

CONvergence 2023

A Social Narrative



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- Thursday July 6th – Sunday July 9th

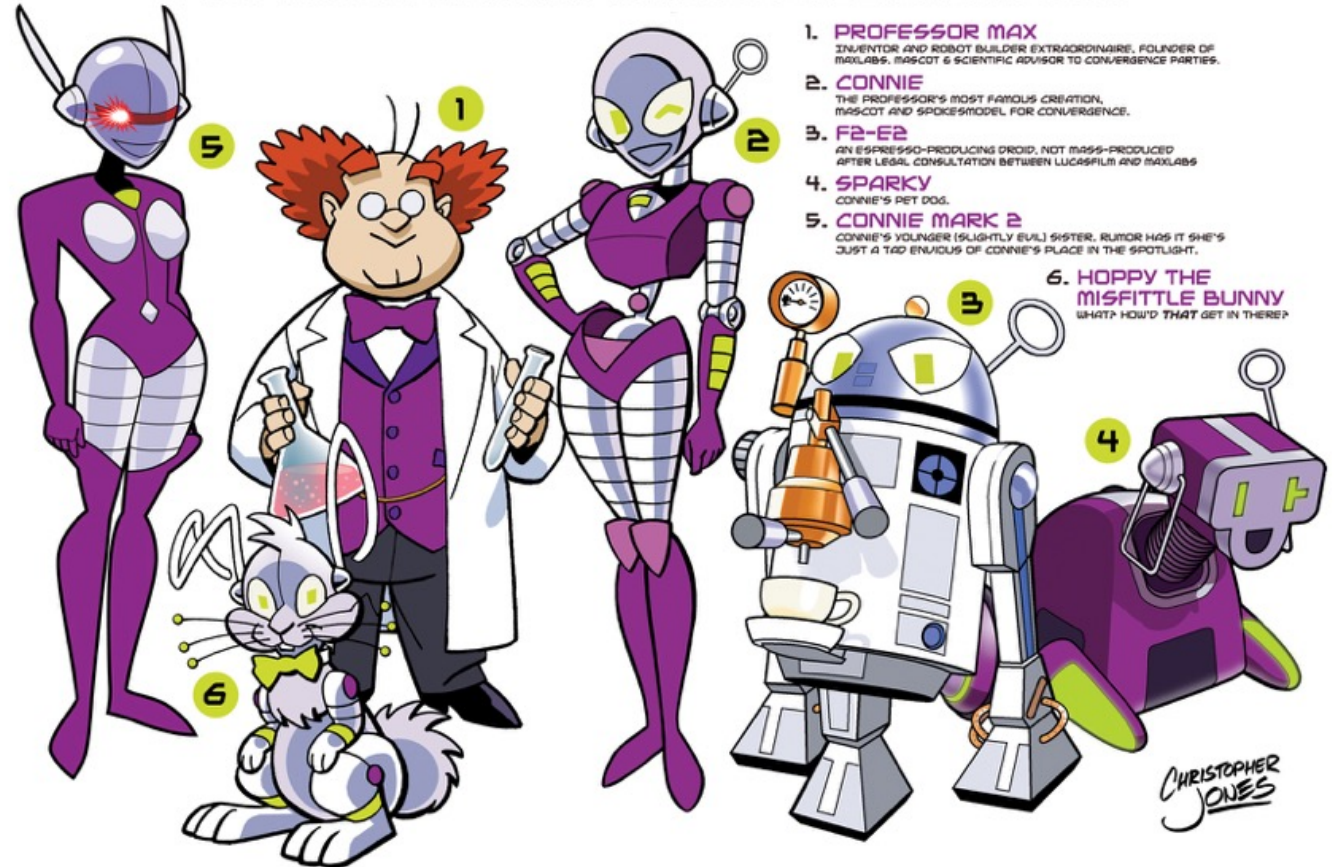
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

- 1300 Nicollet Mall
- Minneapolis, MN 55403

CONvergence is a convention for fans of science fiction and fantasy in all media forms.

THE MAXLABS FAMILY

PROFESSOR MAX AND HIS ROBOTIC CREATIONS



I am going to CONvergence

Events

CONvergence 2023

07/06/2023 - 07/09/2023

\$135.00 - Adult (Age 18+) After 15 May 2023
\$75.00 - Teen (Ages 13 to 17) After 15 May 2023
\$35.00 - Youth (Ages 6 to 12) until 15 May 2023
Free - Child (Ages 5 and Under)

The Hyatt Regency Hotel
1300 Nicollet Mall
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REGISTER

I can register for CONvergence [online](#). Registering online allows me to get my tickets ahead of time and helps CON staff and volunteers provide a badge more quickly.

