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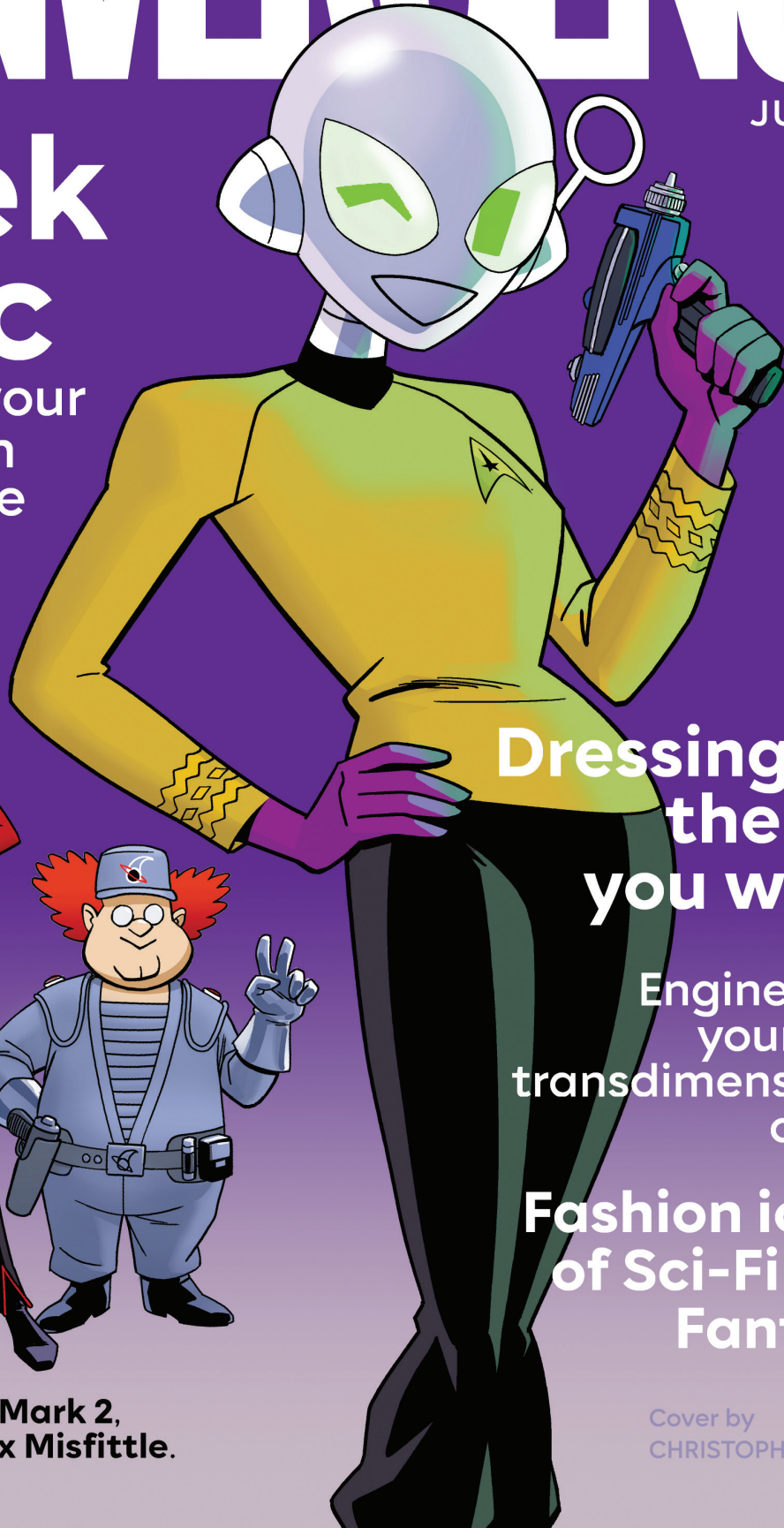
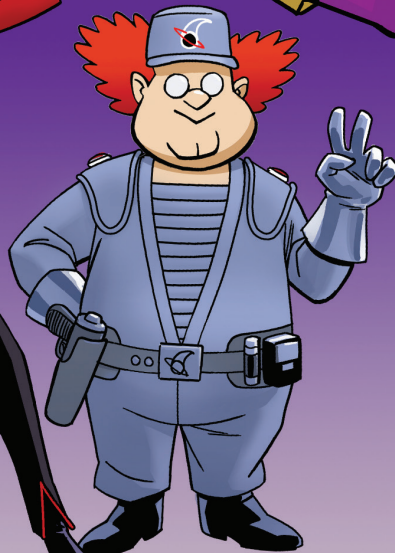
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Geek Chic

Wearing your
fandom on
your sleeve



**Connie, Connie Mark 2,
and creator Max Misfittle.**



Dressing for
the job
you want

Engineering
your own
transdimensional
closet

Fashion icons
of Sci-Fi and
Fantasy

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A celebration of diversity in our inspirations,
our creative communities, and our fandoms.

CONVERGENCE 2024:

EVERYONE'S INVITED



July 4-7, 2024

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Minneapolis, MN
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It's that time of year again when we gather together and explore what is, what was, and what could be. Fantasy becomes reality as heroes, villains, explorers, magical beings, and all manner of fanciful creatures gather within our walls. The landscape of our convention comes alive with scenes of vivid imagination as people explore and share their passions for all forms of costume, art, story, and fantasy.

This year CONvergence celebrates all the wonder and excitement of Costumes and Cosplay. An outward expression of inner passion, creativity, and self-expression. We hope everyone can learn, grow, and express themselves through our many exciting opportunities, activities, and presentations. From experiences such as Guests of Honor, discussion panels, and events like Masquerade, to chance encounters in entertainment venues, collaboration and lounge spaces, in a party, at a gaming table, or in our new "Squee Spaces." Old friends, and new ones, sharing their fandoms together and exploring all of our exciting entertainment will make the halls hum with life and excitement.

All of us have gathered in this space of fantasy and expression, to celebrate our passions together. In this space and time, we revel in play, imagination, and creative imitation. We make-believe that we live in galaxies far, far away, lands lost to time, places of thought and dream, and worlds of pure imagination. As George Bernard Shaw once said, "Imitation is not just the sincerest form of flattery—it's the sincerest form of learning." So, let's all learn together.

Gather your costumes, gather your gear, and prepare to share with us your creative expression.

Remember, as the Bard said, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." As such, we cordially invite you to:

Start the Show

Hit the Scene

Play in the Sand

Explore Fandom

Meet Someone Cool

Ask Questions

Get Some Swag

Join in the Fun

Read a Book

Grab a Snack

Play a Game

Stay In and Watch

Show Your Flare

Catch a Film

Relax and Listen

Take in the Arts

Hunt for Treasures

Feel Expression

Get Some Fresh Air

Fly to the Moon

And participate in this grand play we all call CONvergence.

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CONVERGENCE EVENTS

CONvergence is a convention for fans of science fiction and fantasy in all media. CONvergence was launched in 1999 and has grown to be one of the largest conventions of its kind in Minnesota and beyond! CONvergence is produced by Convergence Events, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

CONvergence is our premiere event, our largest celebration, and a sign of things to come.

CONVERGENCE EVENTS, INC. MISSION AND VALUES

Mission Statement

Convergence Events, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to creating exciting events that connect, enrich, and expand our diverse community, and to inspiring each other through creativity, learning, and service.

Core Values

- We believe in treating ourselves, each other, and our diverse community with respect.
- We believe in accepting all diverse geek communities.
- We believe in providing a culture of openness, inclusivity, equity, and fun.
- We believe community service is delivered with professionalism, passion, and integrity.
- We believe in being open-minded and inventive.
- We believe in listening with an open mind and compassion.
- We believe in always being willing to learn.
- We believe in taking risks, learning from our experience, and taking personal and community responsibility.

- We believe in being patient and honest.
- We believe in encouraging innovation and empowered decision-making.
- We believe our actions should inspire volunteerism, confidence, and creativity.
- We believe personal and organizational balance is the key to sustainable success.

Convergence Events also supports our community by providing partnership, sponsorship, and grant opportunities, as well as sharing our knowledge with other organizations. Some of the groups and organizations we partner with include Geek Partnership Society (GPS), Twin Cities Geeks, Anime Detour, Fearless Comedy, the Red Cross, and 2D Con.

For more information on our partnership, sponsorship, and grant opportunities, please visit the "Our Community" section on our Convergence Events website convergenceevents.org.

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HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Registration

Hyatt 2 Greenway Promenade & St. Croix

The most up-to-date version of Registration's hours can be found on the CONvergence website at convergence-con.org/at-the-con/services/badge-pick-up and will be posted outside of Registration spaces.



Registration only accepts cash and credit cards.

2024 Registration: Registration will be open at Noon on Sunday and will accept only cash and credit cards. If you are paying by credit card, you are encouraged to register online and avoid the line.

Wednesday	Noon–Midnight
Thursday	10:00am–Midnight
Friday	10:00am–1:00am
Saturday	10:00am–1:00am
Sunday	10:00am–3:00pm

Operations & The Bridge

Hyatt 2 Mirage

Wednesday	Noon–6:00pm
Thursday	8:00am–Sunday 5:00pm

Accessibility and DEI Table

Hyatt 2, near the Skyway

Thursday	9:00am–Noon, 2:00pm–5:00pm
Friday	9:00am–Noon, 2:00pm–5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am–Noon, 2:00pm–5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–Noon, 2:00pm–5:00pm

Art Show

Hyatt 2 Northstar A

Thursday	2:00pm–7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm

Quick Sale Available

Friday 10:00am–9:00pm

Art Auction

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Saturday	9:00pm–11:00pm
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Buyer Pickup

Sunday	11:00am–3:00pm
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Artist Pickup

Sunday	3:00pm–5:00pm
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Please note: The Art Show does not censor artwork. Parental guidance is advised.

Artists Alley

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall

Thursday	2:00pm–7:00pm
Friday	10:00am–6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
Sunday	10:00am–4:00pm

Book Swap

Hyatt 6 Promenade Alcove

Thursday	Noon–Midnight
Friday	8:00am–Midnight
Saturday	8:00am–Midnight
Sunday	8:00am–Noon

Cinema Rex Movie Room

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Thursday	3:00pm–2:00am
Friday	10:00am–2:30am
Saturday	10:00am–2:30am
Sunday	10:00am–6:00pm

Connie's Quantum Sandbox

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B

Thursday	11:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:30am–10:00pm
Saturday	9:30am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:30am–3:30pm

ConSuite

Hyatt 2 Northwoods

Thursday	3:00pm–Midnight
Friday	8:00am–Midnight
Saturday	8:00am–Midnight
Sunday	8:00am–5:00pm

CONvergence Merchandise

Hyatt 2 Minnehaha

Thursday	4:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	Noon–6:00pm
Saturday	Noon–6:00pm
Sunday	Noon–4:00pm

Cosplay Repair Station

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B

Thursday	11:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:30am–10:00pm
Saturday	9:30am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:30am–3:30pm

Dealers Room

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall

Thursday	2:00pm–7:00pm
Friday	10:00am–6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
Sunday	10:00am–4:00pm

Fan Tables

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall

Thursday	2:00pm–7:00pm
Friday	10:00am–6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
Sunday	10:00am–4:00pm

First Advisors

Hyatt 2 Hiawatha

Thursday	9:00am–Sunday 5:00pm
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Gaming

Gaming Front Desk

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer

Thursday	9:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:00am–10:00pm
Saturday	9:00am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–Noon

Open Gaming

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A

Thursday	11:00am–Midnight
Friday	9:00am–Midnight
Saturday	9:00am–Midnight
Sunday	9:00am–3:30pm

HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Board Game Demos

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B	
Thursday	11:00am–Midnight
Friday	9:00am–Midnight
Saturday	9:00am–Midnight
Sunday	9:00am–3:30pm

GPS Charity Auction

Hyatt 2 Greenway A

Thursday	5:00pm–7:00pm
Friday	11:00am–7:00pm
Saturday	11:00am–7:00pm
Sunday	11:00am–2:00pm

Holodeck

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

Thursday	1:00pm–10:00pm
Friday	9:30am–10:00pm
Saturday	Noon–9:30pm
Sunday	11:00am–1:30pm

Masquerade

Masquerade Registration Table

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Alcove A	
Thursday	3:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	10:00am–1:00pm, 2:00pm–6:00pm

Hall Costume Contest Registration

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Alcove A	
Friday	2:00pm–10:00pm
Saturday	Noon–6:00pm, 9:00pm–10:00pm

Costume Wars Registration

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Alcove A	
Thursday	3:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	10:00am–1:00pm

Masquerade Orientation

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A & B	
Saturday	8:00am–9:00am

Tech Rehearsal and Workmanship Judging

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom and Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A & B	
Saturday	8:30am–4:00pm

Masquerade Performance

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom	
Saturday	6:00pm–8:00pm

Parenting Room

Hyatt 4 4102

Thursday	4:00pm–2:00am
Friday	9:00am–2:00am
Saturday	9:00am–2:00am
Sunday	9:00am–6:00pm

Parties Headquarters

Hyatt 4 418

Thursday	11:00am–2:00pm, 6:00pm–2:00am
Friday	11:00am–2:00pm, 6:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	11:00am–2:00pm, 6:00pm–2:00am
Sunday	11:00am–2:00pm

Photo Booth

Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles

Thursday	10:00am–11:00pm
Friday	10:00am–11:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–11:00pm
Sunday	10:00am–3:00pm

Sensory Breakroom

Hyatt 4 Cedar Lake

Thursday	Noon–1:00am
Friday	Noon–1:00am
Saturday	Noon–1:00am
Sunday	Noon–4:00pm

Space Lounge

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C

Thursday	9:00pm–2:00am
Friday	9:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	9:00pm–2:00am

The Grove

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Outdoors

Thursday	7:00pm–Sunday 6:00pm
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Theater Nippon

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

Thursday	3:00pm–1:00am
Friday	8:00am–1:00am
Saturday	8:00am–1:00am
Sunday	8:00am–3:30pm

VolDen

Hyatt 2 Northwoods

Thursday	9:00am–8:00pm
Friday	9:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am–8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–1:00pm

Volunteers Table

Hyatt 2 Greenway J

Wednesday	3:00pm–10:00pm
Thursday	9:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am–8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–5:00pm

Wordslingers Way

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Thursday	2:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	2:00pm–11:30pm
Saturday	11:00am–11:00pm
Sunday	2:00pm–4:30pm

OPERATIONS (OPS) AND THE BRIDGE

Hyatt 2 Mirage

The Operations Department directs communications and manages services for the convention, the convention committee, and the membership. The Bridge, located in Hyatt 2 Mirage, is the central hub of Operations at CONvergence.

The Bridge is open:

Wednesday Noon–6:00pm
Continuously Thursday 8:00am–Sunday 7:00pm

Got Props?

CONvergence requires that all props be peace bound. Stop by The Bridge to get “The Talk” about handling props responsibly and to get your prop peace bound.

Lost Something? Find Something?

If you find an item that you think another member has left behind, please bring it to The Bridge so we can try to reunite it with its owner. If you lose something, stop by The Bridge to see if someone has turned it in. If we don't have your lost item, we'll take your contact information so we can get in touch with you if it turns up. (If you don't realize you've lost something until after the convention, email operations@convergence-con.org. If we have your item, we'll arrange a meeting time and place to return your item to you.)

Have Questions?

We have answers! Operations has lots of information about the convention, so we can help you find what you're looking for.

Look for the Helpers

Wandering Hosts are Operations volunteers in purple vests who assist members all over the convention. If you need assistance, flag down a Wandering Host, who can help you and relay your questions or concerns to Operations.

Your Safety and Comfort Is Important to Us

Operations is working to make sure the convention is safe, comfortable, and accessible to everyone. If you see something that concerns you or makes you uncomfortable, let Operations know:

- Visit The Bridge (Hyatt 2 Mirage)
- Find a Wandering Host in a purple vest
- Text 612–800–1677

CONVERGENCE SAFE SPACES

What is a CONvergence Safe Space?

Safe Spaces are locations within the convention that are, or can be made to be, places of heightened physical, intellectual, and/or emotional security.

If a member needs or desires help to feel that security, Safe Spaces either have volunteers present or are able to call volunteers to the location to assist anyone who is feeling unsafe.

Safe Spaces are a promise that assistance will be provided to anyone who seeks it, without judgment and without expressions of doubt.

Where are CONvergence Safe Spaces?

Outside

- The Grove

2nd Floor

- ConSuite (Hyatt 2 Northwoods)
- First Advisors (Hyatt 2 Walker)
- The Bridge (Hyatt 2 Mirage)

3rd floor

- No official Safe Space

4th Floor

- Parties HQ (Hyatt 4 Room 418)
- Programming/IT/IP (Hyatt 4 Meeting Planner A)

5th floor

- GPS party room (Hyatt 5 5115)

6th floor

- No official Safe Space

If you are in a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable, causes you concern, or if something seems off and you feel that Operations should be made aware, please let us know. Find a Wandering Host. Come to The Bridge (Hyatt 2 Mirage). Send a text to 651–800–1–OPS (651–800–1677).

CONVERGENCE MEMBER CONDUCT POLICIES

CONvergence Member Conduct Policies

CONvergence is dedicated to providing a safe and inviting convention experience for everyone. These policies support the goal of ensuring that the behavior of any individual or group does not harm other attendees or detract from the Core Values of CONvergence.

Member conduct policies apply to badged attendees, volunteers, members of the ConCom, Invited Participants, Guests of Honor, dealers, vendors, and all other individuals that have gone through official channels in order to participate in convention activities.

CONvergence reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take such actions as it feels appropriate where any individual or group is found to have breached convention policies or behaved in a manner contrary to the Core Values. Although we consider our members to be rational and responsible people, we recognize that issues related to the policies may still arise. We will deal with any issues as promptly, efficiently, and fairly as possible.

CONvergence reserves the right to revoke membership and to eject anyone at any time from the convention without a refund.

Vaccination and Mask Requirements

Vaccination and Mask Policies

CONvergence 2023 COVID-19 Policies

- Attendees 3 years of age and older will be required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth in badged areas of the conventions—including Registration—unless performing or presenting on a panel, with these exceptions: Parties Hallways (individual party rooms set their own mask policies), Dealers Room, Artists Alley.
- Food and drink are available in some masked spaces. Please snack and sip responsibly, replacing your mask as soon as you're able.
- 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.
- It is strongly recommended that all attendees be fully vaccinated (including Omicron booster and any additional boosters released before the beginning of CONvergence 2023). The CDC site remains active for anyone who isn't sure if they're up to date.
- It is strongly recommended that attendees have a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the start of CONvergence 2023.
- We will also have a limited number of tests available for those who would like to test on site, though we ask that you do so in a hotel room or other non-public area to avoid biohazard.

- Through May 11, 2023, insurers are required to provide 8 home tests per person per month for free.

Why are we still doing this?

- This policy is intended to protect members who are especially vulnerable to COVID.
- This is the most direct way to reduce COVID spread.
- Vaccination and testing requirements are no longer supported by government resources and pose a cost burden to those without access to insurance or free options.
- We do not have the capacity to staff a vaccination and test checking station this year.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 policies at CONvergence 2023, please contact the CONvergence Board of Directors.

City, County, State & Federal Laws

Please remember: Whatever applies outside of the convention still applies both inside the hotel and in all convention spaces.

Prohibited Representation

The following is not allowed representation at CONvergence:

- Hate Groups
- Any representation or iconography of any hate group (included but not limited to: Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, Westboro Baptist Church, or as listed on the Southern Poverty Law Center website as a current or active hate group) is expressly prohibited. Discrimination or prejudiced behavior is not tolerated by CONvergence.

Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Harassment

Discrimination or prejudiced behavior is not tolerated by CONvergence. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- Physical assault and/or battery
- Offensive verbal comments
- Inappropriate physical contact
- Unwelcome physical attention
- Intimidation
- Stalking
- Display of hateful iconography
- Non-consensual photography or recording (See CONvergence Photography Policy for more details)
- Sustained disruption of panels, signings, or other events

Particularly in relation to identity attributes, including but not limited to:

- Race
- Color
- Culture
- National Origin

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- Disability
- Gender
- Gender Identity
- Gender Presentation
- Sexual Orientation
- Religion
- Age
- Body Size
- Appearance

Dealing With Harassment

Anyone can report harassment.

If you feel that you are being harassed or subjected to prejudiced or unwelcome behavior, if you are aware of others being harassed or subjected to prejudiced or unwelcome behavior, or if you notice someone behaving inappropriately (such as violating hotel or convention policies), we respectfully suggest the following:

If you feel comfortable doing so, point out the inappropriate behavior to the person(s) involved. Often this will solve the problem immediately.

- If you do not feel comfortable talking with the person(s) involved or if talking to them does not resolve the issue, please report the situation immediately to CONvergence Operations. If possible, we ask that you try to provide a name, badge name, badge number, and/or physical description of the person(s) involved to assist with subsequent investigation and follow up.
- Do not feel that it is necessary to craft a complete narrative in order to be heard. It is understood that details of stressful situations can become murky, and our procedures take this into account. Report situations to the best of your ability and feel free to provide supplemental reports if needed.
- If you are in a situation that makes you feel unsafe, please seek assistance from CONvergence staff immediately. Find a Wandering Host, leave the situation and come to a Safe Space or The Bridge, find anyone on a radio, or text Operations at 651-800-1677 (651-800-1-OPS) and we will come to you.

If someone tells you “no” or asks to be left alone, your interaction with them is over. Do not follow or attempt to disrupt their convention experience in any way. If you continue, against their wishes, to attempt to have contact with people who have said no or have asked that you leave them alone, you may be removed from the premises. If you wish to offer an apology to someone who asked that you not interact with them, please come to The Bridge and CONvergence Operations can assist in relaying your message.

Community Safety

CONvergence is not responsible for solving disagreements and interpersonal problems that may arise between individual members outside of the convention. However, CONvergence reserves the right to revoke membership and to deny future membership to individuals found to have behaved in a manner contrary to the Core Values of CONvergence at any event within or adjacent to the local community, or who are otherwise deemed to pose a legitimate threat to the safety, inclusivity, and overall health of CONvergence, its membership, its parent organization, or event venues. We encourage you to contact CONvergence Operations or the members of the Board of Directors of Convergence Events, Inc. if you have concerns about an individual and their presence at the convention.

Minors

Fans of all ages are welcome at CONvergence. However, CONvergence does not provide childcare, and not all events at CONvergence are appropriate for all audiences.

Members under the age of 13 should be supervised in a manner appropriate to their age and ability by an actively responsible parent, guardian, or designated adult while in convention spaces.

A designated adult is defined as someone that is not the legal guardian or parent of a minor, but is over the age of eighteen, a registered convention member, and identified in the minor’s registration record as an adult responsible for them at the convention.

Registration

Members who will be under the age of 16 on the Thursday of the convention are required to provide contact information for a designated adult when registering and must have a parent, legal guardian, or designated adult with a valid membership provide legal identification at the time the minor picks up their membership badge. Members who will be age 16–17 on the Thursday of the convention must provide contact information for a designated adult when registering. Members 16–17 years of age may collect their membership badges using their own form of authorized identification.

Curfew

Minneapolis city curfew does not apply within convention spaces. It does, however, apply outside the hotel. The juvenile curfew in the city of Minneapolis is:

- Ages <15 10:00pm–4:00am Sun–Thurs, 11:00 pm–4:00 am Fri & Sat
- Ages 15–17 Midnight–4:00am All Nights

Recommendations

In order that young fans and their parents, guardians,

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or designated adults may have the best experience, CONvergence recommends that:

- Members under the age of 18 should have an Emergency Contact sticker (available in Registration) completed and affixed to the reverse of their badge for the purpose of identifying their parent, guardian, or designated adult in case of emergency. Please ensure that any voice or text number listed on this sticker will be answered regardless of hour or caller.
- Members under the age of 18 should be aware of convention support structures, such as Safe Spaces, Wandering Hosts, The Bridge, and the Operations text number (651-800-1677).
- There should be an active means of communication between a parent, guardian, or designated adult and their associated minor(s).
- Parents, guardians, or designated adults should be in areas to which their associated minors have access. E.g., not in a full panel or show, 18+ panel, 21+ party room, etc.
- Time of day should be taken into consideration when assessing age and ability. Areas and events that may be appropriate for young members in the afternoon may not be in the evening. Members under the age of 18 should avoid convention spaces after 1:00am. Members under the age of 13 should avoid convention spaces after 11:00pm.

Animal Policy

Pets are not permitted in convention space. Service Animals, as defined under the ADA, are welcome in all areas of CONvergence.

Distracting a service animal without its owner's permission is a safety hazard and denies another member the benefit of their accessibility aid. Petting, touching, or intentionally distracting a service animal without its owner's permission is not allowed under any circumstances.

Membership Badges

Your convention membership badge is necessary for participation in the convention. It allows you access to the convention and indicates you are a member in good standing. However, CONvergence reserves the right to revoke the membership and hold the badge of any member for any reason, including but not limited to violating the CONvergence Member Conduct Policies or behaving in such a manner as is deemed unsafe or unacceptable.

Attempts to enter badged convention space while failing to purchase and display a valid membership badge will result in being escorted off site.

Fraudulent Badge Use

The use of ANY CONvergence Badge not issued to you, or the possession with the intent to use of a CONvergence Badge not issued to you, is prohibited and will result in your membership being revoked.

Financial Transactions

Anyone who owes an outstanding balance to CONvergence (outstanding balance on membership payment, Art Show purchase, or Dealers Room table rental, for example), must settle that balance before being permitted to acquire their membership badge.

Props

We at CONvergence believe that the convention as a whole benefits from the amazing costumes and props brought, worn, and displayed by our members. In order for CONvergence to remain an enjoyable experience, everyone must agree to a social contract. This contract is simple: If a member agrees to be safe and considerate with their props, CONvergence agrees to let that member carry their props in convention spaces. To ensure that prop-carrying members abide by our social contract, CONvergence Operations provides The Talk and Peace Bonds props.

The Talk

If you have a prop that meets any of the following criteria, you must come to The Bridge to receive The Talk and have your prop peace bonded before carrying it in convention spaces:

- Large or unwieldy
- Is capable of emitting a laser beam or any sort of projectile
- Resembles a weapon from any universe
- Uses wheels for other than accessibility purposes

Peace bonding may also be required in other circumstances, at the discretion of CONvergence Operations. When CONvergence Operations gives The Talk, they outline what is expected of you and your specific props, and provide an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. You will receive a badge ribbon reading "I've Had The Talk." This ribbon must be worn visibly when carrying your props to indicate that you agree to our social contract.

Peace Bonding

Peace bonding is the process of marking a prop so that it may be known to one and all that you agree to be responsible with it. At CONvergence, peace bonding is more about marking that a prop has been inspected and found to be in compliance with CONvergence Operations' safety procedures than an attempt to render the prop inert. Props must be peace bonded on The Bridge with materials provided by CONvergence Operations. Peace bonding does not carry over from year to year.

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In some cases, special care must be taken when a prop is peace bonded:

- Metal bladed or pointed weapons must be secured into a sheath.
- Props normally capable of emitting projectiles or laser beams must be rendered unable to do so.
- Other instances, as determined by CONvergence Operations.

Prohibited Items

The following are not permitted in convention spaces:

- Firearms, disabled or otherwise.
- A MN Permit to Carry is not an exception
- Explosives/ Pyrotechnics
- Tasers/ Stun Guns
- Pepper Spray/ Chemical Irritants
- Any item deemed unsafe by CONvergence Operations.

We allow the following types of props:

- Knives/ Swords/ Daggers
- Bows
- Bats/ Clubs/ Mallets/ Lightsabers
- Toy/Replica/Model Firearms
- Many other nifty props! This list is not comprehensive.

Mobility Aids

CONvergence's props policy generally does not apply to mobility aids used for accessibility such as canes, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs. Unless on the prohibited items list, such devices are explicitly allowed throughout convention spaces and require neither peace bonding nor The Talk. Members are welcome to bring their mobility aids to The Bridge to be inspected and receive The Talk and its associated badge ribbon if they would like to do so.

Exception: Sword Canes must be peace bonded as if they were props.

Tools

This policy is not intended to cover tools such as pocketknives, multi-tools, glue guns, nail clippers, etc. Unless on the prohibited items list, such items are allowed, provided they are being used as tools. If such items are being carried as props, they fall under the props policy, and must be peace bonded accordingly.

Wheels

It is not permitted to ride any manner of wheeled recreational transport device such as a bicycle, unicycle, roller skates or blades, skateboard, hoverboard, or motorized mini-vehicle in convention spaces. Strollers and wheeled mobility devices providing accessibility are permitted.

Flying Things

Deployment of any flying object, be it tethered or free flying, powered or unpowered, is not permitted in convention

spaces unless advanced authorization is obtained from CONvergence Operations.

Programming Exceptions to Props Policies

Peace bonding may be removed, and props drawn, wielded, or brandished when a member is participating in a CONvergence scheduled event at the discretion of the event organizer (e.g., Masquerade, a stage combat demonstration, etc.). Props used in such a manner must be taken to The Bridge to be Re-Peace Bound before being again permitted in convention spaces. Programming is never an exception to the Prohibited Items list.

Costumes/Clothing

All costumes must conform to the CONvergence Harassment Policy and Prohibited Representation Policy.

Any costume that gives the appearance of being a member of present-day United States military or law enforcement will not be permitted. Exception: Current or former US military personnel may wear their uniforms in a manner consistent with military regulations governing off-duty dress.

The following areas must be completely covered by opaque material:

- Genitals and pubic area
- Cleft of the buttocks
- Nipples and areolas of all members, regardless of gender presentation
- Exception: Breastfeeding is never a violation of this policy

Alcohol

- The legal drinking age in the state of Minnesota is 21. No one under the legal drinking age should be offered or provided with alcohol. IDs should be verified before anything is shared.
- Tampering with food or drinks consumed by others will not be tolerated. Anyone found to have tampered with items consumed by others will be expelled from the convention and may face criminal charges.
- Intoxication, to the point of interfering with other members or becoming a hazard to yourself, will provoke responses from First Advisors and CONvergence Operations and may result in any of the sanctions discussed above.
- If you feel unsafe, regardless of your level of alcohol consumption, please seek assistance. The safety of members is a primary concern of CONvergence. This applies even if you are not of legal drinking age.

Smoking

The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis is a non-smoking establishment, per state law.

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Smokers are encouraged to take advantage of The Grove, which provides easy access to seating, tables, ashtrays, and fellow fans.

Smoking is discouraged in other outdoor locations, as it may interfere with people uninvolved with CONvergence.

Smoking is prohibited:

- Inside the Hyatt
- Inside the skyway

Use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices is restricted in the same manner as traditional cigarettes.

Planned “Spontaneous” Group Activities (Flash Mobs, Performance Art, etc.)

