check the government-issued IDs of every last person, and don’t even let anyone underage in your room. Violations of these rules can result in removal from the convention, revocation of your convention badge, and possibly involvement of the proper authorities.

Can I join staff or volunteer?

We would love your help! Stop by our Con Operations room and inquire about volunteering. Volunteer perks range from getting pizza with staff to free admission for next year. Staff members must sign up in advance on our website, and we encourage you to think about it for next year if you would like to help out. It’s a great experience, filled with awesome people to meet.

Please remember these attendee tips:

Eat Two Meals Each Day

We have a ConSweent with free pop and free rice, but you can’t live off this stuff, even if you’re Kirby! Getting regular meals, complete with protein, vitamin-C, and real nutrients, is important to keep your body from getting worn out. Eat at least two real meals per day. Consider ordering delivery, or getting some friends together to go out somewhere.

Sleep Each Night

You need to get at least six hours of sleep each night to fully enjoy the convention. While staying up is fun and exciting, most events end by 2am, and you won’t have as much fun if you stay awake all night. Get some sleep and enjoy the next day rested.

Shower Daily

Whenever you are having a ton of fun, sometimes it can be hard to remember to stop and think about others. Please, as a courtesy to other attendees who may be standing behind you in the autograph line, shower every day!
Registration Information

Registration handles giving out badges to pre-registered attendees, and selling badges to attendees that have not yet registered. All individuals participating in convention events or watching convention functions are required to have a convention badge, which must be worn at all times.

There will be two lines for registration: pre-registered, and at-the-door registration. Pre-registered attendees, who have already paid for their badge online or by mail, simply need to provide their name and identification to pick up their badge.

You may pay with cash or a check written out to “Meta Con.” We can not take credit cards. At the door registration is $40 for the full weekend for those 13 and older. Children from 7 to 12 must be registered with a paid adult. Children under 7 can register free with a paid adult. Max two children per adult, and those under 13 should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

What age indicators are there?

Badges include an age indicator for people 21+, 18+, or under 18. Attendees need to provide a government-issued photo ID with a birthdate to get any badge 18-20 or 21+ badge, otherwise they will be issued a Youth badge. A photo ID is still required for any 18+ events, and party hosts must check a photo ID in accordance with state law before providing alcohol also.

What do I do if I have lost my badge?

If you have lost your badge, it can be replaced one time only by registration for a fee of $25. Do not lose your badge, and keep it somewhere where it won’t be misplaced. Abusing this privilege to share badges, or the use of someone’s lost badge, can result in expulsion, or even death by heart attack.

Clearest Room Contest!

Want a chance to get your hotel room free for the weekend? Compete in our clearest room contest! Before you check out (on time!), make sure your room is completely clean, and you will have a chance to have your room refunded for Friday & Saturday nights. The cleanest room wins! Limit 1 winner, and rules apply.

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At The Door Pricing

Weekend Pass $40
Under 13 Weekend $30
One Day All Day $30

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Dealers and Artists

Filled with goodies, our Dealer’s Room and Artists Alley has everything a fan could ever want. Whether you need a Kakashi plushie to keep you warm and safe at night, some custom buttons, a Haruhi wallscroll to ogle, Steampunk goggles, or whatever else, you can probably find it in our awesome dealers rooms!

Dealers Room Reminders

Please avoid taking photos of costumes in the dealers room; ask people to step outside the room instead, or you may find yourself holding up a lot of other people.

Please remember common courtesy in our dealers room, and don’t push or shove. Shoplifters will not be tolerated, and will be reported to the proper authorities.

We encourage you to leave your giant props and large bags in your room.

Dealers Room

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And some amount of time later....

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Featured Guest Spaces

Meet some of our convention’s special guests in our exhibit hall.

You can find Sonny Strait, Nakia Burrise, Michael Copon, Jason Faunt, and Erin Cahill often at these exhibitor spaces.

AutoGraph session lineups will be done in the exhibit hall for all our autograph sessions. Come early!
Table Top Gaming - Gnome Games

Gnome Games is Wisconsin's premier non-electronic game store. With two stores in Green Bay, WI, Gnome Games hosts in-store gaming events and community outreach events seven days a week. Gnome Games has a long history of supporting conventions, such as Daisho-Con, and hosts Let's Play Green Bay - a three day gaming extravaganza. No one knows games like the Gnomes know games!