If I don't want to register online or ahead of time, I can register at the door.



Transportation to CONvergence

I can plan my transportation to CONvergence. I have different parking options– at hotel parking, parking ramps, on-street parking or a park & ride. If I am not driving, I can plan to take a bus, train, metro mobility, or use cab, Lyft and/or Uber services.

For more information on transportation and parking, I can look at the CONvergence [website](#).



COVID-19 Policy

I am required to wear a mask at CONvergence.

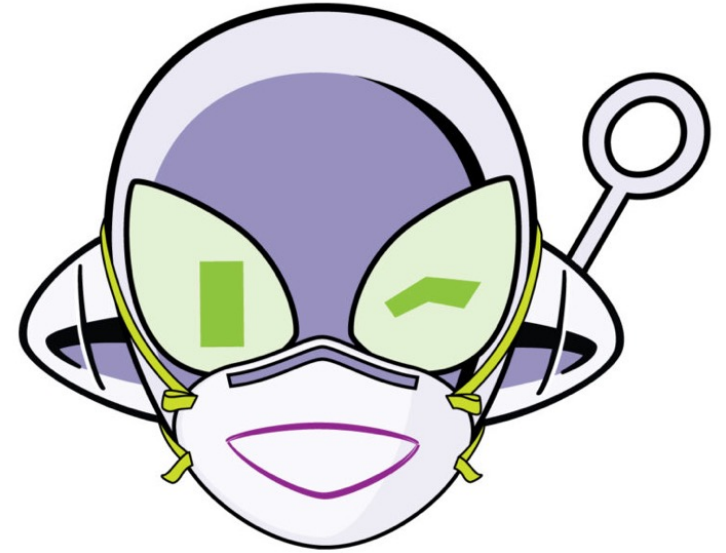
I am required to wear a mask covering my nose and mouth in badged areas of the convention.

[Parties Hallways](#) have individual party rooms set their own mask policies.

Food and drink are available in some masked spaces. Please snack and sip responsibly, replacing my mask as soon as possible.

I am NOT required to be vaccinated, show proof of vaccination, or show proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the start of CONvergence.

CONvergence strongly recommends that attendees do these things but are not requiring it.



Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth. They can be fabric, procedure, or N95-type masks, but must be clean, dry, and woven tightly enough to block light.

Mask Break

If wearing a mask becomes too much for me. I can take a mask break.

I can take off my mask outside, in non-conference areas, and/or in my hotel room.

Taking mask breaks can help me feel better about wearing a mask at CONvergence.



Costumes

I can dress up for the CON if I would like.

There are many people that enjoy wearing their costumes at CONvergence. People who work, volunteer and participate in the CON wear costumes.

It is ok if I don't want to wear a costume. There are many people who enjoy going and without wearing a costume.

I can review costume policies, prop policies, prohibited items and other [policies](#) on the CONvergence website.



Photos

If I really like a person's costume, I can compliment them. It is also ok to ask the person if I can take a photo of their costume or with them. I can wait for their response if they are ok with being photographed.

Likewise, someone may ask me for my photo if they really like my costume. I can tell them yes or no if I would like to be photographed individually or with them.



Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Hotel

CONvergence is hosted at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. I can choose to rent a hotel room at Hyatt Regency or the Marriott Hotel (across the street from the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis) using the CONvergence [Room Rates](#).

I must book all three nights, July 6–9, to reserve a room in the CONvergence room block. Not entering the correct dates will cause a message that the hotel does not have any rooms available.



Registration at CONvergence

When I arrive, I will go to registration. I will go down the hallway to the left of the front doors of the lobby of the Hyatt Regency, take the elevator/escalator to the 2nd floor, registration is right at the top of the escalator on the 2nd floor (signage is also posted).

There will be tape on the floor indicating where to queue. When I get to the front of the line, I will go to an open registration volunteer's station (will tell me they're open by holding a sign and other staff will be at the front of the line to point me in the right direction). I will have my ID and registration confirmation email ready.