Parades, moving performances, LARP-style games, and other mobile events are welcome at CONvergence. For the maximum enjoyment of all members, organizers and participants should consider the following:

Please avoid the following areas:

- Programming spaces (e.g., panel rooms or MainStage)
- High traffic areas (e.g., ConSuite or The Bridge)
- Room Parties, unless given permission by party hosts

Please provide advance notice of your event to Operations and Programming. If running an event on the 6th floor (the Holodeck), please also contact Exhibits and Special Events. Events run without prior notification to Operations and Programming may be shut down without warning.

Photography Policies

There is a lot to see at CONvergence and we know you'll want to snap pictures of the awesome cosplays and goings on around you. To ensure that all members have a good time, we've laid out some of the rules and guidelines to keep our event safe and fun.

Photography by CONvergence Volunteers

CONvergence maintains a staff of volunteer photographers to create an official record of the convention. As a result of this important task, CONvergence Photography department volunteers operate under slightly different rules than the general membership. On duty photographers associated with the CONvergence Photography department are the only people who may take photographs without the explicit consent of the subject. By registering for a CONvergence membership, members give their consent to be photographed by the CONvergence Photography department. This consent may be suspended at any time on a case by case basis, even retroactively. If a member wishes to revoke consent for a particular photograph, they must contact CONvergence Photography and membershipcommunications@convergence-con.org to address the situation. Official CONvergence Photographers

may be easily identified by their official photography badge listing the current convention year.

Photography by Members

Members must ask permission before taking photographs of specific individuals. Consent may be revoked retroactively. If a subject, or a parent, guardian, or designated adult if the subject is a minor, wishes for a photograph in which they appear to be deleted, they may ask the photographer to do so, and the photographer must comply.

All pictures must be for personal or general public use such as social media, with the exception of private photoshoots as outlined below.

The use of photos, videos, or audio tapes made at CONvergence for commercial use or for the solicitation of funds for any commercial or other purpose without the express written permission of Convergence Events, Inc. is strictly prohibited.

Flash photography is not permitted during panels, programming, and MainStage events; please check with Masquerade personnel for scheduled pre- or post-Masquerade photo sessions.

Crowd Photos

Prior consent is not required when taking photographs of large crowds (e.g., overlooking the Lobby). Nor is prior consent required from people who appear incidentally in the background of an image, but who are not the primary subject of the photograph.

Prohibited Photography

Please do not interfere with Operations, First Advisors, Emergency Medical Services, Police, or other official personnel when responding to an emergency situation. CONvergence reserves the right to ask photographers to delete any photographs or video of any such events if they would compromise personal health information of those involved.

Members who are not official CONvergence photographers may not take photographs in CONvergence Convention Committee areas (those restricted to the Convention Committee members) and the following: Art Show, Art Auction, Print Shop, Green Room.

Private Photoshoots

Many people are interested in doing professional private photoshoots at CONvergence. We welcome you to do so under the following provisions:

- Pictures taken at CONvergence for professional use are prohibited unless a contract and release is received by the photographer from any and all subjects.
- Contracts and transactions must be negotiated and take place outside of CONvergence entirely.

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- You may not block off, bar, or otherwise impede any use of the hotel by other patrons or hotel staff. (i.e., You cannot set up a mermaid photoshoot and then prohibit other people from entering the pool during your photoshoot.)
- You may not use the CONvergence Photo Booth or other CONvergence organization areas for private photoshoots.
- Photographers and all subjects MUST each display a valid CONvergence badge.

Tape

You may post non-adhesive signs with low-tack tape. The Hyatt Regency specifies and requires use of Low-Tack Blue Painter's Tape so that surfaces will not be damaged by tape removal. There are no specific brand or model requirements. Any low-tack blue tape is allowable. If you do not have acceptable blue tape, come to The Bridge. We have plenty and are happy to share. Neither the convention hotel nor CONvergence will tolerate the application of stickers or high-tack tape to hotel surfaces. Removal of these adhesive substances is damaging to the hotel and is therefore considered to be unacceptable. Incidents of this kind will be treated as vandalism. Don't break the Hotel.

Poster Hanging Guidelines

Posters, signage, and flyers may be hung in CONvergence event spaces on floors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and in room party hallways on floors 3, 4, and 5.

Posters, signage, and flyers may not be hung in the following areas:

- The Hyatt front desk, Hyatt Marketplace, Fireside Lounge, the Prairie Kitchen & Bar, or from railings overlooking any of the above.
- In stairwells, escalators, elevators, or elevator doors.
- In the skyway bridge connecting the Hyatt with the Millennium, on storefronts or in businesses co-located with the Hyatt, including FedEx, Vitali's Cafe, and Salon Blu.
- On glass surfaces, anywhere outdoors, The Grove, the Loring Greenway, or any parking ramp.

Methods:

Blue painter's tape is the only allowed adhesive. Painter's tape may not be attached to doors or door frames. Magnets are also a permitted method of attaching posters to any otherwise permitted surface.

Times:

Members may not hang flyers, signage, or posters prior to 8:00am on the Thursday of the convention. Official CONvergence departments may not hang flyers, signage, or posters prior to Noon on the Wednesday of the convention.

Posters must be removed no later than 8:00pm Sunday. Members who hang posters are expected to also remove them.

Questions:

If you have questions, please contact Hotel Relations. They may be found in Operations (Hyatt 2 Mirage), or may be contacted by email at hotel@convergence-con.org

Litter

Please pick up after yourself. There are trash containers around the hotel. It makes a big difference if we try to keep things clean. There are no house elves working for CONvergence.

Volunteering

Volunteering for Convergence Events can be a lot of fun and we value each and every one of our volunteers. But, as with everything else, there is always the administivia that needs to be documented. To that end, please understand that volunteering for Convergence Events is at-will and no one has the right to force or guilt you into it. We do sincerely encourage you to, and hope that you will, be proud of the time and effort you put in on behalf of Convergence Events as it is an extremely valuable and highly appreciated gift you provide to our community.

By that same token, when volunteering for Convergence Events, you are agreeing to release and hold harmless Convergence Events from any and all liability, claims, demands, injuries, illness, death, or property damage resulting from your volunteering activities. Convergence Events does not maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any volunteer or contractor and each volunteer and contractor is expected and encouraged to obtain their own medical and/or health insurance coverage.

Guests

While CONvergence financially and logistically supports Guests of Honor coming to our convention, CONvergence does not pay appearance fees for Guests of Honor or Invited Participants. The reasons for this are:

- As a nonprofit, we focus on using our funds to support our infrastructure and community.
- Our goal is to invite participants and guests who are excited to engage the convention community and spend time with our members, rather than only showing up for their scheduled events.

Guests of Honor

Guests of Honor are professionals and qualified experts in many different fields who are invited as the convention's honored guests in a given year. Guests of Honor will be

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asked to participate in a minimum of six panels during the course of the convention. Guests of Honor are welcome and encouraged to participate in more than six panels should they wish to. Guests of Honor are also welcome and encouraged to participate in other events, such as attending any of our MainStage shows, enjoying our evening Parties, and spending time with our members in a more relaxed setting.

CONvergence will cover the following expenses for each Guest of Honor and that person's optional personal guest:

- Convention membership badge for that year and all subsequent years
- All travel expenses to and from the convention
- Their entire hotel stay
- All dining (excluding alcohol)

A convention staff member will be assigned for each Guest of Honor to act as a personal assistant, help navigate them through our process, and provide support during the convention itself. Guests of Honor are welcome to schedule signing times during the convention to sell merchandise and/or autographs. They may also offer items for sale at the convention's merchandise booth, and artist Guests of Honor will be guaranteed space to display and sell art in the CONvergence Art Show.

Guests of Honor will receive a personalized bio page on the CONvergence website and a feature in the CONvergence programming guide for the year of their CONvergence appearance. Guests of Honor are also welcome to publish PDF press releases regarding their current work and their CONvergence appearance on CONvergence's website.

Elevators, Escalators, and Moving from Floor to Floor

We depend on elevators and escalators throughout the convention, and it is in our best interest to keep them from breaking. Because of this, we have instituted the policies and procedures outlined below.

Informational

There are two banks of elevators and one set of escalators. There will also be one set of stairs open to floors with convention spaces.

- The Conference Elevators (two elevators near the escalators) serve convention spaces on floors 1–6.
- The Guest Elevators (five elevators near the front desk, and in various locations on upper floors) serve guest rooms on all floors, with indirect access to convention spaces on floors 1–5.
- The Escalators (centrally located) serve convention spaces on floors 1–5.

- The open Stairwell (near the escalators and conference elevators) provides access to all floors. Note that other stairwells will provide egress to the ground floor but will not allow access to intermediary floors.

Accessibility

Anyone with limited mobility who needs reliable access to elevators may visit the the Accessibility Table to make arrangements.

Escalators and Stairs

Please use either escalators or stairs to access levels 1–5.

Procedure: When boarding the escalators, please leave a gap of 1–2 steps between riders. Cosplayers or members with long articles of clothing should take care to avoid becoming entangled in the equipment. When exiting escalators, step off promptly, and immediately move clear of the escalator exit area. Do not stop to talk or look around. Other passengers may be behind you.

Elevators

When using elevators, please follow the instructions of the elevator operator.

Procedure: If the wait time for an elevator exceeds 15 minutes, please text CONvergence Operations at 651–800–1677 and indicate your floor and elevator bank. An elevator operator will be contacted to get an elevator to you as soon as possible.

The 6th Floor

The 6th floor can only be reached via the Conference Elevators.

Procedure: To reach the 6th floor, please use escalators, stairs, or Guest Elevators to get to the 5th floor (or as high as able), and transfer to the Conference Elevators there.

When departing the 6th floor, please transfer from the Conference Elevators at the 5th floor (or as high as able). Use escalators, stairs, or hotel tower elevators to complete your journey.

Press Procedure

CONvergence welcomes members of the press to our convention! This page is to act as a resource for anyone reporting on or putting together a story about CONvergence.

- Press Resources
- Press Releases
- Press and Media Center

Press Inquiries & Interview Requests

CONvergence welcomes established press and media organizations to visit for the purposes of exposure to the general public. We would be happy to schedule time for you

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to interview a Convergence Events Director and provide you with a full, customized press tour of everything CONvergence has to offer on the Friday afternoon of the convention!

- Press must be from an approved media source.
- You or your organization must submit a request for a press pass by the Monday before the convention which includes your name, your media organization, the purpose of your visit, and requested duration.
- You must present your credentials, a copy of which will be kept on record, upon picking up your press pass.
- You will be escorted by a Convergence Events Director throughout your visit to the convention. Most visits are 1 hour.
- You must agree and abide by the CONvergence Photography Policy
- We would greatly appreciate you sharing a link to your

story, album, or raw images for sharing.

If you would like access to CONvergence for the full duration of the convention, you must register as a CONvergence member. All CONvergence volunteers and even the Convergence Events Board of Directors pay the same rates for their CONvergence memberships each year, so you'll be in very good company!

Contacting CONvergence

Please email membershipcommunications@convergenceevents.org for press inquiries and interview requests at any time of the year.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ART POLICY

Convergence Events recognizes that Artificial Intelligence has had a monumental impact on the creative community, and on visual artists in particular. As is often the case with emergent technology, the procedures and tools for ensuring those most affected by its creation have not kept pace with the technology itself. To this end, Convergence Events, Inc. and its premier event CONvergence are placing a blanket ban on AI-generated art in Artists Alley, Art Show and the Dealers Room.

Prohibition of AI-Generated Art: CONvergence prohibits the submission of any AI-generated art. Only art created by humans with significant human input will be accepted.

For the 2023 Convention Cycle

Definition of AI: Artificial intelligence (AI) is any program designed to process a data set and produce music, images, or literature following an input.

Definition of AI-Generated Art: AI-generated art refers to artwork created by an artificial intelligence system without significant human intervention. This includes but is not limited to images, music, and literature.

Definition of Collective: One or more people who are engaged in the programming of an artificial intelligence system and the production of art.

Definition of Data Set: Data set refers to the set of any visual media that is processed by the artificial intelligence system in the course of its training.

Scope of the Policy: This policy applies to all art submissions to CONvergence, including but not limited to the Art Show, Artists Alley, and the Dealers Room.

Prohibition of AI-Generated Art: CONvergence prohibits the submission of any AI-generated art. Only art created by humans with significant human input will be accepted.

Submission Guidelines: CONvergence will require artists to disclose any AI tools or systems used in the creation of their art. Any art found to be generated entirely or predominantly by AI will be rejected.

Exceptions: CONvergence may consider exceptions to this policy for educational or demonstration purposes. Any such exceptions must be approved by the Board of Directors in advance.

Violation of the Policy:

If an artist or collective has been found to be in violation of this policy, CONvergence reserves the rights to the following actions:

- Any monies collected by CONvergence from the offending artist or collective will be retained as a donation.
- All items submitted by the offending individual or collective will be returned immediately.

The Board or their proxy will conduct an investigation regarding the egregiousness of the violation and may choose additional action.

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

Hyatt 2nd Floor, next to Ops

Accessibility Table Hours

Thursday	Noon–8:00pm
Friday	8:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am–8:00pm
Sunday	8:00am–4:00pm

Accessibility staff are available to answer your accessibility-related questions, address accessibility requests, and provide resources to make your CONvergence experience great!

For accessibility-related questions and requests during hours the table is not staffed, you may email accessibility@convergence-con.org. Resources and accessibility information are also available on the CONvergence website under Accessibility & Inclusion.

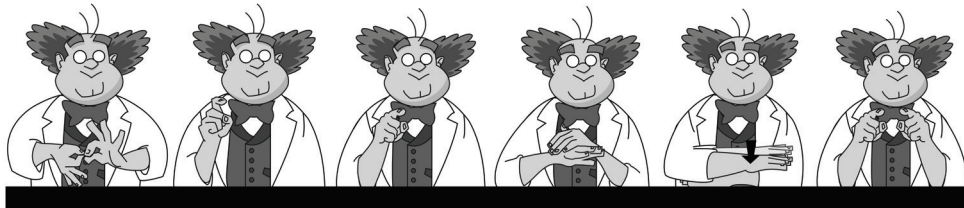
Sensory Break Room

Hyatt 4 Cedar Lake

The Sensory Break Room is the ideal place to take a break with minimal distractions. The Sensory Break Room is provided to CONvergence members in collaboration with the Autism Society of Minnesota.

Sensory Break Room Hours

Thursday	Noon–6:00pm
Friday	Noon–6:00pm
Saturday	Noon–6:00pm
Sunday	Noon–4:00pm



INTERPRETER NEED YOU? TABLE ACCESSIBILITY GO.

CONvergence Partner the Geek Partnership Society (GPS) is a volunteer-run non-profit organization, and is dedicated to supporting the incredible diversity and energy of the Twin Cities geek community. We don't run conventions, we run the rest of the year with fun and inspiring events, do public outreach with our partners through Twin Cities Pride (Geeks@Pride), as well as help a bunch of the local conventions put on the best show possible by providing expertise, equipment, movie licenses, volunteers, and promotion where we can.

We encourage creativity and interest in science with Project Lighthouse (bringing the Raptor Center to CONvergence), the Writing Contest, our Space Camp scholarship, and the GPS Arts Initiative. Look for us at your favorite convention and stop in and say hi—we're probably there!

FUNDRAISING

Convergence Events not only supports our mission with an annual grant, but also provides space for our Charity Auction. We also have a Supporting Membership program where you can become a card carrying geek, and a Pirate Cruise, both of which you can sign up for in our clubhouse in Hyatt 5 room 5115 or the auction room.

CLUBS

Check out one of our clubs; they're all free (or inexpensive), fun, and informal—you'll be glad you did: Crafty Geek/Make It Sew, Read the Book/See the Movie, United Geeks of Gaming, Tsuinshi Anime Club, GPS Photography Club, Geeks Read, Geek Physique, GPS Movie Appreciation Posse, the Twin Cities Steampunk club DIODES (Dioscurian Imperial Order of Dreamers, Engineers, and Scientists), and Echo Base Lightsaber Builders.

WANT TO TALK TO US AT CON?

Stop by the party in Hyatt 5 room 5115 or the auction in Hyatt 2 Greenway A to find out more and catch up on all the news going around in the geekiest metro in America. Talk to anyone you see wearing our logo; we'll tell you what we're up to, and you can tell us what you want to see!

STAY CONNECTED

There are many ways to stay connected with GPS, both during the convention and all year round! Follow GPS on Facebook and Twitter or check us out on Meetup.

OFFICIAL HASHTAG

Use #geekps with #CVG2023 for all your GPS at CONvergence 2023 tweets, Facebook updates, Tumblr posts, and others so other GPS fans and members can find you!

"We are a society celebrating imagination, inspiring creativity, and building our community all through service and education."

GPS AT CONVERGENCE

Our featured partner, the Geek Partnership Society (GPS) has a number of events throughout the convention weekend. We encourage you to check them out.

THE GPS ROOM PARTY

Hyatt 5 5115

There will be club meetings and guest hostings throughout the weekend, schedule TBA.

Join GPS as we showcase our year-round clubs and programs throughout the weekend. Whether you like to read books, watch anime or movies inspired by books, do crafty things, write stories, draw comics, or want to stay healthy, we have a club or program for you. Some of them are even meeting in the party room during the convention weekend! Check Hyatt 5 room 5115 for the schedule, as there can be late changes and we have things outside of convention party hours as well.

GPS CHARITY AUCTION

The GPS Charity Auction is a fundraising event that takes place every year at CONvergence to fundraise for GPS and the many educational and community activities that we are involved in throughout the year, including the Space Camp Scholarship and Project Lighthouse. Bidding at the silent auction is online and open Thursday through Saturday, with an option for Quick Wins. Donations may be dropped off by arrangement or any time during open hours, although item placement in this year's auction depends on space available.

GPS SILENT AUCTION

Hyatt 2 Greenway A

Thursday	5:00pm–8:00pm
Friday	11:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	11:00am–7:00pm (bidding closes 7:00pm)
Sunday	11:00am–2:00pm (Pick Up & Sunday Sales)

MEET GPS: GPS & COMMUNITY

Hyatt 5 room 5115

Saturday 11:00am

Come and learn about what CONvergence support enables and the latest workings of the Geek Partnership Society and how you can get your geek on during the rest of the year. Get news and updates about our clubs, events, and work in the Geek community. Share your ideas, feedback, and questions. Find out how you can get involved.

U OF M RAPTOR CENTER

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Friday 9:30am–Noon

GPS is once again bringing in the Raptor Center demonstration with live birds of prey—a perennial favorite.

HOURS OF OPERATION

GPS Charity Auction—Silent Auction

Online bidding:

- Opens Thursday Noon
- Closes Saturday 7:00pm

Auction Room Hours

Hyatt 2 Greenway A

Thursday	5:00pm–8:00pm
Friday	11:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–7:00pm
Sunday	11:00am–2:00pm (Pick Up and Sunday Sales)

Find us online

Join us on



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VOLUNTEERS DEPARTMENT

Hyatt 2 Greenway J

CONvergence is a volunteer-run event and couldn't exist without countless hours of work from hundreds of dedicated fans. Some people spend dozens of hours helping at CONvergence (and more throughout the year), others volunteer for as little as an hour. Each and every volunteer is valued. We appreciate any time you have to help! Many essential CONvergence functions are carried out by volunteers who are scheduled during CONvergence weekend. The Volunteers Department matches CONvergence members wanting to help out with work that needs doing. The benefits of volunteering are numerous: meeting new folks, volunteering with friends, supporting and growing the community, and helping to make CONvergence better than ever. We show appreciation for our volunteers in a number of different ways. Every volunteer, from those that give one hour all the way up to our 30+ hour Uber Volunteers, are needed to make CONvergence successful and are eligible for exclusive Thank You Gifts. A unique volunteer t-shirt, created specifically for volunteers, is awarded at fifteen hours. In addition, earned hours can be redeemed for other gifts.

During CONvergence weekend, the Volunteers Department can be found on the Hyatt 2nd floor in the Greenway J room, which is near the escalators. The convenient location makes it easy to connect with us and learn about current volunteer needs. To talk with folks from the Volunteers Department, learn more about year-round volunteer opportunities, or to sign up for at-con shifts, come visit the Volunteers Department during the following times:

Wednesday	3:00pm–10:00pm
Thursday	9:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am–8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–5:00pm

VOLUNTEER DEN

Hyatt 2 Northwoods

Welcome to VolDen Lite, a simplified and COVID-modified version of VolDen from years past, featuring simpler meals that include a variety of allergen and vegan friendly dishes and snacks.

If you're looking for a low-key area to volunteer, come slop some soup for a while! While we cannot provide space to eat, we nonetheless look forward to providing tasty victuals to our CONvergence volunteers.

VolDen Hours

Thursday	3:00pm–8:00pm
Friday	9:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am–8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–1:00pm

Massage

Hyatt 2 Walker

If you have volunteered 2+ hours a day at the convention you can receive a 15 minute massage.

Massage Hours

Thursday	4:00pm–8:00pm
Friday	Noon–10:00pm
Saturday	Noon–10:00pm
Sunday	Noon–2:00pm

CONSUTE

Hyatt 2 Northwoods

Thursday	3:00pm–Midnight
Friday	8:00am–Midnight
Saturday	8:00am–Midnight
Sunday	8:00am–5:00pm

Some days, it seems like the world isn't even worth taking over, but Connie Mark II (All Hail!) isn't about to stop! In the meantime though, ConSuite still has to run. To serve fans, ConSuite staff and volunteers have graciously been permitted to keep all the Meat Babies supplied with snacks and drinks.

ConSuite Snacks

At print time, we're still examining what foods can be offered safely. In addition to (individually wrapped) candies and chips, we expect to be serving fruits, rice with toppings, PBJ, and soda (or pop). There may be other surprises as well... Stop by and find out!

Please be aware that ConSuite is not here to provide you with all the food and meals you'll need to survive the convention. Connie Mark II (All Hail!) strongly encourages you to visit the food trucks, hotel restaurants, and outside restaurants.



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NERF HERDERS

Hyatt 2 Skyway A

Who are Nerf Herders?

We help people get to where they want to go at CONvergence. Whether you're on your way to a panel, stopping in ConSuite for a snack, or finding your way to the parties, we'll help you on your way. We will be checking your badge to help keep folks moving safely through the space. Members who volunteer with us help everyone enjoy a smooth experience.

What do Nerf Herders do?

The member badge lets members access CONvergence activities and amenities. You can get into MainStage events, get free drinks and snacks from ConSuite, and many more privileges that a membership pays for. That's why we check every member's badge when passing into CONvergence areas.

Why do people volunteer for Nerf Herders?

To meet people: Nerf Herders are always saying hello to members like you as you're on the go. We like helping you feel positive about your time even if you're waiting for the next event.

To keep things running smoothly, we like solving problems, even when things get a little stressful. We try our best to communicate clearly so you can help us make everybody's experience better.

Where can I find Nerf Herders?

We're always looking for volunteers. No prior experience is necessary for becoming a Nerf Herder, and you earn volunteer hours for the training you need. If you're interested in being a part of the Nerf Herders team, stop by Nerf Central (Hyatt 2 Skyway A).



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION (DEI) DEPARTMENT

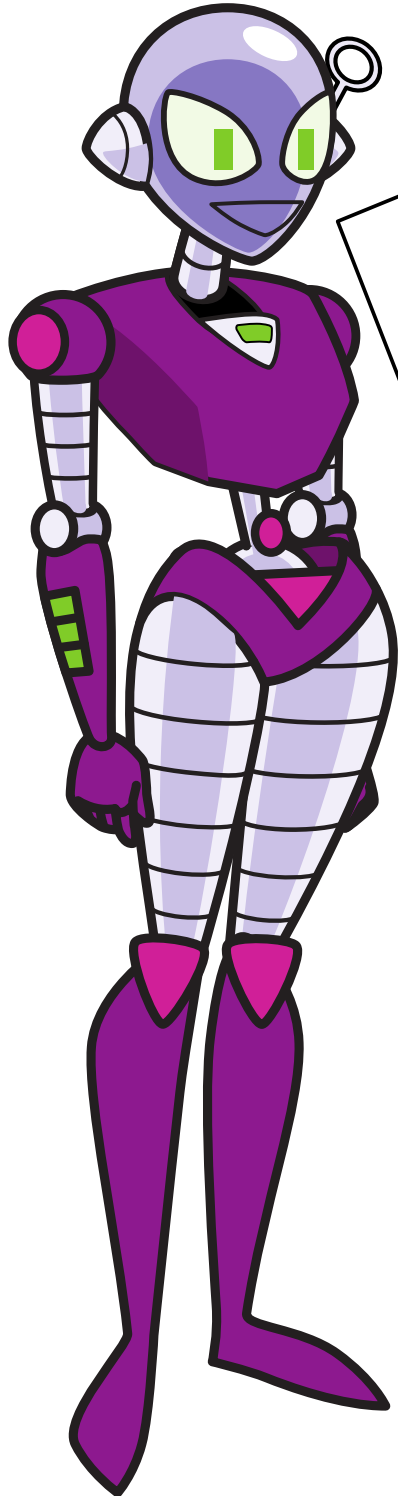
Hyatt 2nd Floor, next to Ops & Accessibility

DEI Table Hours

Thursday	Noon–8:00pm
Friday	8:00am–8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am–8:00pm
Sunday	8:00am–4:00pm

CONvergence is dedicated to making this event welcoming and fun for all, but we need your help in bringing it to life! Stop by the DEI table to pick up a book recommendation list and share feedback and suggestions. In addition you can email us at diversity@convergence-con.org. We would love to chat about the projects we are working on and the DEI volunteering opportunities that can bolster your skill set while helping ensure that CONvergence continues to grow more inclusive, accommodating, and fun for everyone.

HOW WAS YOUR CONVERGENCE?



We want to know,
and you can tell us by filling out the
CONvergence Member Survey!

Your feedback helps us make future
conventions better and better.

The survey will be open from
Saturday, July 8 at noon to Sunday,
July 23 at 11:59pm, and may be
found here:

[http://www.convergence-con.org/
about/survey](http://www.convergence-con.org/about/survey)



BOOK SWAP

Hyatt 6 Promenade Alcove

The CONvergence Book Swap is a great opportunity to find something new to read or share a book you loved with a new person! The book swap is available to CONvergence members throughout the convention, starting at 2:00pm Thursday through Noon Sunday, while floor 6 is open.

Leave a book, take a book! It's FREE!

Location

The CONvergence Book Swap is located in the Hyatt 6th floor Promenade Alcove. Take a left out of the elevator and look for our sign.

Types of books

The CONvergence Book Swap accepts and offers:

- Hardcover books
- Paperback books
- Anime/manga books
- Graphic novels
- Comic books
- Children's books

We especially love receiving children's and young adult books to make sure we have material for people of all ages!

We request that items such as cookbooks, manuals, and how-to books relating to computer programs and components older than 2016 not be donated, and please leave the pornography at home.

Drop Off Books

Drop off books for the swap Thursday between Noon–5:00pm and no later than Noon Sunday.

Please email bookswap@convergence-con.org if you drop multiple books off for donation, especially in boxes, after 5:00pm Thursday. Please only drop off during those times to help keep the Book Swap tidy and organized!

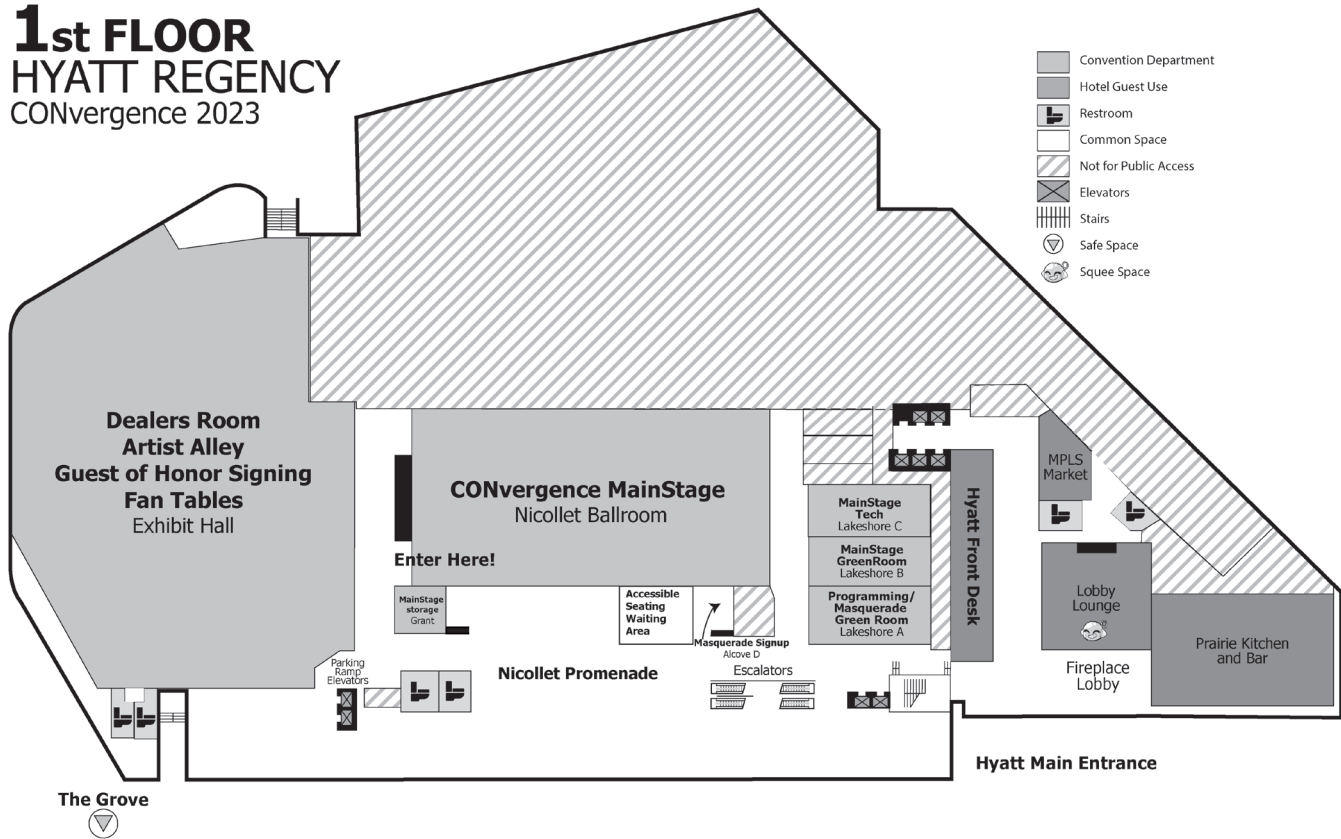
We love your passion for reading, and when CONvergence isn't in session, you can look throughout the community for Little Free Libraries year-round to pick up new books or donate old ones.

Blind Date with a Book is taking this year off. If you had fun with this, perhaps it will return with more Bookswap leadership in the future. Volunteer!



