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GANBATTLE 2025

JULY 5 & 6, 2025

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Mascot Art
by Ppyrams



CONVENTION HOURS

July 5, 2025 || 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

July 6, 2025 || 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

EXHIBITOR HALL

Saturday || 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday || 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

How to Support the Ganbatte Community

1 Follow us on social media for updates and events!

Join the Ganbatte Discord for discussions! **2**

3 Sign up to join our team of awesome volunteers!

Consider becoming a Ganbatte sponsor! **4**

5 Ganbatte accepts donations including cosplay and fandom items of all kinds!

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welcome to



Message from the President – Ganbatte 2025

Welcome to Ganbatte Convention's 10-Year Anniversary!

It's hard to believe it's been a decade since we first brought this dream to life—a dream to create a safe, inclusive, and joyful space for anime, cosplay, gaming, and pop culture fans right here in Saskatchewan. What began in 2016 at TCU Place with mostly local attendees and a hopeful spirit quickly grew into something much bigger. In 2017, we welcomed our first major guests, the Power Rangers Dino Thunder voice actors. By 2018, we had expanded to fill both floors of the venue with more guests and vendors than ever before, and in 2019, the voice actor of the white cat from Sailor Moon became everyone's favorite "convention grandpa," lovingly signing merch of his character.

When the world shifted in 2020, we kept the community connected through online events, and in 2022, we introduced A Drop of Ganbatte—our new annual holiday event. 2023 saw a fantastic lineup of Canadian voice talent, and in 2024, we embraced a final Japanese fireworks festival theme and brought in voice actors who had never been to Saskatoon before. And now, in 2025, we step boldly into the future with our first-ever themed year: Cyberpunk Ganbatte, beginning a new tradition of rotating yearly themes to keep each event fresh, exciting, and creatively inspiring.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey—whether this is your first year or your tenth. Your passion, creativity, and kindness make Ganbatte more than just a convention. You've helped build a community, a celebration, and a place where we all belong. Here's to the last ten years... and the next ten to come.

Thank you for helping spread the good word of Ganbatte. I look forward to seeing all your art and cosplays for years to come.

Annie Shadden

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ganbatte wants to acknowledge that, in Saskatchewan, we are on Treaty land. These treaties serve to govern our relationships with Indigenous people. We are located on Treaty 6 territory, which is the traditional territory of the Cree, Saulteaux, Stoney, Nakota, and Dakota peoples, and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

It is important that we recognize that we all have benefits and responsibilities under these agreements. We acknowledge the harms and injustices of the past and present. We dedicate our efforts to working together in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation. We are all treaty people.



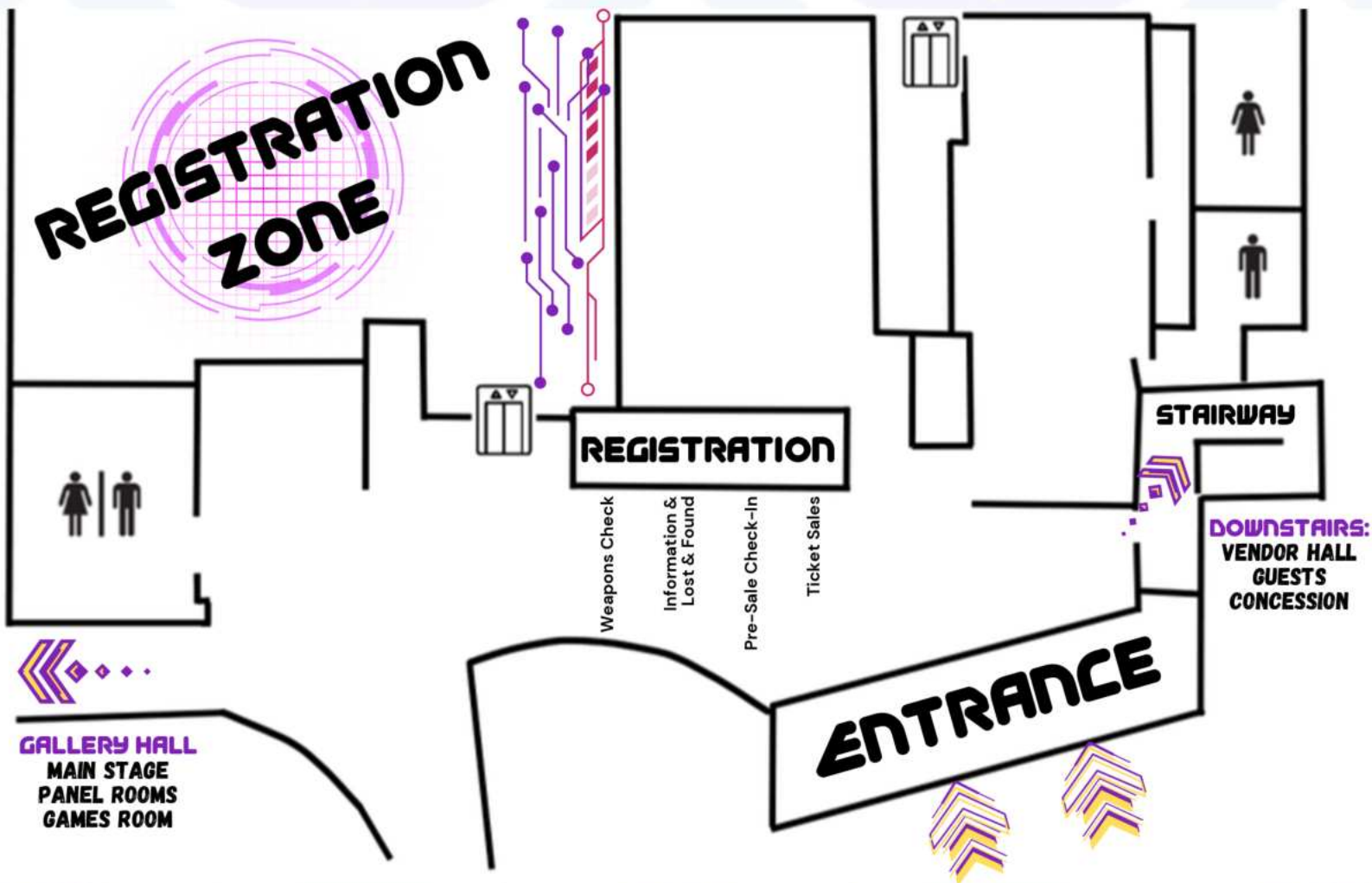
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2025 Convention Policy

Article 1 - Definitions

- 1.1 "Convention" refers to the Convention hosted by Ganbatte Convention Inc. on July 5 & 6, 2025.
- 1.2 "Staff" refers to all Ganbatte Convention stage and venue staff.
- 1.3 "Props" Check refers to the Ganbatte Convention Inc. staff assigned to checking props of the convention.
- 1.4 "Attendee" refers to anyone attending the event with a valid ticket.
- 1.5 "Ticket" refers to verification of admission to the convention, either through a wristband or badge & lanyard.

