



DERPYCON

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PROGRAM GUIDE

ANIME, GAMING, SCI-FI, & COMIC CON

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Looking For?

Attendee Help	Info Desk
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WELCOME ABOARD!

Important Info

Information Desk

The Info Desk can be found outside Panels 1. Stop by anytime during the convention if you need assistance. Our staff are happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Convention Policies

We want to make sure that DerpyCon is fun for everyone! In order to do that, we have some policies for you to follow during the weekend.

18+ Events

Attendees who wish to attend an 18+ event must have an 18+ wristband. These are available at the Info Desk by showing your photo ID. There is absolutely no admittance into an 18+ event without a wristband.

Schedule of Events

Our convention schedule is available in multiple locations, including the paper schedules handed out at Registration or Info Desk, on the Guidebook, and on our website. Please note, the schedule is subject to change and may be amended or adjusted at any time. Please check the Guidebook or the Info Desk for any updates to the schedule during the convention weekend.

Harassment Policy

DerpyCon has zero tolerance for harassment of any kind during the convention. If you are observed harassing con-goers, DerpyCon's Public Safety will remove you from the convention. Should you feel harassed or have concern about the way that you or someone else is being treated, please inform a staff member immediately. Staff are available throughout the convention at Con Ops, Info Desk, and Public Safety, and can be reached via phone call or SMS text message.

Room Hours

Information Desk

Friday: 10:00am - 12:00am
Saturday: 10:00am - 1:00am
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Convention Operations

Thursday: 5:00pm - 12:00am
Friday: 9:00am - 2:00am
Saturday: 9:00am - 2:00am
Sunday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Public Safety

Friday: 9:00am - 2:00am
Saturday: 9:00am - 2:00am
Sunday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Registration Desk

Thursday: 7:00pm - 11:00pm
Friday: 10:00am - 10:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 11:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Cosplay HQ & Repair Station

Friday: 10:00am - 8:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 10:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 2:30pm

Dealers Room

Friday: 2:00pm - 7:30pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 2:30pm

Artist Alley

Friday: 2:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday: 10:30am - 6:30pm
Sunday: 10:30am - 3:00pm

Tabletop Gaming

Friday: 12:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Video Gaming

Friday: 3:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday: 10:00am - 12:00am
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

*Room Hours Subject to Change
Check Guidebook for Up to Date Hours*

We're On Guidebook!

If you have a smartphone, tablet, or computer, you can download our full convention guide on the Guidebook app to see the schedule, panels info, updates, & more. To get it, scan the QR code or go to the following web address:

derpycon.com/guidebook



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DerpyCon is the annual meeting of Society of the Preservation of Pop Culture, Inc., a 501(c)3 educational non-profit organization to educate and celebrate the intersection of anime, sci-fi, gaming, and comics through an event that promotes inclusivity and understanding of these popular culture forms, fostering a community of passionate and informed enthusiasts.

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Disruptive Behavior Policy

At DePryCon we are working very hard to ensure that this event takes place in a safe, fun, family-friendly environment and we need your cooperation. We have policies to address specifics such as weapons. We also have a general policy that we will not tolerate disruptive behavior or harassment. We will be happy to see something that we determine to be dangerous and/or disruptive. The type of action we take may range from a quiet but stern word in private to ejection and revocation of your con badge without refund. Examples of unacceptable behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- Fighting (Fake or Real)
 - Heckling
 - Impeding traffic flow
 - Offensive behavior
 - Harassment
 - Failure to observe basic hygiene
 - Foul and/or offensive language
 - Public insubordination/intoxication
 - Failure to follow rules or instructions of staff members. Remember, anything illegal outside of the event is illegal inside the event.
- If your behavior is problematic we will deal with it as such. Please show common courtesy to your fellow con members and remember the golden rule: "treat others the way you want to be treated"

Harassment Policy

DePryCon will have no tolerance for harassment of any kind during the convention. Harassment includes offensive verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately.

If you are observed harassing other con-goers, DePryCon's Public Safety will remove you from the convention. Should you feel harassed or have concern about the way you or someone else is being treated, please inform a staff member immediately. Staff are available throughout the convention at Con Ops, Info Desk, and Public Safety, and can also be reached via phone call or SMS text message at the following numbers:

- Con Ops: 373-969-1112
- Public Safety: 373-969-1338
- Info Desk: 373-969-1202

These numbers can also be found on the back of your badge.

Food and Drinks

No food or drinks are allowed in the convention space. Water is permitted in the convention space. Please dispose of all trash and help keep the convention space clean!

Smoking

Smoking including electronic cigarettes, is permitted in designated areas outside of the building only.

Line Etiquette

Lining up for events will not be allowed more than 30 minutes prior to the start of any event, at the discretion of staff. Staff reserve the right to disband and/or close the line prior to this window at their discretion. When lining up, be sure to check for "Line Ends Here" indicators. We cannot promise to have them for every event, but please be mindful of them to get you inside quickly and assist in keeping to schedule. Lines cannot block entrances or exits so please leave a gap in front of doors as per NJ Fire Codes.

Cameras at DePryCon

- Be respectful to our guests and attendees, we request that you ask permission before taking photos.
- When stopping to take photographs in the hallways, please be considerate of your fellow con-goers by being brief and not blocking traffic.
- Photography within the Artist Alley is only allowed at the discretion of the individual artist. Permission must be obtained from the artist first for photography of any kind.
- Events that do not allow photography will be marked as such. Violators will be subject to ejection.
- The use of photographic devices is prohibited within certain areas of the convention.
- DePryCon's guests have the right to maintain their privacy. Convention members may be asked to refrain from photographing the convention.
- Convention Staff. We ask all members to please respect our Guests.