Games often played includes: Munchkin, Cosplay Chess, Pokemon, Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh, and many many many others.

Video Gaming - I Play Games

We are excited to present a console video gaming room with over two dozen awesome LCD flatscreens perfect for gaming, thanks to I Play Games. Come participate in tournaments, and maybe even make new friends. We also have to thank Ross of Distorted Arcades for bringing Arcade Gaming to Meta Con 2013. Please take care to protect the video games, controllers, and consoles that we provide. Earn points over the weekend to win the title “Meta Con King of Gamers” and get a free badge for next year!

Game Room Rules
1. During open gaming, please share game systems when there are people waiting. No 5-hour pre-game "practice" sessions.
2. Please be kind to the games. Damage or theft may result in removal from the convention or involvement of the authorities.
3. There is no rule #3.
4. If you would like to have a tournament not currently scheduled, let us know and we’ll see if we can fit it in.
5. If a game is defective or malfunctioning, please let us know immediately.
6. Convention staff have final say in all judging and other decisions.

MIRAGE ROOM
Friday 4pm - 2am
Saturday 10am - 2am
Sunday 10am - 5pm

REGENCY ROOM
Friday 4pm - 2am
Saturday 10am - 2am
Sunday 10am - 5pm
Costume and Cosplay Events

The convention includes numerous costume events designed to let you show off and showcase your wonderful cosplay costumes. The mainstage masquerade is our primary costume contest, with participants competing to be the best in show. There are also numerous photoshoot opportunities and additional contests held throughout the weekend.

Contest Signup
At the convention registration desk. Sign up as early as possible to guarantee your spot!

Masquerade Contest

How To Participate
To participate in Saturday's mainstage cosplay contest, please pre-register by 8pm on Friday. Registration ends Friday night, though it may be open on Saturday morning if enough timeslots are still available. Complete contest rules are available, along with signup forms, at the convention registration desk.

Contest Categories
Participants can choose to be judged in either their costume craftsmanship, their performance, or both. Workmanship is divided up into judging categories, which include Inexperienced, Experienced, and Master divisions. Workmanship entries will be judged both on overall appearance and the quality of the construction of their costume. Performance entries will be judged on acting, memorizing, performing, and presentation skills. Participants can choose to participate solo or as part of a group. Complete rules and entry forms are available in the cosplay office. Please register as early as possible.

Hall Cosplay Contest

The hall cosplay contest is a small workmanship contest in which you compete on your craftsmanship and costume creation skills. To compete, you must register in advance (at the Registration Desk), and you will be given a time to be judged.

Meetups & Photoshoots

We schedule these times and places for meetups for various fandoms. These are a chance to meet other people interested in the same fandom, and possibly take group photos (we may or may not have an official photographer present). This way it will be easier to know when to dress up and when you may find other characters from your favorite show, video game, or comic.

Date Auction & Fantasy Ball

Join us on Friday in the main events room for Dante's fabulous date auction! Stop by the ConSweet, because you'll have a chance to bid real money on a date to the formal ball. In addition, we are proud to feature formal dance lessons prior to the ball. Sign up at the registration desk if you'd like to be auctioned - but we can only accept a limited number of people due to time limitations.

Date Auction Rules
* We ask those sold to spend at least 15 minutes with their date at the Fantasy Ball, but they do not have to!
* Dates are absolutely not required to do anything that would make them uncomfortable. If you make your date feel uncomfortable in any way or for any reason, your date will be revoked and your money will not be refunded.
* We cannot refund your money if your date doesn't show up to the events after the date auction. It's important to remember that sometimes people get shy, nervous, or even catch con-plague! Don't bother them about it either.
* Anybody caught doing something stupid relating to the date auction will be ejected from the convention.
* Please visit the ATM and get out some extra cash before the date auction begins! It's cash-only, and bidding starts at $5.

ConSweet

The ConSweet is your free Ramen, Rice, and Pop headquarters. Unlimited amounts of Pepsi products and cup ramen noodles can help keep up your energy throughout a long and busy weekend! Please do your best to help keep our ConSweet neat and clean.

ConSweet Rules
* Remember that the ConSweet does not offer nutritious meals. All attendees must remember that they should eat real meals at least twice each day. ConSweet is only meant for a quick snack between convention events.
* You must remember to pick up after yourself. Don't leave empty cups of ramen or soda lying around - please have courtesy to ConSweet staff and other attendees by putting your empty cups of ramen and soda in the trash can!
* Steeping is not allowed in the ConSweet or any other place than your hotel room.