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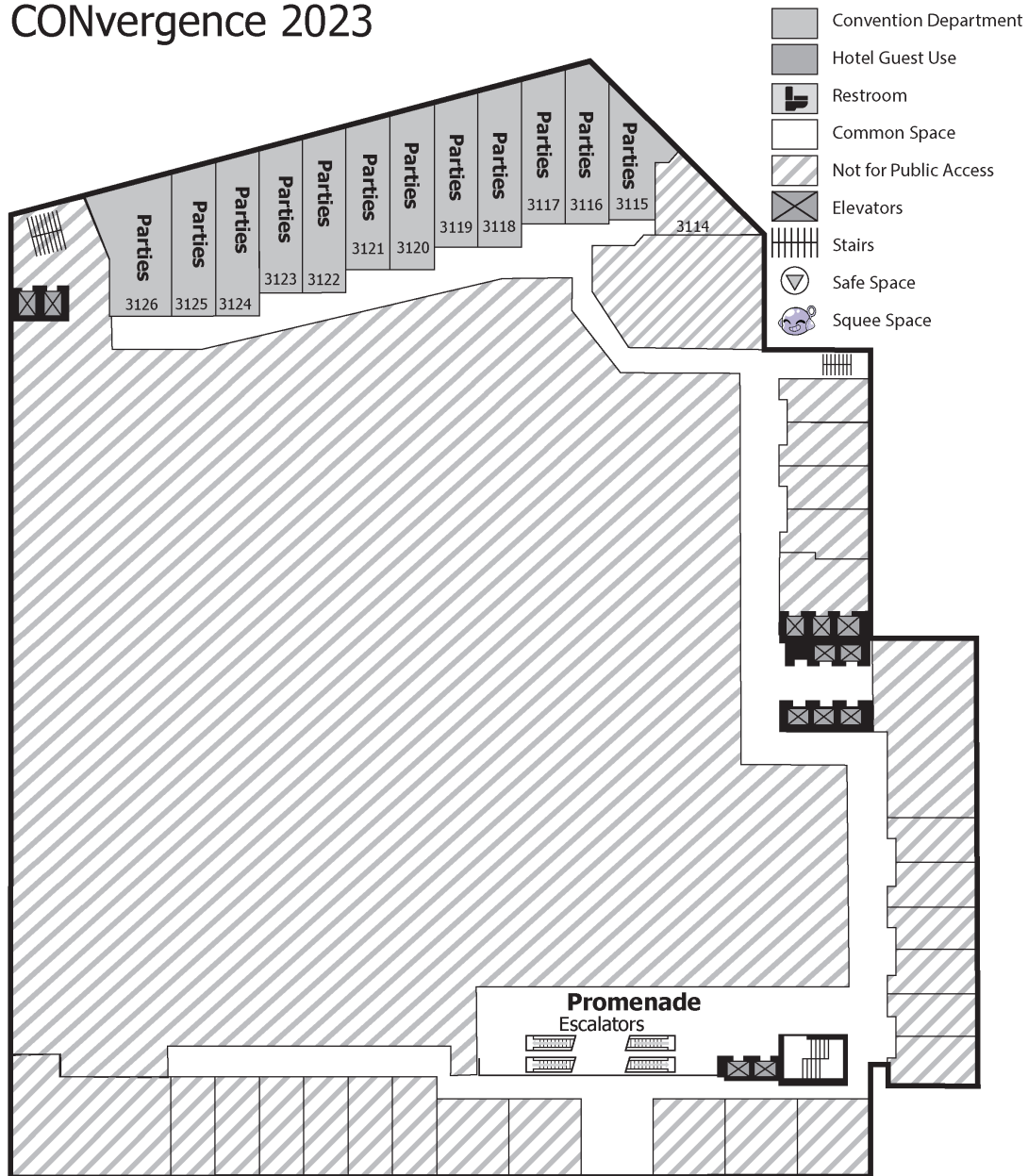
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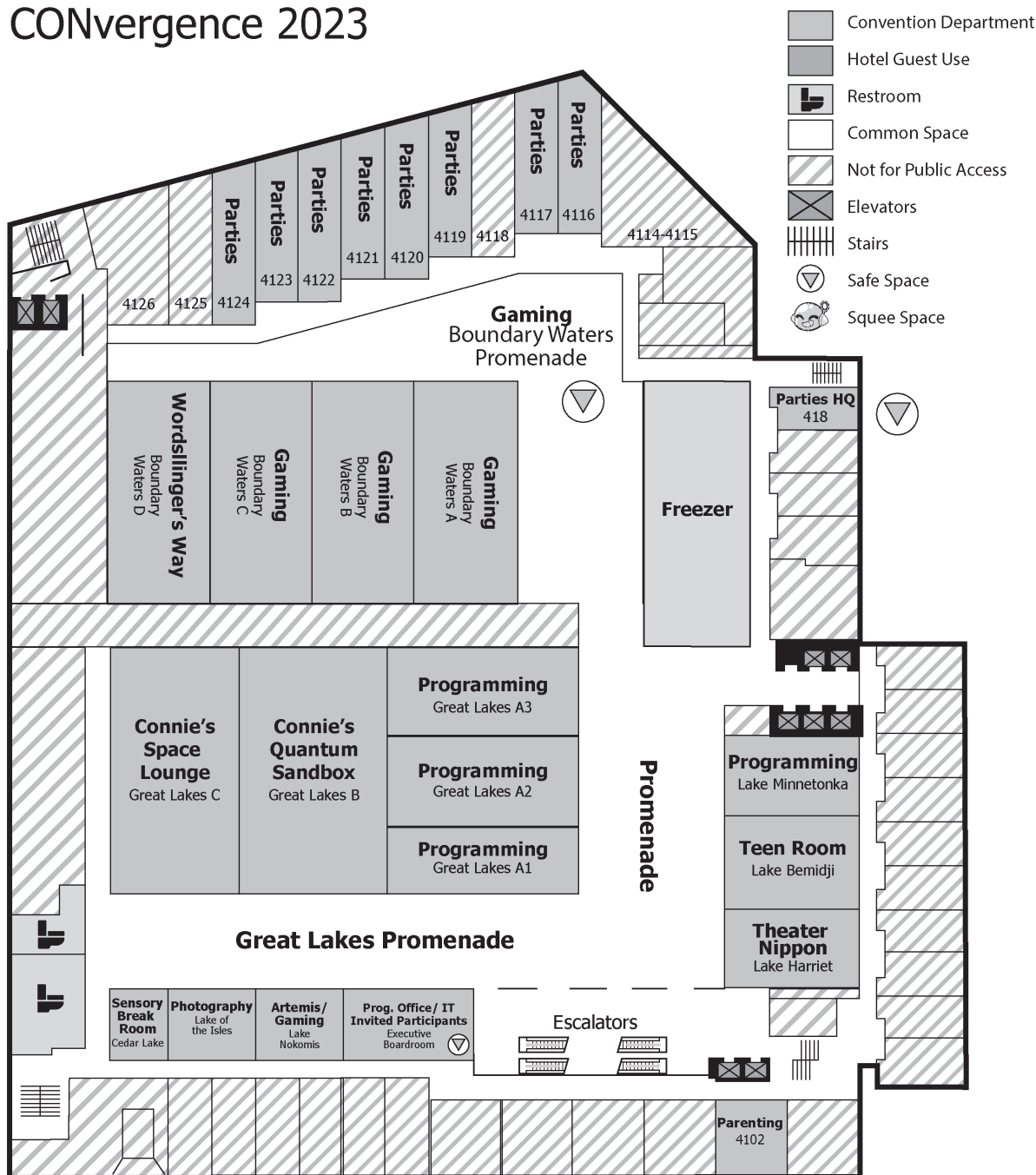
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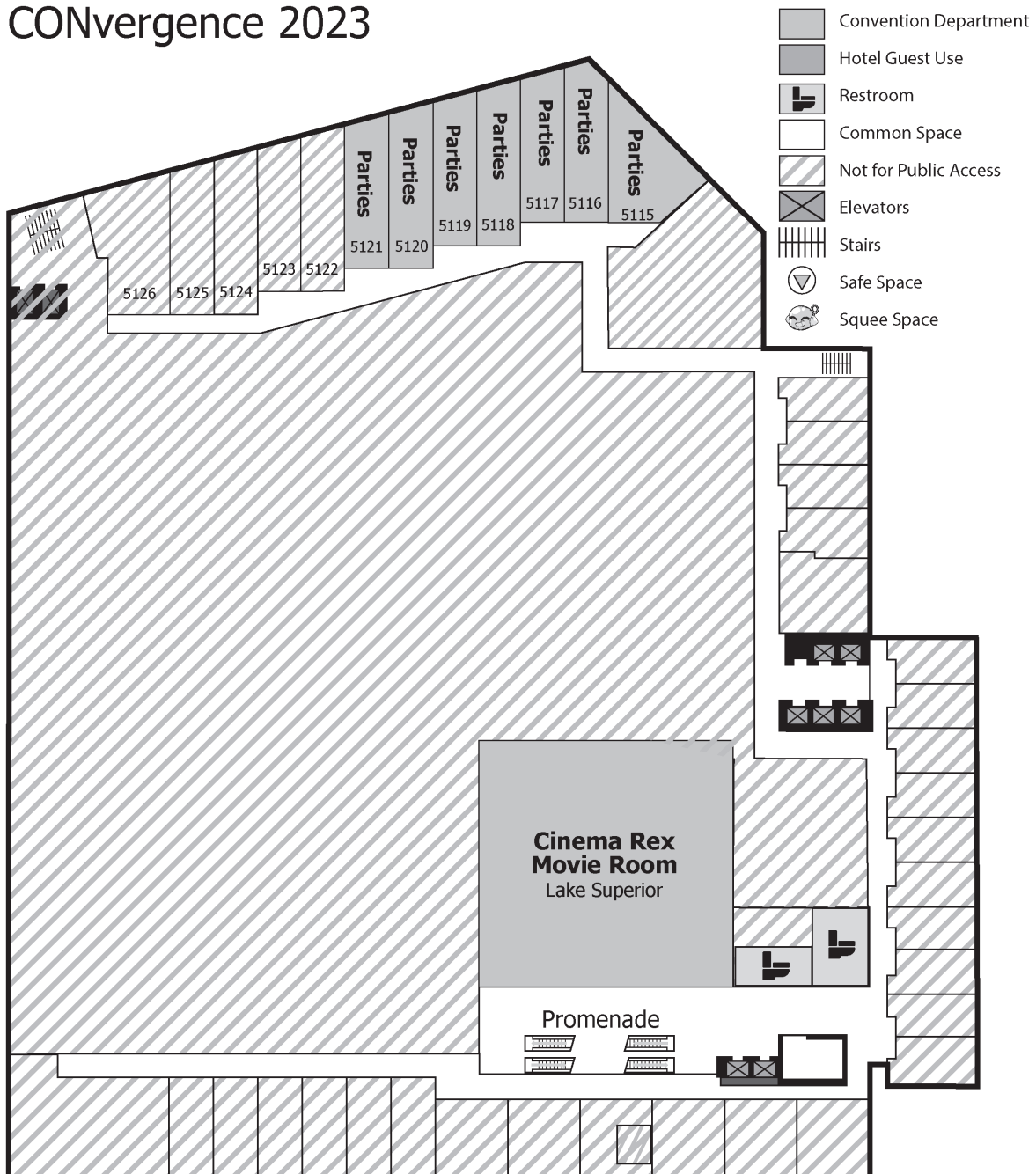
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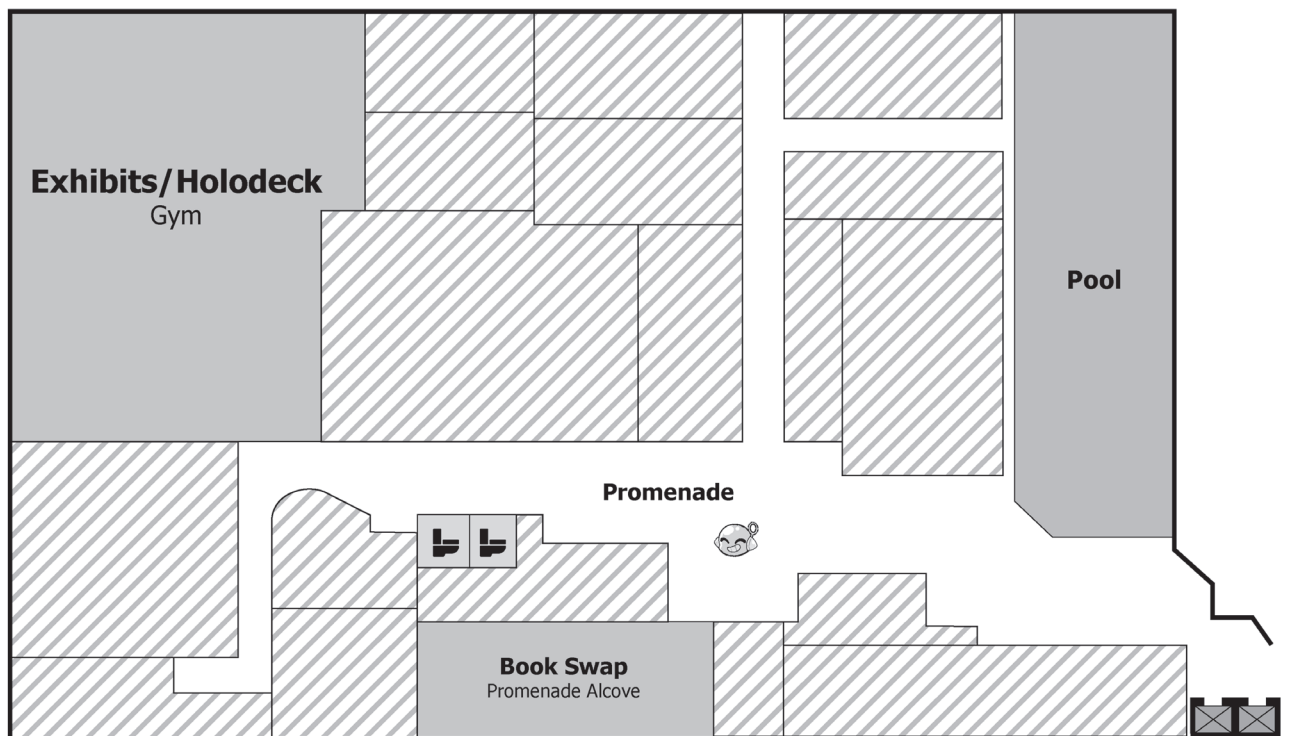
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-  Convention Department
-  Hotel Guest Use
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-  Common Space
-  Not for Public Access
-  Elevators
-  Stairs
-  Safe Space
-  Squee Space



GUESTS OF HONOR



MICHAEL "KNIGHTMAGE" WILSON

by Stephanie Cranford

At the top of Michael "Knightmage" Wilson's Credentials and Experience page, he includes these words of wisdom, and based on the list of accomplishments below them, he puts them into action every day. An experienced costumer and cosplayer, he's created over 350 costumes for himself. He's attended over 200 events, judged, hosted, or organized over 180 costume contests, performed at over 150 charity events, and he's raised more than \$500,000. It feels like every time I look at these numbers, they've increased.

Knightmage got his start the same way many of us did, making a Halloween costume. In his case, it was the John Stewart Green Lantern, in 2012. Although that feels like it was a century or two ago at this point, it still boggles the mind to think of all that he's accomplished in little more than a decade. Since then, he's cosplayed every character you could think of, and a few you probably wouldn't: Superman, Adam Warlock, Bane, Grifter, Lara (Larry) Croft, He-Man, Gambit, Brother Voodoo, Aquaman, Trevor Belmont, Shazam . . . and that's just in the last year. He prides himself on building his costumes on a reasonable budget, rarely spending more than \$250, but he's worked with larger budgets too: he's made costumes for WWE superstars.

He's also been in front of the camera in a variety of ways: as a

stuntman, as a featured performer, and as himself, always in costume. A major cable network greenlit a recent television pilot, *Core Messiah*, that he'd been cast in. His great love is helping people, and he has worked with over 200 charity organizations, from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, to the National Down Syndrome Society, and many, many children's hospitals.

He's also a prolific panelist; he's done over 300 panels and workshops at conventions, for all levels of cosplay enthusiasts, from fans to experts, including one on how to unite your love of cosplay with your love of helping people through charity and fundraising work. President Barack Obama honored him with the Presidential Volunteer Service award; he's also won the Outstanding Service Award from Credit Where Credit Is Due, a CosBravo Award, and most recently, he was nominated for the 2022 Cheer Choice Award and the winner of the 2022/23 Electronic Sports Industry Most Influential Male Cosplayer Award.

When he's not in costume—and sometimes when he is—he's a Mahoning County, Ohio deputy sheriff and has been for 24 years. Born and raised in Eastern Ohio, his cosplay travels take him all over the country and around the world. Just this year he will cross the country several times, from Minnesota to Louisiana, Phoenix to Colorado Springs to Pennsylvania.

Recently a fan added "knightmage" to the Urban Dictionary:

Referring to any creative endeavor but especially cosplay:

- it doesn't have to be perfect
- it's okay to half-ass it
- it doesn't need to be accurate
- it's okay to use artistic liberties and make it your own
- modify it, buy it, or make it: it doesn't matter as long as it gets the job done
- the ONLY thing that matters is that YOU feel good wearing your cosplay and YOU are having fun

The definition captures his ethos perfectly.

In 2018 he came to CONvergence for the first time, and I remember vividly that he stopped me and my best friend as we walked by his signing table. "Mulder and Scully!" he said, much more excited about two people in suits and ill-fitting wigs than I had expected. At heart, Knightmage is a fan—a fan of superheroes, video game characters, wrestlers, and cosplay itself. If you cosplay, anything from a Masquerade winner all the way through a simple closet cosplay, then Knightmage is a fan of you, too.

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COLETTE FEEHAN

By Cat Beltran

Take a moment to think about just what it is you have to do to talk. Breathing in and breathing out, moving your tongue and teeth into just the right positions and at just the right split second of time to shape the sound, then immediately moving on to the next one to do it all again. And that's just for a single bit of noise. If you want that noise to maybe make a word, you have to repeat the process a couple of times. If you want to create a full sentence, you might do it in dozens, if not hundreds, of different ways, all in a row, and all with barely a thought on how you are doing it, at least for most people, most of the time. It's simply how we try to be heard by the masses, and the way we usually do it comes to be known as our voice.

But what about the people who can create more than one type of sound and more than just their usual voice? Because that's what Colette Feehan does. Voices are kind of Colette's thing. She makes them, she records them, she studies them, and she teaches them. And she does all of this in some really cool ways. She even got her PhD in figuring out why people's voices do some of the things they do.

Colette used 3D and 4D ultrasound techniques to examine the actual physical anatomy of people and their moving parts while they talk, including while they talk in a voice other than their usual own. She examined the phonetics and the articulation required to make those phonemes and allophones to create recognizable sounds in a way that is most definitely not the voice that person has in day-to-day conversation. During her studies, she found a love of making those voices herself, and now has a career in both voice acting and audio book directing, and spends her summers as one of the Deans at Concordia Language Villages for their

Spanish immersion programs while still writing and giving presentations about the science behind voice acting.

You may have heard Colette's voice without knowing or even suspecting it was her. Voice actors do so much more than just talk. All those little background noises of animals or crowds or things you don't completely register but add to the performance are created by actors far more than being prerecorded in a way to hit a button to use again and again. When it comes to the voices themselves, Colette specializes in children's voices, and does so in English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese. All of this while some of us struggle with talking in a single voice appropriate to our own age group in the language we grew up with.

When she's not making the voices herself, she's helping other people make them. With audio books, Colette directs but also manages the quality control process and the technical script preparations. That means breaking down the sounds needed for the words in the books to their pronunciations and base linguistics, even in multiple languages, and often for multiple narrators.

The world is so very diverse, full of people of all ages and backgrounds interacting with each other millions of times in a single minute. Making media that shares that diversity is important. Creating media in ways that it can be consumed by people other than by just words on the page is also important. Recording audio books opens the doorway for others to learn about the world that they may have thought was closed to them due to physical limitations or simply time constraints. Your best friend might talk about that awesome book they just read, but you struggle to find the time to read it with your long commutes or vision limited due to your health. You are able to still consume that media and share that experience with them, and people like Colette help make that happen.

With Concordia Language, Colette works with children to help them learn and love a new language of their own, expanding their knowledge of the world and how to communicate within it. Teaching children languages teaches them that there are others out there that are not precisely like themselves, but that they can still connect and learn from them. It opens the doorways before children might even realize that they could be closed.

Creating different voices, whether it is for television and movies, audio books, or teaching people that there is more than just them in the world, is so very important to make that world a more open and inviting place. And Colette Feehan does precisely that. Learn more about her at <https://www.cmfvoices.com> or follow her on social media @cmfvoices.

GUESTS OF HONOR



MAURICE BROADDUS

By T. Aaron Cisco

Maurice Broaddus is not just a writer. His novels and short stories may suggest otherwise, but even a term as widely encompassing as *author*, is far too limited to accurately reflect the sum of his work. In fact, it'd be quite the challenge to try and find a single term that could fully capture someone who not only has written hundreds of short stories, a dozen novels, teaches middle school, serves as School Library Manager as part of the IndyPL Shared System, and engages activism as a community organizer as the resident Afrofuturist for the Kheprw Institute, but also edits works for Dark Faith, Fireside Magazine, and Apex Magazine, wrote content for Marvel Super-Heroes, Leverage, and Firefly RPGs, and acted as consultant for Watch Dogs 2 and Dungeons & Dragons.

As a writer, Broaddus has established himself as a prominent voice in science fiction, fantasy, horror, and urban fiction, with a unique style that blends social commentary, humor, and action. His masterful use of language and imagery creates vivid, immersive worlds that are both familiar and alien, grounded in gritty reality, but at the same time, infused with a sense of magic and possibility through a distinctive voice that is uniquely his own. His novels, including *The Astra Black Trilogy*, *The Knights of Breton Court Trilogy*, *Unfadeable*, and *Pimp My Airship*, have received critical acclaim for their engaging characters, intricate plots, and thought-provoking themes.

Broaddus is equally adept at crafting short stories, having written hundreds of them over the years, many of which have been featured in prestigious publications and anthologies. His stories are often inspired by his personal experiences and interests. Some of his most notable short stories include *Kali's Danse Macabre*, which won an Honorable Mention for the 1996 Asimov's Undergraduate Award, *The Kwanzaa Kid*, *The Migration Suite: A Study in C Sharp Minor*, and *Black Panther – Kindred Spirits* in Titan Books' *Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda*.

Born in London, and raised in Indianapolis, Maurice Broaddus doesn't just create fantastic fictional worlds, he actively tries to improve the real world as well, having spent decades as an environmental toxicologist, studying the effects of toxic chemicals on organisms in their natural ecosystems, and serving as the executive director of Cities of Refuge Ministries, an organization providing transitional housing and employment opportunities.

Despite his many accomplishments and accolades, Broaddus remains driven by his passion for creating meaningful, impactful art and making a positive difference in the world. His works are a testament to his creativity, intellect, and unwavering commitment to his values, and he continues to inspire and entertain readers, students, and fellow activists with his talents and vision.

No, instead of trying to squeeze the prodigious polymath into the truncated confines of the term, *author*, perhaps it would be more apt to simply state the obvious—Maurice Broaddus is incomparable.

GUESTS OF HONOR



SAMANTHA REI

By Kelly Curses

On paper, Samantha R. Crossland is an award-winning fashion designer and TV personality. In person, she is so much more than that—she is a force for good and a voice for equality who stays local to Northeast Minneapolis, and we love a hometown girl.

Probably most recognizable for her run on Lifetime Network's Project Runway season 16 in 2017, many will also recognize her for her prominence in the local geek fashion community. Her website links to her fashions being featured in print by the likes of Huffington Post, Shoji Beat, the American Gothic and Lolita Bible, Gothic Beauty, Glamour UK and Vogue UK. Samantha was named one of 2014 City Pages "Artists of the Year" and 2016 Best of the Twin Cities "Best Fashion Show" and 2016 and 2017 Reader's Choice "Best Local Fashion Designer."

What the internet can't show you is what makes Samantha a true standout: the light and mission she emanates all of the time. Designing high fashion at the intersection of activism and art, the pieces produced for her self-titled Samantha Rei line blend popular culture with size inclusion. Her mantra: "Samantha strives to help people feel confident, strong and comfortable in their own skin. She believes they can all be beautiful warriors." Her style draws from Lolita, Sci-Fi, goth, vintage, fey, and steampunk vibes. Her couture women's

wear is thought provoking and colorful, with a sharp, dark edge. Her latest line, titled Heliopause, she describes as "fancy outside pajamas, what dramatic ladies would wear while lounging by the pool in a 1960s soap opera."

She gives back to the community by judging contests, giving interviews, and using social media to educate and connect artists in the MSP community. During 2021, she collaborated with leatherworking brand Apatico designing accessories and as a result more than \$2,500 generated from sales was donated to charity.

Most recently, she spent Earth Day at the Mall of America judging a fashion contest along with fellow Project Runway alum Christopher Straub. The call was for couture made to look like robots out of upcycled parts, put on by local nonprofit Re-Powered. Her fashion work took a detour from the runway to costume for the stage at Lush Theatre's production of Hedwig and the Angry Inch last May.

Hailing from local arts high school Perpich, she graduated in 1999 with a desire to become an illustrator and graphic designer for comic book art. She began her higher education at the College of Visual Arts (CoVA) in Saint Paul to major in illustration, but pivoted and transferred to the Minneapolis Community and Technical College where her technical design journey began. Starting off with a bang, her design enterprise went under the moniker "Blasphemina's Closet", a Lolita-themed clothing line, in the year 2000. After closing "Blasphemina's Closet" in September of 2013, she expanded with her self-titled line that we know today. Adding to her skills in multimedia, in 2015 she wrote, illustrated, and published a limited run how-to book called Steampunk and Cosplay Fashion Design and Illustration which can be found on Ebay or Thriftbooks.

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The goal of The BirdHive is to grow organically with the world around it, shaping to the ebbs and flows of our progressing society where love is love, no human is illegal, neurodiversity is embraced, and we **BASH THE FASH.**



THE GROVE

Welcome back to The Grove! You can expect the same tables, chairs, ash receptacles, water, and hospitality as always.

The designated tobacco and vaping areas are:

- The Grove (the public sidewalks outside of the front of the hotel and the parking ramp). Minneapolis ordinance prohibits smoking within 25' of the doors of any business. Please note that this is a highly trafficked area by both pedestrians and vehicles; be mindful of your space-time orientation while in this zone.
- The north patio, which is accessible via the second floor of the hotel.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited on the Loring Greenway (that cool walking park area that links Nicollet Mall to Loring Park).

As these are public spaces, please be respectful of your surroundings. Be prepared to gather your own trash (for example, pick up your butts and cups). The hotel is flanked by residential areas, so inside voices please.

If you have any questions, consult a Wandering Host or The Bridge.



CONVERGENCE MERCHANDISE

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CONvergence Merchandise offers an array of CONvergence-branded products, both new and old. We have at least one new t-shirt design every year, as well as many other fun surprises.

We also have gear from past conventions that we are selling at discounted prices.

Come on down and find out what we have that you just can't live without before it is gone.

Limited stock and sizes available.

Thursday	4:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	Noon–6:00pm
Saturday	Noon–6:00pm
Sunday	Noon–4:00pm

SPACE LOUNGE

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C

Space Lounge... the ultraviolet frontier. Our continuing mission: to explore strange new sounds, to entertain new life and new fandoms... to boldly glow where no one has glowed before (Except maybe us—but we promise to always glow in new and interesting ways!).

The Galaxy-class Splounge crew is ready to welcome you aboard. Imagine the holodeck was asked to create a space that is part lounge, part bar (serving all senses except taste), part nightclub, part interactive experience, and make it all glowy, and you've entered the Space Lounge. In addition to special events below, we dock at 9:00pm every evening for your entertainment. Give yourself an alien makeover in our glow-salon, take a selfie on our observation deck, play a game in our retro arcade, visit the updated sensory bar (it's open when the sign says it's open!), listen to some super-sonic sounds, or just relax in our extra-terrestrial non-hotel seating and enjoy our fully-breathable and otherworldly atmosphere. Set a course for an alternate dimension. Make it glow.

General Hours of Regular Lounge Operation

Thursday	9:00pm–2:00am
Friday	9:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	9:00pm–2:00am

Schedule of Special Events:

FRIDAY

Dress Up and Get Down: Just-One-Hour-Rave

Friday Noon–1:00pm

The triumphant return of the daytime not nighttime just one hour rave! Can't stay up late? Too busy at night? Join us for a little midday dance party! All ages are welcome, but some songs might have adult language.

Technobabble Master Test

Friday 2:00pm–3:00pm

A game show where contestants will try to match AI-generated images to sci-fi technobabble phrases. Can you tell the difference between a Hyperspatial Stapler and an Interdimensional Wrench? Are you tuned in to the tell-tale signs of an Overloading Photonic Resonance Drive Generator? Contestants drawn randomly—arrive 5 minutes early to sign up.

BIPOC Meetup

Friday 5:00pm–7:00pm

Organized by DEI and hosted in the Space Lounge, come together for a social event for us, by us. Bring your friends, your business cards, your melanin, and anything else you might need to connect and collect with your community.

Allies are welcome to peruse our collection of books to help diversify your consciousness and free your mind; stop by the DEI table to learn more about this and other ways to contribute to your CONvergence experience.

TEENS ONLY!

Friday 7:00pm–9:00pm

The CONvergence Teen Room hijacks Splounge for a Teens-Only (ages 13–20) event. Bartend at the sensory bar, DJ, or just have all the awesome glowiness for yourselves during this two-hour cooperative event! Space Lounge never serves alcohol, but during the Teens-Only event, no alcohol will be allowed into the room.

SATURDAY

Classic Video Game Tournament

Saturday 1:00pm–4:00pm

An elimination-style competition on a 2-player glass table-top arcade machine featuring games ranging from the classic to the bizarre. Space is limited.

1:00pm signup, 2:00pm start.

MASQUERADE

The CONvergence Masquerade is one of the premiere events of the convention, showcasing the talents of costumers spanning all skill levels, from beginners to masters. Awards are given by the judges for both workmanship in the construction of the costumes and performance in the presentation.

In 2023, the Masquerade department offers three events at CONvergence:

- The Masquerade which takes place on Saturday evening at 6:00pm on the CONvergence MainStage (Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom). The CONvergence Masquerade will also be available for external viewing.
- Costume Wars which takes place on Friday afternoon at the Holodeck (Hyatt 6 Gym).
- The Hall Costume Contest which takes place throughout the weekend.