Article 2 - Tickets

- 2.1 All ticket sales are final unless there are extenuating circumstances that have been discussed with Ganbatte Convention Inc.
- 2.2 Tickets sold by third-party members are not guaranteed authentic passes for the Convention.
- 2.3 Children aged 10 and under are not required to pay for a pass to enter the Convention, they will be given a child's wristband but only if there is a guardian over 18 accompanying them at all times. (The Guardian(s) must also have a valid wristband for the day(s) or badge to be allowed in the convention as well.)
- 2.4 Companions for attendees with special requirements will be granted access to the convention to accompany the ticket holding attendee. The companion will be given a Day Pass wristband for whichever day they are attending, and are permitted anywhere the accompanied attendee has access to, including VIP seating.
- 2.5 Badges and wristbands must be visible at all times and are required for entry to TCU Place for the event. Wristbands cannot be damaged/removed during the convention and must be fully intact. (If the wristband or badge is damaged, needs replacement, speak to a volunteer or one of our Team Leaders if you need assistance.)
- 2.6 All weekend pass wristbands are required to be worn for the duration of Ganbatte. Ganbatte Convention Inc. is not required to replace lost wristbands.

Article 3 - Age requirements

- 3.1 All attendees under the age of 13 must be accompanied by someone who is 18 years or older during the duration of the Convention. (The guardian(s) must also have a valid wristband of the day(s) or badge to be allowed in the convention as well. This applies as well to all points that are in Article 3.**)
- 3.2 All children age 10 and under require adult supervision and responsibility at all times by a guardian over the age of 18. **



Article 4 - Venue Specific Restrictions

- 4.1 Devices with wheels will not be permitted on the venue floor at any time excluding wheelchairs, strollers, or otherwise discussed and approved devices by Ganbatte Convention Inc.
- 4.2 Fire will not be allowed in the venue.
- 4.3 Midtown Plaza does not allow weapons, or masks and requires full clothing and shoes for entry. Masks and weapons can be checked at Ganbatte Convention Inc.'s Prop Check.

Article 5 - Attire

- 5.1 All attire to the Convention must be family-friendly. Restrictions apply to the following:
 - 5.1.1 Displayed images of pornography upon clothing.
 - 5.1.2 Displayed profanities upon clothing.
- 5.2 Any costume or outfit that complaints or concerns are received will be subject to the discretion of Ganbatte leadership. Complaints and concerns can be lodged at Ganbatte Convention Inc.'s registration area. If deemed inappropriate, you will be asked to leave the Convention until you have changed your outfit to the specifications of Ganbatte Convention Inc.'s staff.
- 5.3 Masks must be removable for the purposes of identification should staff require you to remove them.
- 5.4 Footwear is mandatory.

Article 6 - Props

- 6.1 All props must go through Prop Check prior to entering the Convention.
- 6.2 Any props not approved must be removed from the Convention or checked into Prop Check, where you will receive a Prop Check ticket. The prop will then be released to the attendees with the Prop Check ticket for said prop when they leave the Convention.
- 6.3 Any gun prop that is a replica of a real gun must have an orange cap at the tip to show that the gun is non-fireable.
 - 6.3.1 Working pellet guns and Nerf guns will not be allowed at the Convention.
 - 6.3.2 Any gun or prop that can fire a projectile is not allowed.
- 6.4 All props made by hand can not contain any metal, sharp edges, or wood thicker than a broom handle unless discussed with the Props Check team.
- 6.5 All props and masks will not be allowed in the Midtown Plaza at any time, all props must either be left at Prop Check or removed from the venue.
- 6.6 If necessary, Ganbatte's Security Team will perform a mandatory bag check for safety purposes at any time on venue property.
- 6.7 Absolutely no blades or metal objects of any sort.

Article 7 - Behaviour

- 7.1 Any aggressive behaviour that makes other attendees feel uncomfortable will not be tolerated.
- 7.2 Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated by any attendees or Ganbatte Convention Inc. Staff.
- 7.3 Roughhousing will not be tolerated.
- 7.4 Excessive intoxication by any means will not be permitted at any time during the Convention.
- 7.5 Physical contact without consent will not be tolerated.
- 7.6 Photography or Videography of an attendee by another attendee without consent is not permitted.
- 7.7 Remember this is a crowded event, do not swing your props sporadically, and be mindful of other attendees.

Article 8 - Failure to Comply

- 8.1 Failure to comply with any of these policies will result in a two-step solution but may be subject to more immediate action dependent on the severity:
 - 8.1.1 Verbal warning to cease with policy breaking actions or behaviours.
 - 8.1.2 Removal from the Convention by Security for the remainder of the event.