ConSweet

UPSTAIRS, TBD
Friday 4pm - 2am
Saturday 10am - 2am
Sunday 10am - 5pm

GREENWAY
Auction 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Lessons 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Ball 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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Meta Con Guests of Honor

Billy West

William Richard “Billy” West is best known from numerous voices in Futurama, including Philip J. Fry, Zoidberg, The Professor, and Zapp Brannigan. He has starred in other famous shows including The Ren & Stimpy Show, The Howard Stern Show, Doug, and Jimmy Neutron. He also voiced Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, and Popeye during later renditions. Sam West voiced characters. He voices Corky Shumatsu, Pouhua and Sam Melnik on Jimmy Neutron.

Eric Roberts

One of Hollywood’s edgier, more intriguing characters, Eric Anthony Roberts started life in Biloxi, Mississippi, but grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. He is known by comics fans in particular for appearing in The Dark Knight as Sial Maroni, Gotham City Mafia boss. His career began with King of the Gypsies (1978), a role for which he earned a Golden Globe nomination for best actor debut. He starred as the protagonist in the 1980 dramatization of Willa Cather’s 1905 short story, Paul’s Case. He earned both a Golden Globe and Academy Award nomination for his supporting role in Runaway Train (1986). Through the 1990s and 2000s he maintained numerous dramatic film and TV-movie roles while appearing in TV series. His TV work includes three seasons with the sitcom Less than Perfect and a recurring role on the NBC drama Heroes. His sisters Julia Roberts and Lisa Roberts Gillian, and daughter Emma Roberts, are also actors.

Erin Cahill

Erin Jessica Cahill best known for her roles as Jen Scotts in Power Rangers Time Force, the recurring role on the NBC drama Heroes. His sisters Julia Roberts and Lisa Roberts Gillian, and daughter Emma Roberts, are also actors.

Michael Copon

Michael Sowell Copon is an actor, model, producer, and singer, known for his role in Felix Taggaro in the television series One Tree Hill, playing Vin Keahi in the television series Beyond the Break, and starring in Power Rangers: Time Force. Michael has also starred as the lead in numerous films, including Night of the Demons, All You’ve Got, Dark House, Music High, and Bring It On: In It To Win It. He has also starred as the lead while producing or co-producing on Killer Holiday and Boyband. Michael Copon has also played recurring characters on Beyond the Break, Greek, and That’s So Raven, in addition to guest starring on Hawaii 5-0, CSI: Miami, and Reno 911.

Leif Gantvoort

Leif Gantvoort is best known as Uncle Ben’s killer in “The Amazing Spider Man.” He has also starred in the feature films: “Last Stop,” “Dream in American,” “Welcome to Dongmakgol,” “Black Tai Road,” “The Newkey Project,” and “Lunatic Love and Posts” for which he received a Best Lead Actor nomination. He has appeared on “Vince” for FOX, “Ominous Minds” and “CSI:NY” for CBS, “Deepspace Housewives” and “Revengers” for ABC, “Justified” for FX, “Death Valley” for MTV’s and “First Years” for NBC. He also writes, directs and performs sketch comedy for the weekly on-line show, “Holywood Saturday Night.” He and his wife, are the proud parents of Gabrielle, who appeared regularly on the hit web series “The Guild” which Leif also helped launch.

META CON 2013 ANIME VOICE ACTORS

Chris Patton

Chris Patton has been Voice Acting in Anime for thirteen years for ADV Films, FUNimation Entertainment, Sentai Filmworks, and Miratlon 1000. Some of his more well-known roles are Sourouke Sazagura in all the Full Meta Parc series, Grewid in Fullmetal Alchemist and Brotherhood, Asuka in Soul Eater, Akuto in Dragon King Damaco, Keima in The World God Only Knows, Jiki in Air gear, Shi in Gruyver, Fakir in Princeses Tutu, Naruto in Gantz, and Turtles in DragonBall Z. The Tree of Might. Other Anime credits include: Inuyasha, Shippo: Puzzle of God, Hajime in Ghost Stories, Ayato in Fullmetal Alchemist: The Movie, Duky Wong in Bubblegum Crisis 2040, Remuru in The Wallflower, Eiji in Grassman and Grasson Z, Haku in Naruto, Gai San in Saiyuki, Gin Tama in Inuyasha, Naruto, and Turtles in DragonBall Z. Besides acting, he is a voice director on One Piece, the original voice of Toonami’s Tom, and also does other voices from literally dozens of shows. Outside of voice acting, he has been a writer/producer on DBZ, Case Closed, and Lupin the Third. Sonny is also known as an Illustrator for the famous, independently published comic book series “Eisuke.”