Participate in the Masquerade

All entries in the CONvergence Masquerade must sign up in advance either online or in person at the Masquerade Registration Table. Note: In person registrations will only be taken if there is still room in the Masquerade.

The total number of Masquerade entries for 2023 (including all Runway entries) will not be more than 40. Additionally, all entries are limited to a maximum of four persons and one handler. All entries who sign up online must also check in at the Masquerade Registration Table during the convention. At that time workmanship judging times for non-Runway entries (and for those Runway entries who wish to have their workmanship judged), as well as technical rehearsal times for non-Runway entries will be assigned.

Tech rehearsal and workmanship judging will be done on Saturday from 8:30am–4:00pm in the Masquerade Green Room (Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A & B), and you will be scheduled into an hour slot during that time. Note that the tech rehearsal and workmanship judging times are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a limit to the number of entries that will be scheduled into a given hour time slot, so if you have time restrictions, be sure to schedule your hour at the Masquerade Registration Table early.

Masquerade Orientation

Orientation for non-Runway entries is mandatory and takes place on the CONvergence MainStage. There are no exceptions, regardless of how many times you have participated in previous Masquerades. If you have any difficulty with mobility, whether in your costume or not, please inform us during Orientation. Orientation will be done on Saturday at 8:00am in the Masquerade Green Room (Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A & B).

Runway Entry Orientation

A special short orientation for Runway entries will take place on Saturday before the show and we will let you know the details at registration.

Additional Details

Please be sure to review additional details about participating in the CONvergence Masquerade whether as a Runway entry or a standard entry at www.convergence-con.org/at-the-con/events/masquerade or stop by the Masquerade Registration Table.

Masquerade Registration Table

The Masquerade Registration Table is located just outside of the CONvergence MainStage (Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom). The hours for the Masquerade Registration Table are:

Thursday	3:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	10:00am–1:00pm and 2:00pm–6:00pm

Costume Wars

Costume Wars is back! Costume Wars is a timed event in which teams of two are provided with a sack of unknown and somewhat random materials. Teams are then expected to make a wonderful costume in just one hour. Entries will be judged, and the top three will be awarded trophies. Everyone will get accolades and applause!

Each team will consist of two persons, with an optional third, non-costume-making person to act as a model/dressmaker's dummy only. The third person cannot help build the costume, but can and should be dressed in the newly created attire and is expected to show it off. A third person is not required, and if no third person is present, one or both of the two builders will need to wear the creation.

Costume Wars takes place Friday of the convention in the Holodeck (Hyatt 6 Gym). See the CONvergence schedule for the start time.

Participate in Costume Wars

To participate in Costume Wars, you must register before 1:00pm on the Friday of the convention at the Masquerade Registration Table. The number of participating teams in Costume Wars is strictly limited to 25, so register early to guarantee your team a spot. If we have interest from more than 25 teams, we will take a waiting list.

MASQUERADE

Costume Wars Registration at the Masquerade Registration Table

Registration for Costume Wars will take place at the Masquerade Registration Table located just outside of the CONvergence MainStage (Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom). The hours for Costume Wars registration at the Masquerade Registration Table are:

Thursday	3:00pm–6:00pm
Friday	10:00am–1:00pm

Additional Details

All participating teams in Costume Wars must check in at the Holodeck on Friday no later than 15 minutes prior to the competition for a short orientation, or your spot in Costume Wars may be given away to a team on the waiting list.

See the Costume Wars web page for additional details about the CONvergence Costume Wars, or stop by the Masquerade Registration Table.

Hall Costume Contest

Hall Costumes are costumes worn just for fun while attending the convention, often for long spans of time. They vary in scope and craftsmanship, from lifelike recreations of characters to costumes bought off the rack at Halloween, and pretty much everything in between. There is no right or wrong when it comes to hall costumes! This type of costuming is a large part of the CONvergence atmosphere, from the person who just threw together a costume in the last days before con, to the project started right after the last year's convention.

Participate in the Hall Costume Contest

The CONvergence Hall Costume Contest runs Friday through Saturday and winners are announced on Sunday. Winners will be selected by a group of volunteer judges late Saturday night and awards will be given for first, second, and third place as well as a special award (the Social Butterfly) for the most Instagram likes. People can pick up awards at the Hall Costume Contest Registration Table on Sunday morning.

Hall Costume Contest Registration Table

Entry into the Hall Costume competition will take place at the Hall Costume Contest Registration Table located just outside of the CONvergence MainStage (Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom). The hours for Registering into the Hall Costume Contest are:

Friday	2:00pm–10:00pm
Saturday	Noon–6:00pm and 9:00pm–10:00pm

Additional Details

See the Hall Costume Contest web page at www.convergence-con.org/at-the-con/things-to-do/hall-costume-contest for additional details about the CONvergence Hall Costume Contest, or stop by the Hall Costume Contest Registration Table (Hyatt 1, outside the Nicollet Ballroom).

PARTIES

Join Us for a Party Crawl!

Want to explore what the party floors have to offer but are a little shy about how it all works? On Thursday at 8:00pm we will embark on a guided tour of the party floors. Meet us by the Hyatt 3rd floor escalators and our knowledgeable tour guide will show you the ropes of what parties have to offer, proper party etiquette, and even answer questions if you are feeling inspired to host your own party next year!

Do you have a great idea for a room party or mobile party but aren't sure where to start?

Congrats! The Parties Department is here for you! We love hearing your ideas and helping you along the way!

Things to think about when considering hosting a party:

What do you need to run a party at CONvergence?

A great idea that would entertain your guests, enough money to cover costs, and enough people to run it. Parties don't have to be expensive or elaborate. Sometimes the best ideas are simple and cheap. Once you have an idea, you can submit a party application on the CONvergence website under the Host a Party page.

Do you have the budget?

Your party budget can vary widely depending on what you do. At minimum, you need to budget for the cost of the room, refreshments, and any decor you want to have. It's very possible to throw a great party without a lot of extra expense. Want more details? Stop by Parties Headquarters in Hyatt 4 room 418 and talk to the Parties Department staff!

What is a Mobile Party?

Mobile parties offer a service, entertainment, or activity to CONvergence members but are not based in a single room and instead roam around the convention space.

How are parties chosen for approval?

Parties are chosen based on considerations such as fan appeal, guest engagement, hours of operation, and whether the party is rooted in the community or partnering with another convention.

Want to throw a party but don't want to serve anything?

Food and drink are not necessary! We love to see events happen in room parties: karaoke, live podcasting, and pop-up gaming events are always a big hit!

Party applications go live in October, so keep an eye on the website and social media for updates. You are also always welcome to contact us throughout the year at parties@convergence-con.org!

Don't Forget to Vote!

Want to show some love to your favorite parties or give your compliments to the chef? Scan here to vote for this year's party awards and drop a note for your favorite party! Make sure to check again after the convention to see who won!



Parties Special Event Guide

Curious about room parties' ever-changing and impromptu events? Want to know where a mobile party plans to be? Scan here for a link to the Parties special events guide and make sure to check back—the document will update periodically with new and changing events going on around Parties.



3RD FLOOR PARTIES

Minicon: Next Gen—Room 3115

mnstf.org/minicon57/

Minicon is a very long running convention of many interests, and as such our room party will change its theme each night to bring you more Minicon. Of course we will always have Blog!

Thursday	8:00pm–2:00am
Friday	8:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	8:00pm–2:00am

Midnight Society Presents: The Crimson Kiss—Room 3116

www.facebook.com/groups/1788829514823933

We are a party room dedicated to all things horror. We are a chill space to sit back and watch something scary or discuss the genre. Horror has always been a big part of nerd/geek culture, but it needs its own space. This year, our guiding theme is the horrifying or alluring kiss of the vampire.

Thursday	8:00pm–Midnight
Friday	8:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	8:00pm–2:00am

Anime Fusion—Room 3117

animefusion.net

Revisit classic anime and discover new favorites with the convention that spans the ages. Whether you're just getting into anime or haven't dusted off those old VHS tapes in years, there's a place for you at Anime Fusion. Stop in, watch some anime, and let us grill you a cheese!

Thursday	7:00pm–Midnight
Friday	7:00pm–Midnight
Saturday	Noon–4pm; 7:00pm–Midnight

PARTIES

Salty's Dream Casino—Room 3118

Salty's is back, better than ever! Swing on by to root for your favorite AI fighter, play some games, fill our walls with doodles, and relish the imaginative cocktails created by our skilled mixologists. Find out about all of our party events and theme hours at salty.social!

Thursday 8:00pm–2:00am
Friday 7:00pm–2:00am
Saturday 7:00pm–2:00am

Paddy's Pub—Room 3119

facebook.com/AvidGeek

The worst bar in America returns to CONvergence! Join us for adult beverages, Always Sunny trivia, and activities to enjoy throughout.

Thursday 8:00pm–Midnight
Friday 8:00pm–Midnight
Saturday 8:00pm–Midnight

The Continental Hotel (Assassin's Guild)—Room 3120

Seated in the lap of luxury, this historic establishment offers its comforts and atmosphere to only the most discerning of clientele. This is a place of meeting and professional discourse. As such, no business may be conducted on Continental property. All who enter do so as associates and shall meet in peace and civility. Please join us for refreshment, entertainment (Movies, Music, DDR), games, and pleasant company. Find information on the Guild's events, such as the foam sword combat tournament, or perhaps pick up a contract or two. Here at The Continental, we are all friends.

Thursday 8:00pm–Midnight
Friday 8:00pm–1:00am
Saturday 8:00pm–1:00am

Nerdhain—Room 3121

fb.me/e/2SruhgaEx

Nerdhain is a 21+ dance party catering to cryptids, creatures of the night, the fashionable undead, and familiars. Music by local artists; simple cocktail and beer options. Wear your widest or tightest pants.

Lineup: Thursday—metal two-piece Strange Frequency, Friday—nightcore DJ Anita Velveeta, Saturday—goth techno DJ Dazzle.

Thursday 4:00pm–8:00pm; 9:00pm–3:00am
Friday 4:00pm–8:00pm; 9:00pm–3:00am
Saturday 4:00pm–8:00pm; 9:00pm–3:00am

Gotham City—Room 3122

www.nerddoms.com/

Answer the Caped Crusader's call to the Batcave where you'll dance the Batusi to Batrific club music as you watch Bat-movies or dare to enter Ace Chemicals to indulge in Poison Ivy's adult toxins, witness Gotham City Sirens dance, and survive Joker's "impactful" TriviHaha interrogations, if you can.

Thursday 8:00pm–11:00pm
Friday 8:00pm–1:00am
Saturday 7:00pm–1:00am

Hocus Pocus Focus Group—Room 3123

Join us for some Hocus Pocus. Be surprised how much you wanted to do a Kahoot with strangers. Find the magic of taking a survey. You might score some mediocre artwork! Feel relief it's over after completing a nonsensical quest. And we know how much you love consuming questionable refreshments!

Thursday 4:00pm–9:00pm
Friday 4:00pm–9:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm–9:00pm

Outreach from a Vague, yet Menacing Government Agency—Room 3124

Wonderful Citizens! We're back again despite someone (who is definitely not affiliated with the NSA) telling us that parties are not allowed to be directly affiliated with the NSA. Despite this definitely being our first time here. We're back again with all the same things as last year! Like Karaoke, Drinks, ??Ribbons?, Party Games, and all sorts of other weird and/or spooky things.

Thursday 5:00pm–10:00pm
Friday 5:00pm–10:00pm
Saturday 5:00pm–10:00pm

Aech's Basement—Room 3125

www.facebook.com/vault131

Your invitation to Aech's elite Gunter hangout space. Drop by to chill, catch a flick, read vintage editions of Starlog(TM), and chat about most anything. Open daytime hours, offering bloody Marys, breakfast cereals, coffee, and screening films considered canon to a Gunter.

This is a room inspired by the novel Ready Player One. Brought to you by the makers of Vault 131.

Thursday 10:00am–4:00pm
Friday 10:00am–4:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–4:00pm

PARTIES

Archaide—Room 3126

Journey through the Oasis to the retro-futuristic arcade inspired by the novel Ready Player One, evocative of the quintessential arcades of the 1980's. Join us in playing some of your favorite old-school games. We'll be offering daytime hours and pizza rolls midday until we run out!

Thursday	Noon–4:00pm
Friday	10:00am–4:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–4:00pm

4TH FLOOR PARTIES

Kefka's Barbecue—Room 4116

facebook.com/KefkaBBQ/

Feeling down? Who doesn't like a magical menage a trois? The Cult of Kefka is bringing you a triple threat with the Warring Triad. Whether you're a Goddess, Demon, or Fiend, we have something for you! Photography! Music! Chaos! Get in the spirit with our spirits. And line up for your #meatprivileges.

Thursday	8:00pm–Midnight
Friday	8:00pm–1:00am
Saturday	8:00pm–1:00am

Club 2D—Room 4117

www.2dcon.net/

Club 2D is your VIP gaming experience hosted by 2D Con, Minnesota's local gaming convention. Enjoy your favorite video game music and play some party games while enjoying the finest of refreshments.

Thursday	9:00pm–2:00am
Friday	9:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	9:00pm–2:00am

Afterlife—Room 4119

www.facebook.com/jrpartyroom

Returning for our third year! Come join Omega's finest scum and villainy at Aria's Afterlife Club for drinks, music, and dancing. (Mass Effect-Themed Party Room)

Thursday	8:00pm–Midnight
Friday	8:00pm–1:00am
Saturday	8:00pm–2:00am

The TARDIS Graveyard—Room 4120

www.facebook.com/groups/thetardisgraveyard

Join the Doctor's staff for tastings from the Doctor's liquor cabinet and emergency travel snacks. Enjoy cool vibes from across the ages, Doctor Who and space themed black light coloring, and viewings of the Doctor's lives.

Thursday	8:00pm–Midnight
Friday	4:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	4:00pm–2:00am

Twin Cities Con—Room 4121

www.twincitiescon.com

Hang out with TCC as they celebrate the 3rd Annual Twin Cities Con! They'll be serving signature mocktails, snacks, hosting movie marathons, and more!

Thursday	7:00pm–11:00pm
Friday	7:00pm–1:00am
Saturday	7:00pm–1:00am

The Wyvern's Aerie—Room 4122

www.wyvernsaerie.com

Come again to enjoy the refreshments at the Wyvern's Aerie. Food, beer, and of course, mead. Come immerse yourself in one of our favorite locations from the book series, The Knights' Trials. Maybe even ask the author a couple of questions about the book.

Thursday	7:00pm–Midnight
Friday	7:00pm–Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm–Midnight

The Royal Manticorian Navy Barracks—Room 4123

Come celebrate the con in style with The Royal Manticorian Navy. Food, drinks at the Blue Coconut Bar, and missile pod rolls twice an hour. Maybe a game or two along with child and sensory-friendly activities in the afternoon! (Keep an eye out for our flyers with times) The only place where joining the navy is this much fun. Warning: watch out for tree cats.

Thursday	8:00pm–Midnight
Friday	8:00pm–Midnight
Saturday	8:00pm–Midnight

CLASS E—Room 4124

At Class-E, it doesn't matter if you're a secret agent, sporting a tuxedo and mask, or have a chainsaw to go with your tie. As long as you feel classy, you are Class-E! Stop on by and let the fancy hosts of Class-E show you how it's done!

Thursday	9:00pm–1:00am
Friday	9:00pm–2:00am
Saturday	9:00pm–2:00am

5TH FLOOR PARTIES

Geek Partnership Society (GPS)—Room 5115

geekpartnership.org/

Make A Cape! This is a family-friendly activity party room for making simple capes to hint at your inner superhero!

Thursday	8:00pm–Midnight
Friday	7:00pm–Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm–1:00am

PARTIES

Ochaya—Room 5116

www.facebook.com/ochaya.partyroom/

Ochaya is back and still serving you a nightly line-up of teas and small snacks. Please come help us celebrate our 10th CONvergence!

Thursday 5:00pm–11:00pm
Friday 5:00pm–11:00pm
Saturday 5:00pm–11:00pm

Magic School Party Room—Room 5117

www.facebook.com/MagicSchoolPartyRoom/

Join us for an exploration of the natural world and revel in the nostalgia of our favorite School Bus. Free family-friendly experiments during the day, and scientific discussions over refreshments in the evening. Just don't be afraid to take chances, make mistakes, and get messy in this party room.

Thursday 11:00am–6:00pm
Friday 11:00am–6:00pm; 9:00pm–11:00pm
Saturday 11:00am–6:00pm; 9:00pm–11:00pm

The Lodge—Room 5118

www.bradenlodge.org/

Join the fraternity of those who have succeeded before you by completing three puzzle based quests.

Thursday 7:00pm–1:00am
Friday 7:00pm–1:00am
Saturday 7:00pm–1:00am

Rivendell—Room 5119

A bit of the peace and quiet of Middle Earth in the midst of the chaos of CONvergence. Nibble lembas bread and sip cucumber water while enjoying the atmosphere of Rivendell. Have fun competing in a LotR trivia contest, and listen to the live music of Hobbiton.

Thursday 9:00pm–1:00am
Friday 2:00pm–4:00pm; 8:00pm–1:00am
Saturday 2:00pm–4:00pm; 8:00pm–1:00am

A Purrfectly Good Cat Pawty!—Room 5120

www.facebook.com/catpawtyMN/

A Purrfectly Good Cat Pawty is back for a second year! Come join your fellow cat lovers and get your fill of cat-themed drinks, snacks, games, and of course, cat videos!

Thursday 8:00pm–Midnight (21+)
Friday 3:00pm–5:00pm (all ages);
8:00pm–Midnight (21+)
Saturday 3:00pm–5:00pm (all ages);
8:00pm–Midnight (21+)

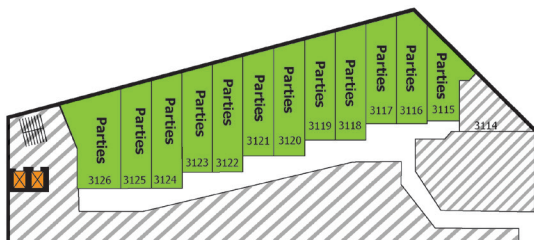
A God Awful Theater—Room 5121

www.facebook.com/A-God-Awful-Theater-A-CONvergence-Party-Room-100627345650615/

Bad movies

Thursday 8:00pm–Midnight
Friday 8:00pm–Midnight
Saturday 8:00pm–1:00am

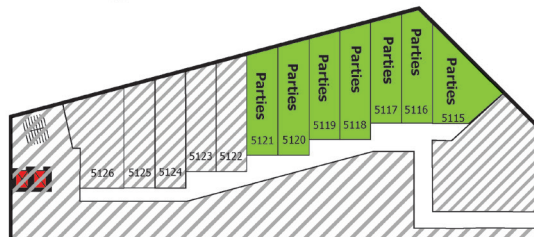
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Thursday	11:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:30am–10:00pm
Saturday	9:30am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:30am–3:30pm

Welcome to the Sandbox

Connie's Quantum Sandbox is where art and science come together in the most enjoyable ways. We have a variety of hands-on activities that may be messy, might make your hands dirty, but are definitely fun. Come and exercise your creative muscles and keep an eye out for any quantum cats!

Our activities are for a range of ages so please check the schedule for the recommended age. Some After-Dark activities require an ID. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. All activities can be found on the CONvergence schedule.

NEW! Cosplay Repair Station

Thursday	11:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:30am–10:00pm
Saturday	9:30am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:30am–3:30pm

You asked. We listened. This year we will be beta testing a costume repair station inside Connie's Quantum Sandbox.

We will have basic tools for small costume emergencies, sewing needles, thread, scissors, hot glue gun, etc. These items can be used by CONvergence members while at the station. We will have contact information for volunteer cosplay repairers displayed. If you need assistance or extra supplies, you can contact a volunteer repairer to meet you in the Repair Station.

Sandbox Lab

Thursday	11:00am–10:00pm
Friday	9:30am–10:00pm
Saturday	9:30am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:30am–3:30pm

Connie's Quantum Sandbox is thrilled to announce that we have drop-in activities! The Sandbox Lab will be open daily for creative fun! We will have a quiet play area with some toys, and we will also have mini projects available, which can be easily done with just the instructions provided. You can even bring your knitting or other quiet project to work on. The Sandbox Lab is open to all ages, but children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please Note: All activities can be found on the CONvergence schedule.

Lines may get long, so be prepared to wait patiently. In

the event that Connie's Quantum Sandbox reaches activity capacity, everyone will be alerted as soon as possible so you can choose to go to another panel if you wish. If you need accessibility accommodations, please inform the Nerf Herder or Sandbox staff member at the head of the line.

Connie's Quantum Sandbox is a multi-age venue, but does not provide childcare and does not allow unattended children under the age of 13. Children under the age of 13 will not be admitted unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated adult.

After-Dark activities often require parental supervision or a photo ID to attend. For activities that require adult supervision, no one under 18 is admitted without parental supervision. For other After-Dark activities, no admittance is allowed without proper photo ID for persons 18 years or older. NO EXCEPTIONS!

It's important to respect others and their property. Most of our supplies come from donations, and many of our tools are borrowed from convention staff. We do not tolerate theft or vandalism in Connie's Quantum Sandbox.

Allergy Warning

Some of the events in the Sandbox (namely those that involve costuming and face- or body-painting) will probably involve the use of latex. Latex can cause allergic reactions in some individuals—please know your own sensitivity to latex and be prepared to take action should you come in contact with latex while in the Sandbox. The Sandbox staff will make every effort to keep the latex isolated while it is not in use, but we encourage our members to be as safe and as cautious as necessary. If you have questions on latex use, feel free to ask one of the Sandbox staff members.

We also feature activities that have food products as part of the activity. Some of these food products may contain peanuts or other tree nut products, gluten, lactose, or other ingredients that can trigger food allergies. As with all our supplies, we make every effort to keep our food inventory isolated while it is not in use, but we encourage our members to be as safe and as cautious as necessary. If you have questions about these activities, or the ingredients we use, feel free to ask one of the Sandbox staff members.

THURSDAY

11:00am–10:00pm **Sandbox Cosplay Repair Station Open Hours**

11:00am–10:00pm **Sandbox Lab Open Hours**

The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

2:00pm–3:00pm **Mini Cosplay Repair Kit**

Stay ahead of wardrobe malfunctions with your own travel sized cosplay repair kit. Lisa will guide you through the essentials, and you will have room to add your own personal needs. All ages. *Lisa Wallin*

5:00pm–6:00pm **Clay Medieval Horse Puppet**

Make a clay horse puppet like those found in archeological sites. We will fire it in a kiln and you can pick it up at a later date at one of 3 locations. All ages. *Renee Petersen*

8:30pm–9:30pm **Makeup Special Effects: Wounds**

Come learn how to make realistic wounds for your cosplay. It's fun and easy to do at home! All ages welcome, but parental discretion advised due to fake blood. *Knightmage, Nikki Armstrong*

FRIDAY

9:30am–10:00pm **Sandbox Cosplay Repair Station Open Hours**

11:00am–10:00pm **Sandbox Lab Open Hours**

We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

11:00am–Noon **Sock Puppets and Voices**

Once upon a time, there was a really good sale on socks. Guest of Honor Dr. Colette Feehan will be on hand to answer questions while making a puppet of her own. Puppets will be welcome at Dr. Feehan's panels later in the weekend. All ages. *Colette Feehan, Lisa Wallin*

2:00pm–3:00pm **Fancy Masks**

What's a Masquerade Ball without a mask? Come create your own Venetian style masquerade mask with Samantha Rei! You'll be all ready for the ball being held in MainStage on Saturday evening. All ages. *Samantha Rei*

5:00pm–6:00pm **Waxtravaganza!**

Crayons aren't just for coloring anymore. Come explore other uses for these waxy wonders. All ages.

8:30pm–9:30pm **Cardboard City**

Join forces to create and build towers and vehicles to turn the Sandbox into a mini cardboard city.

SATURDAY

9:30am–10:00pm **Sandbox Cosplay Repair Station Open Hours**

9:30am–10:00pm **Sandbox Lab Open Hours**

The Sandbox Lab is open until 10pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

11:00am–Noon **Monster Smash 2023**

Get your kids, get your costumes on, and come cosplay in our miniature cardboard city. Hulk smash your enemies and save the day! Parents, enjoy the commentary by Molly Glover, Nick Glover, and Matthew Kessen. All ages. *Matthew Kessen, Molly Glover, Nick Glover*

2:00pm–3:00pm **Beaded Dragons**

Make a little wire-beaded dragon! He can guard your desk. Requires fine motor skills, so make sure you have an adult helper for each tiny person who wants to make their own. All ages *CJ Mantel*

5:00pm–6:00pm **Tiny Books**

Tiny books for big thoughts. Join Renee as she leads you through small book construction. Ages 8+ *Renee Petersen*

7:00pm–9:30pm **Colored Pencil Techniques for Illustration and Adult Coloring**

Illustrator Charles Urbach shares the Prismacolor Colored Pencils techniques, tools, & materials he uses to create professional illustrations for games & publishing. This is not a class in how to draw, but an exploration of specific techniques. Ages 13+ *Charles Urbach*

SUNDAY

9:30am–3:30pm **Sandbox Cosplay Repair Station Open Hours**

9:30am–3:30pm **Sandbox Lab Open Hours**

The Sandbox Lab is open until 3:30pm for all your creative delights. We have a variety of projects available, or you can bring your own quiet activity.

11:00am–Noon **Crayon's Corner**

KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengkeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple. Ages 12 and under *Caryn Lengkeek*

2:00pm–3:00pm **Knotty Beaded Bracelets**

Make a bracelet for yourself or for a friend. All ages. *Lisa Keith*

CINEMA REX

Hyatt 5 Lake Superior

Cinema Rex is thrilled to be back in 2023, and this year we've been obsessing over all things costume. Film is truly made perfect by the garments our heroes and villains and even the normies don as we watch their various stories unfold.

We've got movies across languages and genres, including a Spice World double feature on Thursday night (that'd be Spice World and Dune) and a Jeff Goldblum Double Feature on Friday night (Thor: Ragnarok and The Grand Budapest Hotel). While we've attempted to include applicable content warnings, guests should use their discretion as many of the films contain content of a sensitive nature.

We're delighted to have some special events in Rex this year. GoH **Samantha Rei** joins us for her own curated film selection, *The Fifth Element*, along with an opportunity to ask some questions about the film's famed costumes. And after a many-years hiatus, we're bringing back the ever-popular riff, featuring some of your CONvergence faves, Duck Washington, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, and Jeremy Stomberg.

This year, you'll notice on the schedule that each of the co-heads has their own pick—this is something new that we're excited to try out! Each of us got to select one film to advance straight to the schedule, while the rest are carefully negotiated. Stop in for a single movie or try to watch each and every one—we don't judge!

We'll be serving freshly popped popcorn all weekend, along with movie theater candy favorites and a variety of delish sodas. We've got a room full of comfy couches, throw pillows, and volunteers who just plain old love watching movies, so please make yourself at home—just don't get too comfortable! We cannot allow members to sleep on our couches. We know, it can be tempting. Please hold conversations out in the lobby or in between films. And if you'd like subtitles for any movie that doesn't already include them, please ask at the concession stand. We look forward to welcoming you.

THURSDAY

3:00pm

Cruella

PG-13—2021—134m

Dir. Craig Gillespie w/ Emma Stone, Emma Thompson, Joel Fry
Remember watching 101 Dalmatians and thinking how horrid Cruella De Vil is and how terribly cute those puppies are? Can you believe there is someone actually meaner than her? Us either, until we watched Cruella. Emma Stone and Emma Thompson give stellar performances in this fashionably wicked movie about battling fashion designers, which snagged the 2021 Oscar for Best Costume Design.

5:30pm

Black Panther

PG-13—2018—134m

Dir. Ryan Coogler w/ Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o

This Oscar-winning film legitimized the superhero genre that we already adored and helped to skyrocket the late Chadwick Boseman to superstar status. With costumes designed by the iconic Ruth E. Carter to represent both the advanced technology of Wakanda and the rich cultural diversity of the thousands of tribes across Africa, the clothing is a character of its own. Carter won Best Costume Design for both *Black Panther* and *Wakanda Forever* in 2019 and 2023, respectively.

8:00pm

Spice World [CC]

PG—1997—93m

Dir. Bob Spiers w/ Melanie Brown, Emma Bunton, Melanie Chisholm

Hedy's pick! *Spice World* is at once a simple vehicle for costume changes (there are over 30!) and a contemporary-ish retelling of *A Hard Day's Night*. With a cameo-heavy cast of among the most "Where do I know them from?" actors of the United Kingdom, including at least one James Bond, *Spice World* is among the most beloved "bad" movies among the now 36-year-old women for whom the Spice Girls were perfectly tailored. How did this get snubbed by the Academy?

9:30pm

Dune

PG-13—2021—155m

Dir. Denis Villeneuve w/ Timothée Chalamet, Oscar Isaac, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya

Yes, we know this version doesn't have Sting, but we don't care. The cinematically stunning first installment by Denis Villeneuve has everything else: sand worms, Jason Momoa, betrayal, Jason Momoa, messianic prophecies, and Jason Momoa. Nominated for a whopping ten Academy Awards, including Best Costume Design, this is the *Spice World* you'll actually want to watch again.

Midnight

Romeo + Juliet [CC]

PG-13—1996—120m

Dir. Baz Luhrmann w/ Leonardo DiCaprio, Claire Danes, John Leguizamo

This vividly shot film provides a modern backdrop for the timeless tale of two star-crossed lovers. Featuring Leonardo DiCaprio in an age-appropriate relationship, an impressive collection of Hawaiian shirts, and an MTV Movie Award-nominated kiss, this flick transcends simple 90's nostalgia. Our expert's advice: let the Shakespearean dialogue wash over you. Rather than trying to make sense of the words, just listen to the story that you know is underneath them.



FRIDAY

10:00am **Cinderella**
G—1950—74m

Dirs. Clyde Geronimi, Wilfred Jackson, Hamilton Luske w/ Ilene Woods

The original costume movie that made all of us want a crystal clear glass slipper. To be young again, with no concept of how slippery sweaty high heels can be. Imagine looking so stunning at a ball (thanks Fairy Godmother!) that your own evil step-family doesn't recognize you. Oh, and you get the Prince, too, but the exchange is that you have to be close friends with literal rats. Plus, it passes the Bechdel test!

11:30am **Planet of the Apes [CC]**
G—1968—112m

Dir. Franklin J. Schaffner w/ Charlton Heston, Roddy McDowall, Kim Hunter

Planet of the Apes is nothing short of a triumph in costuming, to the extent that the actors became so immersed in their roles and wardrobe that those portraying the three types of apes (orangutan, chimpanzee, and gorilla) self-segregated by species between takes. The groundbreaking prosthetic work by John Chambers earned him an honorary award at the 1969 Oscars.