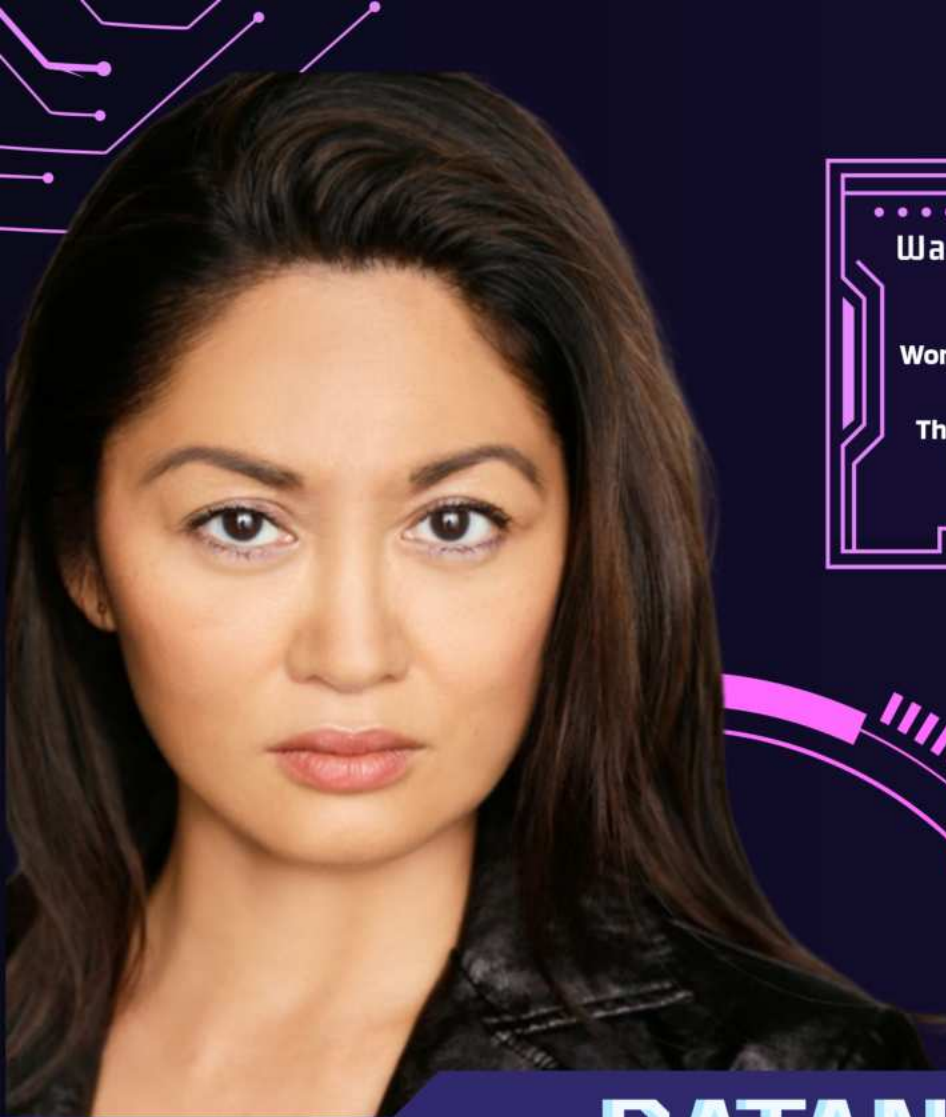
Article 9 - Lost and Found

- 9.1 Any items found unattended during the Convention should be brought to the lost and found at Ganbatte registration.
- 9.2 Ganbatte Convention Inc. is not held responsible for any items lost, damaged, or stolen during the Convention.

Article 10 - Media

- 10.1 Ganbatte Convention Inc. and TCU Place will have approved photographers and videographers taking footage of the Convention. By accepting your Ganbatte Convention Inc. ticket you agree to be in any approved photographers or videographers footage.
- 10.2 If you wish at any time to not be in any media footage, approach the photographer or videographer to let them know, and they will respect your request.





Want to learn more about Ratana?

Saturday 2:00 pm || Main Stage
**Why Diverse Stories Matter:
Women/Humans of Colour in VO and Gaming**

Sunday 12:30 pm || Main Stage
**The Ultimate Collab: Creating Compelling
Characters in Animation and Games**

RATANA

In Asian culture, the word "Ratana" has many meanings: it is a precious gem or term of respect (Hindi), and a diamond or crystal (Thai). As her name implies, Ratana is a voiceover artist with many facets and multiple passions. Her love of music, theatre, cartoons, dance & performing ultimately led her to... take the practical path and study marketing and advertising in college, where she began her creative journey in corporate America.

In the corporate world, she applied these talents as a consultant to a variety of Fortune 500 clients, and as a marketing professional, worked on a variety of brands in a variety of industries - everything from baked goods and cereal, to toys and DVDs.

Ratana spent her days perfecting her analytical skills, and her evenings salsa dancing. It wasn't until a fellow dancer and VO actor encouraged her to explore voiceover that she discovered the dream job she never knew she always wanted. And what began as a playful exploration became a creative calling.

Ratana's acting training includes commercial, animation, video games, accents and dialects, dubbing, ADR, promo voiceover, performance capture, and improv comedy. In addition to numerous commercials, she is known for her work as Yae Miko in Genshin Impact, Leonie in Fire Emblem: Three Houses, Ishtar (Fire Emblem Heroes), RaRa and Kiyomi (Fallout 76) and the Netflix animated series Trese.

Ratana is based in Los Angeles, broadcasting worldwide.

QUESTS

Mark Allard-Will

Local Saskatoon creator, Mark Allard-Will fuses the talents of comic book writer, photographer, and video creator into a wide body of work ranging from graphic novels to photography and reviews of virtual cycling platforms.

Mark's comic book work includes Årkade [2017], The Burning Black: The Legend of Black Shuck [2019], Siegfried: Dragon Slayer [2022]

Find out more about Mark at MarkAllardWill.com



F. David Schultz

All glory to the Squid Pope!

A favourite of convention-goers everywhere, the Squid Pope first appeared on the con scene as a streak of sunshine and flailing, running from booth to booth and offering "squidly blessings" to all of the artists and vendors. Many may recall the Squid Pope offering squidly blessings at last year's opening ceremony, and the Adventures of Squid Pope has become a staple favourite at Ganbatte.

In addition to creating wacky and wild games for all, the Squid Pope has started to moonlight under the pen name "F. David Schultz" and has published a novel! Crown of Horns is a political fantasy that follows the rise of authoritarianism. It is a tale of resilience and highlights the importance of preserving culture and art in the face of tyranny.



Audra Balion

Audra Balion is an interdisciplinary award-winning artist from Saskatoon (Treaty 6). She obtained a BFA in Studio Art (w/GD) from the U of S in 2013. Since then she's worked with theatre groups, including the Saskatoon Opera, local authors and comic makers, and runs her own art and design business. The Audra Balion Art Sanctuary in Drinkle 3 mall is her studio, shop, and gallery, where she works and teaches painting, drawing, and comics. She works in many art spaces, including theatre and film design, comics, puppets, painting, sculpture, theatre, wearable art, and more. Audra often combines her theatre and visual art work, and usually includes mysterious narratives in her work, driven by her passion for visual storytelling. She typically works in fantasy, myth, and surrealism. Audra's work often looks at themes of postmodern identity, mental health, feminism, and the relationship between nature and technology. In 2023 she finished her ten-year project, the silent graphic novel "Flight Nineteen," which won her a grant from SK Arts and the Favourite Colourist Award from Sequential Magazine in 2021.