Chuck Huber

Chuck Huber makes acting in Anime in the roles of Galactic, Jr and Android 17 in DBZ. Since then he has voice hundreds of characters including Hase in Yu Yu Hakusho, Stein in Soul Eater, Kula in Sgt. Frog, Mophy in One Piece, Shou Tucker in Full Metal Alchemical, Man in Blue Ganger, Hino in Shin Chan, Aske in Black Butler, Reever in D. Gray Man, Hector in Glass Fleet, Youshi in Initial D., Akira in Edo Rocket, Melt in This Tower of Drama, Aokishio in Mushishi, Eric Nishijima in Darker Than Black, Hiei in Trinity Blood, Asetis in Helia and many more. He has been a writer on Helia, Sgt. Frog, Spice and Wolf and others. As a filmaker Chuck has acted, produced, written or directed for Arbo Day - The Musical, The Troubodora, The Fragility of Seconds, The Mechanical Grave, Odd Man Out among others. He began acting in Chicago at the Goodman Theater, Court Theatre, Steppenwolf Theater after graduating from DePaul University and continues to work on stages in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Most recently he played Hugh Jameson in the movie Parkand, produced by Tom Harris and starring Billy Bob Thornton and Paul Giamatti.

META CON 2013 FEATURED ARTIST

Terry Pavlet

Terry Pavlet is an award winning RPG/CCG/Comic Book Illustrator who has done work for White Wolf, Wizards of the Coast, Fantasy Flight Games, comic work for DC, Image, Dark Horse, Sketch cards for Unstoppable Cards UK (RPK Fantasy), Cut Stuff Cards (War of the Worlds) book work for publishers like Ballentine Books, Baen Books, and Transfusion Publishing (Gawedissar Sourcebook) designing and Illustrating MOTU & TMNT action figures for Astonishing Toys; T-Shirt licensing properties for Warner Brothers (Looney Tunes), Lucacartsl (Star Wars), Hanna Barbera (Firststone, etc.) and much more. Terry is an Wisconsin native who lives with his wife and two daughters. Terry will make the official Meta Con 2013 program guide cover and will be selling exclusive signed print copies.

Autograph schedules located in the schedule section.

Guests of Honor charge between $10-$20 for autographs. Our anime voice actors, music guests, and special guests sign free autographs.

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META CON 2013 SPECIAL GUESTS

Samurai Dan & Lady Jillian
Samurai Dan and his wife, the beautiful Lady Jillian (also attending), are full-time martial arts instructors, specializing in 16th century Samurai arts. When not teaching at their dojo, the Kojokan, they travel across the country performing and teaching the ancient ways of the most famous warriors in history. Their shows and demonstrations uniquely blend history, combative skill, and humor, in a way that will both educate and entertain audiences both large and small. The dynamic duo also collaborated to write, direct, host, and star in a 12 episode TV series entitled “The Way of the Samurai,” and Daniel is also an author with several martial arts articles published, and he is currently working on his second full-length novel.

Lewis “Linkara” Lovhaug
Lewis “Linkara” Lovhaug has had the misfortune of being cursed to review comic books on the internet. Somehow this has made him popular on the website That Guy With the Glasses, though many suspect it’s more so people can stare and laugh at the weirdo. On his show, Atop the Fourth Wall, he regularly contends with the surreal, the stupid, and the senseless books that the comic industry has produced over the last eighty years. If that wasn’t sad enough, he also has done a retrospective on Power Rangers (released on the schedule of when a blue moon rises on the 13th hour of the 13th day of the 13th month), actually attempting to grant serious analysis to a series about guys in spandex punching rubber-suited monsters. It’s best not to make direct eye contact with him.

Airship O’Reilly
Started back in 2007 as the Brazen Beauty, the Champaign, IL based Airship O’Reilly has since evolved beyond just a group of kids who wanted to make movies and have fun. Bringing together several slightly insane individuals, O’Reilly has become a force of entertainment, hosting events in their hometown, making costumes and accessories, and bringing the madness and chaos with them wherever they go.