1:30pm **Mirrormask**
PG—2005—101m

Dir. Dave McKean w/ Stephanie Leonidas, Rob Brydon, Gina McKee

Michael's pick! Neil Gaiman and The Jim Henson Company bring you a fantasy world of opposing kingdoms, a 15-year-old girl named Helena who works at the family circus with her father and mother. She finds herself on a strange journey into the Dark Lands, a fantastic landscape filled with giants, monkeybirds, and dangerous sphinxes. She must find the fabled MirrorMask in order to save the kingdom and get back home. An extraordinary dream quest to rescue a world out of balance.

3:30pm **The Fifth Element [CC]**
PG13—1997—126 min

Dir. Luc Besson w/ Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich, Gary Oldman

Samantha Rei's pick! Join us for an introduction of the film and a post-film Q&A session with Guest of Honor Samantha Rei. With costumes designed by Jean Paul Gaultier, this film was, in its time, the most expensive European film ever made. That's right, this is an English-language French film, so you know it's got fancy clothes.

6:00pm **Dave Made a Maze**
NR—2017—80m

Dir. Bill Watterson w/ Meera Rohit Kumbhani, Nick Thune, Adam Busch

Not a costume movie per se, but the set design is amazing! This fantasy/comedy/adventure/horror film centers around Dave. And he made a maze. In his living room. Entirely out of cardboard. But where this gets weird is that the maze is actually somehow a labyrinth filled with crazy traps and mythical cardboard creatures. And so, unsurprisingly, he got lost in it. So his girlfriend, Annie, and their friends enter in an attempt to rescue him and make a documentary about it. Did we mention that the entire set is made of cardboard? Because it is.

7:30pm **Thor: Ragnarok [CC]**
PG-13—2017—130m

Dir. Taika Waititi w/ Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett

Featuring four of the best biceps in Hollywood (Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson, obviously), Thor: Ragnarok provides audiences with a major tonal shift from the more serious version of the character to which we'd become accustomed, and thankfully, a welcome departure from bleached eyebrows. Part one of a Jeff Goldblum double feature!

10:00pm **The Grand Budapest Hotel**
R—2014—99m

Dir. Wes Anderson w/ Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham, Mathieu Amalric

Part two of a Jeff Goldblum double feature! Winning the Oscar for both Best Production Design and Best Costume Design at the 87th Annual Academy Awards, this story is as vivid as it is charming. In true Wes Anderson fashion, this is an odd story told within an odd story. Quirky yet captivating, it follows the fastidious concierge of a luxury hotel and his eager lobby boy as they elude the police after stealing a famous painting and become embroiled in a fight for a family fortune. It's like the spiritual predecessor of The White Lotus. Plus there's Jeff Goldblum with a cat.

CINEMA REX

Midnight

Brotherhood of the Wolf (Le Pacte des loups) [CC]

R—2001—144m

Dir. Christophe Gans w/ Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos, Jérémie Renier

Language: French with English subtitles

Join us in this horror/thriller hunt through the 18th century French countryside. This film has wonderful cinematography and martial arts fight scenes and won the César Award for Best Costume Design. Based loosely on actual events, the Chevalier de Fronsac and his Iroquis friend Mani (AKA the Chairman from Iron Chef America!) are sent to the Gevaudan province at the king's behest to investigate the killing of hundreds by a mysterious beast. Basically, a sexy French movie with fight scenes and wolves.

SATURDAY

10:00am

Mulan

G—1998—97m

Dirs. Tony Bancroft, Barry Cook w/ Ming-Na Wen, Eddie Murphy, BD Wong

Based on a Chinese folktale, this film punches above its weight with regards to the agency of women in a traditional patriarchy. Fa Mulan uses costuming to disguise herself so she can take her aging father's place in the military and possesses truly incredible sleeve technology that removes heavy makeup from her face with one wipe in the most memorable scene of the film. People who wear makeup remain stunned 25 years later.

11:30am

Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (Theatrical Version) [CC]

PG—1977—121m

Dir. George Lucas w/ Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher

This film needs no introduction. But it has groundbreaking special effects and costumes. Winner of the Oscar for Best Costume Design 1977, we felt it was worth another viewing of the ORIGINAL THEATRICAL VERSION on the big screen. Come watch it in your Star Wars cosplay! #HanShotFirst

2:00pm

Batman & Robin [CC]

PG-13—1997—125m

Dir. Joel Schumacher w/ Arnold Schwarzenegger, George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell

Riff with Duck Washington, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, and Jeremy Stomberg. We suspect George Clooney bribed someone so he could pass off the top billed spot to someone else. This movie is the reason there are laws about nipples being indecent. We'd make a drinking game where you take a sip for every cold-related pun Arnold delivers, but we have to clean the room ourselves.

4:30pm

Bahubali: The Beginning [CC]

NR—2015—159m

Dir. S.S. Rajamouli w/ Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty

Language: Telugu with English subtitles

Cará's pick! Indian cinema is coming to Rex! Widely regarded as one of the greatest Indian epic action films, the story follows Sivudu, an adventurous young man who scales the imposing mountain next to his village to find the girl of his dreams. When he finds her, he helps his love rescue Devasena, the former queen of Mahishmati who is now a prisoner under the tyrannical rule of King Bhallaladeva. He also realizes his true destiny as he attempts to reclaim his father's rightful throne. As with most Tollywood flicks (those filmed in the Telugu language instead of Hindi), this has a compelling story, striking visuals, epic fight scenes, powerful movie score, and of course some dancing. Who doesn't love dancing?

7:30pm

The Hidden

R—1987—97m

Dir. Jack Sholder w/ Kyle MacLachlan, Michael Nouri, Claudia Christian

Dave's pick! In an era of synthesizers and shoulder pads, "The Hidden" manages to strike the perfect balance of buddy cop 80s nostalgia and timeless storytelling. So buckle up as we embark on an intergalactic joyride rife with explosions, car chases, and a funky alien parasite with a penchant for fast cars and heavy metal. Content warning: a dog dies in this movie.

CINEMA REX

9:30pm Trailer Park

Moved later in the weekend by popular request! Stop by our concession stand for popcorn and candy and grab a seat on one of the couches to check out trailers for upcoming films and other fun stuff.

Content warning: horror film previews may be included.

10:30pm Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon [CC]

PG-13—2000—120m

Dir. Ang Lee w/ Chow Yun-Fat, Michelle Yeoh, Ziyi Zhang

Language: Chinese with English subtitles

Who doesn't love Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh? Especially when she is kicking butt. This groundbreaking wuxia action film from Ang Lee took a 1940's novel and transformed it into a tragic fable, a feminist story of repression, and a heartbreaking love story with superhuman feats of pre-CGI martial arts choreography and sweeping cinematography. If you haven't seen it on the big screen since it first premiered, you'll want to watch it again in Rex.

2:30am Kick-Ass

R—2010—117m

Dir. Matthew Vaughn w/ Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Nicolas Cage, Chloë Grace Moretz, Evan Peters

Kick-Ass walked so Deadpool could run. This vigilante flick shows us that all it takes to be a superhero is a homemade scuba suit costume and some plucky teenage gumption, although a room full of jetpacks and rocket launchers goes a long way, too. Content warning: this film contains strobe lights, drug use, torture, and more. Viewer discretion is advised.

SUNDAY

10:00am Coco

PG—2017—105m

Dirs. Lee Unkrich, Adrian Molina w/ Anthony Gonzales, Gael García Bernal

This charming animated film about a family of music-hating cobblers provides the depth of feeling that we've come to expect from Pixar productions, not that any of us secretly cried while screening it and then tried to hide it from the others. The story follows young protagonist Miguel, cleverly disguised as a skeleton, as he navigates the Land of the Dead in pursuit of an ancestor who finally approves of his guitar-playing ambitions.

Noon

Cruella [CC]

PG-13—2021—134m

Dir. Craig Gillespie w/ Emma Stone, Emma Thompson, Joel Fry

ENCORE: Did you miss this on Thursday? Remember watching 101 Dalmatians and thinking how horrid Cruella De Vil is and how terribly cute those puppies are? Can you believe there is someone actually meaner than her? Us either, until we watched Cruella. Emma Stone and Emma Thompson give stellar performances in this fashionably wicked movie about battling fashion designers, which snagged the 2021 Oscar for Best Costume Design.

2:30pm

Hellboy

PG-13—2004—122m

Dir. Guillermo del Toro w/ Ron Perlman, Doug Jones, Selma Blair

Visionary director Guillermo del Toro brings prosthetics to center stage, with regular collaborators Ron Perlman and Doug Jones joining forces to participate in the All-American activity of ... fighting Nazis! This film introduces the prototype costume that would eventually feature in the highly decorated 2017 film The Shape of Water.

4:30pm

Dave Made a Maze [CC]

NR—2017—80m

Dir. Bill Watterson w/ Meera Rohit Kumbhani, Nick Thune, Adam Busch

ENCORE: Did you miss this on Friday? Not a costume movie per se, but the set design is amazing! This fantasy/comedy/adventure/horror film centers around Dave. And he made a maze. In his living room. Entirely out of cardboard. But where this gets weird is that the maze is actually somehow a labyrinth filled with crazy traps and mythical cardboard creatures. And so, unsurprisingly, he got lost in it. So his girlfriend, Annie, and their friends enter in an attempt to rescue him and make a documentary about it. Did we mention that the entire set is made of cardboard? Because it is.

THEATER NIPPON ANIME ROOM

Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet

Come join us to enjoy anime in its natural habitat: With a group of friends in a dark room. Explore new favorites, revisit old favorites, and sing along to fan dubs like nobody's watching. Remember to enter the drawing for your chance to win fabulous prizes! Winners will be announced, with much fanfare, at the conclusion of Evangelion Redeath on Saturday night—usually a short time after midnight. You must be present to win!

THURSDAY

3:00pm–5:00pm

BOFURI: I Don't Want to Get Hurt, So I'll Max Out My Defense

PG-13—2020—Subtitled

Beginner gamer makes accidentally overpowered character to play an MMORPG with her friends. This series is a combination of the slice-of-life and isekai (portal fantasy) genres.

5:00pm–6:30pm

Chihayafuru

PG-13—2011—Dubbed

High school students aim for the national championships of a card game requiring extensive knowledge of classical poetry. This series should appeal to shoujo and sports anime fans as well as poetry enthusiasts.

6:30pm–8:00pm

Sunday Without God

R—2013—Subtitled

God has abandoned the earth, so no one can be born or die. Only gravekeepers can put those who should be dead to rest. This series is based on a series of light novels that was also adapted into a manga.

8:00pm–9:30pm

Vatican Miracle Examiner

R—2017—Subtitled

Vatican miracle investigators get caught up investigating murder mysteries as well, and deal with meddling alchemists. Of all the portrayals of Christianity in anime, this isn't the least realistic.

9:30pm–11:30pm

Yu Yu Hakusho

PG-13—1992—Dubbed

After dying during an uncharacteristically selfless good deed, a revived high school delinquent must solve crimes for the king of hell. The series was brought to the US in 2002. Its popularity was second only to Dragon Ball Z among shonen anime at that time.

11:30pm–1:00am

Nescaflowne

R—2003—Parody—Dubbed

High school track star is transported to another world to defeat the evil Starbach Empire. If you can recognize all of the references in this classic fan parody dub, you've probably seen a mind-boggling amount of anime.

FRIDAY

8:00am–10:00am

Astro Boy

G—1963—Dubbed

A scientist tries to replace his dead son with a robot, but rejects the robot for being an imperfect copy. The robot finds a new family and decides to fight evil. This series by Osamu Tezuka is considered the first anime

10:00am–11:30am

Princess Tutu

PG-13—2002—Dubbed

Duck falls in love with amnesiac prince and becomes a girl who sometimes becomes a magical ballerina to fix his shattered heart. This series mixes magical girl elements into a fairy tale story.

11:30am–1:30pm

Yona of the Dawn

PG-13—2014—Subtitled

Sheltered princess flees a coup d'etat and embarks on a quest to find the dragon warriors to save her country. This anime is complete but the manga is ongoing and currently spans 40 volumes.

1:30pm–3:00pm

Humanity Has Declined

PG-13—2012—Subtitled

In a world where humanity is nearly extinct, a United Nations arbitrator must deal with faeries and their destructive pursuit of candy. This is a seinen anime based on a series of light novels.

3:00pm–4:30pm

After the Rain

PG-13—2018—Subtitled

High school girl navigates an injury that forces her to give up track and field, and her developing feelings for the manager at her job. Slice-of-life and not as creepy as the age-gap might suggest.

4:30pm–6:00pm

Young Black Jack

PG-13—2015—Subtitled

A medical student with a dark past works to become a surgeon amid student protests, war and corruption. This series is based on Osamu Tezuka's Black Jack and serves as a prequel.

6:00pm–8:30pm

Gundam Wing

PG-13—1995—Dubbed

Teenage boys must pilot giant robots so space colonies can win independence from the government of earth. This is the sixth Gundam series and is set in a different timeline than the original.

8:30pm–10:00pm

Petshop of Horrors

R—1999—Dubbed

People face dire and disturbing consequences when they fail to follow the care instructions for their unusual new pets. The original manga has several spin-off series, including one currently being published.

10:00pm–11:30pm

Blade of the Immortal

R—2019—Subtitled

A cursed samurai must kill 1000 evil men to regain his mortality. This story, originally an Eisner Award-winning manga, has been adapted into two anime series as well as a live-action movie.

11:30pm–1:00am

Fanboy Bebop

R—Parody—Dubbed

Anime fans attending the largest anime convention in the universe end up having to save the con from the machinations of a burned-out fanboy. This classic parody dub recalls a time when all dubs were terrible and you were lucky to get any anime at all.

SATURDAY

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10:00am–Noon

Princess Knight

PG-13—1967—Dubbed

Princess masquerades as prince to protect her kingdom from her evil uncle, since only men can inherit the throne. Osamu Tezuka used inspiration from Takarazuka Review to create a series intended for girls.

Noon–2:00pm

Fruits Basket

PG-13—2019—Subtitled

Optimistic orphan befriends a mysterious family of beautiful people who can inexplicably not afford professional therapy. This series is the second anime adaptation of the popular manga, and covers the story in its entirety.

2:00pm–3:30pm

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5:00pm–7:00pm

Blue Drop

PG-13—2007—Subtitled

Alien undercover on earth to prepare for invasion gets to know lone survivor of an island her ship destroyed. This yuri series is a prequel to two manga stories set after the human-Arume war.

7:00pm–8:30pm

NANA

R—2006—Dubbed

Two women with the same name meet and end up living together as they pursue their dreams in Tokyo. This shoujo series is based on an award-winning and popular manga.

8:30pm–10:00pm

Vinland Saga

R—2019—Dubbed

As the Danes attempt to conquer England, a viking must kill the man who killed his father. Both this series and the original manga are award-winning, and the second season was released in 2023.

10:00pm–11:30pm

Alice in Borderland

R—2014—Subtitled

Directionless teens are mysteriously transported to another world where they are forced to compete in murder games. Netflix has released two seasons of a live-action adaptation.

11:30pm–1:00am

Evangelion Redeath

R—2000—Parody—Dubbed

A young man comes of age and pilots a giant robot while his father plots the end of the world. This classic fan parody dub is best enjoyed in loud groups. It doesn't matter if you don't know all the references, come sing along!

SUNDAY

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The Life of Budori Gusuko

G—2012—Subtitled

Strange weather causes a famine that forces a young boy to leave home to look for work and try to solve the problem. This is the second anime adaptation of the 1932 novel and, like the manga adaptation, portrays the characters as cats.

11:30am–1:30pm

Mobile Suit Gundam

PG-13—1979—Dubbed

In the grim, dark future of humanity, there is only war and giant robots. The first installment in the Gundam franchise, this series was notable for portraying giant robots as tools of war rather than heroes.

1:30pm–3:30pm

Kakushigoto

PG-13—2020—Subtitled

Raunchy manga artist and single father goes to extremes to keep his daughter from learning about his job. This is a cute slice-of-life comedy series that parents might find highly relatable.

THE HOLODECK

Hyatt 6 Gymnasium

The Holodeck is a space for panels or activities that do not fit in a standard panel room or format. All are welcome to visit the Holodeck to watch or participate in the planned activities. Please be respectful of performers, presenters, and participants. Any activity that involves audience participation may require participants to sign a waiver.

Thursday	Noon–10:00pm
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Sunday	9:00am–2:00pm

THURSDAY

1:00pm–1:30pm Early Birds Get The Ribbon!

Early Birds Get The Ribbon! Come on over to the Holodeck to trade Ribbons with your fellow collectors and plan your ribbon collecting strategies! Happy Ribbon Hunting!

2:00pm–3:30pm The Saber Legion

We are the Minnesota Charter for the Saber Legion! We are a full contact LED Saber Combat organization. Join us for a full demonstration of how our competitions and matches go, a description of our rules, gear required, and a Q&A afterwards. *Chris Nguyen*

5:30pm–6:30pm Get Measured for a Chest Binder!

Safe binding requires a good fit. Stop by for a quick measurement in a private pop up pod and leave with your 2023 gc2b brand size. Sorry, no actual binders to try on. Will have a waitlist app to streamline the wait! Hosted by Sartorial PT and Wellness. *Ashley D Haapapuro*

7:00pm–8:00pm Improv for Cosplayers

You have your perfect costume planned, but how do you move, pose, or react as your character? Fearless Comedy Productions is here to help you stretch your improv muscles with questions, exercises, and techniques to take your character to the next level! *Eric Thompson*

8:30pm–10:00pm The Silent Dance Party!

Have you ever wanted to dance your heart out but didn't like the music? Was the Music too loud and/or over stimulating? Holodeck has a fun surprise for you! Bring your own head phones or ear buds and we will set the dance party mood! *Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer*

FRIDAY

Noon–2:00pm Assassins' Guild Boffing Practice

Are you not feeling particularly competitive and just want to hit friends, loved-ones, or other con-goers with foam padded weapons? Feel free to do so in this practice event. No need to feel intimidated, relax, and have fun fighting *David Bianchi*

2:30pm–3:00pm Set Up-Costume Wars

Costume Wars Set Up

3:00pm–5:00pm Costume Wars

Teams of two are provided with an assortment of materials with which to produce a costume in just 1 hour. Strict limit of 25 teams. Register at the masquerade table on the Nicollet promenade before 1pm on Friday.

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7:00pm–8:00pm Stage Presence for Geeks!

Have you wanted to present your cosplay in a masquerade but find your performance lacking? Do you want to spice up your confidence when it comes to any type of performance? This class will teach you strategies you can use for CON and beyond! *Chantalle Uzan*

8:30pm–10:00pm Sing-A-Long Karaoke

There are those who love to sing karaoke, and those who love to watch karaoke! We have a fun party for you, come to sing, watch, OR Sing-A-Long! Come wrap up an amazing evening at CONvergence with some karaoke and friends. *Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer*

10:00pm–10:30pm Clean Up-Karaoke

Karaoke Clean Up

SATURDAY

Noon–3:00pm Assassins' Guild Boffing Tournament

Welcome to the 14th Assassin's Guild Boffing Tournament! We are back post-covid! Compete against your fellow con-goer by hitting each other with foam padded weapons! Trophies will be awarded to the top combatants! *David Bianchi*

3:30pm–5:00pm Introduction to Historic European Martial Arts

Join the Red River Fencing Club for a lesson and demonstration of traditional European saber and longsword fencing. *Parker Lehman*

THE HOLODECK

5:30pm–6:00pm

**Harisen Daiko - The Holodeck
Preview**

Sit way up close and feel the beat reverberate through your very bones. The acoustics in the Holodeck are no joke, and the big drums adore them. So if you'd like an early taste, or to fill your Con with maximum taiko, join us for our Holodeck preview. *Harisen Daiko*

8:00pm–9:30pm

**Sexy Patrick Just Dance-A-Thon
(18+)**

Come join the steamy group of Sexy Patrick's for a Just Dance-A-Thon like you have never seen before! Attend as a potential participant or an audience member! You may be the one to take home the trophy and be named the best dancer of Bikini Bottom! *Nat Hagstrom*

SUNDAY

11:00am–11:30am

**Ribbons at the End of the
Universe**

Wrap up the quest for the ribbons with one final 2023 ribbon trading event. Come to trade, share, discuss the ribbons to complete the CONvergence 2023 ribbon hunt.

11:30am–1:30pm

Renaissance Dance Lessons

Do you enjoy visiting the local renaissance festivals? Have you never been? Join us for some dancing and get a taste of the renaissance era. We teach a variety of English Country dances designed for any from age 2 to 102, and some other dances, too! *Natasha Jo Krentz, Terpsichory Courtly Dance Troupe*



HARMONIC CONVERGENCE

Hyatt 2 Regency Room

Harmonic CONvergence is an intimate music venue, by and for the members of CONvergence. On the HarmCON stage you can see and hear everything from rock to filk to comedy songs to hip-hop to electronic music, burlesque, and beyond. Find us in the Regency Room on the second floor of the Hyatt. We hope you'll join us to experience the amazing talent in our CVG community!

THURSDAY

5:00pm–6:00pm **Candles Enough**

We are an eclectic mix of filk, pop, and parodies. We believe there is light at the end of any tunnel, and sometimes that light is giggling. Also, we play MadLibs: The Music Edition with our audience. Find us at: facebook.com/candlesenough

Kelly Reich, Sarah Ravelly

7:00pm–8:00pm **Matthew Seipel-Anderson & the Nerdy Folks**

Matthew Seipel-Anderson & the Nerdy Folks bring a blend of acoustic soul and electronic fun to the stage. Be inspired by songs about cybernetic enhancements or shed a tear to ballads about box-office disappointment. www.nerdyfolks.com

Matthew Seipel-Anderson

8:30pm–9:30pm **Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre**

Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre uses sci-fi as a doorway into work about abolition, healthy masculinity, antifascism, and beyond. He'll be backed by the live production of SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE. More: www.guante.info. IG: @GuanteSolo.

Guante, See More Perspective

10:00pm–11:00pm **Dissociate**

Dissociate, the science fiction-inspired dark electronic project from musician and sound designer Jonathan L. Ford, creates aural chaos from hardware sound sources, live synths, triggered samples and abused filter banks in real-time.

Jonathan Ford

11:30pm–12:30am **Nerdlesque: This Cosplay is REMOVABLE! (18+)**

This cosplay was built to COME OFF! Join us for your annual dose of pop culture-infused burlesque entertainment. Our cast will present your favorite characters dripping in rhinestones, glitter, and sequins with a wink and smile!

Mona Montague, Opiumm Hayze, Opiumm Hayze, Sinasaurus Vex, and a bevy of other burlesque babes.

FRIDAY

11:00am–Noon

Dave Stagner

Dave doesn't do genre. Delicate instrumental one minute, raunchy comedy the next, heartwrenching story song after that, then a twisted pop cover. Whatever moves him that moment.

Dave Stagner

12:30pm–1:30pm

Nate Bucklin

After six decades of making, writing, and sharing music, the greater part of it in Twin Cities fandom, there can't be many reading this who don't already know Nate's music. If you are one of those, you are in for a treat. So are the rest of us.

Nate Bucklin

2:00pm–3:00pm

Scott Keever

Scott Keever is not a bounty hunter (or a nerfherder) BUT he is a Guitarist and Composer who plays (Han) solo fingerstyle guitar. His styles range from Celtic to Balkan, blues to classical. He will release his album Solo Guitar - Vol. 2 later this year.

Scott Keever

3:30pm–4:30pm

Tanya Brody

Tanya Brody is a harper-singer-songwriter who plays everything from traditional Celtic music to amusing original pieces. Alternating between harp and guitar, Tanya's performance will stir your heart and tickle your funny bone. www.tanyabrody.com

Tanya Brody

5:00pm–6:00pm

Versatile Fluff

Want to hear gender-neutral love songs that can span multiverses or survive the zombie apocalypse? Songs based on internet memes? New takes on Star Trek themes and video game music? Do you just love harmonica and folk-punk guitar? Come listen!

Grenevic Sharladanel Stremski, Reverend Rebecca Nathaniel Elfprincess

7:00pm–8:00pm

Handsome Midnight

Handsome Midnight is an alt-rock band from the Twin Cities. They have released 5 albums exploring hard rock, pop punk, rock, and acoustic. Their album Radio is due out mid 2023. They bring pop culture themes and current events into their music.

Steve, Chud, Kyle, Brian

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8:30pm–9:30pm

Nemesissy

Nemesissy plays a unique blend of punk, post-punk, surf, and rock to please your ears and worry your betters. Our shows are high energy and aggressive with a dash of geeky silliness. Sound guys love us.

Abby Eggen, Nichole Cassavant, Perry Kennedy, Eric Larson

10:00pm–11:00pm

Bad September

Bad September is the Twin Cities' foremost steampunk rock band. Their lyrical songs of love, loss, and alternate history will rock you into the last century! Find them online at www.badseptember.com

John Heimbuch, Michael Borchert, Elizabeth Borchert, Charles Borchert, Keith Prusak, Rob Prusak

11:30pm–12:30am

The Band Formerly Known as SlytherPuff

The Band Formerly Known as SlytherPuff is a local comedic musical duo. They write songs about their favorite fandoms including Marvel, DC, Doctor Who, Harry Potter, and more! Join them for their new name reveal during the performance!

Maren Aalgaard, Morgan Strickland

SATURDAY

11:00am–Noon

Ravenscroft Musicke Guild

With great power, there must also come great power chords! Come hear our selections of epic soundtracks from movies, TV, anime, and video games, arranged for string quartet, harp, recorder, dulcimer, percussion, and more.

Eve Zabronsky, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Kathleen O'Laughlin, Rin Kilde, Chris Mortika, Stephanie Claussen

12:30pm–1:30pm

Tambo-Rian

Are you a sapphic genderqueer woman with a hard-on for geeky fantasy who has OCD & writes songs? No? Good cause that's kinda my thing & there can only be one. Join me for funny geeky songs fit for a renaissance fest. Find more at heliograph.art

Rian Vellichor

2:00pm–3:00pm

The Toader

The Toader is a video game music musician who plays classical guitar, accordion, bass guitar, mandolin, and more. Listen to acoustic arrangements from The Legend of Zelda, Xenoblade Chronicles, and other video game franchises.

The Toader and friends

3:30pm–4:30pm

Fistful of Datas

More exhilarating than reaching the summit of the Aggro Crag, more pleasing to the ear than a dial-up signal, Fistful of Datas is the Twin Cities' foremost '90s cover band that also shares a name with a Star Trek TNG episode. www.facebook.com/fistfulofdat

Liz Lodermeier, Keith Lodermeier, Mackenzie Lahren, Reynold Kissling, Maya Burroughs

5:00pm–6:00pm

Fuzzy Machete

Fuzzy Machete erupted onto the nascent nerd punk scene in 2009 and have been a Con staple ever since. With Tara, Robin, and Krissandra, this all women trio incorporate themes of fandom, rock, and good vibes! <https://linktr.ee/fuzzymachete>

Robbin Lundahl, Tara Grimmer, Krissandra Anfinson, Keith Lundahl

7:00pm–7:30pm

General Synesthesia

A psychedelic, synesthetic experience that will perplex the senses and bend reality. A recklessly curated mélange of melodies and maladies most exquisite.

Salted Caramel Dan, Karnitschnig, Toxoplasmosis, Jeff Henry, Noel Miller, Kareem Oda Q'rop

7:30pm–8:00pm

Rancho Unicornio

A not-so-average coverage band... with unicorns!

Felice Piantek, Kareem Oda Q'rop

8:30pm–9:30pm

Loreweavers

Loreweavers, Bards of the Modern Age, bring fantasy soundtracks to a wider audience. Inspired by tavern music in The Witcher and Skyrim, as well as Irish tunes and shanties, Loreweavers immerse their audience in a world of wonder and adventure.

Alfonso Loreweaver, The Great Borotan, Edwyn of Greymist, Randolph the Drunk, Mal'Grub, Brämfort the Brave

10:00pm–11:00pm

The Dregs

The Dregs have been performing at CONvergence for a long time and bring a mix of traditional Irish music along with geeky original comedy and a willingness to perform any song you request, even if they don't know it. And they probably don't.

Tim Wick, Susanne Becker, Paul Score, Trevor Hartman, Molly Zupon, Rian Vellichor

GAMING

CONvergence has round-the-clock gaming on the 4th Floor of the Hyatt!

Not a gamer? Everyone's a gamer! If you've ever played Exploding Kittens and enjoyed it enough to want to play again, you're a gamer. Played Dungeons & Dragons? We have, too! World of Darkness, Eclipse Phase, Numenara, Shadowrun, or Call of Cthulhu? We have the role-playing games you love, both old and new! Classic geek games like Settlers of Catan, Kill Doctor Lucky, FLUXX, and Tsuro are part of our DNA. We play all manner of games here from Magic: the Gathering and Munchkin and Time Stories to Half-Life II and Starcraft. We'd love to see you join us!

We're located in the following rooms:

- Gaming Front Desk—Boundary Waters Foyer
- Open Gaming—Boundary Waters A and Foyer
- Board Game Demos—Boundary Waters B and Foyer
- Magic: the Gathering—Boundary Waters Foyer
- RPG Gaming—Boundary Waters C

Come roll some dice, shoot virtual critters, draw maps, flip cards, kill monsters and take their stuff... and meet new friends at CONvergence Gaming!

Gaming Schedule

There are many gaming events during CONvergence! The final gaming schedule can be found on the CONvergence Schedule (www.convergence-con.org/at-the-con/schedule/). Additional events will be added and, if necessary, events may be moved to different locations. Check the schedule or come to the Gaming Front Desk in the Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer to see the list of scheduled games!

Please note that signing up for an event on the Sched.org page does not constitute a sign-up for that event, it only serves to indicate your interest in the event. To register, you'll need to come in person to the Gaming Front Desk in the Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer and sign up for the events in which you'd like to participate.

Gaming Front Desk

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer

The Gaming Front Desk is open from 9:00am–10:00pm each day for questions regarding activities in the department and for reporting Gaming volunteer hours. Come to the Gaming Front Desk to see the schedule of games for the day and to sign up to play a board game demo or TTRPG session!

Open Gaming

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A & Foyer

Come grab a game and chill, or get in on a pick-up game. Come play! Bring your friends, bring a game, or borrow a game from the Gaming Library!

Thursday	9:00am–Midnight
Friday	9:00am–Midnight
Saturday	9:00am–Midnight
Sunday	9:00am–3:30pm

Board Game Demos

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters B & Foyer

Come see our special gaming guests as they present demos and one-shot games. This room remains all-ages throughout the convention.

Thursday	11:00am–Midnight
Friday	9:00am–Midnight
Saturday	9:00am–Midnight
Sunday	9:00am–3:30pm

Role-Playing Games

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C

Mainly role-playing games, but may also include more complex or longer-running board games. For all your tabletop RPG needs, this room is open daily.

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Magic: The Gathering

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer

Casual play is encouraged! This room remains all-ages throughout the convention.