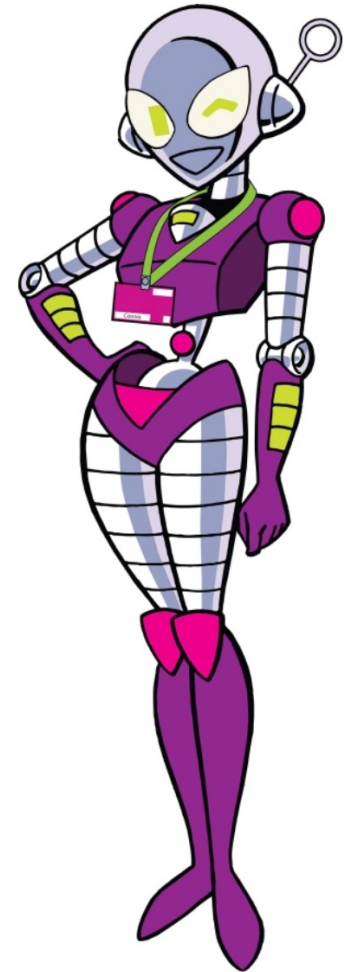


Registration

At registration, I will receive my CONvergence badge.

There is a station where I can decorate my badge with small banners and pronoun stickers.

I can pick up CONvergence materials, such as a [map guide](#) and [schedule/activity guide](#). These can help me navigate my way around CONvergence. It will also tell me when and where events that I want to go will be.



Signage

Throughout CONvergence there is ample signage throughout the halls. Signage includes but is not limited to:

- Places and activities to do at CON
 - Party Rooms
 - Accessibility & Sensory Room
 - Additional Activities
- Where things are (rooms and floors)
- Expectations throughout CON
 - Policies
 - CONvergence Values
- Fun Memes



Merch

I can bring a credit or debit card and/or cash with me to CONvergence. This helps me be prepared in case I want to purchase food, CONvergence merch, or art and boardgames from the dealers or artists rooms.





Attending CONvergence

There are a lot of people that attend CONvergence. I can be mindful of my space and other people's personal space.

Due to number of attendees, lines may be long, and some spaces may be louder than others.

At CONvergence I can go to different activities, performances, and panelist rooms. I can check out my CONvergence schedule to see if I'm interested in going to specific events.



Sensory Spaces

If I am feeling overwhelmed and need to take a moment to regulate, I can go to:

- The Sensory Quiet Room
 - **Thursday** Noon – Midnight
 - **Friday** Noon – Midnight
 - **Saturday** Noon – Midnight
 - **Sunday** Noon – 4:00pm
- The Space Lounge (for sensory seekers)
 - **Thursday** 9:00pm – 2:00am
 - **Friday** 12:00pm – 1:00pm (Dress Up and Get Down: Just-One-Hour-Rave)
 - **Friday** 2:00pm – 3:30pm (Technobabble Master Test)
 - **Friday** 5:00pm – 7:00pm (BIPOC Meetup)
 - **Friday** 7:00pm – 9:00pm (TEENS ONLY!)
 - **Friday** 9:00pm – 2:00am
 - **Saturday** 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Classic Video Game Tournament)
 - **Saturday** 9:00pm – 2:00am



Sensory Quiet Room

I can go to the sensory break room or the space lounge. The sensory break room is a quiet space to reset, stim and relax.

There is filtered sounds and light, as well as sensory stimulating and de-stimulating tools, used to quietly reenergize.

I can use the sensory break room as many times as I need throughout CON. The sensory break hours are from noon to midnight throughout CONvergence.



Space Lounge

If I am looking for sensory seeking activities, I can visit the Space Lounge. The Space Lounge has several activities and things to do for sensory seekers that include a sensory bar, ample glow lighting, body paints, video game tournaments, musical acts and raves.

I can look at what the Space Lounge hours are and what activities I want to go to when I'm seeking sensory inputs.



Accessibility

If I have any accessibility issues throughout CONvergence, I can go to the Accessibility table.

Accessibility is located on the 2nd floor, across from the Bridge (operations). CONvergence Accessibility team is dedicated to providing the best CON experience to all con-goers.

I can ask them for support if I need. They will figure out how best to support and accommodate my needs.



Thank You for Attending CONvergence!

For more information about CONvergence, I can visit Convergence's [website](#).

For more information on Social Narratives and Sensory-Inclusive events, I can visit the Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM)'s [website](#).