FEATURING MUSIC GUESTS

Steam Powered Giraffe
The robots of Steam Powered Giraffe are like nothing you’ve ever seen. The malfunctioning joke-spewing metal men play a collection of original Vaudeville-inspired tunes fused with modern flair and executed in a super-sleek, one-of-a-kind performance. More than just a band, Steam Powered Giraffe is an experience that must be seen and heard by the entire family. The artists behind the robots started street booking as these quirky characters in January 2008 at Balboa Park, California, and instantly drew the attention of Southern California. Since then they’ve performed at such venues as The San Diego Fair, The San Diego Zoo, The Wild Animal Park, Legoland, Ontario Mills, and numerous Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Steampunk Conventions.

The act combines the visual of robot pantomime with sketches, pop culture references, improvised comedic dialogue, and of course, original music. From their heartwarming nostalgic melodies to their funky cabaret rock, Steam Powered Giraffe’s songs are memorable, infectious, and as unique as the robots themselves.

YTCracker
YTCracker is a rapper, former cracker, and Internet entrepreneur. YTCracker began producing rap music in 1998 in the genre that has since become known as nerdcore hip hop. YTCracker is a self-proclaimed “jack of all trades” and makes a name for himself as a professional disc jockey, computer programmer, graphics designer and webmaster. Find him DJing during the rave, as well as rapping during the NerdConcert.

StarF + Mattari 2600
StarF is an amateur hip hop artist from Maple Grove, Minnesota who primarily functions within the nerdcore community. He occasionally yells at a microphone and calls the results music. Once in awhile he likes to go out in public and shout at groups of people much to their confusion, calling it a performance of his aforementioned music. If you’ve ever wanted to experience the excitement of some guy who likes to LARP as a rocker yelling words at you in rapid succession over wonderfully bass-laden instrumentals it would be in your best interest to see StarF perform.

Mattari is a nerdcore hip-hop artist who makes music for the love of music. Mattari is proud to stand by making free music that will always be free. Mattari started making music after listening to a bunch of old-school and nerdcore hip-hop for years, and realizing a natural talent for decent writing and hip-hop flow. Mattari will perform anywhere or collaborate with anyone for the love of making music.
FRIDAY AT META CON

10:00 AM Opening Ceremonies in Main Events
11:00 AM Dantina’s Fabulous Date Auction in Main Events
11:00 AM Meet Billy West
12:00 PM Power Rangers: Ultra Turbo Zeo
1:00 PM CosFest: Plus Size Cosplay
2:00 PM Frisco Ballroom
3:00 PM The Fantasy Ball
4:00 PM Meet Chuck Huber
5:00 PM Meet Chris Patton
6:00 PM Lighting Workshop
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This actor has been in TV shows like Heroes, Law and Order, and even a big name comic book movie. (Ever hear of Batman’s The Dark Knight?)! Come meet Eric Roberts, a talented seasoned actor with plenty of stories to share!

Fannon and Shipping
Saturday: 9:00am - 9:30am Panel Room 4
Sometimes we don't get what we want, and we have to make our own drawings and stories of faved characters from existing material, and put them in a relationship in our head-cannon. On yeah, this includes Slash and FemSlash.

Steam Powered Giraffe Live
Friday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm Panel Room 4
Steam Powered Giraffe is not just a band, Steam Powered Giraffe is an experience that must be seen and heard by the entire family. This unforgettable live concert combines the visual of robot pantomime with sketches, pop culture references, improvised comedic dialogue, and of course, original cabaret rock, Steam Powered Giraffe's songs are memorable, infectious, and as unique as the robots themselves.

Homestuck Mafia
Saturday: 12:30pm - 2:00pm Panel Room 3
Mafia, also known as the Werewolf Game, with a decisively Homestuck twist. Who will win? The Agents of Orson or the Session Players and their array of Carapace Exiles?

Eric Roberts Q&A
Saturday: 11:30am - 12:30pm Panel Room 1
In this question and answer presentation with actor Leif Gantvoort you will get the chance to gain insight into the struggles facing a professional actor in Hollywood. Leif will share stories from his experiences working on huge multi-million dollar sets ("The Amazing Spider-Man") to stories of being trapped in a desert with a low-budget film crew with no hope of a rescue for a day he acted alongside some of Hollywood's biggest stars and he's also worked as a stunt man just to pay the bills. He's been pulled through walls, hung by the neck, hung by the ankles...sometimes making less than minimum wage. It's not all fame and fortune, but it can be fun...and there's always a story.