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After-Hours Overnight Open Gaming

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Foyer

Late night party games, bring-your-own social gaming experience. The Boundary Waters Foyer will remain open after Midnight for Bring-Your-Own-Game open gaming, though the Gaming Library will not be available during these hours to borrow games.

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Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade

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2:00pm–3:30pm **Kids D&D Adventure Club: The Trouble With Goblins**

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade

Goblins are always the bad guys, right? In this session, adventurers learn just how sneaky goblins can be! D&D Adventure Club has streamlined 5e D&D rules perfect for kids just starting out with TTRPGs. Pre-built character sheets provided. Ages 5+

2:00pm–7:30pm

Tomb of the Wizard King

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C

You've been hired by the Sovereign of the land to investigate the Tomb of the Wizard King. Now that its location has been discovered, the Sovereign has assembled an adventuring party to excavate the tomb, and unearth its secrets.

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How Much For Just The Bulldogs?

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C

A small performing troupe calls on the Transgalaxy Pangalactic Corporation to transport them to their new colony homeworld, situated in the no man's space between the Ken Reeg and Rygyllian spheres of influence so of course NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN!

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Rebellion, Reward and a Rascal's Ruse

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It was supposed to be a simple cargo run to Tekazzil, but simple cargo runs never stay simple, do they? Now you're in the middle of the biggest den of vipers in the galaxy: High society. And they want what you have.

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Pathfinder 2nd Edition: Learn to Play

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Red Dragon Inn Saturday Night Special

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Weary adventurers, welcome to the Red Dragon Inn! Relax and have a brew while you gamble, drink, brawl, and cheat your way to being the last one standing!

9:30pm–12:30am

Storytelling/Narrative Game

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C

Let's play a narrative game. Fiasco, Blue Beard's Bride, or Trophy Dark! Sign up and we can decide what we are playing when we are all together!

SUNDAY

9:30am–10:30am

Kids learn to play: CATAN Junior

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters Promenade

A CATAN ADVENTURE FOR FLEDGLING SWASHBUCKLERS! CATAN Junior lets younger players experience the world of CATAN by introducing a simpler playing style. Designed for players as young as 6, it's the perfect introduction to the CATAN series of games for kids.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Hyatt 4 Lake of the Isles

Welcome from the CONvergence Photography Department! Our team of passionate photographers is dedicated to capturing the excitement and energy of this one-of-a-kind event through our photography services. From candid shots of fans enjoying the convention to stunning images of cosplay and panel discussions, our team is committed to documenting every aspect of this exciting weekend. Members of the department will be identifiable by their official badges.

We will be out and about everywhere at the convention but we do have a home: the Lake of the Isles room on the 4th floor across from Connie's Space Lounge. We will be open

Thursday–Saturday 10:00am–11:00pm (or later if busy) and Sunday 10:00–3:00pm. Because we are sure people will be looking for quality pictures of their costumes, we will have professional strobe lights set up on Friday and Saturday evenings in Lake of the Isles. Stop by and let us take your picture! We will be posting our pictures on Smugmug and the official CVG Facebook page. Please give us a few weeks to get everything organized and posted.

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Helpful reminders tweeted during the convention so you can make the most of your weekend.

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CONvergenceCon.tumblr.com

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@convergence_con:

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CONvergenceTube Channel:

Videos of panels and events at CONvergence. youtube.com/CONvergenceTube

Masquerade Channel:

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PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

THURSDAY

2:00pm–3:00pm

Fiction that Makes You Want to Read History

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

What fiction have you read or seen that made you want to learn about the actual history? How many of us started reading about Egyptian history after seeing “The Mummy”? *Bex Stockton (mod), Cat Beltran, Nate Wulver, Skazka 9000, Stephanie Cranford*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Favorite Video Essays and YouTube Essayists

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Who are your favorite YouTube personalities and which video series are you sharing with friends? *Boris Smelov, Donald Poleke (mod), Joseph Lauer, Justin Edward Grays, Melanie Reap*

2:00pm–3:00pm

She-Hulk (TV) Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Charlene Holm (mod), Lathan Murrell, Nik Armstrong, Peter M Avirom, Renate Fiora

2:00pm–3:00pm

Creating Yourself

Hyatt 2 Greenway I



In this uber-connected digital age, we are all brands. Luckily, you get to choose how you present yourself, your art, and your business to the world. It’s about being intentional about who you are and how you present to the world. *Dave Walbridge, Janelle Kloth, John Heimbuch (mod), Joy Ward, Viga*

2:00pm–3:00pm

How to Dress a World

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Fashion is a language and an important part of human history. Thus, when worldbuilding, we show culture through what people wear. Let’s play a game. With prompts from the audience, I’ll help you build worlds and cultures through fashion history. *Samantha Rei*

2:00pm–6:00pm

Crafting Circle

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.

2:00pm–3:00pm

Costumes of Star Trek Fan Productions

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

This panel will talk about costuming in Star Trek, and Star Trek fan productions such as those at the Historic Mounds Theater “Klingon Christmas Carol” and “It’s an Honorable Life”. Example costumes will be brought in and discussed. *Alex Bajwa, Dave Rand-McKay, Heather Jeanne Rand-McKay (mod), Jason Kruger, Jessica Johnson*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Libraries: Not Just for Books Anymore

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Many local library systems now let you check out audiobooks, ebooks, movies, and more! How are libraries adapting to our current environment, and what might be in store for the future? *Crystal Kelleher (mod), Dave Margosian, Meredith Gillies, Morgan Strickland, Peter M Avirom*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Cosplay 101

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Come learn some tips and tricks, the ups and downs and ins and outs in a fun free form discussion all about the wonderful world of cosplay. *Alex Bren, Jenna J Lindeke Heavenrich, Knightmage, T. Aaron Cisco, Bridget Landy*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Wednesday Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Cetius d’Raven (mod), Janelle Kloth, Kethry Melissa Muggleton, Susan Lundberg

3:30pm–4:30pm

Welcome to CONvergence

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

This panel of volunteers will explain to you how to make the most of your time here. Suggestions include how to choose what to see and do, how to take care of yourself, and volunteering opportunities. *Geoff Wessendorf, Jeanne Mealy, Nick Glover, Pete Lane, Rachel Poleke (mod)*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Writing in Shared Worlds

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

How do writers working in shared worlds put their own stamp on things while remaining respectful of each others’ work? *Becca Justiniano (mod), Maurice Broaddus, Philip D Henry, Walt Boyes*

5:00pm–6:00pm

How to Survive a Quaint English Village

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

The quaint English village is a trope of the murder mystery. Why is this such a classic, and why do shows like “Midsomer Murders” still have such appeal? *Amada Marquez Simula, Ann Laabs, Christopher Daniels, Lana Rosario (mod), Randee Dawn*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

5:00pm–6:00pm

Afro-Steampunk

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Steampunk has downplayed “darker” aspects of the 19th century, such as sexism, classism, and racism. Afrofuturism addresses African-American concerns in SF, and has sometimes used steampunk as a backdrop. Discuss the intersection of these two genres. *Lathan Murrell, Maurice Broaddus, Samantha Rei, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Everything Everywhere All at Once

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Rarely has a title been a mission statement. This movie is horror, comedy, romance, and an examination of family trauma. It has butt plug kung fu. It will make you cry. Not during the butt plug kung fu. Let’s talk about it. *Gabriela Felice Santiago, Jason V Hemming (mod), John Heimbuch, John Rasmussen, TK*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Double-Blind Improv

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Double-Blind Improv is a random-draw short-form improv show where you never know what might happen because neither do we! Presented by Fearless Comedy Productions. *Breanna Cecile, Eric Thompson, Garrick A Dietze, Kelvin Hatle, Rian Vellichor*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Splitting and Fitting Patterns for Better Cosplay

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Splitting pattern pieces to change the size of the finished garment is an easy way to adapt many patterns for an improved fit and easier construction. The panel also includes measuring techniques for a better looking garment. *Laurie Fournier*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Grimm’s Fairy Tales

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

What are the themes? How do the popular ones end? How do authors reinterpret these stories? From Catherynne Valente’s Snow White themed stories to the works of Tanith Lee, these fairy tales still have power. *Megan Noel Johnson, Naomi Kritzer, Renate Fiora (mod), Stephanie Zvan*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Year in MCU

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Another year, another parade of Marvel movies and television. Let’s discuss the latest developments in the MCU. *Charlene Holm, Dave Margosian, Mark Lundberg (mod), Robert Becka, Shaun Duke*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Tamora Pierce Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Former Guest of Honor Tamora Pierce is one of the best fantasy writers working today. Her Alanna series changed the genre and her worldbuilding continues to expand. This fan panel will talk about her work, themes, and characters. *Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod), Meredith Gillies, Nicole Fay Armstrong, Teddy Cooper*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Friends of Bill W

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

7:00pm–8:00pm

Infinity Hour Live!

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Join us for a live recording of the Infinity Hour Interdimensional Talk Show. Sponsored by the Infinity Corporation, creators of Ego-B-Gone, TimeLine Share Alternate Reality Resort Getaways, and an infinite number of other incredible products! *Eric Karn, Jeff Henry, Nick Henry*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Films of Spike Lee

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Filmmaker Spike Lee has had a long and storied career in Hollywood. This panel will discuss key themes and attributes in his films as well as give recommendations on what to watch if you’re new to his filmography or a seasoned veteran. *AlyssaRose Jordan-Bird, T. Aaron Cisco, Garrick A Dietze (mod), Jonathan Palmer*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Picard

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Now that the third season is over, what worked in the show? What didn’t work? Did Tom Hardy show up as Picard’s clone complete with a goofy French accent? Are we disappointed that he didn’t show up with a goofy French accent? Do Borg time problems hurt? *James McMahon, Jen Johnsen, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Justin Edward Grays, Renate Fiora (mod)*

8:30pm–9:30pm

And Historians Shook Their Heads

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Shakespeare’s plays, Hamilton, Braveheart, and Philippa Gregory are all great entertainment, but questionable history. Discuss popular entertainment that makes historians cringe. *Alexander Robert Seymour (mod), Ann Laabs, Bex Stockton, Erica Fair, Kendrick Edmund Cronin*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Build-a-Scare 2: the Sequel

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Would you like to learn to make monsters and learn more about a great non-Wizards of the Coast game? Join us and participate in making a monster that will be mostly designed by you the participant! *Caytlin Neuberger, Ken Merriman*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

10:00pm–11:00pm

Year In Horror

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Books, movies, TV/streaming, podcasts, comics, social media—so many options for horror fans to get their fix! Join us as we discuss horror highlights of this past year, some of the misses, and our favorites. *Ann Laabs, Charlene Holm, Jason V Hemming, Randee Dawn (mod), Skazka 9000*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Boozy Baking: Round Three FIGHT!!!

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Cheer for your favorite Boozy Baker as they carve outfits for our beloved CVG mascots out of baked goods. Who will win? Connie or MKII? How much of a mess will Angela and Dawn make this time? (SPOILER ALERT: IT'S GONNA BE A HUGE MESS...AGAIN) *Angela Fox, Christopher Jones, David Menzhuber, Dawn Krosnowski, Evelyn Menzhuber, Jason Kruger, **Knightmage**, Lorine EB Menzhuber, Michael Bloom, Nathan Gerber, Nick Menzhuber, **Samantha Rei***

10:00pm–11:00pm

Elements of Style: Adult Stories in Costume

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

You ever hear stories? You ever hear stories...IN COSTUME? Some of the Twin Cities' top telling talent dons their most dashing duds to spin yarns that would make Strunk turn White and get us kicked out of your local library. *Jeff Henry, Margo Prescott, Michael A O'Leary, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Ermagerd! Der Vampir!

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Before movies and books, vampires appeared in only poetry. The first vampire in literature just turned 275 years old: the German "Der Vampir". This hybrid presentation/performance will explore this spooky poem and its impact on the undead yet to come. *Brian Forrest, John Heimbuch*

FRIDAY

9:30am–10:30am

Masquerade 101

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Get your questions answered about participating in the Masquerade by the Masquerade director and staff. *Donald Kaiser*

9:30am–10:30am

Longtermism: Planning for Future Humanity

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

We live at a tipping point for humanity. What we do, now, affects trillions not yet born. What should we be doing? "Future people count. There could be a lot of them. We can make their lives go better." - William McAskill, What We Owe the Future. *Dave Stagner, Arthur J Kneeland, Kethry Melissa Muggleton, Stephanie Zvan (mod), Walt Boyes*

9:30am–10:30am

Perseverance and Ingenuity

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Former Guest of Honor Bridget Landry presents on NASA's Perseverance and Ingenuity—with pictures! *Bridget Landry*

9:30am–10:30am

To Read Or Not To Read: The Role of Cover Art

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

How does cover art influence our decision to read a book... or not? *Christopher Jones, Kristina George, Patrick William Marsh, Scott Jamison (mod), T. Aaron Cisco*

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Meet and Greet—Maurice Broaddus

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Maurice Broaddus

11:00am–Noon

Meet and Greet—Lee Brontide

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Lee Brontide

11:00am–Noon

Comic Book Movies: What Would You Want to See?

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

In this panel, we discuss the comic books that either have yet to be adapted or failed so profoundly that they need a proper adaptation? What would you like to see turned into a movie? What should never be adapted? Grimjack? Love & Rockets? Man-Thing? *Mark Lundberg, Nick Glover, Robert Becka (mod), Shaun Duke*

11:00am–Noon Owl House Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Gabriela Felice Santiago (mod), Michael Schatz, Nathaniel Bird, Rachel Poleke, TK

11:00am–Noon Clothes Make the Being

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Let's talk about what a character's costume tells us about the character. Like how a collar high enough to cut off your peripheral vision usually means you're a bad guy and the classic "good guy has a white hat" trope. *Ansel Johnson, Charlene Holm, Dana Baird (mod), Danith McPherson, **Samantha Rei***

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

11:00am–Noon

Poirot (TV) Retrospective

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

It's been 10 years since the series starring David Suchet wrapped. Let's talk about this series and why this character has endured for more than 100 years. *Alexandra J Howes, Amada Marquez Simula, Cetius d'Raven (mod), L Horton, Morgan Strickland*

11:00am–Noon

Remote Education: What Did We Learn?

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

In 2020, we abruptly changed from the classroom to the couch. Discuss what worked well and how things could be improved for the future. *Becca Justiniano (mod), Lana Rosario, Melanie Reap, Renate Fiora, Scott Keever*

11:00am–Noon

Finish Your Book!

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Many people have started a book, but few ever finish. What's the secret? Published authors share their tips on getting words written, chapters finished, and books completed. Authors, come get a little tough love if you're stuck on page 57. *Alison R Sommer, Joan Marie, Naomi Kritzer, Nate Gillick, Steve Semler (mod)*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Meet and Greet—Samantha Rei

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Samantha Rei

12:30pm–1:30pm

Meet and Greet—Miss Shannan Paul

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Miss Shannan Paul

12:30pm–1:30pm

Worldbuilding 101

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Ever have an idea that won't go away but you don't know how to shape it? New details come but you don't know how to put them together? Afraid this might happen to you? Join us to learn some of the basics of worldbuilding. *Becca Justiniano (mod), Kenneth Justiniano, Maurice Broaddus, Walt Boyes*

12:30pm–1:30pm

CONspiracy: Fashioning Your Own Reality

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Our expert panel of cranks and conspiracy theorists are back to tell you the TRUTH about fashion, subjective reality, and how it all relates back to the hollow earth. Did you know it's full of jam? Most people don't due to propaganda from Big Jam. *Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Year in STEM

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

What cool things have been developed and discovered? What's new in science? Where is the space program going? *Ben San Del (mod), Bridget Landry, Colette Feehan, James Kakalios*

12:30pm–1:30pm

The Wordslinger Reading Hour: Sci-Fi and Fantasy

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Stories from other places, other times, and other universes? Find your new favorite author, sharing their tales of worlds that can't, should, or mustn't exist, in this imaginative hour of storytelling! *Catherine Hansen, Danith McPherson, Joan Marie, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Mental Illness in Media

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Join us for a discussion on mental health depictions in movies and television. *Alison R Sommer, Elliott Kios Dean, Kethry Melissa Muggleton, Megan Creasey (mod), Niles Schwartz*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Meet and Greet—T. Aaron Cisco

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

T. Aaron Cisco

2:00pm–3:00pm

Meet and Greet—phillip low

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

phillip andrew bennett low

2:00pm–3:00pm

The Villain's Journey

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

The theory of "The Hero's Journey" is long established and is a valuable tool for the writer. Villains are crucial for any hero's journey and follow a similar cycle in a narrative. Discuss the similarities and differences. *Janelle Kloth, Naomi Kritzer, Patrick William Marsh (mod), Sonni de Soto, Steve Semler*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Judging a Book by Its Cover

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Teams of "literary experts" compete to describe the plot of a book, judging only from its cover art! *Jerry Belich, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Miss Shannan Paul, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Fandom and Cancel Culture

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

J.K. Rowling said some terrible things, but I also like the H.P. books, parks, and movies. How do we, as fans, reconcile this and other problematic art and/or creators? *Elliott Kios Dean, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Lauren Grace Crabtree, Shaun Duke, Stephanie Zvan (mod)*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

2:00pm–3:30pm

Fire in My Veins: Blazing Through Life with Invisible Illness

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Living with a chronic illness is hard, horrifying, and honestly, sometimes hilarious. Storyteller Allison Broeren takes you on the romp of living life with a rare autoimmune disease. *Allison Broeren (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Party Room Hosting 101

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Have you been curious about hosting a party but wondering what it entails? Come join the CVG Parties Department and some of CONvergence's veteran room party Hosts for a live How to Host and Q&A session! *Gleir Glewwe, Jenna Powers*

3:30pm–4:30pm

ABCs of BJDs

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Learn the basics of Ball-Jointed Dolls from two long-running hobbyists. We'll teach you how to get started, basic maintenance, and customizing dolls to make them truly unique. *Alli Cassel, Lori Fischer*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Meet and Greet—Naomi Kritzer

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Naomi Kritzer

3:30pm–4:30pm

Meet and Greet—Patrick Marsh

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Patrick William Marsh

3:30pm–4:30pm

How to Be an Ally

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Despite the strides that continue to be made regarding representation and inclusion in science fiction and fantasy, the fanbase of these worlds is overwhelmingly white. What can we do to be better allies for our BIPOC friends? *Alyssa Pon-Franklin, Charlene Holm, Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod), Kiki Evon Latham, Morgan Strickland*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Master Class: Weaving

Lake Minnetonka

Have you thought about weaving your own trim or fabric for a cosplay? I'll bring my travel Saori loom for a demo, and if there is time you can try a little yourself. Feel free to bring an unfinished weaving project you need help with or just to hang out. *Ashley D Haapapuro*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Year in New Trek

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Several series are running concurrently. Engage in a discussion about Discovery, Lower Decks, Picard, Prodigy and Strange New Worlds. *Assad Khaishgi, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Joan Marie, Justin Edward Grays, Randee Dawn (mod)*

3:30pm–4:30pm

What's Your Costuming "Secret Sauce"?

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

What tips and tricks have you evolved that make your cosplay work better for you? What things do experienced costumers know that newbies have to learn the hard way? What's your one "weird trick"? *Amada Marquez Simula, Dana Baird (mod), Emma Butzer, Knightmage, Todd Murray*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Managing Your Own Career

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

How do you decide important career and life decisions? Especially if you're in a non-traditional career? How do you grow? Market? Transition? Work & retire? Where do you go for advice? We will talk to creative types on how to manage your own career. *Dave Walbridge, Dawn Krosnowski, John Heimbuch, Scott Keever, Steve Semler (mod)*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Stranger Things Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Beth Grimes, Eric Zawadzki (mod), Janelle Kloth, John Rasmussen, Skazka 9000

3:30pm–4:30pm

Tarot Swap

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Do you have too many Tarot decks or not enough Tarot decks? Do you not have any Tarot decks at all? Want to just talk Tarot with fellow enthusiast? Come to this year's Tarot Swap and add or sort through a pile of books and decks till your heart's content.

3:30pm–4:30pm

Anatomy of a Kilt

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Jamie wears one. King Charles wears one. So do bagpipers, highland dancers, and stylish individuals. Maybe you want to, too. Learn about the parts and guts of traditional hand sewn kilts, how to judge their quality, and how to wear them. *Danith McPherson*

4:00pm–5:00pm

Adventures in Ketamine

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Elizabeth Ess shares the highs (and lows) of her psychedelic, nauseating, dreamy, perfectly legal journey taking ketamine for depression. Not to be construed as medical advice! *Elizabeth Ess (mod)*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Meet and Greet—Knightmage

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Knightmage

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

5:00pm–6:00pm

Year in Movies

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Join us as we discuss our favorite cinematic discoveries that have been released since the previous CONvergence. *Amanda Nerud, Melissa Sue Kaercher (mod), Miss Shannan Paul, Peter M Aviom*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Star Wars Young and Old

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

A conversation about the state of Star Wars between fans of all ages. Help us prove Star Wars fandom can be a place of mutual love for a thing even among people with vastly different experiences and perspectives. *Courtney Azar (mod), Eric Zawadzki, Janelle Kloth, Katherine Maher, Shaun Larsen*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Science of Voice Acting

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Ever wonder how adult voice actors make themselves sound like children? Ever wonder what that looks like using ultrasound? Dr. Colette Feehan did and it was the subject of her dissertation. Learn about the science of vocalization. *Colette Feehan*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Living With Adult ADHD

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

It's much more than a lack of attention. Adults diagnosed with ADHD share their experiences, struggles, and management of the condition, and discuss how much understanding and grace they can reasonably expect from the neurotypical people in their lives. *Alyssa Pon-Franklin, Ben San Del (mod), Joseph Lauer, Ruby R Baker, Viga*

5:00pm–7:00pm

Poetry Slam Sign-Up

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D Hall

Enter a lottery to perform two three-minute poems as part of the 2023 CONvergence Poetry Slam!

5:00pm–6:00pm

Convergence Events Open Meeting

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Get an update on the latest with the organization that runs CONvergence with members of the Convergence Events Board of Directors. *CJ Mantel, Charmaine Parnell, Chase Peterson, Eric Knight, Luis Beltran, Tim Wick, William Verburg-Cunningham*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Geeky Travels

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Come talk to world travelers who have seen the nerdy tourist traps, movie filming sites, and quirky road stops to help you plan your next adventure! *Adam Art Poetter, Erica Fair, Pete Lane (mod)*

5:30pm–6:30pm

Glasses and Spectacles

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

One part storytelling, one part panel, one part challenge show! Artists are tasked to perform while doing something else at the same time. Can they tell a story while standing on one leg? Drawing a picture? Solving an algebra equation? *Catherine Hansen, Cole Sarar, Garrick A Dietze, Jena Young (mod), Robb Hollyday*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Deaths that Killed Me

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

What happens when the writers rip out your heart and kick it around for a while. What the most memorable and saddest character deaths in media? *Janelle Kloth, Mark Goldberg, Randee Dawn,, Renate Fiora, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Guess That Anime!

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Come guess anime only by its theme song for prizes and glory! Hosted by Seoulmates Podcast. *Emily Stanton*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Our Flag Means Death Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Ansel Johnson, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Megan Creasey (mod), Melissa Sue Kaercher, Samantha Rei

7:00pm–8:00pm

The CONvergence Poetry Slam

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Vogon poetry. Bilbo's Walking Song. Nevermore. The CONvergence Poetry Slam is here to celebrate words and nerds in an exciting competitive format! Show up, sign up, and if the lottery gods are kind, you may be drawn to read two three-minute poems. *Allison Broeren (mod), Catherine Hansen, Colette Feehan, Dan Marlow, Laura Evelyn Bidgood*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Friends of Bill W

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

7:00pm–8:00pm

Best Scores of 2022 (Plus Extras!)

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

We're back! Kayla, Duck, and Dave share their picks for best movie/TV scores for 2022 (and a little bit of 2023). Plus, we'll bring you some new composers we've discovered that you may be unfamiliar with (for now)! *Dave Margosian, Duck Washington, Kayla McGrady*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Crafting Your Workspace

Being an artist can require physical space to do your art. How do you find or create space? *Dana Baird (mod), Adam Art Poetter, Ashley D Haapapuro, Lee Brontide, Viga*

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8:30pm–9:30pm

Classic Horror Icons

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Many performers have left behind an impressive legacy of horror movies. Discuss the continuing influence of horror icons prior to 1970. *Beth Grimes, Dana Baird, John Heimbuch (mod)*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Race and Culture in Cosplay

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Discuss cosplaying a race or culture that does not match your own. How can you do it successfully without hurting BIPOC people? What have been the experiences of BIPOC cosplayers in the geek community? How has culture, hair, & skin been politicized? *Amada Marquez Simula, Assad Khaishgi (mod), Samantha Rei, Sonni de Soto, T. Aaron Cisco*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Did They Actually Like Kids?

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Let's talk about the media that's allegedly for kids but give adults pause. How many of us were mildly traumatized by the original Willy Wonka movie, Coraline, or pretty much every Disney movie? *Brittany Ann Kerschner, Charlene Holm (mod), Janelle Kloth, Renate Fiora*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Addiction in Media

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Addiction is a common and powerful theme in narrative that has been shown from a number of perspectives, not all of them negative. How do pop culture portrayals reflect how we think about addiction on both individual and community levels? *Erica Fair, Heather Heim, Jessica Nelson, Jon S Olsen (mod), Kethry Melissa Muggleton*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Exploring and Developing Character Voices

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Workshop with GoH Dr. Colette Feehan to learn how to develop different voices for recording. **Colette Feehan**

8:30pm–9:30pm

Films of Kevin J. Smith

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Actor/writer/director of many films including Jay and Silent Bob, Mallrats, Dogma, and Chasing Amy, Kevin Smith is nothing less than the finest director to ever come out of Toledo, Ohio. Or is he? *Amanda Nerud (mod), Christopher Daniels, Dave Walbridge, Noel Thingvall, Ruby R Baker*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Neil Gaiman Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

The first Guest of Honor at CONvergence, Gaiman continues to influence the way we write and think about fantasy. This panel is for all things Neil Gaiman, from adaptations to short stories to his tumblr. *Alexander Robert Seymour (mod), Courtney Azar, Jessica Nelson, Kerry Teckla Peterson*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Tim Curry Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Even in poor health, Tim Curry entertains with cranky tweets about how he's not dead. Where did you first encounter this great? Dr. Frankenfurter? Mr. Body? The big red devil in that Tom Cruise unicorn movie? The Spamalot soundtrack? *Crystal Kelleher, Kristina George (mod), Ruby R Baker, Shaun Duke*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Critical Role Fan Panel

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Critters rejoice! We've had two seasons of The Legend of Vox Machina, Bells Hells is in full swing, and we've had multiple amazing EXU adventures! Let's talk about the good, the great, and the AWESOME as we unleash our Exandrian joy! Warning: SPOILERS. *L Horton, Meredith Gillies (mod), TK, Teddy Cooper*

11:30pm–12:30am

Killer B's Improv Movie Show

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

As clips of strange movies play onscreen, a team of voice actors and musicians create a whole new soundtrack... without ever seeing the movies before! It's film, improv comedy, and live music all in one, plus a 75% chance of rubber-suit monsters! *Duck Washington, Jerry Belich, Kelvin Hatle, Matthew Kessen, Melissa Sue Kaercher (mod), Molly Glover*

SATURDAY

9:30am–10:30am

Star Wars Love

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

As fans, we have strong opinions about properties we love. But at our core, we have those opinions because we love those properties. This panel is all about what we love about Star Wars and only what we love. Let's celebrate the gift that keeps on giving! *Gregory Parks, Joseph Scrimshaw, Tim Wick (mod)*

9:30am–10:30am

Mental Health and Relationships

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Depression, anxiety, ADHD, and other mental illnesses put strain on relationships. How accountable are you for your own mental health, and how forgiving/patient should you be with others' harmful behaviors caused by mental illness that isn't their fault? *Bridget Landry, Katherine Jo Pysick, Kelly Jo Fredrickson (mod), Kiki Evon Latham, Maurice Broadus*

9:30am–Noon

U of M Raptor Center

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

11:00am–Noon

Meet and Greet—Bridget Landry

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Bridget Landry

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11:00am–Noon

Meet and Greet—Colette Feehan
Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Colette Feehan

11:00am–Noon

DS9: Far Beyond the Stars - A Generation Later

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

The 1998 episode of DS9 “Far Beyond the Stars” broke some of Star Trek’s traditional rules. What are some aspects to consider 25 years after it first aired? Who are some of the real people from the 1950s and 1960s that mirror characters from that episode? *Amada Marquez Simula, Brittany Ann Kerschner, Gabriela Felice Santiago, Justin Edward Grays, Maurice Broaddus*

11:00am–Noon

Superhero Costume Critique

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Some costumes are classic, others are horrid. Let’s talk about likes and dislikes in superhero costuming. *Mark Lundberg, Sam August Miller, Scott Jamison (mod), Todd Murray*

11:00am–Noon

Universal’s Monsters

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Whether ancient terrors or scientific nightmares, in the space of ten years, one studio built the standard upon which directors have emulated or rebelled. We’ll discuss what makes us roll our eyes and what we still find chilling nearly a century later. *Beth Grimes, Brian Forrest, Bryon David Stump, Jason V Hemming (mod), Phillip Andrew Bennett Low*

11:00am–Noon

Geek Partnership Society and Our Community

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

The local nonprofit GPS exists to support our local fan community. Find out how they can connect you to your fandoms and grow partnerships. Learn about their events and activities.

11:00am–Noon

Weird Music Listening Society

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

We’ve all had a friend expose us to strange music, some of which we’ve loved and some that left us confused. What happens when a lover of random items, thrift finds, and all things obscure exposes comedians to weird music they’ve never heard before? *Jason Kruger (mod), Melissa Sue Kaercher*

11:00am–Noon

Historical Undergarments

Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Join us for a brief look at what goes underneath those historical fancy duds. Covering multiple eras and some interesting first hand anecdotes. From stays to corsets and more, learn why we might exclaim “I’ve soiled my drawers!” *Ally Guglielmi (mod), Kara Knight, Lea Redding, Stephanie Olson*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Knightmage

12:30pm–1:30pm

12:30pm–1:30pm

Meet and Greet—Knightmage

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Meet and Greet—Justin Grays

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Why is There So Much Science in Superhero Comics?