LOCAL

Brayden Martens

Brayden Martens is an Indie Comic writer from Saskatchewan, Canada. His love for animals, including current, prehistoric, and supernatural spawned his first comic series, "Prehistoria: Age of Dinosaurs" and multiple trading card series. Since his first book, Brayden has gone on to write for other titles like Jackson Graves, and The Adventures of Auroraman. Currently, Brayden has been dipping his toes into the horror genre, with stories being published in upcoming issues of Scary Monsters Magazine.



Carson Demmans

Carson Demmans has been a published writer for more than 30 years. Besides having a regular feature in Cartoons Magazine, which will be on sale at his booth, Carson has written 5 humor books, one novel, and short stories for numerous horror, science fiction and pulp hero anthologies. His daughter Karen, who is usually in the booth with him, writes horror poetry, and anthologies featuring her work will also be on sale.



Nillin Lore

Mx. Nillin Lore (they/them) is an AuDHD, queer, genderflux, polyamorous and disabled author, content creator and furry, out of Saskatoon, SK. They are a multiple-award-winning sex blogger who earned first place in the Top 100 Sex Blogs of 2021. They are the author of How Do I Sexy? A Guide for Trans and Nonbinary Queers, "Carry On: Unpacking Your Internalized Transphobic and Queerphobic Baggage," and "Polyamory and Nonmonogamy," all from Thornapple Press.

They were also chapter coauthor in the second edition of "Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource by and for Transgender Communities", from Oxford University Press, and served as the editor of "Heckin' Lewd: Trans and Nonbinary Erotica," an anthology from Bold Strokes Books.



QUESTS

Kyrra Burton

Kyrra Burton is a full time welder, full time geek. She has been helping out with The Adventures of Auroraman since its start in 2016 and joined on as an official author in 2021. Since then Kyrra has published 3 of her own stories, one of which she did the art for. She also drew the Stories from the Stew Comic Strips for a period of time before pivoting to drawing one of a kind Auroraman sketch cards which she sells at various events. Overall, Kyrra is a very creative and quite soul who just loves to make comics with her Dad.



Jeff Burton

Jeff Burton has been writing The Adventures of Auroraman since 2016 and has released issue 0-13, plus 11 mini-comics, 150 bi weekly comic strips, audio comic episodes and more! Jeff has been a guest at conventions in Saskatchewan, as well as author talks in schools and libraries all across the province.



autographs

WANT TO LEARN FROM OUR GUESTS?

Visit **pages 16-20** for a complete list of guest panels and descriptions!

COSPLAY GUESTS

Vertically Challenged Cosplay



Vertically Challenged Cosplay has always been a creative person, and loves building things. Once she saw the first marvel movie, she became immersed in the nerd culture. After going to her first expo and doing her first cosplays, Daryl Dixon, and Castiel, she was hooked. Ever since then her costumes have become more advanced with experience (and help from her dad). Her Loki and Captain Jack Sparrow cosplays have become her signature characters.

When she's not busy doing farm chores, being a substitute teacher, and university classes, she is working on new cosplays or upgrading old ones.

SodapopCosplay

SodapopCosplay is a Canadian Cosplayer who has been cosplaying since 2016. He gravitates towards anime and video game cosplays and places a strong emphasis on creating competitive cosplays that challenge his current skills. It has provided him with the chance to learn new techniques and to work with new tools and crafting mediums.

Cosplay has given him the opportunity to travel, create, compete, and meet new people. SodapopCosplay is deeply passionate about helping foster a cosplay community where everyone is welcome and belongs. Throughout his cosplay journey, countless cosplayers have given him the courage, inspiration, and freedom to be himself and that is something he loves to give back to the community.



Pocket Sized Cosplay

Pocket is a journeyman-level cosplayer who enjoys crafting their own pieces from start to finish. Most known for their Jinx cosplay, they love breaking down character designs into the smallest details and making as many elements as possible (including shoelaces!). If you want to talk about crafting or self-expression within the cosplay community, Pocket's your guy.



ganbatte cosplay spectacle

Main Stage | 3:00 pm Sunday, July 6

Sign Up

Weapons Check | 10 am - 6 pm Saturday, July 5

Cosplay Spectacle Contest Sign Up

- Sign up at Registration / Weapons Check Desk
- Sign up will take place at the convention on Saturday July 5 ONLY!
- Cosplay Spectacle sign up closes at 6:00 pm on Saturday July 5.

Prizes

Novice Division
Intermediate Division
Advanced Division
Judges' Choice x3

Pre-Judging

Panel Room 2 | 10:30 am Sunday, July 6

Cosplay Spectacle Pre-Judging

- Contestants must show up at 10:30 am to Panel Room 2 (Gallery C) for prejudging.
- Contestants must show up no less than 30 minutes prior to Cosplay Spectacle to get organized and ready to start the Competition on time.

Judges

Pocket Sized Cosplay
SodapopCospaly
Vertically Challenged Cosplay

cosplay meetups

Meet Ups are located **outside of the panel rooms** on the Main Level.

Gather by the **causeplayer photo booth** for photos!

saturday

12pm

Suit Up & Save the Day!