Children at DePryCon

DePryCon is a family event, but also an event with attendees of all ages. We want to ensure the safety of all who attend our event, especially children. Children under the age of 13 are required to have a parent or guardian with them at all times. Accompanying parents or guardians must be registered for the convention.

THERE IS NO CONVENTION-WIDE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM.

We are unable to page your child if your child becomes separated from you. For assistance, please locate a staff member with a radio immediately.

18+ Policy

There are certain events that are designated for 18+. Those who wish to attend must be at least 18 years of age and present photo identification to obtain a wristband at Registration or at a DePryCon Info Desk prior to the event. Please refer to the hours and location listed to obtain your wristband. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR WRISTBAND APPEARS TO BE TORN OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY YOU WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO THE 18+ EVENT & YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A NEW WRISTBAND.

Dress Code

- DePryCon is a **family-friendly** event and attendees are asked to dress accordingly. DePryCon Staff reserves the right to ask an attendee to change their clothing if their attire (or lack thereof) is deemed inappropriate.
- Shoes or footwear are required at all times.
- Rollerblades are prohibited as are Heelys (shoes with wheels inserted), roller skates and all forms of unsafe conveyances.

Signs at DePryCon

While we understand the appeal of signs as ice-breakers, conversation starters, and costume accessories, the following guidelines must be taken into consideration:

- Signs must be an established part of a costume, i.e. the sign must be part of the standard "look" of the character, such as the sign carried by Genma the Panda from Ranna 7½.
- Signs with offensive content are not allowed regardless of whether they are "in character". Signs in violation of this policy will be confiscated. Repeat offenders will be considered in violation of the disruptive behavior policy and subject to possible ejection from the premises. This policy applies to all types of signs regardless of their construction. Staff decisions are final.

Dances and Concerts

- No bags or backpacks are permitted within the dance. Please note, we do not provide lock checks.
- No bottles (glass or plastic) or cans are permitted. Water will be provided.
- Props are not permitted.
- No break dancing, hooping or stringing
- No moshing
- Feet must be on the floor at all times and shoes must be worn
- No food allowed
- If you are caught causing disruptive behavior, or violating convention policies, you will be asked by member of DePryCon staff to leave. Failure to comply may result in revoking of your badge and/or expulsion from the event.

Guests & Autograph Policy

We understand that getting autographs from our guests is a major highlight of the convention for many attendees; not just because it's a fantastic souvenir, but also because it's a chance for that tiny bit of face time with the guests. However, demand nearly always outweighs supply, especially for extremely popular or extremely rare guests. In order to give the greatest number of fans the opportunity to meet the guests we MUST keep the lines moving smoothly. DePryCon's official scheduled autograph sessions are governed by the following rules:

- DePryCon cannot and does not guarantee that you will receive an autograph from any particular guest. Individual guests may participate in private or industry-sponsored appearances in the exhibitors hall and there may be fees or purchases associated with those sessions. For-fee or purchase-required autograph sessions must always take place in the Autograph Designated Area.
- Guests will always be glad to sign your DePryCon program book as well as any official licensed and properly credited products. They absolutely will NOT sign bootleg merchandise and you run the risk of offending them by asking them to do so. Please

show them respect and courtesy by asking them to sign only licensed official merchandise. At their (the guests') sole discretion they may sign handmade, personal, or otherwise unofficial items. If you are uncertain about a particular item, check with a staff member in charge of the session first! DePryCon staff may veto any item as unsuitable for signing and such decisions are final.

Unless a specific limit is posted for a particular guest, assume that you are limited to TWO ITEMS PER PERSON.

- There will be no flash photography during the official signing session, unless otherwise noted.
- There will be no photo ops during official signing sessions unless otherwise noted.
- Do not monopolize the guests' time if there are others waiting. Assume that whatever you have to say must be said in 30 seconds or less, while the guest is signing your item.
- Do not request excessive personalization, sketches, etc., unless the guest offers.
- If you are bringing an item for the guest to sign, please have it ready for signing when you are within sight of the guest. If you brought CDs or DVDs, you should remove the DVD/insert to save time. For unusual items, please ask the autograph staff for their recommendations so as to keep the line flowing.
- Policies for specific guests may differ.

Props at DePryCon

Props policies at DePryCon are for your safety as well as the safety of others and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- NO LIVE STEEL will be permitted on the premises of the convention, without exception. Live steel is defined as:
- NO Swords, bayonet knives, star knives, shuriken, metal armor – including chainmail.
- No other objects made of metal which can take an edge regardless of whether or not the object is actually sharp.
- No Metal studs or costumes or other metal components of costumes/props may also be subjected to approval by DePryCon's Public Safety or Ops Staff.
- NO PROJECTILE WEAPONS OF ANY KIND will be permitted. Examples include, but are not limited to:
- The ONLY exception to this rule will be "prop" or resin models that are easily identifiable as toys, provided that they possess no moving parts and are clearly marked with a non-representative orange or yellow band.
- NO REAL BOWS, or pieces of real bows of any type are permitted within the Convention facility.
- Additionally, no authentic arrows (tipped or non-tipped), including crossbow bolts and other projectiles, will not be permitted.
- NO "PADDLERS" OF ANY SORT WILL BE PERMITTED. This includes, but is not limited to Yao/Yuri Paddles.
- NO CHAINS of any kind will be permitted. Nunchaku is defined as two sticks or other body connected at their ends with a short chain or rope; two sticks can be made of any material or shape.
- NO EXPLOSIVE CHEMICALS of any kind including, but not limited to: smoke powder, sparklers, or fireworks of any kind.
- If it is illegal in the State of New Jersey, it is illegal inside the convention and convention facility as well as off the premises.
- If our staff determines that your prop does not comply with our policies, you will be asked to remove the prop immediately from the convention space.
- If a member of DePryCon Staff asks to check your prop, you must comply immediately. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the convention and revoking of your badge.