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Dr. Jim returns with a new talk about the history of science in comic books, starting with the science fiction pulp roots and continuing to the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics! *James Kakalios*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Doctor Who: The Jodie Whittaker Era

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Now that “The Power of the Doctor” has aired, let’s discuss the finale, Jodie’s era as a whole, and where we’d like to see the TARDIS go next as Doctor Who celebrates 60 years! *Alexander Robert Seymour (mod), James McMahon, Matt Everkoul, Susan Lundberg*

12:30pm–1:30pm

31 Flavors of RPGs

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

There’s more to tabletop roleplaying than Dungeons and Dragons. Learn about other systems from Rifts to Call of Cthulu to GURPS and everything in between! *L Horton, Lauren Grace Crabtree (mod), Scott Jamison, Shaun Duke*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Geeks Without God LIVE

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

For more than 11 years and 500 episodes, Geeks without God has been bringing you the godless geeky comedy! Join hosts Molly, Tim, and Nick as they record two episodes of GWG in front of real live people! *Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick*

12:30pm–1:30pm

How to Make Hobbit Feet

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Cosplaying Lord of the Rings has intriguing challenges. Hobbits have subtle underpinnings, i.e., feet! Bill Hedrick and Rae Lundquist accepted the challenges and will show how they did it well enough to win Best in Show at WorldCon Masquerade. *Bill Hedrick, Rae Lundquist*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Geeks in Government

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

A mayor, a legislator, and a school board member walk into a con... What fandoms inspire them? How does their love of all things nerdy make them better leaders? How does sci-fi and fantasy influence their policies? How can you become a geek in government? *Amada Marquez Simula (mod), Curtis Johnson, Sandra Feist*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

2:00pm–3:00pm

Meet and Greet—Dr. Jim Kakalios
Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

James Kakalios

2:00pm–3:00pm

Meet and Greet—Rev. Matt Kessen
Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Matthew Kessen

2:00pm–3:00pm

Satanic Panic
Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

In the middle of the 1980s, the media had yet to fear Ice Cube, but was getting bored with nuclear annihilation. So why not pretend that every suburb was an Ozzy concert away from full human sacrifice? Was Dark Dungeons accurate? Did 20/20 lie to us? *Hertzey Hertz, Maurice Broaddus, Melissa Sue Kaercher (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Doug Jones - The Man of Many Faces
Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

A celebration of all the amazing works of the legendary Doug Jones from Bill the Butcher, to Buffy, to Pan's Labyrinth. *Ansel Johnson, Courtney Azar (mod), Gregory Parks, Nikki Armstrong*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Phoenix Wright Fan Panel
Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Objection! Over 20 years after its original release in Japan, the Ace Attorney franchise is still going strong. Come share your favorite cases, clients, prosecutors, sidekicks, and storylines. Take that! *Donald Poleke, Elliot Besmann, Erica Fair, Rachel Poleke (mod), Sam August Miller*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Fearless Comedy Klingon Murder Mystery
Hyatt 2 Northstar B

You've heard of Murder Mysteries before. You try to figure out who did it. Well, what happens on a Klingon Bird of Prey when everyone admits to doing it and you need to figure out who didn't? Join us for a Klingon Murder Mystery. Ask questions & solve it. *Alison Anderson, Angela Fox, Dawn Krosnowski, Garrick A Dietze, Kelvin Hatle, Lana Rosario, Megan M Slawson, Michael Bloom, Tom S Tea*

2:00pm–3:00pm

The Wordslinger Reading Hour: Horror
Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Haunted houses, wailing spirits, and violent madness—what evil lurks in the hearts of men? These authors know, and are ready to share in this hour of spine-tingling horror tales! *Aimee Kuzenski, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Elizabeth Ess (mod), Rob Ward, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low, David Lenander*

2:00pm–6:00pm

Crafting Circle
Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.

2:00pm–3:00pm

Fannish Hobbies, Diversions, and Passions
Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

You name it, fans probably enjoy it. You may be surprised to hear what our panelists like to do. What makes their choices fannish and where did these diversions lead them? You will be amazed, amused, and very possibly inspired. *Jeanne Mealy, Kendrick Edmund Cronin, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Patrick William Marsh (mod), Shaun Duke*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Sentient Houses
Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

Houses with a life of their own have been a staple of the fantasy/horror genres for decades, often presented as malevolent. What makes an abode sentient? With the rise of wireless control and robotics, how close is a future where houses are truly sapient? *Michael Allen Kingsley, Joseph Lauer, Clarissa Goldsmith (mod), David Lenander*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Meet and Greet —Danith McPherson
Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Danith McPherson

3:30pm–4:30pm

Meet and Greet—Catherine Schaff-Stump
Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Catherine Schaff-Stump

3:30pm–4:30pm

Character Debate
Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

Who is Santa's favorite Doctor? Which snack food does Captain America prefer? Does Sailor Moon think Star Wars or Star Trek is better? A panel of improvisers tackles fun and geeky debate topics as a persona based on a prop or costume piece! *Alison Anderson, Andrea Ropella, Angela Fox, Eric Thompson (mod), Garrick A Dietze, Jason Kruger*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Queer-Coded Villains
Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka

This is a panel to discuss how many villains in media are presented as LGBT+ and how that contributes to the marginalization of LGBT+ individuals. *Elliott Kios Dean, Sonni de Soto, John Heimbuch (mod), Culhane V Cole, Wendy Marie Fossum*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

3:30pm–4:30pm

30 Years of Babylon 5

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

The Gathering was released in 1993. Let's talk about the influence and lasting appeal of this iconic series and its upcoming reboot. *Assad Khaishgi (mod), Jon S Olsen, Mark Goldberg, Michael Scott Shappe*

3:30pm–6:00pm

Art: Impossible

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

Watch as talented artists are given impossible challenges! Could you create a CONvergence-themed amusement park in thirty minutes? How about design a new Doctor Who costume in five minutes? These artists create the impossible! *Christopher Jones, Danielle Pebbles, Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Lauren Addy, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod)*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Blaxploitation - What Was It?

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

The brief blaxploitation era saw tons of movies cranked out; many forgotten, some still celebrated. What led to this renaissance of filmmaking, what affects did it have later, and how should we feel about it now? And which films are the best of the era? *Gregory Parks, Lathan Murrell (mod), Miss Shannan Paul, T. Aaron Cisco*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Meet and Greet—Maurice Broadus

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table A

Maurice Broadus

5:00pm–6:00pm

Meet and Greet—Charles Urbach

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall Signing Table B

Charles Urbach

5:00pm–6:00pm

Geeks & Cats

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

With a tendency toward introversion, many geeks are cat guardians. Let's talk about our cats, the care they need, and how we can best provide for our furry, four-legged friends! *Alyssa Pon-Franklin, Hertzey Hertz, Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Kethry Melissa Muggleton, Wendy R Spiesman*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Enola Holmes Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Christopher Daniels, Courtney Azar, L Horton, Randee Dawn (mod)

5:00pm–6:00pm

Surviving the Job Market

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

How can volunteering, for CONvergence or other organizations, help your resume? Learn about current job hunting methods and pitfalls, and how to navigate the process of finding gainful employment. *Clarissa Goldsmith, Heather Heim, Scott Keever, Steve Semler (mod)*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Beowulf or Gilgamesh - You Decide!

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Performer John Heimbuch will regale you with one of Charlie Bethel's epic adaptations, either BEOWULF or GILGAMESH - you decide! *John Heimbuch (mod)*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Twin Cities Horror Festival

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Artists and creators talk and answer questions about the Twin Cities Horror Festival which is going into its 12th year of bringing horror theater to our local community. Volunteer, be an artist, or just learn about all our horror theater! *Cara White, Duck Washington (mod), Matthew Kessen, Nissa Norland Morgan, Tim Uren, Tyler Olsen*

7:00pm–9:30pm

Mega Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

The panel where we talk about anything and everything *except* the CONvergence Masquerade. If you are interested in everything *except* the masquerade, this is the panel for you! *Jeremy Stomberg (mod), Melissa Sue Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Unpopular (Positive) Opinion

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Did you love Batman v. Superman? Is Alien3 your favorite Alien movie? Did you actually enjoy Velma? Do you find yourself arguing on behalf of Season 8 of Game of Thrones? In this panel we will discuss our favorite unpopular books and movies. *Gregory Parks (mod), Janna Seliger, Lauren Grace Crabtree, Shaun Duke*

7:00pm–8:00pm

The Not-So-Silent Planet: A Speculative Open-Mic

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Have you ever imagined a world whose laws of physics differ from our own? Welcome to the country's ONLY recurring open-mic dedicated to speculative fiction! Sign up for 5–7 minutes, and tell us about a place of which we've never dreamt. *Ben San Del, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Friends of Bill W

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

7:00pm–8:00pm

Being a God is Hard

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

So you're thinking about trying your hand as a GM, but you have questions. Let's talk about how to make the transition behind the GM screen. Here's a secret: No one has it all figured out from the start! *Eric Zawadzki, Kenneth Justiniano, Nat Morse-Noland (mod), Steve Semler*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

8:30pm–9:30pm

Isekai Trend in Anime

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

A discussion of Isekai (translation: “different world” or “otherworld”), a Japanese genre that revolves around a person/people who is/are transported to and has to survive in another world (e.g., fantasy world, virtual world, planet or parallel universe). *Christopher Helms, Donald Poleke (mod), Elliott Kios Dean, Sonni de Soto, Viga*

8:30pm–9:30pm

The Office Fan Fiction Show

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Join us in reliving what happens when the cameras stopped filming in everybody's favorite show, “The Office.” A fan fiction flurry of stories by some of the Office's biggest fans. *Allison Broeren (mod), Ben San Del, Curt Lund, Laura Evelyn Bidgood*

8:30pm–9:30pm

Parental Units—Come Check This Out!

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

What are kids into these days? What are kids reading and watching? What do they want to read and watch? *Michael Schatz, Sam August Miller (mod), Shaun Larsen*

9:00pm–1:00am

Art Auction

Hyatt 2 Northstar B

10:00pm–11:00pm

Hannibal (TV)

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Will there be a fourth season? Did Mads Mikkelsen replace Anthony Hopkins as the ideal Hannibal? How often did the show make you hungry? Why do serial killers love arts and crafts? Did every art student go into serial killer set design? *Ruby R Baker, Shaun Duke*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Comedy at CONvergence Returns!

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Returning for the first time since The Before Times, the Comedy at CONvergence showcase features a lineup of veteran comics delivering a packed hour of laughs! *Ben San Del (mod), Matthew Kessen, Miss Shannan Paul*

10:00pm–11:00pm

Year in Fanfiction

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

A discussion of ALL kinds of fic (including slash). We'll talk popular fandoms, ships, and tropes from the last year. Not to mention recs! Not all fanfic is mature, but mature topics will be discussed. *Elliott Kios Dean, Jo Thrace (mod), Nell Streitz, Skazka 9000, TK*

SUNDAY

9:30am–1:30p

Crafting Circle

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.

11:00am–Noon Friendship in the Virtual Age

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

How has social media changed friendship? *Becca Justiniano, Culhane V Cole, Heather Heim, Joy Ward, Kerry Teckla Peterson (mod)*

11:00am–Noon Eat the Rich at the Movies

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

The last few years have seen an influx of films that poke fun at or even destroy rich people, such as Glass Onion, The Menu, and Parasite. Is this a trend or is this a story we have always told? What are the best examples of “eat the rich” movies? *Melissa Sue Kaercher (mod), T. Aaron Cisco, Tim Wick*

11:00am–Noon Improving Your Creative Output

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Creativity is common to all fields and peoples, yet it is rarely understood. What if there were simple rules and tools you could use to be more creative in your work, art and life? You could invent, share, create, and discover with the best of them. *Daniel LaCrosse, Dave Walbridge, Janelle Kloth, John Heimbuch (mod), Shauna Aura Knight*

11:00am–Noon So You Wanna Start Streaming

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Everyone wants to be famous on the internet...I mean stream games on Twitch/YouTube/etc. But what do you need to have to start streaming? What are some of do's and don'ts for beginners? How does one even get into this? How can one be successful? *Adrian Perryman, Shaun Duke (mod), Tom S Tea*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Sewing Tips and Tricks for Newbies

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

With over 40 years of sewing professionally, The DreamStitcher has come across all sorts of tips and tricks when working with fabric. From choosing the right materials for projects, to final pressing, The DreamStitcher can answer you costume questions. *Rae Lundquist*

12:30pm–1:30pm

Guess That K-Pop Tune!

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Come guess songs from Kpop acts new and old for prizes! Hosted by Seoulmates Podcast. *Emily Stanton*

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

12:30pm–1:30pm

Melanin, Monsters, & Magic: T. Aaron Cisco Reads Excerpts

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Cisco reads excerpts from his latest afrofantasy novels, along with stories and anecdotes from a life spent as the chocolate mint on the off-white pillow. *T. Aaron Cisco (mod)*

12:30pm–1:30pm

A is Not for Ally

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

Asexual, aromantic, and agender geeks unite! Let's talk about representation, inclusion, and just enjoy being ourselves. *Donald Poleke (mod), Kathleen Nicole Lallier, Megan Creasey, Nate Wulver, SaraBeth Ray*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Crafting Games Beyond Minecraft

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Minecraft is the best known crafting game, but there are so many more out there. Discuss and discover other crafting games such as Core Keeper, Trail Makers, Terraria, etc. *Kenneth Justiniano (mod), Michael Schatz, Shaun Larsen, Zack Mayville*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Cats: The Musical

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

It's been years since Cats offered movie goers an entertaining alternative to Star Wars. Jason Derulo singing about milk did not disappoint. This panel will discuss the musical and the movie adaptation. *Culhane V Cole, John Heimbuch (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm

One Season Wonders

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Which shows do you remember fondly and argue they deserved a longer life? Firefly, Wonderfalls, The Middleman, and so many others deserved more than one measly season...didn't they? Nearly everything is out there somewhere. How can we see them now? *Jeanne Mealy, Joan Marie (mod), Kristina George, Noel Thingvall, T. Aaron Cisco*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Exploring Speculative Fiction Audio Dramas

Hyatt 2 Greenway I

Audio stories allow writers, performers, and sound technicians to craft expansive worlds and explore mindblowing concepts! Panelists discuss their favorite science fiction and fantasy audio dramas and podcasts, as well as what makes the medium so unique. *Cetius d'Raven (mod), Jerry Stearns, Megan Creasey, Nell Streitz*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Becoming Baba Yaga

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Baba Yaga is alive and well. Join storyteller Laura Packer for a woven tale of life, the forest, and questions, then hear what Baba Yaga has to say to you. *Laura Packer (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm

Master Class: Spinning Art Yarn

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2

Let's have a "Spin-In"! Bring your own drop spindle or use one of ours. We'll have a demo on carding, and we will use those materials to sit and spin awhile together. Feel free to bring any fiber project in your bag to work on too! *Ashley D Haapapuro*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Evil Player Characters In TTRPGs

Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A

Evil PCs tend to get a bad rap. Can they be played in a way that's fun for everyone at the table? We discuss mechanics-and-story integration, avoiding bleed, and other things to consider when playing an evil PC, as well as why people enjoy playing them. *Kenneth Justiniano (mod), Lauren Grace Crabtree, Nat Morse-Noland, Shaun Duke, Steve Semler*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Andor Fan Panel

Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE

In many ways, Andor broke the mold of Disney+ Star Wars media and surprised fans with its nuance and complexity. We'll discuss its impact, what we thought of the first season, and where we think it might go next. *Gregory Parks (mod), Kristina George, Ruby R Baker, Scott Saunders, TK*

3:30pm–4:30pm

BBC in the 80s: A Heyday in British Sci-Fi

Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH

Why did so many classic series come out of Britain in the 80s? Doctor Who (4th/5th doctors), Red Dwarf, The Tripods, Blake's 7, Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (radio & TV series). Join us as we revel in these backstories and cultural background. *Aaron Lee Propes, Assad Khaishgi, Christopher Daniels, L Horton, Michael Scott Shappe (mod)*

3:30pm–4:30pm

Press Your Luck!

Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3

It's the classic Press Your Luck, but with a little twist. All the questions are fandom/pop culture themed but the big board is as classic as ever! It's time, to Press Your Luck!

PARENTING ROOM

Hyatt 4 4102

Need a space at CONvergence to feed your infant or toddler, change diapers, or express milk? Then the Parenting Room located in Hyatt 4 suite 4102 is just what you're looking for! Parents and caregivers with infants, young children, children with special needs, or those who need to express milk, are welcome in the Parenting Room.

Hours

Thursday 4:00pm–9:00pm

Friday 10:00am–9:00pm

Saturday 10:00am–9:00pm

Sunday 10:00am–5:00pm

Rules

Please be aware of the following rules for CONvergence's Parenting Room.

- The Parenting Room is open to parents and caregivers with infants, young children, or children with special needs, and anyone needing to express milk.

- All guests over the age of three must follow CONvergence's masking requirements while in the Parenting Room.
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22ND ANNUAL USS NOKOMIS CONVERGENCE BLOOD DRIVE

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9:00am–3:00pm

In the great tradition of blood drives at science fiction conventions throughout the country, the crew of the USS Nokomis is proud to host this year's blood drive. Summer is a very tough time for our blood supply as high schools are closed and donors take vacations, but we have a great chance to help make up that shortage during the convention. For the past two decades, CONvergence members have touched over 2,000 lives with donations and we're still going strong!

Schedule Your Donation

There are several ways you can schedule your CONvergence blood drive donation appointment!

- Find the USS Nokomis at a table near the escalators on the 1st floor of the Hyatt on Friday during the blood drive
- Book a time online at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=CONvergence



- Use the Blood Donor App: redcrossblood.org/blood-donor-app.html



Every donor will receive a special Red Cross dry bag, plus the coolest (and hardest to get) badge ribbon at CONvergence!

Tips for Donors

- Sign up early so your donation doesn't interfere with any events you're planning to attend.
- If you plan to wear a costume at CONvergence, make sure to design it to accommodate a bandage on your arm if necessary.
- Make it a point to stay hydrated. The CONvergence ConSuite offers bottled water!
- Eat something. Especially when donating blood, it's very important to eat. The CONvergence ConSuite has rice, fruit, and other snacks.

WORDSLINGERS WAY

Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D

Can't bear the silence? Mosey on up to the fourth floor for the weirdest, wildest collection of vocalizations and vituperations this side of the Mississippi! Readings and open-mics, stand-up showcases and poetry slam showdowns, naughty puppets and pun competitions, uncensored tales of ghosts, monsters, and inquisitive aliens... Our performers have no want of worlds, no dearth of dimensions to share with you. We know the forbidden languages, the lost equations, the softly spoken magic spells to open the paths between them. Want to sling some words? Welcome to the Way.

THURSDAY

3:30pm–4:30pm **Goncharov, The Best Film Scorsese Didn't Make**

In November 2022, Tumblr was briefly enthralled with a 1970s Mafia film named "Goncharov" which does not exist. Let's explore this stunning display of yes-and-ing and the elaborate, self-aware, and widespread pantomiming of fandom. *Kathleen Nicole Lallier, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Ruby R Baker, Sam August Miller (mod), Skazka 9000*

5:00pm–6:00pm **Big "I"**

There are an abundance of novels written in the first person. What are the strengths and weaknesses of having a single point of view character? *Alison R Sommer, Danith McPherson, Joy Ward, Katherine Jo Pysick, Naomi Kritzer (mod)*

7:00pm–8:00pm **Simple Cosplay Characters**

We all love looking at elaborate cosplays, but some of us can barely get dressed in the morning! Fortunately, some iconic characters have a simple look you might be able to find in your closet. Let's talk about those whose look can be assembled in a day. *Erica Fair (mod), Kathleen Nicole Lallier, Ruby R Baker, T. Aaron Cisco*

8:30pm–9:30pm **A Master Class**

Do you want to try your hand at being a D&D Dungeon Master but worry you don't have what it takes? Come listen to experienced dungeon masters provide their tips and tricks for how to run a great game of D&D—or other similar roleplaying games. *Ben San Del (mod), Joseph Lauer, Philip D Henry, TK*

10:00pm–11:00pm **The Boys Fan Panel**

Come discuss the television adaptation of Garth Ennis' comic "The Boys". How does it differ from the comics? How has Eric Kripke adapted the work and improved upon the source material? Are you Team Supes or Team the Boys? *Alexandra J Howes, Dave Margosian, Nick Glover, T. Aaron Cisco (mod)*

FRIDAY

9:30am–10:30am **Dressing for the Future**

Delve into the evolution of what "the future" looks like from the 1950s to the 2020s. Why aren't we all wearing silver suits? Do bras really not work in space? *Ansel Johnson (mod), Charlene Holm, Joy Ward,*

11:00am–Noon **Ergonomic Considerations for Cosplay**

An orthopedic physical therapist has a few pointers for you about designing your next cosplay so that you don't have to pay for it later. Let's avoid skin tears, bruised ribs, being unable to sit down, and the wrong shoe sole. By Sartorial Jutsu Cosplay *Ashley D Haapapuro*

12:30pm–1:30pm **Casual Board Gaming**

What are your favorite games that are simple to learn and play? Let's talk about games that don't require you to spend half an hour reading the rules! *Erik Nyberg, Hertzey Hertz, Pete Lane, Renate FIORA, Cetius d'Raven (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm **Cos-Ability - Cosplay Without Boundaries**

Cosplaying in LARPs and attending conventions in costume can be fun but also stressful for those with mental and physical challenges. Discuss costuming and cosplay experiences with fans who are living with those struggles and overcoming alleged barriers. *Alex Bren, , Kathleen Nicole Lallier, Knightmage, Nate Wulver (mod)*

3:00pm–4:00pm **AI Art**

Computer programs can now create artwork with minimal human input, including both visual and written mediums. Discuss this phenomenon and the implications. *Ben San Del, Nathaniel Bird, Pete Lane, Stephanie Zvan (mod)*

5:00pm–6:00pm **Go Go Gadget Kitchen!**

What kitchen accessories are your favorites? Love your air fryer or pressure cooker? Talk about your latest kitchen tools! *Dawn Krosnowski, Heather Heim, Hertzey Hertz, John White, Kendrick Edmund Cronin (mod)*

7:00pm–8:00pm **What's In Your "To Read" Pile?**

Geeks are often voracious readers, but we sometimes buy more than we have time for. What books, classic or new, are still on your shelf or on your "to be read" list? *Crystal Kelleher (mod), Dolly Elizabeth,, Patrick William Marsh, Scott Jamison*

8:30pm–9:30pm **Tudors: Fact and Fiction**

Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived! The Tudors ruled a small nation for just 118 years, yet it's often our go-to for all things Renaissance. Come learn more about life under Henry VIII, Bloody Mary, and Good Queen

WORDSLINGERS WAY

Bess (or were they?). *Ann Laabs, Bex Stockton (mod), Nikki Armstrong, Skazka 9000, Zachary Charles Steward*

10:00pm–11:00pm Retro Horror Retrospective

There's plenty of horror genre history to draw from onscreen, the page, and beyond. Let's meet to discuss scary stuff prior to the 21st century and its influences on contemporary media—remakes, homages, and personal rediscoveries are all welcome. *Charlene Holm, Clarissa Goldsmith, Jason V Hemming, Melissa Sue Kaercher (mod), Skazka 9000*

SATURDAY

9:30am–10:30am Building with Batman's Billions

Batman is a powerful billionaire who wants to thwart crime in Gotham so he uses his billions to fund his crime-fighting gear. What would happen if he bought up the abandoned warehouses & amusement parks and used his fortune to effect actual social change? *Alexander Robert Seymour, Kethry Melissa Muggleton, Lathan Murrell (mod), Peter M Aviom*

11:00am–Noon Manage Your Stress

Stress means different things to different people. We will talk about this and offer ideas on how to enjoy the ride (at the con and/or in life) instead of being run over by negative impulses, emotions, and behaviors. *Elyssa Mason, Kethry Melissa Muggleton, Knightmage, Lathan Murrell (mod), Renate Fiora*

12:30pm–1:30pm Voicing Diversity

Stories can contain an assortment of backgrounds for their characters. How do you ensure your pool of voice talent matches that diversity? *Catherine Campion, Colette Feehan, Miss Shannan Paul (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm Recording an Audiobook

How does an audiobook get made? How does narration differ from other voice acting? What do you need to record at home? *Alison R Sommer, Catherine Campion, Colette Feehan, Jerry Stearns, Joan Marie (mod)*

3:30pm–4:30pm Fear You Can Hear: Horror Fiction In Podcasting & Radio

Audio is a great medium for evoking spine-tingling reactions, and the world of old-time radio has a lot to discuss with contemporary horror podcasting. Talk favorites old and new, and achievements/struggles unique to the medium. *Dolly Elizabeth, Jason V Hemming (mod), Jerry Stearns, Patrick William Marsh, Skazka 9000*

5:00pm–6:00pm Choosing Between Traditional and Indie Publishing

Publishing for yourself or looking for a traditional publisher is a tough choice. How do you decide? *Becca Justiniano, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Nate Gillick, Shauna Aura Knight, T.*

Aaron Cisco (mod)

7:00pm–8:00pm Self-Made Superheroes

In a world of serums, radiation, and supernatural origins, it can be refreshing to cheer on an ordinary human relying on their wits, grit, and dedication to a higher cause. From Batman to Zorro to Sherlock, who are your favorite all-natural heroes? *Erica Fair, Lathan Murrell, Mark Lundberg, Sam August Miller, Scott Jamison (mod)*

8:30pm–9:30pm Creating a One-Person Show

Got an idea for an act? A solo fringe show? A longish tiktok? How does one even write a uni-human play? Come and hear from creators on how they work and write extremely small cast shows. *Ariel Pinkerton, Jena Young, Scott Keever, Zachary Charles Steward, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)*

10:00pm–11:00pm The Pun-El

Once again, the English language loses out to the Pun-chinellos of CONvergence. Fling your worst puns without fear of flying fruit! *Bob Alberti, Brian LaBounty, Edward Eastman (mod), Margaret Eastman*

SUNDAY

11:00am–Noon Working with EVA Foam in Costuming

Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate (EVA) is a rubber-like thermoplastic that is easy to work with, durable, & lightweight. It can be used to create shields, helmets, armor, etc. without getting weighed down. EVA is also great for patterns and smoothing gaps & seams. *Knightmage, Todd Murray (mod)*

12:30pm–1:30pm Reclaiming the Cthulhu Mythos

The Cthulhu Mythos is widely considered the epitome of cosmic horror, but it's been fraught with racist and ableist narratives since its creation. We discuss grappling with the Mythos history as fans and how new Mythos writers can subvert those themes. *Alexandra J Howes, John Bliss, Lauren Grace Crabtree, Michael Allen Kingsley, Nat Morse-Noland (mod)*

2:00pm–3:00pm Creating Your Mythology

How do your characters relate to their gods, and vice versa? *Becca Justiniano (mod), Joy Ward, Nate Gillick, Stephanie Zvan*

3:30pm–4:30pm North Country Gaylaxian Book Review

Join us for a lively discussion of the last few years of monthly reads for NCG. Each month we discuss an author or book whose main characters are LGBT+. Our reads cover speculative fiction, including science fiction, horror, fantasy, and magical realism. *Claudia Slovacek, Cody Bach, David Lenander, Donald Kaiser (mod), Jason Tucker*

MAINSTAGE

Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom

THURSDAY

6:00pm–7:00pm **Big Fun Radio Funtime**

Big Fun Radio Funtime is a staged performance of audio comedy featuring new spoken into microphones for your laughing pleasure. Created especially for CONvergence, this soundscape of humor is a great way to start off the convention!

Tim Wick, Dawn Krosnowski, Angela Fox, Molly Glover, Duck Washington, Christopher Jones, Jerry Stearns

7:00pm–8:30pm **Opening Ceremony**

*Dawn Krosnowski, Angela Fox, Maurice Broaddus, **Samantha Rei, Knightmage**, Colette Feehan*

9:00pm–10:30pm **Smackdown 2023: Dressed to Smackdown**

Smackdown swings sartorial as our slate of style specialists size up which fictional fashionistas will flourish or flop!

Tim Wick, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Christopher Jones, James Kakalios

FRIDAY

2:00pm–3:00pm **I'll Be Home for Kahless: A Very Klingon Christmas Movie**

A staged reading of a Klingon Hallmark Christmas Movie mashup! Samantha yearns for something more than her life on the battlefield. Could planet Earth be her answer and will she find even more than her Klingon hearts could have imagined? Put on your favorite holiday sweater, grab a bat'leth and find out! Written by Angela Fox.

Angela Fox, Duck Washington, Dawn Krosnowski, Garrick A Dietze, Dave Rand-McKay, Christopher Jones, Lana Rosario

3:30pm–4:30pm **Power Point Karaoke**

Four "experts" must each give a PowerPoint presentation with slides they have never seen before, and the slides make no sense!

Tim Wick (mod), Melissa Sue Kaercher, James Kakalios, Duck Washington, Molly Glover, Andrea Ropella

5:00pm–6:00pm **Cirque Variety Show**

7:00pm–8:00pm **Miss Shannan's Comedy Through The Chaos**

Standup Comedy and Storytelling from Miss Shannan Paul
Miss Shannan Paul

8:30pm–9:30pm

Reverend Matt's Monster Science: Haute Creature

Just because you're a horrifying monster from beyond the borders of civilization, that doesn't mean you can't put yourself together a bit, you know? And just because you weren't born a monster, doesn't mean you can't become one with the right accessories. Come and learn the varied and bizarre history of the clothing monsters wear, and the clothing you can wear if you want to be a monster, as 2022 Guest of Honor Reverend Matt brings his Monster Science show back to the mainstage!

Matthew Kessen

10:00pm–11:00pm **Vilification Tennis**

Vilification Tennis is a horribly offensive show that isn't appropriate for anyone. Least of all the discerning attendees of CONvergence. However, if you don't mind a bunch of geeks insulting each other, that's exactly what you are going to get!

Tim Wick, Nikki Armstrong, Eric Knight, Stephanie Hammon, Molly Glover, Eric Thompson, Hedy Rand-Mckay, Duck Washington, Bob Alberti, Kelvin Hatle, Dave Rand-Mckay, Amanda Nerud, Nick Glover

11:00pm–4:00am **Dance**

Not ready to end the evening yet? We're here late on Friday to help you get into the groove of things with some groovy tunes to help you get your groove on. The usual suspect DJs along with a special guest or two will help you keep moving into the wee hours. Please see the signage outside our door for complete lineup.

MAINSTAGE

SATURDAY

6:00pm–8:00pm **Masquerade**

9:00pm–4:00am **Dance**

All dressed up and know where to go? To the Masquerade Ball, of course! We invite you to dress to the nines as we start the evening in the 20's. We're going to celebrate the roaring 20's CONvergence style, with some revamped versions of period songs as well as modern electro swing tunes to keep your feet moving. Whether you're dressed in your best television, book, anime, or other series cosplay, donning your favorite zoot suit, or just hanging out in what feels comfortable, we'll make sure you've got spark in your soul and melodies to tap your feet to. As the evening progresses, we'll evolve into sci-fi and video game themed music before hitting the hard stuff for the late night revelers. Check out our signage outside our door for complete lineup.

SUNDAY

12:30pm–2:00pm **Harisen Daiko**

Full of sound and fury, signifying that it's past noon on Sunday, we are Harisen Daiko. Our drummers bring you a selection of pounding visceral rhythms including original compositions, as well as something thoroughly geeky that we have either made special or bent into a new and unnatural shape just for you. Step inside the blast radius this Sunday, and get a taste of the power, energy and emotions that taiko ignites.