Superheros & Action theme
ex://Naruto, My Hero Academia
Demon Slayer, Dandadan

2pm

Paw-sitively Purr-fect Cosplay

The Creature Feature
ex://Pokémon, Furries, Beastars

4pm

Choose Your Character

Video Game Theme
ex://Genshin Impact, Mario Bros,
Mortal Kombat, Honkai Starrail

6pm

Cosplay.exe: Upload your Aesthetic

Cyberpunk theme
ex://Ergo Proxy, Ghost in the Shell
Trigun, Darling in the Franxx

11am

Galactic Get-Together

Sci-Fi Theme
ex://Gundam, Code Geass, Evangelion

1pm

Myth, Magic & Make Believe

Fantasy Theme
ex://Frieren, Fairy Tale, Studio Ghibli

3pm

Ganbatte Cosplay Spectacle 2025

Ganbatte Main Stage
Gallery AB - Main Level

5pm

Simple & Sweet

Slice of Life, School Uniform
J-Fashion / Street Fashion

sunday



concession menu

Concession - In Exhibitor Hall,
Centennial Hall C

Mocktail Bar - In Main Stage,
Gallery A-B

mocktail menu

July 5 • 6 pm - 10pm • \$6.75

Luffy's Devil Fruit - Blue Matcha and Lemonade

Healing Potion - Sparkling juice, Pomegranate juice,
edible glitter

Kacchan Katsuki Bakugou Bang - Orange juice, Grenadine,
whipped cream, and pop rocks

Bulba-Breeze - Pineapple juice, Ginger ale, blue Kool Aid,
garnished with edible flower

Noble Pursuit - Lychee juice, mint, sparkling water,
elderflower cordial

Saturday, July 5
11am - 5pm

concession

located in Vendor Hall - lower level

Sunday, July 6
11am - 4pm

menu

Korean BBQ Chicken Sandwich - Coleslaw, Pickles, Lettuce // \$8.00

Sweet Chilli Chicken Cold Rolls - with Peanut Sauce, 2 pc // \$5.00

Japanese Sausage - with Kimchi Garlic Mayo // \$5.00

Beef & Pork Gyoza - with Ponzo Sauce // \$5.00

Glass Noodle Salad - with Chili-Lime Dressing // \$4.00

Kimchi Fried Rice // \$4.00

Loaded Doughnuts // \$4.00

2pc Toast - with Butter // \$3.00



drink menu

Bubble Tea // \$6.00

Bottled Water, Pop, Coffee, Tea // \$4.00



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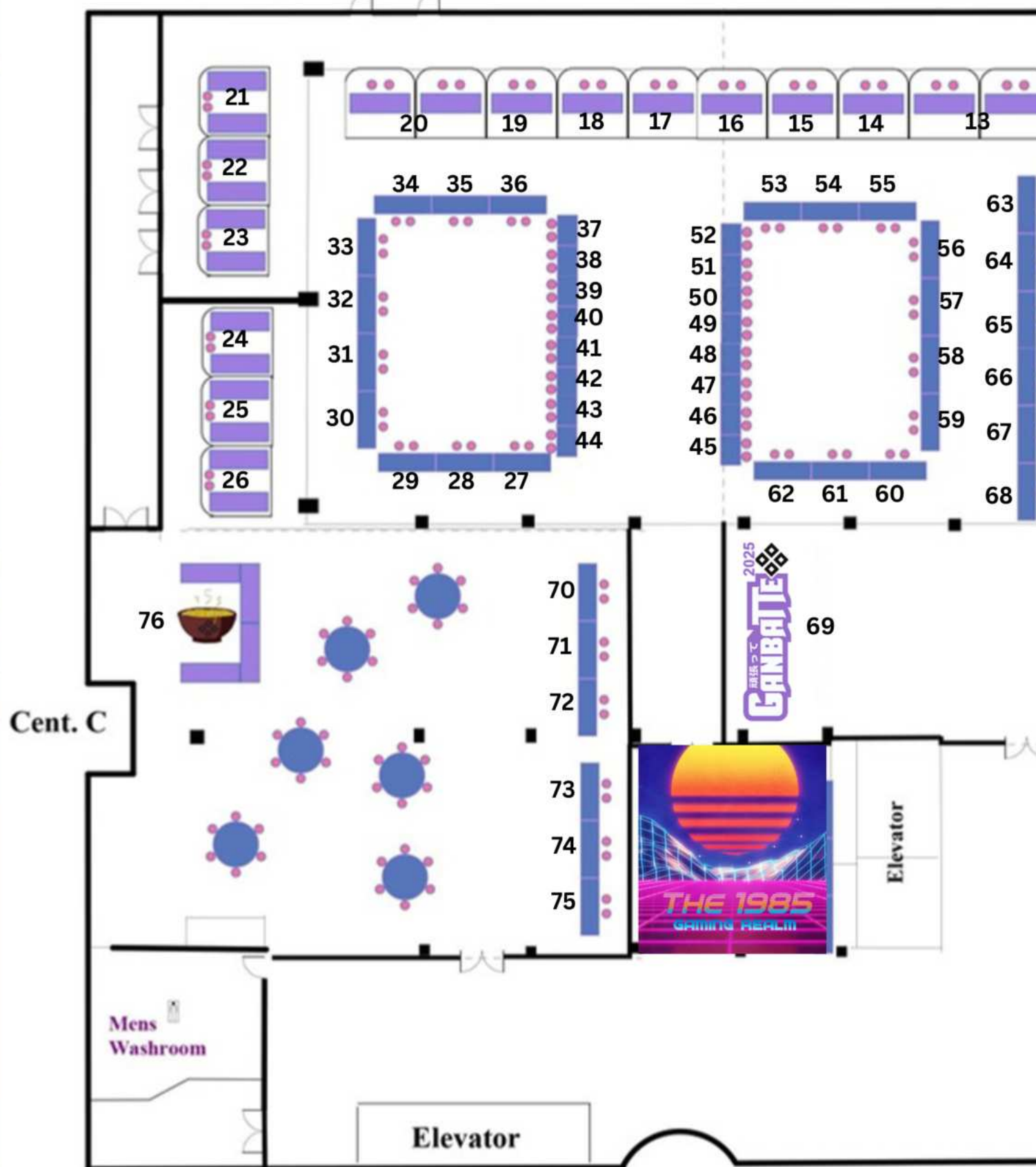