Permitted Props

Stave, bow, sticks, bokken, shinal, and wooden swords will be permitted as long as they are handled responsibly and meet all other criteria.

- Fake, prop, or made-up weapons (i.e. made of tissue paper, plaster, or cloth) are permitted if they are safe and not posing a danger to others around you.
- Examples of dangerous conditions include, but are not limited to: items that may trip others, items that can snag people or surroundings, items that obstruct doors and hallways.
- Props shall be limited to less than 6'6" (six feet six inches) in height and less than 50 lbs in weight.
- Any chain must be less than 3' (three feet) in length regardless of the material. This includes, but is not limited to chain wallets and non-costume chains.
- Prop bows may be carried in the convention space, provided they are NOT strung with authentic bowstring, and any alternative material used (i.e. twine, yarn, any other non official material) is not attached to the bow in a taut (tight) fashion.
- All bows must comply with all other general policies – no live steel or sharp edges, and not more than 6'6" in height. Prop or toy arrows that are clearly marked as such are allowed.

Behavior with Props

- Misuse of a prop, such as swinging it in a public area or posing a hazard to others, will result in the prop being deemed unsafe for the convention and you will be asked to remove the item from the convention facility.
- Any edged or other non-permitted weapons purchased in the Dealers Room must be boxed and removed from the convention facility property immediately. Weapons are not to be taken out of their packaging and/or wrappings while on the convention facility property.
- All props and weapons brought into the convention facility may be inspected for policy compliance by authorized DePryCon staff, including those that may have had prior approval at other conventions or pre-convention approval by DePryCon staff.
- Any items that pose a potential safety hazard may need to be removed from the convention facility property.
- This includes any costume, prop, or accessory that obstructs doors or hallways, or otherwise poses any kind of danger to other attendees, staff or convention facility property.

When in doubt, check with DePryCon staff.

"You still can't find a quote from me?"

-Jessica Sullivan answering a question about what quotes we should put in the program guide

FOOD GUIDE

Show Your Badge Discounts

One of DerpyCon's best discount programs is back! Shop local - eat local - stay local with the DerpyCon Show Your Badge Discount Program! This program gives you exclusive attendee-only discounts at local establishments in downtown New Brunswick. Just show the business your badge, and you'll get the associated discount that they have been so gracious to offer this year. Check the pocket schedule and Guidebook for updated listings!

Other Local Spots

Looking elsewhere to eat and have fun? Our friends at the New Brunswick City Center are prepared to help! Visit their website at newbrunswick.com to see other spots that you won't want to miss. Some of our favorites include:

Destination Dogs
Fat Cactus Mexican Cantina
Smashville Hot Chicken
Stuff Yer Face
Tavern On George

Hyatt Regency Food

Looking to stay onsite for food? Look no further than the options available at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. The hotel offers four spots to enjoy food throughout the weekend, including:

Glass Woods Tavern Breakfast

Featuring an urban and contemporary ambience, the signature eatery offers distinctive regional cuisine and hearty East Coast fare. Open each morning for breakfast from 6:30am - 10:30am.

Glass Woods Tavern Lounge

Meet at the trendy New Brunswick lounge and sports bar for local craft beers, signature cocktails and an impressive wine list. Catch sports games on the big screen or enjoy some friendly competition over a round of billiards, with light bites and shareables made to order. Open daily for dinner from 4:00pm - 10:00pm.

In-Room Dining

Order in-room dining for added convenience. Dial 0 to place your order for delivery or pick up. Available daily from 6:30am - 10:00pm.

DerpyCon Cafe



Grab breakfast, lunch, and dinner from the lobby cafe. With made-to-order breakfast sandwiches, pastries, salads, sandwiches, and much more. The lobby cafe is a great spot to stop at to grab a quick bite before heading

off to a panel or event.

Scan the QR code below to see the menu:



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www.HanaConAnime.com

"Aww, the poor thing."
- Eve

EVENTS

Artist Alley

From plushies and prints, to apparel and pins, our Artist Alley is packed with some of the most unique designs. Visit our Exhibitors Hall to see what original items our artists have for sale, and take home a new item to grace your walls!

AMV Contest

Watch as AMV creators from around the world showcase their work as they take your favorite anime and turn them into amazing anime music videos! Watch the great selection of finalists during our Saturday Contest and vote for your favorites - and make sure to check out the overflow to see even more great AMVs!

AMV Showings

Join us as we showcase AMVs of the past, fun morning cartoons, and more in our numerous AMV showings in the Video room. Learn more about some of the interesting anime music videos from creators all over the world, and inf your new favorite way of enjoying the genre that we all love!

Autographs

Our voice over guests will be signing autographs throughout the weekend at their autograph sessions in the Atrium. Stop by their booths to get your swag autographed. Check our schedule for more information.

Car Show

Experience a vibrant, otaku-inspired car show that also features sci-fi movie replicas, classic muscle, vintage imports, futuristic concept builds, and custom showpieces.

Cosplay Chess

Join us for a "fight-to-the-death"... cosplay style... in a chess match! Watch as cosplayers try to take down each other in a game of chess. If interested, stop by the Cosplay Chess Interest Meeting on Saturday to sign-up.

Dance

Listen to the music and dance the night away with our great DJs! The DerpyCon Dance is an awesome two hour affair of music, dancing, lights, glow, and so much more. Put on your best dance outfit and get ready to have fun at Saturday night's premier event!

Dealers Room

Who doesn't love shopping?! Our Dealers Hall is jammed with some awesome finds, from manga and games to figures and collectables. Take a stroll through our dealers to see what items you'll be adding to your collection.

DerpyCon Presents: Staff After Dark [18+]

We knew the moment we gave our fearless cone mascot a microphone, all heck would break loose. Join that lime green cone you all love, our Con Chair, and some other staff for a fun way to end your Friday night.