Harisen Daiko

5:00pm–7:00pm **Closing Ceremony**

*Dawn Krosnowski, Angela Fox, **Samantha Rei***

ART SHOW

Hyatt 2 Northstar A

The CONvergence Art Show is a silent auction featuring artwork from across the country for you to browse and bid on, as well as an Art Market with art available for retail purchase. Come visit the gallery and see what the artists have brought to showcase this year. There are always unique offerings available for a wide variety of artistic tastes!

Saturday evening of the convention features a live Art Auction, where artwork that has received sufficient bids in the Art Show's silent auction is then offered for sale in a live auction format. Part of the fun is watching the antics of our auctioneers as they sell some spectacular pieces!

In keeping with the official CONvergence policy, the Art Show bans AI generated artwork.

Note: The Art Show does not censor artwork. Parental guidance is advised.

Art Show Hours

Thursday	2:00pm–7:00pm
Friday	10:00am–9:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
Sunday	11:00am–3:00pm

DEALERS ROOM + ARTISTS ALLEY

Hyatt 1 Exhibit Hall

Dealers Room

In a magical part of the Hyatt Regency, usually known as The Exhibition Hall, resides CONvergence's Dealers Room! Here you can find a vast array of goods from all corners of the multiverse!

Through our doors you can find all the things you never knew you needed to complete your cosplays and costumes! From accessories to endless potential with custom commissioned pieces, Dealers Room has you covered (literally).

If you're not looking to get All Dressed Up, our Dealers bring in all manner of geeky delights that will keep you entertained for hours! We've got math rocks (dice), t-shirts, books, awesome regular rocks, anime collectibles, stuff made out of leather, and board games all waiting to come home with YOU!

If you, someone you know, or a creator/company you like would be interested in participating in Dealers Room for CONvergence 2024, send an email to dealers@convergence-con.org.

Artists Alley

In a magical part of the Hyatt Regency, usually known as The Exhibition Hall, resides CONvergence's Artists Alley! Here you can explore the many different worlds of our wonderful Artists!!

From webcomics to graphic novels, our Artists fill their pages with amazing illustrations to bring their stories to life! You can talk to the Artists about bringing one of your own ideas to life with a custom commissioned piece! You can see your favorite character All Dressed Up in a fuzzy Pokemon onesie or see your RPG character brought to life!

If you, someone you know, or a creator/company you like would be interested in participating in Dealers Room for CONvergence 2024, please send an email to artistalley@convergence-con.org.

Hours of Operation for Dealers Room and Artists Alley

Thursday	2:00pm–7:00pm
Friday	10:00am–6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
Sunday	10:00am–4:00pm



WEREWOLF BY NIGHT

FILM IN
CONCERT WITH
THE MINNESOTA
ORCHESTRA

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 Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis

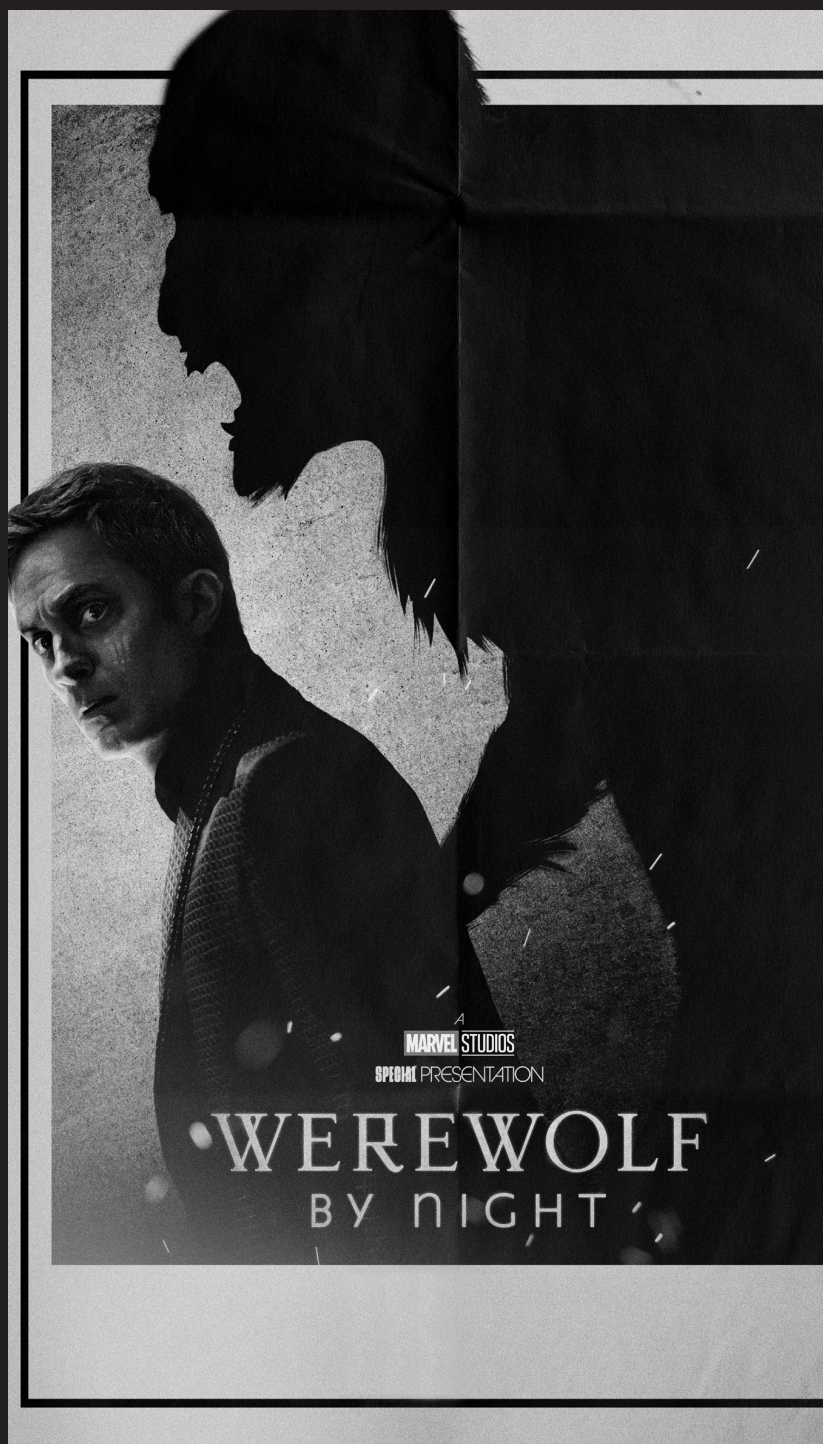
Don't miss the Minnesota Orchestra performing director-composer Michael Giacchino's powerful score while the complete 50-minute 2022 Marvel film plays on a screen above the stage...and come early to enjoy the \$6 happy hour before the movie!



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STORE GUIDE

All hours subject to change.

General Goods/Clothing

Target (0.3 mi)

900 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 338-0085
Hours: Monday–Saturday 8:00am–6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am–6:00pm

Frattallone's Hardware & Garden (0.4mi)

1804 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 872-7000
Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30am–6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am–6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am–4:00pm

Gas Stations/Convenience Stores

BP (0.8 mi)
2000 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404
(612) 870-0227
Hours: Daily 24 Hours

Bobby & Steve's Auto World (1.7 mi)

1221 S Washington Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 333-8900
Hours: Daily 24 hours

Grocers

Oak Grove Grocery (0.5 mi)

218 Oak Grove St, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-1137
Hours: Daily 9:30am–7:30pm

Lunds & Byerlys Downtown Minneapolis (0.4 mi)

1201 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 379-5040
Hours: Daily 6:00am–10:00pm

Trader Joe's (1.4 mi)

721 S Washington Ave Ste 101, Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 339-2110
Hours: Daily 8:00am–9:00pm

Aldi (1.6 mi)

1311 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404
(855) 955-2534
Hours: Daily 9:00am–8:00pm

Wedge Community Co-op (1.1 mi)

2105 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55405
(612) 871-3993
Hours: Daily 8:00am–10:00pm

Liquor Stores

Greenway Liquors (0.2 mi)

105 W Grant St, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-3727
Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00am–9:55pm, Saturday 10:00am–10:00pm, Sunday 11:00am–6:00pm

Lunds & Byerlys Wine & Spirits Downtown Minneapolis (0.4 mi)

1208 Harmon Pl, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 379-5050
Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00am–8:00pm, Friday–Saturday 9:00am–9:00pm, Sunday 11:00am–6:00pm

Haskell's Wine & Spirits Downtown Minneapolis (0.4 mi)

81 S 9th St #130, Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 333-2434
Hours: Monday–Saturday 9:00am–6:00pm, Sunday 11:00am–6:00pm

Tobacco Shops

Lewis Pipe & Tobacco (0.4 mi)

Medical Arts Building, 825 Nicollet Mall Suite 165, Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 332-9129
Hours: Monday–Friday 11:00am–4:00pm, Closed Saturday–Sunday

AM Foods Market & Tobacco (0.4 mi)

1814 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 872-4805
Hours: Daily 9:00am–7:55pm

Infinity Smokes (0.6 mi)

814 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 333-9071
Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00am–10:00pm, Friday 9:00am–11:00pm, Saturday 10:00am–11:00pm, Sunday 10:00am–7:00pm

Pharmacies

CVS in Target (0.3 mi)

900 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 338-5215
Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00am–6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am–6:00pm, Closed Sunday; Closed daily from 1:30pm–2:00pm

Walgreens Pharmacy (0.5 mi)

655 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 339-0363
Hours: Monday–Friday 7:00am–8:00pm, Saturday 9:00am–6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am–5:00pm

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Clinics

Minute Clinic in Target (0.3 mi)

900 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403

(612) 338-5215

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am–5:00pm, Closed Saturday-Sunday

Copies/Printing

FedEx Office Print & Ship Center - Hyatt Regency (0.0 mi)

Floor 2 of the Hyatt Regency

(612) 339-5641

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00am–6:00pm, Close Saturday–Sunday

FedEx Office Print & Ship Center - IDS Center (0.5 mi)

80 S 8th St Suite 180, Minneapolis, MN 55402

(612) 343-8000

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00am–6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am–6:00pm, Closed Sunday

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July 14-16 2023

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Student \$25, Supporting \$10

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Guests of Honor

Steven Barnes and Mark Rich

Posthumous Guests: Gordon Dickson, C. M. Kornbluth, Judith Merrill

For further information: **www.diversicon.org** diversicon@gmail.com

Diversicon 30, PO Box 50303, Loring Station, Minneapolis MN 55405.

RESTAURANT GUIDE

The CONvergence 2023 Restaurant Guide

There are hundreds of restaurants in the Twin Cities, many of them within walking distance or a very short drive. In this guide, we list restaurants that are in the Hyatt and within a very short walking distance. Restaurants in this guide are open for dine-in; more options offer delivery through Uber Eats, Bite Squad, DoorDash, or Grubhub.

Many restaurants have vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options available upon request. Most restaurants have free Wi-Fi.

All MN restaurants have wheelchair-accessible entrances, tables, restrooms, and are non-smoking.

Name	Address	Phone	Thursday Hours	Friday Hours	Saturday Hours	Sunday Hours
In the Hyatt						
Prairie Kitchen & Bar	in Hyatt	(612) 596-4640	7:00am–2:00pm, 4:00pm–Midnight	7:00am–2:00pm, 4:00pm–Midnight	7:00am–2:00pm, 4:00pm–Midnight	7:00am–2:00pm, 4:00pm–Midnight
MPLS Market	in Hyatt	(612) 370-1234	6:30am–8:00pm	6:30am–8:00pm	6:30am–8:00pm	6:30am–8:00pm
MPLS Express/ room service delivery	in Hyatt Overnight delivery only	(612) 370-1234	11:00pm–6:00am	11:00pm–6:00am	11:00pm–6:00am	11:00pm–6:00am
A Short Walk						
Sushi Train	1200 Nicollet Mall Suite C3, Minneapolis, MN 55403	(612) 259-8488	11:30am–10:00pm	11:30am–10:30pm	11:30am–10:30pm	Noon–10:00pm
Lotus Restaurant	113 W Grant St, Minneapolis, MN 55403	(612) 870-1218	11:00am–9:00pm	11:00am–9:00pm	11:00am–9:00pm	Noon–8:00pm
Brit's Pub	1110 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403	(612) 332-3908	11:30am–11:00pm	11:30am–1:00am	4:30am–1:00am	10:00am–11:00pm
Eggy's Minneapolis	120 W 14th St, Minneapolis, MN 55403	(763) 310-3449	7:00am–3:00pm	7:00am–3:00pm	7:00am–3:00pm	7:00am–3:00pm
Chipotle	1040 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403	(612) 659-7955	10:45am–10:00pm	10:45am–10:00pm	10:45am–10:00pm	CLOSED
Highlights Within Downtown						
The Nicollet Diner	1428 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403	(612) 399-6258	All day	All day	All day	All day
Union Hmong Kitchen	520 N 4th St Ste 4, Minneapolis, MN 55401	(612) 431-5285	11:00am–9:00pm	11:00am–10:00pm	11:00am–10:00pm	11:00am–8:00pm
North Loop Gallery	729 N Washington Ave Ste 102, Minneapolis MN 55413	(612) 354-7450	11:30am–9:00pm	11:30am–11:00pm	11:30am–11:00pm	11:30am–9:00pm
Fogo de Chão	645 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403	612) 338-1344	11:30am–2:00pm, 5:00pm–10:00pm	11:30am–2:00pm, 5:00pm–10:30pm	11:30am–10:30pm	11:30am–9:00pm
Zen Box Izakaya	602 S Washington Ave, Minneapolis MN 55415	(612) 332-3936	5:00pm–9:00pm	5:00pm–10:00pm	5:00pm–10:00pm	Closed
FINNEGANS Brew Co.	817 S 5th Ave, Minneapolis MN 55404	(612) 208-3374	3:00pm–9:00pm	3:00pm–9:00pm	2:00pm–9:00pm	Noon–6:00pm

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Delivery Options

Many restaurants have delivery options on their websites or are associated with one or more services. A few delivery services are listed here. All options listed below have an app and a website (many have live chat option). Many have a discount for first-time users—ask! Check for delivery area and times available.

Bite Squad	bitesquad.com
DoorDash	doordash.com
Grubhub	grubhub.com
Uber Eats	ubereats.com

Staying Healthy

Remember! 6 hours of sleep, 2 meals, and 1 shower a day. Stay hydrated.

Alcohol and caffeine do NOT count towards hydration. Remember your meds and vitamins.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES

Will Cunningham—Director

Book Swap

Becca Cook—Head
Christine Ozols—Head

Connies Quantum Sandbox

Angelique Anderson—Head
Dierdre Schultz—Head
Jesse Boom—Head
Sandy Darst—Head
Christy Bennett—Sub-Head
Jesse VanGunst—Sub-Head
Jessica Nelson—Sub-Head
John Cahill—Sub-Head
Lisa Wallin—Lab Specialist
Lizzie Ripplinger—Sub-Head
Missy Teff—Sub-Head
Nicholas Feeney—Sub-Head
Rain Patterson Owens—Sub-Head
Renee Petersen—Sub-Head
Ro Wagner—Lab Specialist
Ruth Petersen—Sub-Head
Alessa Boom—Teen Specialist

Exhibits

Hertzey Hertz—Fan Tables Head
Natasha Krentz—Head
Don Stremski—Holodeck Sub-Head
Elizabeth Hufnagle Puffer—Holodeck Sub-Head
Julia Celley—Holodeck Sub-Head
Samuel Smith—Holodeck Sub-Head

Gaming

Daniel Stiglich—Retro LAN Head
Elley Murray—Head
Peter Lane—Head
Adina Schefsky—Front Desk/TTRPG Sub-Head
Kyrie Stephenson—Sub-Head
Jason Dean—Board Game Specialist
Jess Lake—Board Game Specialist
Jill McTavish—Artemis Specialist
Josh Schendel—Board Game Specialist
Keith Apperson—PFS Specialist
Kendra Goodman—Board Game Specialist
Ross Prosser—MTG Specialist
Susan Firestone—Steam Century Specialist
Tammy Patten—Branding Specialist

Guests of Honor

Cat Beltran—Head
Chelsea Kane—Head
Stephanie Zuercher—Head
Courtney Azar—Backup Liaison Sub-Head
Elizabeth Erickson—Sub-Head
Jared Baker—GoH Transportation Sub-Head
Kathy Taylor—Sub-Head
Kyle Dekker—Backup Liaison Sub-Head
Lisa Pepin—Sub-Head
Megan Stob—Sub-Head
Natasha Krentz—Sub-Head
Paula Merns—Sub-Head
Rick Snyder—Sub-Head
Stephanie Berlien—Sub-Head
Tanya Brody—Sub-Head
Terry Mackin—Sub-Head
Tom Hogan—Backup Liaison Sub-

Head

Victoria A'Neals—Sub-Head
Anton Petersen—Programming Specialist

Invited Participants

Cetius d'Raven—Head

MidWest Sci Fi Short Film Festival

Ansley Kolisnyk—Head
Deanna Bussiere—Head
Garrick Dietze—Volunteer
Coordinator Sub-Head
James Scott Williamson—Volunteer
Coordinator Sub-Head
Mary Rohe—Programming and Video Sub-Head
AlyssaRose Jordan-Bird—Marketing and Social Media Specialist

Photography

Peter Verrant—Head

Programming

Cetius d'Raven—Head
Ed Eastman—Head
Margaret Eastman—Head
Michael Kingsley—Head
Peter Larsen—Head
Rebecca Justiniano—Head
Alexandra Howes—Sensitivity Reader Specialist
Craig Finseth—Mapping/Back-End Processing Specialist
Rita Walaszek Arndt—Sensitivity Reader Specialist
Shaun Larsen—Youth Specialist
Thomas Kwong—Sensitivity Reader Specialist
Zack Mayville—Youth Specialist

ADMINISTRATION

Chase Peterson—Director
Kennedy Harrington—Support

Art Show

Charles Horne—Head
Cynthia Porter—Head
Anne Thillen—Signs and Events Sub-Head
Damien Mills—Reorganization Leader Sub-Head
Heather Dickinson—Floor Host CoLeader, Layout Designer Sub-Head
Holley Van Susteren—Live Auction Coordinator, Staffing Sub-Head
Mary Jane Boeser—In Training Digital Admin, Project Management Sub-Head
Miranda Cole—Coat Check, Social Media Sub-Head
Regina Voracek—Sunday Leader Sub-Head
Sarah Cleary—Digital Administration Sub-Head
Sean Sullivan—Volunteer Coordinator Sub-Head
Tania Richter—Floor host CoLeader Sub-Head
Bob Wagner—Specialist
Rache Dutcher—Specialist

Artists Alley

Brandy McQueen—Head

Dealers Room

Brandy McQueen—Head
Bjorn Eide—Sub-Head

IT

Jason Edstrom—Head
Lillaia Christiansen—Head
Bryce Tollefson—Sub-Head
Mike Sonnicksen—Sub-Head
Alex Davies—Specialist

Software Development

Aric Stewart—Head

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Charmaine Parnell—Director
Sydney Collins—Support
Zoe Fasching—Support
Nessa Feilan - Support

Creative Services

Will Schar—Head

Finance

Thomas Keeley—Chief Financial Officer, Head
Jessica Jacobs—Sub-Head
Liz Hernandez—Sub-Head
Bruce Yoder—Specialist
Dana Gutierrez—Specialist
Marina Yoder—Specialist

Partner Management

Missy Teff—Head

Publications

Janelle Schulzetenberg—Head
Garrick Dietze—Sub-Head
Mara DeMers—Advertising Sub-Head
Kelly Stahn—Layout Specialist
Cole Sarar—Grid Specialist
Muriel Jackson—Proofing Specialist
Trish Fike—Proofing Specialist
Hudson Baker—Proofing Specialist

Teen Room

Apollo Stomberg—Head
Bowie Bonafede—Head
Jade Chandler—Adult Liaison Head
Shiloh Leaf—Head
Zoe Fasching—Adult Liaison Head
Aidan Whitaker—Sub-Head
Albert Patterson—Sub-Head
Elizabeth Tucker—Sub-Head
James Dean—Sub-Head
Jayden Martin—Sub-Head
cleo McGuigan—Sub-Head
Angelique Anderson—Teen Room Mentor Specialist

Volunteers

Kerri Fasching—Head
Samantha Bitner—Head
Ann Roubik—Sub-Head
Dorothy Norton—Sub-Head
Elyssa Mason—Sub-Head
Glenn Melena—Sub-Head
Rachel Lubich—Sub-Head
Spence Fasching—Specialist

FACILITIES

Eric Knight—Director
Linda Paul—Support

Allocations

Karin St Aubin—Head
Scott St. Aubin—Sub-Head
Ishmael Williams—Specialist

Arrivals and Departures

Michelle Horn—Head
Electra Vincent—Sub-Head

Decor

Amy Dekker—Head
Deanna Bussiere—Head
Shari Hartshorn—Head
Brittney Gulden—Specialist
Jenna Touchette—Specialist
Sophie Rylander—Specialist
Tim Lamkin—Specialist
Trish Fike—Specialist

Event Orders

Jeanne Kating—Head
Christopher Baye—Sub-Head
Oz Levita—Sub-Head

Hotel

Chris Krowez—Head
David Bianchi—Head
Jana Palo—Head
Harvey Vargo—Sub-Head
Wednesday Ezaki—Sub-Head

Logistics

Erik Vitale—Head
Nicholas Sauser—Head
Chris Kickhafer—Sub-Head
Dierdra Chamas—Sub-Head
Robert Hoskin—Sub-Head
Tony Price—Sub-Head
Jeremy Adair—Specialist
Kelly Fredrickson—Specialist
Kris Spiesz—Specialist
Marcvs Becker—Specialist
Paul Crist—Specialist

Meeting Childcare

Sam Thompson—Head
Chris Mattson—Sub-Head
Chyenne Thibodo—Sub-Head

HOSPITALITY

Luis Beltran—Director
Jenna Powers—Support
Lara Messer—Support
Rachel Bloom-Brovold—Support

Accessibility & Inclusion

Alisha Srock—Head
Cassandra Fisher—Head
Jesse Groff—Head
Stephanie Cardenas—Head
Aedan Donovan—Sub-Head
Bri Lopez—Specialist
George Atendido—Specialist
Hal Bichel—Educational Content Specialist
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Znac Rahkonen—Head

ConSuite

Bonnie Younger—Head
JT Thompson—Head
Kenneth Justiniano—Head
Nix Sandstrom—Head
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Dave Kingsley—Sub-Head
Garry Kopp—Sub-Head
IG Oertel—Sub-Head
Malcolm Peterson—Sub-Head
Robben Leaf—Sub-Head

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Kerry Peterson—Head
Brienne Reeves—Sub-Head
Charlene Holm—Sub-Head
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Broderick Dressen—Specialist
Peter Larsen—Specialist

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Allison Knauss—Head
John Hermanstorfer—Head
Katie Haavisto—Head
Kathleen Lowery—Sub-Head
Steve Honse—Sub-Head
Ishmael Williams—Specialist
James Green—Specialist
Lara Messer—Specialist

Marketing

Hal Bichel—Head
Liz Star—Head
Missy Teff—Head

Massage

Jennifer Peck—Head
Scott Stone—Head
Deborah Spiesz—Sub-Head

Nerf Herders

Katie Nave—Head
Kori Anderson—Bading Head
Robert Atendido—Head
Ace Oubaha—Sub-Head
Bekka Mueller—Sub-Head
Erica Howard—Bridge Sub-Head
Katarina Larsen—Badging Sub-Head
Lorien Radmer—Sub-Head
Mika Reisdorff—Administration Sub-Head
Nick Rosencrans—Sub-Head
Richard Bergsrud—Elevators Sub-Head
Cat Lenander—Specialist
Clarke Sauve—Dispatch Specialist
Eiryn Hegland—Specialist
Joel Kovach—Specialist
Kerry Peterson—Specialist
Linnea Lilian Pihl—Specialist
Stephanie Zuercher—Specialist

Operations

Andy Murphy—Head
Ben Swope Vetvick—Head
Doug Kirks—Head
Kelly Reich—Head
Allen Tipper—Sub-Head
Geoff Wessendorf—Sub-Head
Jason Kobett—Sub-Head
John Rasmussen—Sub-Head
Kayla McGrady—Sub-Head
Kethry Muggleton—Sub-Head
Sheri Cleveland—Sub-Head in Training
Adam Rautio—Dispatch Specialist
Alli Cassel—Wandering Specialist
Alyna Benhart—Bridge Specialist
Brandon Paplow—IT Specialist
Cas Renelle—Bridge Specialist
Christina Super—Dispatch Specialist
David Benhart—Bridge Specialist
Fran Pass—At-Con Specialist
James Hall—Bridge Specialist
Jerry Keohen—Wandering Specialist
Jessica Jacobs—Bridge Specialist
John Hermanstorfer—Wandering

Specialist

Lon Heligas—Bridge Specialist
Lucas Bratland—Wandering Specialist
Marguerite Krause—Dispatch Specialist
Marina Krinsky—Wandering Specialist
Matt Roxbury—Wandering Specialist
Miriam Krause—Dispatch Specialist
Rowan Benhart—Wandering Specialist
Sarah Ravelly—Dispatch Specialist
Sheilah Howard—Bridge Specialist
Tron Howard—Wandering Specialist

Parenting Room

April King—Head

Parties

Elyssa Mason—Head
Jenna Powers—Head
Bree—Sub-Head
John Garner—Sub-Head
Kate Walsh—Sub-Head
Nessa Feilan—Sub-Head
Nicole Gau—Sub-Head
Patrick Maloney—Sub-Head
Sean Beveridge—Sub-Head

Social Media

Hal Bichel—Head
Meredith McDonald—Head
Bowie Bonafede—Sub-Head
JP Palmer—Sub-Head
John Garner—Sub-Head
Katarina Larsen—Sub-Head
Lillaia Christiansen—Sub-Head
Liz Star—Sub-Head
Margaret Eastman—Sub-Head
Michelle Funk—Sub-Head
Staci corcoran—Sub-Head

Space Lounge

Cali Mastny—Head
Gwen Law—Head
Rachel Beauchamp—Head
Aaron Prust—Sub-Head
Arthur Kneeland—Sub-Head
Caly McMorro—Sub-Head
Chelsea Bue—Sub-Head
Cole Sarar—Sub-Head
James LeDuc—Sub-Head
Paul Eigenbrodt—Sub-Head
Beth Scudder—Specialist
Carlos Lamas—Specialist

The Grove

Brian Etchieson—Head
Sydney Collins—Head
Adam Meitz—Sub-Head
Becca Cook—Sub-Head
Lillaia Christiansen—Sub-Head
Spence Fasching—Sub-Head
Logan Svoboda—Specialist

VolDen

Corinne Loar—Head
Elley Murray—Sub-Head
Thomas Gaasch—Sub-Head

Webteam

Charles Horne—Head
Felix Strates—Project Manager Head
Hal Bichel—Head
Jeffrey Scalise—Head
John Garner—Content Author Sub-Head
Liz Star—Content Marketing Sub-

Head

Lissie Baker—Content Author Specialist

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Mallory Mueller—Support

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Mary Rohe—Head
Todd Wardrope—Head
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Gregory Parks—CON-Link Sub-Head
Timothy Hanson—Sub-Head

Ceremonies

Alison Anderson—Head
Christopher Jones—Sub-Head
Angela Fox—Puppeteer/Performer Specialist
Dawn Krosnowski—Puppeteer/Performer Specialist
Molly Glover—Writer Specialist
Nick Glover—Writer Specialist
Tess Kean—Stage Manager Specialist

Cinema Rex

Cara White—Head
David McKay—Head
Heather McKay—Head
Michael MacDonald—Head
Kristi Laudert—Specialist

Harmonic Convergence

Beth Kinderman—Head
Dave Stagner—Head
Grenevic Sharladanel Stremski—Head
Charlene Holm—Sub-Head
Chris Krowez—Sub-Head
Donavon Martinson—Sub-Head
Elizabeth Gross—Sub-Head

MainStage

Bahb Heddle—Head
Patricia Wick—Head
Skaht Hansen—Head
Brian Kisch—Sub-Head
Dan Featherstone—Sub-Head
Daniel Petersen—Specialist

MainStage Video

Anthony Karna—Head
Troy LaFaye—Specialist

Masquerade

Donald Kaiser—Head
Patrick Cool—Head
Emily Chesley—Sub-Head
Natasha Krentz—Green Room Sub-Head
Aimee Kuzenski—MC Specialist
Ashley Haapapuro—Costume Wars Specialist
Benjamin Livingston—Backstage Manager Specialist
Chrys VanDerKamp—Stage Manager Specialist

Theater Nippon

Mara DeMers—Head
Jose Rivera—Head
Andy Mills—Sub-Head
Benjamin Spencer—Sub-Head
Hannah Stein—Sub-Head
Holly Johnson—Sub-Head
Jill McTavish—Sub-Head

Video Management

Fes Works Kaercher—Head

Wordslingers Way

Allison Broeren—Head
Phillip Low—Head
Dan Marlow—Sub-Head
Elizabeth Stiras—Sub-Head
Elizabeth Vogel—Sub-Head
Jenna Papke—Sub-Head

SYSTEMS

Carla Mantel—Director

Archives

Sarah Barsness—Head

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Amy Mills—Head
Echo Martin—Head
Jenna Powers—Head
Tim Wick—Board Liaison Head
Elyssa Mason—Sub-Head
Hertzey Hertz—Sub-Head
Rachel Poleke—Sub-Head

Merchandise

Amy Mills—Head
Paula Merns—Head
Fes Works Kaercher—Specialist
Kathy Taylor—Specialist

Registration

Destiny Sparks—Head
Mark Sauntry—Head
Amy Fischer—Sub-Head
Caro Smith—Sub-Head
Colleen Baltutis—Sub-Head
Jeffrey Allen—Sub-Head
Lindsay Savage—Sub-Head
Tatiana Allen—Sub-Head
Eric Olson-Watson—Specialist
Jennifer Curti—Specialist
John Murray—Specialist
Liz Jones—Specialist

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Documentation

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Geoff Wessendorf
Luis Beltran—Board Liaison
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Guests of Honor

Forrest J Ackerman 11/24/1916–12/4/2008 (1999)

Leslie Esdaile(LA) Banks 12/1/1959–8/2/2011 (2010)

Eric Flint 2/6/1947–7/17/2022 (2003) (2006) (2008)

Peter Mayhew 5/19/1944–4/30/2019 (2001) (2008)

Dwayne McDuffie 2/20/1962–2/21/2011 (2009)

CH Morgan (Landley) 11/21/1947–12/05/2002 (2001)

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