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Cosplay Make Up Tips and Tricks
Saturday: 11:30am - 12:30pm Main Events
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Don't you love that wacky show “Who's line?” well come meet our local cast of improv, stand up, and other comedy talents. The panel is not for the faint of heart.

Breaking into Podcasting
Saturday: 11:30am - 12:30pm Panel Room 4
Learn how to start your own internet radio show! Get info on tools and software to use, and how and where to publish it online! Chuck Huber

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Eric Roberts and Lady Jillian in a game of adults-only Cards Against Humanity. Try to guess what card they will pick...will it be funny? Ironic? Oddly true? Good luck!

What Sidekicks Do When They are Left Alone?
Saturday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm Panel Room 3
A fun place for comic fans to come play with us sidekicks with the big heroes are off fighting! Come JOIN THE SIDEKICKS!

History of Samurai Weapons
Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm Panel Room 1
Samurai Dan explains and demonstrates the history and development of the primary weapons used on the battlefields of feudal Japan. See some stunning visual aids (blades from 1400-1800) and take part in a question and answer session.

Ask the Avengers
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am Panel Room 4
Truzart - digital painter
Rynn Lund
The panel would be a sketch charcoal concept so the attendees can see a rapid forming idea. And then we take our idea and paint in our versions of existing characters. Audience encouraged to bring examples.

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Postman
Friday: 9:00am - 10:00am Main Events
The panel focuses on practice with poi (lights on strings), and you are encouraged to bring your own. If you don’t have proper lights on strings, you’re welcome to bring shoetings and lightweight sticks you could even bring socks and tennis balls if you don’t have anything else. If you’d rather learn about staff, double staff, or light swords, our instructor will be glad to teach you the effective use of these tools as well. The goal is to find your dance flow.

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There is a fine line between hentai and ecchi, and I’im going to expose it! Get out the lotion, it’s about to get ecchi!

Steve, as Tetsuo, is the Beyond Decision stage in this Fes Works panel.

Friday: 11:00pm - 12:00am Panel Room 1
Atop the Fourth Wall: Live!
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This class effectively teaching self-defense techniques developed centuries earlier by the samurai. Real moves, taught by Lynn Robnett, who has authenticity and eccentric rock icon feel about him.

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Web Comics with THE Sonny Strait
Saturday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Panel Room 2
You will believe that a voice actor can draw! Sonny Strait is here to tell you how it’s done and how to have fun doing it.

Webfiction - Writing Stories Online, One Chapter At A Time.
Saturday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Panel Room 2
A basic introduction to what Webfiction is, how it came about, and what it has evolved into. Covering topics ranging from Literature to Costuming to Accessories to Characters and Lifestyle.

Youth Justice. Talk about what things we love, things we dislike, friends! Let us gather yet again to nerdgasm over the brilliance of the anime and manga Puella Magi Madoka whatever else you feel in the evolving world of Pokemon.

Airship O’Reilly
Saturday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Panel Room 3
Have you heard all your friends talking about some kind of steam powered? Come to this panel to learn what a Steam Powered band is dressed? Here, we will attempt to go over what we think makes music Steampunk and play you a selection of a few bands that we think fit under the umbrella of Steampunk and why.

So You Want to Be an Artist?
Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Panel Room 2
Do you draw or love being creative in your free time? Would you turn your side hobby and loves into a paying career? This is a panel about Art School and how to improve your talents and how to make your hobby’s pay for your future!

Steampunk 101
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Webfiction - Writing Stories Online, One Chapter At A Time.
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Some people make webcomics, others create novels and short stories. One chapter at a time, these writer share their worlds as they write them. Sometimes its original. Sometimes its fanfiction. Sometimes its fanfiction that gets so popular that they retell the story to be more original, so they can sell it. (It’s a grey area of 50 shades.)

Q&A with Chris Patton
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am
Panel Room 1
Have questions? Well Chris Patton is here for a full hour to answer your questions about everything from the game rules and signup information are on another page in this book. The Masquerade is our mainstage costume and cosplay competition, featuring some of the most spectacular costumes. Complete rules and signup information are on another page in this book. Anyone can watch (and everyone should), but participants must sign up in advance. Have an amazing costum? Think it’s worth of a prize or medal? Come and show it off in the Masquerade! Best of luck to all that enter!