Hall Cosplay Contest

Show off your cosplays to our esteemed panel of judges on Friday or on Saturday. Sign-ups are available at Cosplay HQ (you must sign-up to participate). Check our website or stop by the Info Desk for rules and information.



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Idol Showcase

We are proud to present the best of idol performance! Watch as idol groups take the bright stage by storm with their dances - celebrating what we love about Japanese idols!

Karaoke

Sing to your hearts content! Grab the mic, find your favorite song, and belt out the words. No singing experience necessary - just come with a smile & get ready to have fun!

Maid Café

Presented by Heavenly Maid Café. Heavenly Maid Café is a Japanese inspired & NYC influenced cosplay café experience with a sweet, angelic twist. Our diverse team of maids and hosts creates an interactive, wholesome, and enchanting atmosphere for anime fans and convention goers.

Masquerade

DerpyCon's premier event returns - the Masquerade features skits, performances, dances and more on our main stage! Stop by to watch a show you won't want to miss.

Manga Library

Presented by Thy Geekdom Con, the Manga Library has all of your favorite titles to enjoy, and some new ones to find. Take a break from the con action, relax, open a good book, and dive into the magical stories straight from Japan.

Swap Meet

Do you have stuff you want to get rid of? So do others! Exchange items for other items in our Swap Meet! Bring your items with you and prepare to exchange. Items must be appropriate for a PG-13 audience. No money exchanges are allowed - only item for item.

Tabletop Gaming

Give a stop by our Tabletop Room, where you'll find board games to play, space for open card games, some Dungeons & Dragons-themed playthroughs, and much more.

DerpyCon Presents: The Dating Game

Even the fictional characters we cosplay need love, right? Come join us in Main Events as we ask silly questions and try to make a match between Mario and Orihime, or Captain Kirk and Han Solo. Which of your favs will be chosen as eligible candidates for our bachelors and bachelorettes? Let's find that perfect nerdy match!

**NOTE: No real dates will result from these pairings as this is for entertainment purposes only. Must be 18+ to participate on stage. Sorry, kids, but the adults are funnier when put on the spot.

Video Gaming

Up-Down-A-Down-B-B... is that the cheat code? Our Video Gaming Hall, presented by A Video Game Con (AVGC), Origin of Play, and Snow Phoenix, brings you a collection of retro consoles, modern gaming, and arcade cabinets to fulfill all of your wildest wishes! Stop by the room to button smash your way to the next level, eat up some ghosts, or shoot down aliens enroute to some sweet gold coins.

Explore FUN Japanese Flavors!



GUESTS



Beau Billingslea

Voice Actor

In the world of anime, Beau Billingslea has voiced countless characters including: Jet Black in *Cowboy Bebop*; The Fourth Raikage in *Naruto*; Barrett in *Final Fantasy: Advent Children*; Cain in *Last Hope*; Bertuccio in *Count of Monte Cristo*; Ogremon, Saggitarimon and Parrotman in *Digimon*; Michael in *Argento Soma*; Seal Walrus in *Wolf's Rain*; Gohei in *Rurouni Kenshin*; Dee Jay in *Super Street Fighter II*; Ben Jackson in *Tiger & Bunny*; Edward Lioness in *Bleach*; Light Nostrade in *Hunter x Hunter*; Lingerin & Dogen in *DuRaRaRa x 2* and many others.

Beau's sci-fi feature films include *The Blob*, *My Favorite Martian*, *Leprechaun in the Hood*, and *Halloween H2O*. He plays Captain Abbott of the USS Bradbury in *Star Trek: Into Darkness* and Vice Admiral Stamm in *Star Trek Continues*. He can also be seen in *The Laughing Man* short on Showbox Online. A full listing of his 40 plus year television and feature film career can be found on IMDB.

Beau is a proud veteran of the U.S. Army.



R Bruce Elliott

Voice Actor

R BRUCE ELLIOTT has been a professional actor for decades, working in theatre, film, TV, radio and commercials, not to mention the occasional tailgate party and bar mitzvah. He started dubbing voices for anime at Funimation in 2003 and has continued ever since, having performed nearly 220 roles in over 200 anime shows and movies. From his first role as the bumbling detective Richard Moore in *Case Closed*, he has become known for his range and versatility in shows such as *Attack on Titan*, *One Piece*, *Space Dandy*, *Fairy Tail*, *Samurai Seven*, *Full Metal Alchemist*, *Dragonball Z Kai* (and *Super*) and *Black Butler*, and more recently in shows like *Star Blazers* (originally *Space Battleship Yamato*), *Angels of Death*, *Chio's School Road*, *Kikuriyo: Bed and Breakfast for Spirits* and *Fairy Gone*. He can also be heard in movies like *Empire of Corpses* and *Dragon Ball Z: The World's*

Strongest, plus numerous video games, including *The Walking Dead: Survival Instinct*, *Aeon Flux*, *Orcs Must Die* (1 & 2), *Borderlands 2*, and twelve or thirteen different games in the *Dragon Ball Z* series as his favorite fearless idiot, Captain Ginyu of the Ginyu Force.



Kayli Mills

Voice Actor

Kayli grew up in multiple towns in the LP of Michigan. As a child she was frequently relocated, but in middle school she found comfort and friendship in creating song covers, writing and voice acting online. After years of chasing her dream, you can hear her as colorful cast of characters including Keqing (*Genshin Impact*), Alice (*Sword Art Online*), Emilia (*Re:Zero*), Clara (*Welcome to Demon School: Iruma-kun*), Quna - *Speaking and singing* (PSO2), Dubra (*Honkai Star Rail*), Rosa (*Pokémon Masters*), Cissnei (*Final Fantasy VII Rebirth*), Natsuki Moriyama (*Persona 3 Reload*), Yunyun (*KonoSuba*), and many more! Beyond being a voice actor, Kayli is also a professional writer, lyricist and singer with a certification in audio engineering and a Youtube channel with a following for her cover songs. She enjoys being active in many ways (weight lifting, yoga, hiking, surfing, sports) and loves going on adventures! She's also a huge foodie and could talk to you for hours about how to perfectly construct a gourmet donut!