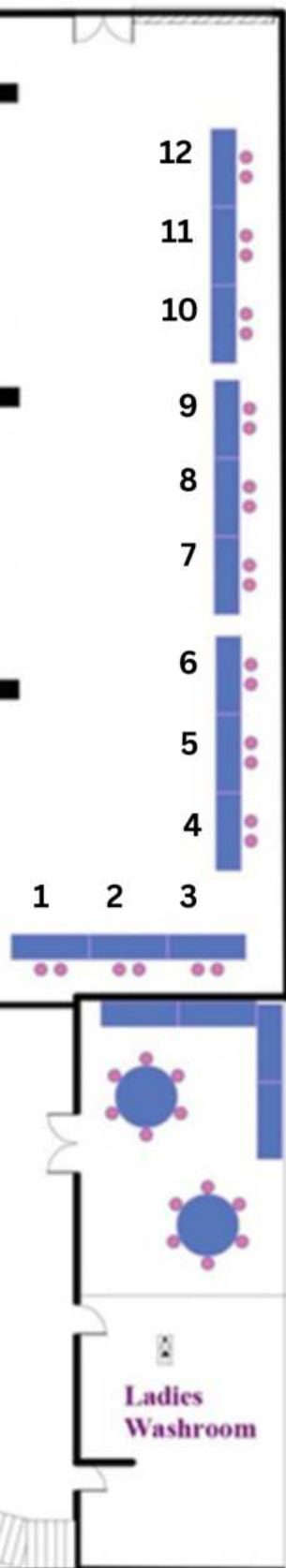
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vendor hall

guests

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grab your ganbatte merch
at table 69

GAMES ROOM

saturday schedule

Avatar the Last Airbender: Rebels & Refugees
11:30am - 2:30pm // Hosted by: Paisley Wizard

Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering
11am - 2pm // Hosted by: Extra Life

Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering
3pm - 6pm // Hosted by: Extra Life

Fallout: Machine Frequency // 4:30pm - 7:30pm
Hosted by: Paisley Wizard

The Adventures of Squid Pope // 5pm
Hosted by: F. David Schultz



Board Games with



12pm // Skull

3:30pm // Ticket to Ride Cities

5pm // Dominion

game developers



fred co.



sour circuit
studios



battalia.chess



paisley wizard
games

the 1985
gaming realm
*lower level



table top games

squid pope



boardgames
with tooncon



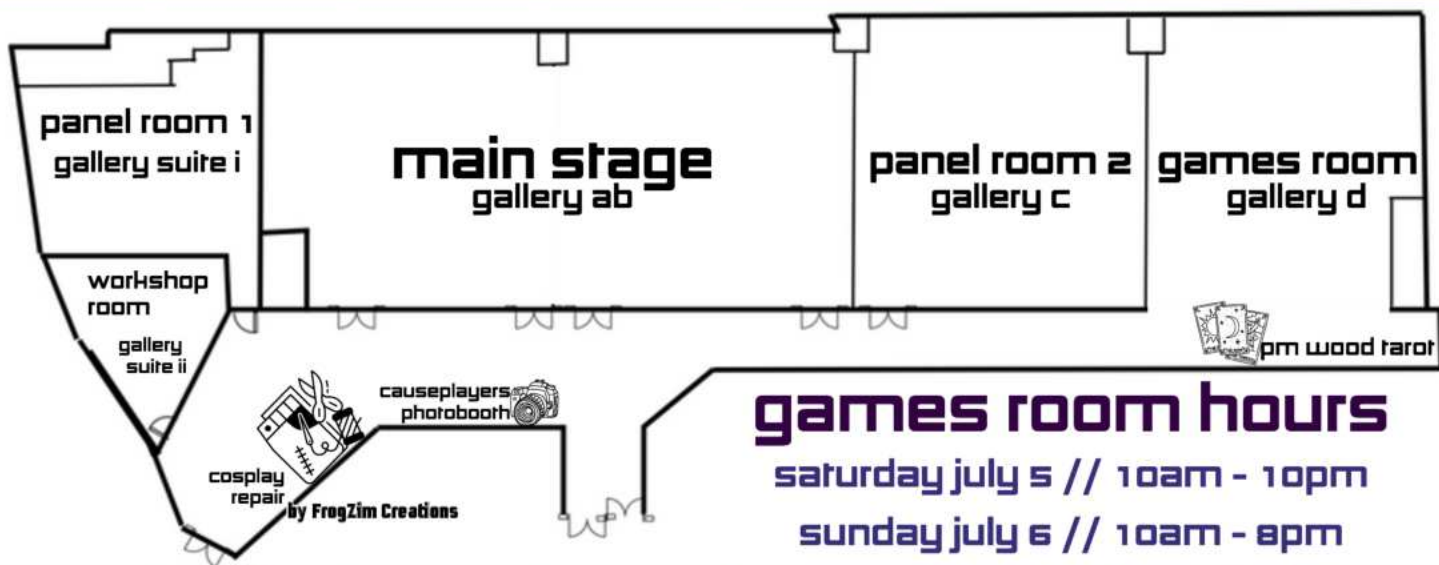
sk ghostbusters



pmwood
tarot



sk extra
life



sunday schedule

Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering
11am - 2pm // Hosted by: Extra Life

Call of Cthulu RPG // 11:30am - 2:30pm
Hosted by: Paisley Wizard Games

The Adventures of Squid Pope // 12pm
Hosted by: F. David Schultz

Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering
3pm - 6pm // Hosted by: Extra Life

Avatar Legends RPG // 4:30pm - 7:30pm
Hosted by: Paisley Wizard Games



12pm // Clank

3:30pm // Splendor

sunday 5pm // Bang! the Dice Game

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

main stage

11:00 am

**Ganbatte 2025
Opening Ceremonies**

12:30 pm

Creating Comics

2:00 pm

**Why Diverse Stories Matter:
Women/Humans of Colour
in VO and Gaming**

3:30 pm

AffURming Queers

6:00 pm

**Ganbatte Dance
with
DJ Ruction**

panel room 1

gallery suite 1

12:00 pm

**A Beginner's Guide to
Working EVA Foam**

1:30 pm

**The Recording Arts Institute of
Saskatoon**

2:30 pm

**I Found it in the Trash:
A Guide to Prop Weathering**

4:00 pm

**So You Want to Enter a
Cosplay Contest**

5:30 pm

Anime Game of Connect

7:00 pm

**Embracing Diversity:
Plus Size Cosplay**

panel room 2

gallery c

12:30 pm

Cosplay on a Budget

2:00 pm

**In Finally Arrived in Frightenstein: My
55 Year Journey to Write for a
Childhood Favourite**

3:30 pm

**So I Wrote a Novel in Two
Weeks: Adventures in Self-
Publishing**

5:00 pm

**Are You Kidding Me!
Strangest AMV Ideas Ever!**

6:30 pm

Mad Fics

8:00 pm

**Intro to Vampire the
Masquerade TTRPG (V5)
18+ ID required**

workshop room

gallery suite 2

1:00 pm

**A Beginner's Guide to Clip
Studio Paint**

2:30 pm

Applique 101



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

main stage

11:00 pm
**20 Years of the
Best AMVs**

12:30 pm
**The Ultimate Collab:
Creating Compelling Characters in
Animation and Games**