TF2 Meet the Team
Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Panel Room 1
Ever wanted to meet your favorite class? How about ask them a question or two? Well here’s your chance. Mann Co is allowing you as the audience to come in and hang out with the Manns like how you can help improve the game, and watch them perform skits, ask questions and hang out with fellow TF2 players.

Acting Workshop with Chuck Huber
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am
Panel Room 1
First twelve people in line to get part, the rest can ask questions and will be the audience. Some basic improvisation games and techniques.

We Are Not “Gamer Girls”
Saturday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Panel Room 2
Are you sick of ‘stereotypes’ about female gamers? So are we! Come to talk to a host of real female game fans and help break the stereotype of us cheating on a controller in your underwear.

Naruto’s Ramen Frenzy II
Saturday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Panel Room 4
Last time was an overflow of confusion, but this year Sasuke steps into the fans and the hosts of the panel, read Hentai Out loud. (18+)

Steampunk Music: What is it, where is it, and is it good?
Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Panel Room 4
Defining Steampunk as a genre of music is a difficult thing to do. Is it based on the style? How Victorian are the instruments, or, how are the band dressed? Here, we will attempt to go over what we think makes music Steampunk and play you a selection of a few bands that we think fit under the umbrella of Steampunk and why.

What is a Steam Powered Giraffe?
Saturday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Panel Room 2
Have you heard your friends talking about some kind of steam powered animals lately, and you’re wondering what they’ve been steaming? Come to this panel to learn what a Steam Powered Giraffe really is, and the odd connections they just might have with copper African elephants and singing robots.

What’s a Top? Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am
Panel Room 1
We will be learning what a top is and what the concept and what some tops are.

The Way Of The Samurai
Saturday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Main Events
Authentic samurai arts brought to life with style and power! The Authentic samurai arts brought to life with style and power! The real sword techniques and combat moves are taught, supervised, and performed safely. Wooden practice swords provided.

Puella Magi Madoka Magica FANDOM
Saturday: 8:00am - 9:00am
Panel Room 3
A panel talking about the anime and manga Puella Magi Madoka Magica!

Young Justice: Don’t Stop Till You Get Enough!
Saturday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Panel Room 4
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The Dark Knight with Eric Roberts
Saturday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Panel Room 1
Are you a big fan of the new Batman Trilogy? Have questions for any of the actors’ straight from the second film? Come on in and test your knowledge of the fans and the hosts of the panel, read Hentai Out loud! (18+)

SuperWhoTeenAvengeMerLock
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am
Panel Room 2
The game is afoot, my wayward son! Come test your knowledge of Supernatural/Dr Who/Teen Wolf/Avengers/Sherlock in this jeopardy-esque game of wits! Gather your knights and build your pack to emerge victorious! Candy and prizes for those who participate. Alton-Y-1 Except for you, Loki... you can’t come.

Gender Feminism and Publishing (18+)
Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am
Panel Room 4
Choose your own MSPA (18+)
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am
Panel Room 3
Do you find yourself faltering with the ladies? Do you just not know how to who to who that special person? Do you have some questions you’ve been too embarrassed to ask Google? Our trained experts will show you how it’s done! Dante will answer all your dating questions (among other ones!)

The Dantes’ Guide to Dating (18+)
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The Nerdocore Concert Featuring YTCracker, StarF, Mattari 2600
Saturday: 9:30pm - 11:00pm
Main Events
Come to the epic Nerdocore event that StarF and Mattari will blow your nerdy mind with nerdy lyrics, and YTCracker will polish you off and send you out the door into the spamworld. What’s that all mean? It means that this will be one hell of a rap concert for nerds.

HENTAII! OUT LOUD! (18+)
Saturday: 10:00pm - 11:00pm
Panel Room 2
It’s exactly what the title says, folks! This panel will be, where you the fans and the hosts of the panel, read Hentai Out loud! (18+)

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Are you proud to be a brony? Saturday: 10:00pm - 11:00pm
Panel Room 3
Bronies, the unexpected teenage and older fans of the show “My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic!” We will show videos, improv, and be cool with style, you even get to see a brony DJ Get up and...
Super Special Awesome Funtime Games
Sunday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Panel Room 3
PATTY-CAKE CHAMPIONSHIP, Rock-Paper-Sissors Tournament, an all new version of everyone's favorite pool game called "Picky, Marcol!" and the best of the funnest games of your childhood.