"Quote intentionally left blank."
- Program Guide Staff

Cassandra Lee Morris

Voice Actor

Cassandra Lee Morris is a Los Angeles-based voice actor who has voiced nearly 300 characters for anime, video games and animation. She's known for her versatility and fierceness, voicing everything from creatures to boys to strong and sassy fighters.

Her first big anime roles were Yubel in Yu-Gi-Oh! GX, then Leo and Luna in Yu-Gi-Oh! 5Ds. More recently, she can be heard telling exhausted gamers to get some sleep as Morgana in Persona 5 or lending her trademark sassiness to characters like Sothis in Fire Emblem, Beffica in Bugsnax and Taiga in Toradora. Other favorite roles include Fie Claussell in the Trails of Cold Steel franchise, Galacta in Marvel Rivals, Mualani in Genshin Impact, Yuumi and Nami in League of Legends, Elphelt Valentine in Guilty Gear, Li-Fen in Street Fighter 6, Aoi Asahina in Danganronpa, Saber Nero Claudius in Fate, Leafa in Sword Art Online, Kyubey in Madoka Magica, Kota in My Hero Academia, and most recently, Yuno the Distant Talon in Ishura.



Lisa Ortiz

Voice Actor

Lisa Ortiz is a bicoastal LA/New York based veteran voice actor, director and producer. A NY native, her career as a voice over artist began under the shroud of an attempted auto larceny gone awry. Luckily for her, and for her sibling the perpetrator in question, the car battery died. (No seriously, my brother tried to steal my car. That's how I got into anime. Just ask me. I'll tell you.). She can be heard as Burnin in My Hero Academia, Korrina/Talia in Pokemon Journeys, Kimimko in "Gunbusters", Mion in Battle Game in 5 seconds, Tao Jun in Shaman King, Sunny-Kun in One Piece Red, Bai Yi in Path to Nowhere, as well as as the Demon Lord Frey, in "That time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime" (amongst others): as va, she is most well known for her role as Lina Inverse, Amy Rose in Sonic the Hedgehog, Icy/Musa in Winx Club, and Serenity Wheeler in Yugi-oh, but she began her career as the high elf Deedlit in Record of Lodoss War. Since then she has gone on to record dozens of anime, series, audiobooks, video games, and films both as a voice and as a Producer, Director and Adapter.



Bill Rogers

Voice Actor

Since his debut in 2001, Bill has been providing voices to some of your favorite characters in some of your favorite shows. He is best known for his roles in "Pokemon" (Brock + over 50 creatures), "HunterXHunter" (Majitani, Meleoron and Monta), "Gravitation" (Touma Seguchi), "Genshiken" (Tanaka Souichiro) and "Cagaster of an Insect Cage" (Qasim). Other anime Bill has voiced include "Eureka Seven: Hi Evolution", "One Punch Man", "Mob Psycho 100", "Sword Art Online: Ordinal Scale", "Cells At Work", "Haikara", "Little Witch Academia", "Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron Blooded Orphans", "Godzilla: Monster Planet", "Jojo's Bizarre Adventure", "Rising of the Shield Hero", "Boogiepop Phantom", "The Third", "Shingu", "His and Her Circumstances", "KO Beast", "Assemble Insert", "Magical Witch Punie-Chan", "Mai Mai Miracle", "Ascendance of a Bookworm", "Patema Inverted", "Gundam: The Origin", "Joe vs. Joe", "Ikki Tousen", "Queen's Blade", "Gokudo", and "Comic Party".



"I wonder how many typos we missed"
- DerpyCon Staff when reviewing the program guide at Headquarters Plaza

GUESTS



Richard Maurizio

Industry

A veteran artist, writer and Comic-Con regular, Richard Maurizio has contributed artwork to some of the most iconic and beloved cartoons of our time. With an impressive resume that includes Warner Bros., Turner Entertainment, Universal Studios, Sony Signatures, and Archie Comics, Richard has created licensed artwork for properties including Looney Tunes, Animaniacs, Space Jam, Batman: The Animated Series, The Munsters, Underdog, The Real Ghostbusters, and Mister Magoo's Christmas Carol. In addition to co-producing a Tom & Jerry comic strip for several years, Richard co-authored the book Munster Memories with Butch Patrick. A passionate historian and collector of comics, he has played a major role in reviving children's comics with his company, Airwave Comics, and by co-founding Animated Arts in the late 1980s. He also was involved in launching the one first two newsstand industry magazines, The Comics Collector and Collectible Toys and Values, which brought attention to the world of comic book collecting in the pre-ComicCon era.



Super Thrash Bros

Musical Guest

Super Thrash Bros. is a show that brings thrash metal to iconic soundtracks from various franchises in the Smash Bros. universe. Committed to authenticity, Super Thrash Bros. delivers precisely arranged music and immersive live shows with engaging minigames that invite the audience to join in the fun. Ready? Go!



SHOUJO & CO PRESENTS: SHENANIGANZA!

Performance Guest

Fandom comes in all forms - including DRAG! Get ready to slay and play with Shoujo & Co for an unforgettable evening of nerdery and entertainment in ShenaniGANZA! Our returning cast of Effervescence, Genocide Abrasax, D'Manda Martini, Velassa Rapta, and Sir Hysteric*nt are set to perform alongside guest performers Trash Ketchum and Katja Attenshun. Hosted by resident magical girl Shoujo-A-Go-Go, this cast is ready to serve glamour, geekdom, goops and gags! Grab your dollars and get ready to holler and celebrate all flavors of fandom.