3:00 pm
**Ganbatte 2025
Cosplay Spectacle**

5:30 pm
**Ganbatte 2025
Closing Ceremonies**

6:00 pm
**Mommie's Monster
Mash 4**
**18+ ID required

panel room 1

gallery suite 1

11:30 pm
**Cultivating Love and
Immortality: Daoism in
Danmei's Wuxia & Xianxia
Worlds**

1:30 pm
Visual Storytelling

3:00 pm
**2SLGBTQ+ Fiction You
Probably Haven't (But Totally
Should) Read**

4:30 pm
AMA: Mark Allard-Will

panel room 2

gallery c

10:30 pm
**Cosplay Spectacle
PreJudging &
Contest Staging**

workshop room

gallery suite 2

11:00 am
**Cosplay Makeup with
Gorgeous Disgrace**

12:30 pm
Cosplay Photos and You!

2:00 pm
Amateur Hour Gunpla



panel descriptions

saturday guest panels

A Beginner's Guide to Working with EVA Foam

Saturday July 5 12:00 pm | Gallery Suite I

Host: SodapopCosplay

Join SodapopCosplay for an introduction to working with EVA. This session will give a broad overview of all things foam, from tools, PPE, sourcing materials, patterning, and techniques.

Creating Comics

Saturday July 5 12:30 pm | Gallery AB

Host: Audra Balion, Mark Allard-Will, Jeff Burton, Kyrra Burton, Brayden Martens, Carson Demmans, Elaine M. Will

Want to make your own comics? Local indie comic creators share their knowledge on everything you need to know about creating comics.

Cosplay on a Budget

Saturday July 5 12:30 pm | Gallery C

Host: Vertically Challenged Cosplay

Join Vertically Challenged Cosplay to learn how to bring your favourite character cosplays to life without breaking the bank.

Why Diverse Stories Matter: Women/Humans of Colour in VO and Gaming

Saturday July 5 2:00 pm | Gallery AB

Host: Ratana

In this panel, Ratana and her guests engage in a discussion of why storytelling needs diverse perspectives in order to provide richness and depth to the worlds we build, both on mic and behind the scenes.

The Ultimate Collab: Creating Compelling Characters in animation and games

Sunday July 6 12:30 pm | Gallery AB

Host: Ratana

How does a character go from being an idea or sketch on paper to feeling like a flesh-and-blood being that leaps to life on screen? It takes a village! Ratana discusses what it takes to create characters in real time, from audition to final cut.

Visual Storytelling

Sunday July 6 1:30 pm | Gallery Suite I

Host: Audra Balion

They say, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Learn the elements of Visual Storytelling, to apply to your work in fine art, comics, or even film/animation. Taught by Audra Balion, whose background in visual art and theatre helped her create the silent graphic novel "Flight Nineteen."

I finally arrived in Frightenstein:

My 55 year journey to write for a childhood favorite

Saturday July 5 2:00 pm | Gallery C

Host: Carson Demmans

Local writer Carson Demmans talks about how he finally managed to get to write for the Hilarious House of Frightenstein, a Canadian classic that debuted on TV in 1970 and which is now a graphic anthology written by him.

I Found it in the Trash: A Guide to Prop Weathering

Saturday July 5 2:30 pm | Gallery Suite I

Host: Pocket Sized Cosplay

Have a great base for a prop and don't know where to start painting? Got a 3D print and don't know how to make it shine? Looking to make your next foam project look straight out of Fallout? Pocket's got you! This is a great starting point for any skill level to get you up and painting for any kind of prop you might have lying around!

AfFURming Queers

Saturday July 5 3:30 pm | Gallery AB

Host: Nillin Lore

Join award-winning Canadian author Mx. Nillin Lore for a gathering and celebration of LGBTQ+ identities through character creation and storytelling.

So I Wrote a Novel in Two Weeks: Adventures in Self-Publishing

Saturday July 5 3:30 pm | Gallery C

Host: F. David Schultz, Audra Balion

Join author F. David Schultz and illustrator Audra Balion as they discuss the adventure of creating and self-publishing a fantasy novel, Crown of Horns. Having done it all themselves—writing, illustrating, formatting, publishing, and marketing! They'll talk about what they went through, challenges they have faced along the way, read some excerpts from the book, and answer your questions if you're thinking of following the same path.

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2SLGBTQ+ Fiction You Probably Haven't (But Totally Should) Read

Sunday July 6 3:00 pm | Gallery Suite I

Host: Nillin Lore

Join local queer author Mx. Nillin Lore, the 2024 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Gold Winner for LGBTQ+ Nonfiction, as they share some of their favourite trans, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, and queer genre fiction books released over the past twenty-five years.

AMA: Mark Allard-Will

Sunday July 6 4:30 pm | Gallery Suite I

Host: Mark Allard-Will

Mark Allard-Will is known to both locals as both a comic book writer and photographer. In this "Ask Me Anything" Q&A style panel, Mark opens the floor to ask questions about his work, tips and advice on writing, photography, and anything else in-between.

saturday main programming

Opening Ceremonies

Saturday July 5 11:00 pm | Gallery AB
Host: F. David Schultz, Ganbatte Staff

Welcome to Ganbatte Convention 2025! Let's get the weekend started with our opening ceremonies, featuring exciting previews of weekend events and special guest introductions. Join us as we kick off an unforgettable weekend!

Ganbatte 2025 Dance

Saturday July 5 6:00 pm | Gallery AB
Host: DJ Ruction

Join DJ Ruction and the Ganbatte crew for an exciting evening! Groove to the beats, get pumped up and ready to party, and make sure to grab one of our iconic mocktails from the all-ages bar on the dance floor. Whether you are in cosplay or just want to let loose, this is the ultimate party experience for you! Don't miss out!!

Ganbatte Cosplay Spectacle 2025

Sunday July 6 3:00 pm | Gallery AB
Host: Depressy Cosplay

Get ready to showcase your creativity at the second annual Ganbatte Cosplay Spectacle! Whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting your cosplay journey, sign up for a chance to walk away with some prizes and bragging rights for the next year. Ganbatte's Cosplay Spectacle is a vibrant display of creativity and craft. Let's see who wows our judges this year!!