Inuyasha: Down the Rabbit Hole
Sunday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Panel Room 1
SIT BOY! The show that had fans laughing as the laughable dog demon plummeted into the ground repeatedly. This is a panel and a discussion all about the popular show Inuyasha.

FMA: Through the eyes of Maes Hughes
Sunday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Main Events
Its never easy being backup to an unstable boss. Especially when he plays with fire. Oh! have you seen the latest pics of my daughter? Isn't she adorable? I will show you those later. I have a story till. I deal with the factual truth of what really happens in Central Command.

Thrilling and Found Objects: Steampunk on a Budget
Sunday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Panel Room 2
Have almost no money but still want to dress up as a Steampunk? Here! We'll go over some basic tips for thrifting more efficiently and getting the best outfit for the least amount of money as well as some basic costumes that are easily assembled.

That game was my childhood!
Sunday: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Panel Room 4
Remember playing a certain series of video games years ago? In this panel we will discuss all those childhood favorite, from Animal Crossing: to Pokémon, at least once you've gotta say "That game was my childhood!"

Film-making with Chuck Huber
Sunday: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Panel Room 1
Afraid to make a movie? Don't be after this panel. Q & A with some film professionals who will teach you how to make a film.

Lets Play Ninja!
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Make the, so scary, jump from narrow and limited "variety" of webcomics to Pokemon, at least once you've gotta say "That game was my childhood!"

Annie Q&A Time: Boxers, or briefs?
Sunday: 12:30am - 1:30am
Main Events
Come and do a Q & A with Hikaru and Kaori Hichitan of the Ouran High School Host Club!

The Akita - National Treasure of Japan
Sunday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Main Events
Come and meet the inspiration for the movie, "Hachi" (loving, breathing, furry, person) The Akita, companion to samurai for generations, are here for your enjoyment. Naya and Kuma, pureblood Japanese akita-ken, demonstrate and enlighten congo- ers. Hosted by their humans, Samurai Dan and Jillian.

Major League Author Reading
Sunday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Panel Room 2
PM Johnson and Tyler Hansen Reading
Sunday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Main Events
PM Johnson and Tyler Hansen Reading will be reading from their books. They will also be answering some questions. Come and meet the authors and learn more about their work.

Captain Scarlet’s Ship of Shipping
Sunday: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Main Events
Do you and your lover want to tie the fake knot? Our “friendly” resident pirate, Captain Scarlet, would be able to help with that! Come and join with friends, grooms, and maids of honor of your choice. Make it the happiest moment of your con weekend!

Crossplay goes both ways.
Sunday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Panel Room 1
Have that favorite character that your dying to cosplay but there’s the one issue of gender? Well we’ll show you how its done and done properly. The panel also touches on basic cosplaying tips from costumes to wigs, the differences in behaviors between men and women, and the last ten minutes have a wig care tutorial which is a must see for long haired characters!

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Vocaloid 101
Sunday: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Panel Room 2
Come and join the vocaloid panel. Meet all your favorite vocaloids! We will do some game and had out prizes!
Autograph Reminders

Please do not wait until the last autograph session to get an autograph; you could miss out when we have to limit the number of people per session. Only the first fifty (50) people for each hour of autographs will be allowed to wait in line for the autograph session. After that amount, we cannot let more people wait in line as the guests will run out of time. You are limited to up to two (2) items signed per autograph session if there is a full line. The size of items may be limited if required. Some lines for autographs may form very early. If you do not arrive early enough to get a spot in line, be prepared to try a different autograph session.

Guests will only be able to sign official, licensed merchandise - not bootlegs. Our dealers will be held to high standards of copyright compliance. We reserve the right to choose to implement, or not implement, a lottery system at any time, if more than the maximum number of people are in line before the session begins. If we are required to implement a lottery, then arriving several hours early may not guarantee an autograph for that session.

Photographs and recordings with the guests are available only with the guests’ permission and are limited by time. Please be kind to respect the awesome guests we have, and ask nicely. In extremely busy circumstances, photographs may not be allowed, or we may ask that you wait until everyone else is finished.

While we try to have enough sharpies, sometimes we run out or they go missing. If you have something that needs to be autographed in a specific color, then we recommend bringing that color.

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