Uncle Yo

Community Guest

Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Anime Therapist working out of New York City. Since 2008, he has performed his rantcore-style of geek-specific stand-up comedy at anime, comic book, and video games across the USA. He has emceed Cosplay masquerade, Cosplay ProWrestling, Cosplay Burlesque, and presented over 300 fan-driven, comic panels. Previously a podcaster, playwright and puppeteer and creator of both Youtube's "Dungeon Crawlers" puppet series and the "Chroniclers of Darkness" series, Custer now presents lectures driven to mental health awareness including "Adolescent Trauma Recovery & Naruto" and "Billionaire vs Social Worker: Batman Vs Just Us."

"Gone, just like the cliff in Anthony's Animal Crossing. I mean Anon's House in Syosset.
-Anon Adderlan trying to find a new motto to replace The Cliff

Lex Winter

Community Guest

Charles Dunbar (aka Lex Winter) is a professional culture lecturer and Dungeon Master. Having been an active member of fandom for over 30 years, they received their MA in Fan Studies in 2011 and have been attending Derpycon since 2016. Each year they strive to bring to the convention new perspectives on Japanese culture, gaming, music, and whatever else grabbed their attention during the 12 months between shows. Sharing that passion is what drives them, and keeps them coming back.



Manly Battleships®

Community Guest

"Manly Battleships® is the original professional panel group, a circle of fun-loving performers that have built a programming powerhouse on the convention circuit. Veteran panelists combine their skills with a circle of long time con-goers, otaku, and deviants to create a catalog of content for your enjoyment. We offer a lot of a lot, and a little of everything! With a line up including academic lectures, the Gameshow Impossibru™ series, and over-the-top entertainment panels! No matter your pleasure, there's a Manly Battleships® event that's right for you!



Children Driving Robots

Community Guest

At least a hundred years ago, a group of idiots and a plastic turtle named Kyle came together with a great mission: to have fun entertaining people irregardless of whether or not people were entertained. Whether it be arcade playthroughs and inaccurate anime descriptions on YouTube, convention panels about dumb stuff they're obsessed with, or making new friends in hotel lobbies, Children Driving Robots are not aware that irregardless is not a word. Check us out online at childrendrivingrobots.com.



Awesomus Prime

DJ

Awesomus Prime is an Indigenous/Hispanic/Queer Artist, Producer/DJ and CEO of the Anime inspired independent label, Kawaii Kunai. Prime has been a household name in the Anime and Gaming convention circuit, showcasing their unique flare of nerdy EDM and interactive Rock Star performance which has captivated audiences from MAGFest, Otakon to Blerdcon and beyond. With a passion for all things nerdy; that influence is very evident in their music and their performance has been said to be one of the best around. Awesomus Prime has dedicated their life to entertaining the Nerdy masses and is a hero for Nerds, Blerds, Geekspanics, and the LGBTQIA+ world. Prime's performance is the one you'll never forget.



"This station is... Elmont-UBS Arena... This is the train to Graaaaannndddd Central. The next station is Hillside Support Facility."
- When Anthony rides an M7 LIRR Train to Grand Central

GUESTS



Lady Ava Designs

Cosplay Guest

For over twenty years, Lady Ava Designs has been a self-taught seamstress and a multi-award-winning cosplayer. From her roots in costuming with a main focus on sewing, she expanded to 3D Printing and Laser Cutting over recent years.

She is an active member of the Rebel Legion and Saber Guild charity organizations and held titles such as Local and Global Costume Counselor. Over the last few years, she has been leaning towards designing her original fashion concepts based on her favorite fandoms and has been a finalist in the HerUniverse Fashion Show for three years. This year, she was named the Audience Winner and is currently working on designing a collection for HerUniverse/Hot Topic.

Lady Ava is the Cosplay Department Head for ColossalCon East and has been both a performance and craftsmanship judge up and down the East Coast. She is so excited to judge at DerpyCon this year!



Queen Clover

Cosplay Guest

Queen Clover is a cosplay and kaigai idol from the far-off land of Pennsylvania. Clover has spent the past 11 years honing her skills and receiving multiple Best in Show awards for both performance and sewing. Any free time he gets is spent writing the next script or creating the next outfits for their idol group, Pl;sm Parade. Idol cosplays are not their only forte, as she is also a long-time fan and cosplayer of series such as Fate Grand/Order, Shugo Chara, and the Ancient Magus' Bride. You will always be able to find her by following the trail of glitter she leaves, as no cosplay of theirs is complete without a little sparkle.



Sealigh the Blue Dragon Mer

Cosplay Guest

Sealigh the Blue Dragon Mer has been a member of the Cosplay community since 2006. She won her first awards at Katsucon 2006 as best novice in the Hall Contest and Masquerade. She continued her path into competitions, leading her quickly into the master category and allowing herself to win multiple best in shows and even the grand prize of a trip to Hawaii from AUSA. After 10 years of competing Leigh moved into judging. Her specialty is a discerning eye for performance since her background as a professional dancer, choreographer, and instructor grant her an inside perspective.

GUEST PANELS

[Insert Thing] is WOKE (Now?)!

Manly Battleships®

Reviewers and toxic fans seem to throw "woke" around every time they hate a new series or revival of an old franchise. They don't seem to understand the meaning of the word. Come watch us beat the dead horse of media literacy so we can all wake up and see just how long some of your favorite media has fit the bill! [A Manly Battleships® Production]

Animexperts Live

Children Driving Robots

Are you an Animexpert? Could you describe an anime series with just one image and anime opening? Or would you describe it as the coolest and craziest series never made? Then come join Children Driving Robots and prove yourself to be an Animexpert!