Closing Ceremonies

Sunday July 6 5:30 pm | Gallery AB
Host: F. David Schultz, Ganbatte Staff

Join us for a heartfelt celebration of community, creativity, and a wonderful weekend! It's the bittersweet farewell, filled with gratitude and anticipation for upcoming events and next year's adventures!

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Ganbatte Cosplay Spectacle 2025 - PreJudging

Sunday July 6 10:30 am | Gallery C
Host: Ganbatte Staff

PreJudging for the Ganbatte Cosplay Spectacle will start at 10:30 am, please check in with the Ganbatte team when you arrive!

Mommie's Monster Mash 4

(18+ ID Required)
Sunday July 6 5:30 pm | Gallery AB
Host: Jo Mommie

Are you a fan of drag? Drag curious? Never ever seen a crossdresser? Come on out and find out what all the fun is about with Jo Mommie, Marsha Melo, and featured guests busting it down for your entertainment!!

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A Beginner's Guide to Clip Paint Studio

Saturday July 5 1:00 pm | Gallery Suite I
Host: Mars

Come learn how to be a Clip Studio Paint pro! In this panel you'll learn the basic fundamentals of digital art to help you get started on creating!

The Recording Arts Institute of Saskatoon

Saturday July 5 1:30 pm | Gallery Suite I
Host: The Recording Arts Institute of Saskatoon

Learn about the programs at The Recording Arts Institute of Saskatoon in this short presentation and Q&A, covering 3D animation, game development, audio engineering, and filmmaking.

Applique 101

Saturday July 5 2:30 pm | Gallery Suite II
Host: Namiswifey, Cosplaimee

An iconic emblem or decal on a character's outfit can make a cosplay instantly recognizable! Join Namiswifey and Cosplaimee for an overview of all the various ways to do applique aka get the design on the thing. From iron-on vinyl to satin stitching to acrylic paint, be prepared to learn new methods of applique and get inspiration for your next project! The information in this panel is useful for all levels of cosplay.

So You Want to Enter a Cosplay Contest

Saturday July 5 4:00 pm | Gallery Suite I
Host: Kiri Cosplay, Cosplaimee

Have you ever wanted to enter a cosplay contest but aren't sure where to start? This panel is perfect for you! Kiri Cosplay and Cosplaimee have been competing for over 10 years and have learned a lot of lessons along the way. Cosplay is art and art is subjective which makes it hard to judge but during this panel we will show you how with preparation and passion there is a lot to gain by competing.

Are You Kidding Me! Strangest AMV Ideas Ever!

Saturday July 5 5:00 pm | Gallery C
Host: Vlad, Animethon

Want to come and watch some of the most strangest ideas ever made into a AMV? Then this is the block for you as you'll never believe what your eyes and ears will see and hear!

Anime Game of Connect

Saturday July 5 5:30 pm | Gallery Suite I
Host: Jessi

Can you guess what four series or characters have in common? How about what makes one different from the others? In this game, try to figure out the connections between the images you're shown and maybe learn something new along the way!

Mad Fics

Saturday July 5 6:30 pm | Gallery C
Host: Xzkard, Cosplaimee

Remember Mad Libs? Lets do some but make it nerdy! Join Xzkard and Cosplaimee for a [adjective] time where we will [verb] original Mad Libs inspired by fan fiction with prompts provided by our [adjective] audience! If you enjoy laughing, [verb ending in "ing"], and audience participation this is the panel for you!

Embracing Diversity: Plus Size Cosplay

Saturday July 5 7:00 pm | Gallery Suite I
Host: Kiri Cosplay

Celebrate your body and your creativity! This empowering, body-positive panel is packed with practical tips on cosplay design, posing, and presentation—tailored for plus-size cosplayers but with skills applicable for anyone. Learn how to build costumes that flatter your shape, strike confident poses for photos and stage, and use simple techniques to highlight your best features. Whether you're brand new or looking to level up, this is your safe, supportive space to shine in cosplay—just as you are.

20 Years of the Best AMVs

Sunday July 6 11:00 am | Gallery Suite IAB
Host: Vlad, Animethon

Vlad's has been running AMV rooms since 2004 all over North America and has seen more AMVs then anyone else. Take a journey through time as we show the best videos according to Vlad from the past 20 years.

Cosplay Makeup with Gorgeous Disgrace

Sunday July 6 11:00 am | Gallery Suite II
Host: Gorgeous Disgrace

Let's talk about cosplay makeup and how to get that amazing look! From a certified makeup artist and cosplayer

Cultivating Love and Immortality: Daoism in Danmei's Wuxia and Xianxia Worlds

Sunday July 6 11:30 am | Gallery Suite I
Host: Selina, Sam

Discover how ancient Daoist philosophy intertwines with romance and adventure in popular Danmei (BL) novels like "Thousand Autumns" and "The Husky and His White Cat Shizun." Explore themes of balance, morality, and cultivation within the exciting worlds of Wuxia and Xianxia!

Amateur Hour Gunpla

Sunday July 6 2:00 pm | Gallery Suite II
Host: Kevin Yu

Do you like giant robots? Mecha? Gundams? Come to Amateur Hour Gunpla, where we will (desperately) show YOU how to be an absolute amateur at putting these plastic model kits together. Learn about the don't's, the definitely-don't's, and really-absolutely-DO NOT's (and maybe some do's) about assembling your first Gunpla!

Don't arrive late! There will be Audience Participation™!

Intro to Vampire the Masquerade TTRPG (V5)

(18+ ID Required)

Saturday July 5 8:00 pm | Gallery C
Host: Leya, Adonis

Do you love to explore new TTRPGs? Have you always craved to be some sort of vampire? Well this is the panel for you! Intro to Vampire the Masquerade TTRPG is a beginner friendly introduction into the World of Darkness' hit roleplay game. Be prepared to learn about the lore of the World of Darkness as well as how to enjoy running and playing your very own V5 game safely!



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Cosplay Photos and You

Sunday July 6 12:30 pm | Gallery Suite II
Host: Bronwyn

Do you struggle to pose when someone takes your picture? Do you want to take your stage presence from 10 to 100?? Then come join us for Cosplay Photos and You!!



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