Ballet class for otaku

Sealeigh the Blue Dragon Mer

Get your day started right with a nice anime themed ballet class. Be prepared to move, stretch, and flow to some classic anime music. This is open to all levels and ages of dancers. Please wear clothing appropriate for movement!

Bill Rogers: Voice Actor

Bill Rogers

Join Bill Rogers as he discusses some of the hit shows he's had the opportunity to be part of. If you are a fan of Pokémon, Demon Slayer, Legend of Breath of the Wild, and Vinland Saga, this is a good opportunity to get your questions answered.

Cartoon Trivia

Richard Maurizio

Cartoon Trivia and more

Cosplay Competitions: A Behind The Scenes Perspective

Lady Ava Cosplay

Want to learn some behind the scenes on how cosplay competitions work and how to improve your cosplays for your next competition? Join our panel of seasoned veteran judges and show runners as we discuss ways to prepare for a successful experience in the competitive cosplay world.

Cosplay To Couture: The HerUniverse Fashion Show and Geek Couture

Lady Ava Cosplay

Geek Couture is a growing community in the cosplay world. But what is Geek Couture and how do you start to make that shift from cosplay to fashion? Join our panel as we discuss the process, ideas, and how this wonderful community is taking to the runway.

David Bowie: Like Some Cat From Japan

Manly Battleships®

Before Ziggy Stardust, David Bowie was just another rock star looking for something unique and he found it... in Japan! This panel will delve into the inspiration Japanese culture had upon David Bowie and then cover the impact he would have on so much in anime, sci-fi, and much of fandom. [A Manly Battleships® Production]

Dr. Mario's Horrible Sing-a-long Panel

Children Driving Robots

Children Driving Robots cordially invites you to a disaster 10+ years in the making. What once started as a harmless little sing-a-long is now nothing more than a catastrophe of confusion and chaos. Attire is business casual! (We're kidding!)

Gameshow Impossibru™: Tame That Tune!

Manly Battleships®

Manly Battleships® is proud to bring you their version of the classic song match game! Our melodic masters have assembled songs from big, small, and downright obscure media for your pleasure. Put your

repertoire of knowledge up against the best we have to offer!

Glitter, Sequins, and Rhinestones... OH MY!

Queen Clover

Do you have a cosplay that you want to make just a bit shinier? Or maybe you want to know what to pair with your organza. Join Queen Clover as she takes you across nearly two dozen different sparkly materials, ranging from fabrics to trims and everything in between!

Hetomato and Other Peculiar Days: Unique & Interesting Festivals of Japan

Manly Battleships®

Gain some wanderlust with this exploration of weird and wonderful days on the local calendar of Japan. Fulfill your basic curiosity and plan the best time for your next trip to the land of the rising sun! [A Manly Battleships® Production]

How to stage and choreograph an entertaining Masquerade Skit

Sealeigh the Blue Dragon Mer

This panel is designed to give advice on the best way to stage and choreograph an entertaining Masquerade Skit. Whether you have been doing this for years or you are newly getting started this panel should get you on the right path to Masquerade success! As seasoned dancer, choreographer, and actor with a B.A. in dance, I can give you some inside information on how to be in the right space at the right time to make your skit the most effective. Q and A will be welcomed at the end of the panel.

Japanese Folk Theatre with Uncle Yo

Uncle Yo

Japan has one of the world's richest histories of live theater and story-telling. Over 600 years as a matter of fact? Wanna learn where some of your favorite anime/manga tropes originated? Join Uncle Yo in this rapid-fire, manic dive into over 8 forms of performance native to Japan from Rakugo to Bunraku to Takarazuka, their growth with Japanese culture, and why you can't say 'Noh' to puppets.

Madness of Junji Ito

Lex Winter

This man is insane. Or maybe not. When you hear the name Junji Ito, it conjures up terror, body horror, bizarre faces, the uncanny valley, and elder beings/situation/worlds. But who is the man BEHIND this? This panel explores Ito the man, the mangaka, and the fan himself—someone who took his passion and turned it into a career that has inspired countless others to pursue their own.

Manly Battleships® Fanfic Mystery Theatre

Manly Battleships®

Prepare for an enchanting performance of some of the most glorious pieces of fiction ever typed hastily onto a grimy keyboard. The Fleet is your guide, the star of the show is you, and the script choices will leave you gasping for breath or shouting for more!

NSFW: Sex Gods of Japan

Lex Winter

Dosojin. Sekibo. Shunga. Those three words all share something in common—they refer to SEX GODS. And yes, Japan has a rich and varied history dealing with the divine phallus. Join us, then, as we uncover the X-rated gods that are Now Suitable For Worship.

Ohaarae-shiki "The Great Purification"

Lex Winter

Dungeons & Dragons @ Derpycon! A forgotten shrine in the mountains of Shinkoku island threatens both villager and traveler alike. It is up to a party of heroes to undo what has been done. A Tier 2 Adventure, optimized for APL 8 CONTENT WARNINGS: Disrespect of the Dead, Religious Horror Pregenerated characters are available if needed. This adventure is Adventurer's League Legal and run by the author.

"Wow. The Ship of Dreams. Gone, just like the cliff in my Animal Crossing Game, I mean Anon's House in Syosset."
- Anthony Zaragoza when thinking about the Titanic, especially when Cal put the diamond in the coat and put the coat on her

GUEST PANELS

Pokémon: Behind the Voice with Lisa Ortiz!

Lisa Ortiz

Join Voice Actress Lisa Ortiz and discuss all that is Pokémon! From acting in it to directing it here is a full behind-the-scenes panel.

Q and A with Beau Billingslea

Beau Billingslea

Q and A with Beau Billingslea

Q&A with R Bruce Elliott

R Bruce Elliott

Get ready to meet the man behind some of anime's most epic voices! R. Bruce Elliott brings Captain Ginyu (Dragon Ball Z), Dot Pixis (Attack on Titan), and Whitebeard (One Piece) to life, and now he's here to share his stories and maybe a few tips from his 20+ years as a voice actor. Whether you're a Saiyan, Scout, or Pirate fan, this panel will have you cheering like a pirate, laughing like Tanaka, and shouting like Ginyu!

Reboot Your Childhood

Children Driving Robots

Are all these reboots/remakes ruining our memories? Were our childhood heroes as cool as we remember? Join Children Driving Robots as we look at new and old versions of our favorite shows and movies and see how each deserves its own place. Why? Because knowing is half the battle!

Scriptwriting for Idols

Queen Clover

Are you an idol group wanting to level up your performance. Then you're in luck because Queen Clover is here to bring you her tips and tricks for all aspects of skit creation! From prop usage to costumes and color, and of course, how to write a script and everything that comes with it!

Selling us a Childhood: Toys and Media of the 1980s

Children Driving Robots

Which came first? The TV show or the toy line? Join Children Driving Robots as we look at some of the hit toy lines and cartoons of the 1980s. Come feel the nostalgia of the toys you had. Or still have like us.

ShenaniGANZA For The Minis

Shoujo & Co Presents ShenaniGANZA!

Drag is not just a show in a club - it's an art form that explores storytelling, costuming, dance, music, and more! Explore the world of drag with some of our ShenaniGANZA crew as we host a mini-show for all ages to enjoy. We encourage anyone who would like to learn more about self-expression through art to join us and maybe discover your own magic along the way.

ShenaniGANZA! A Drag Celebration of Fandom

Shoujo & Co Presents ShenaniGANZA!

****This performance is for our audience 18+ - if you're not in this group, please come see us at our GA show**** Fandom comes in all forms - including DRAG! Get ready to play and play with Shoujo & Co for an unforgettable evening of nerdery and entertainment in ShenaniGANZA! Our gorgeous gang is back for another round of glamour and geekdom. Returning to the stage is Genocide Abrasax, Velassa Rapta, D'Manda Martini, and Sir Hystericanusehatwordhere, along with featured performers Trash Ketchum and Katja Attenshun. Resident magical girl Shoujo-A-Go-Go is back to host in a show that is sure to bring even more goops and gags than ever before. Meet and greet and photo op will be available after the show or all weekend at our table in the Vendors Hall. Grab your dollars and get ready to holler - time to celebrate all flavors of fandom!

ShenaniGANZA! Q&A

Shoujo & Co Presents ShenaniGANZA!

You have questions and we have answers! Shoujo and Co are here for your Qs about drag, the queer community, and art in general - we may even have some questions of our own! This is a friendly and open dialogue for all ages.

Tabletop Anime

Lex Winter

When you think of anime and gaming, what comes to mind? Pokémon? YuGiOh? Are you like me and fawning over One Piece? What about a game like Ani-Mayhem? Or BESM? Or Mekton? Anime and tabletop gaming have a LONG history, and this panel aims to pull back the curtain on some relics of the past, waiting to be discovered by a new generation.

The Awesomus Showdown: Anime Edition

Awesomus Prime

Who would win in a fight between Goku wielding a keyblade vs Luffy leading an army of Magical Girls? Well you're about to decide right here and now! Join the fun in The Awesomus Showdown: Anime Edition where you will take the stage and argue why your Anime Fighter will claim victory! You will decide, as the chosen panel of experts, who will go home with the crown!

Uncle Yo's TTRPG &...Therapy?

Uncle Yo

Nerds are aging into their Masters Degrees. TTRPG's have become sold out events across America. Join Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer, LMSW, in a lightning-paced lecture about the field research of incorporating tabletop roleplaying games like D&D as a practice for group therapy, the potential barriers to research, and the game DESIGNED to promote mental health awareness and trauma-informed healing.

Unlicensed Anime: We're Waiting...

Children Driving Robots

Many Anime get licensed and relicensed every year. What about those that don't or return to the unlicensed void? Come join Children Driving Robots to discover and/or rediscover these Anime just waiting for their opportunity!

Voice Acting for Anime & JRPGs with Cassandra Lee Morris

Cassandra Lee Morris

What's it like to voice act for anime and JRPGs? Chat with Cassandra Lee Morris, voice actor in Persona 5, Fire Emblem Three Houses, Guilty Gear, YuGiOh!, Sword Art Online and 300+ more projects! Bring your voice acting questions and get the behind-the-scenes scoop on the voice acting industry.

Which Doctor Who Will We Do?

Children Driving Robots

Do you love Doctor Who? Do you love talking to Children Driving Robots about Doctor Who? Come join us as we do one of our Doctor Who panels. Which one? We don't know! We will let a digital roulette wheel pick the panel! Come see the madness.

Who's That Pokémon? Bingo

Awesomus Prime

Hats backwards Trainers! Join Professor Awesomus Prime in the Kanto region as we try to catch'em all... By playing Bingo! Use your phone or tablet to receive your personal bingo card and catch each Pokémon Awesomus Prime calls as they appear on screen. Prime will also tell tales of their first encounter with these magical kawaii beasts while you inch closer and closer to winning a BINGO! Come join in the fun and let's become the very best... Like no one ever was!

You're Wrong & You Should Feel Bad!™

Manly Battleships®

We love to rag on popular shows. It's all good fun. We can be secure in good shows though, right? WRONG! If you're ready to see the "good" things deconstructed in the most vicious ways possible, this is for you! You like that highly rated show? Well, YOU'RE WRONG! ...and you should feel bad! [A Manly Battleships® Production]

Check out the Pocket Schedule, Guidebook, and our website for full list of Guest Panels and Fan Panels

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