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Chair's Letter

I am extending a warm welcome to all of my travelers coming to Setsucon 2025! I am Payton Feeney, a fourth year at Penn State majoring in Civil Engineering. I am the one who will build and pave the bridges you use to travel the world with us!

Anime is something that I enjoy, hence the position that I opted to go for. I couldn't be here if not for my love for it. Even though I can't watch it as much as I'd love to - thanks to all the work I need to put in for my strenuous major - it still holds meaning to me and will continue to do so in the future.

Before you go on to read about all of the stuff that we have going on this weekend, I want to first start by extending a thanks to all those who helped make Setsucon possible this past year. First, the members of our Executive Board and Vice Chairs, Melvin, Brittany, Nate, McKinley, and Mike - all of these individuals put countless hours into making this event happen! I would also like to give a second shout-out to Mike, who has been there to provide me with effective advice throughout the year when I needed it most. Without the help of this team, our Directors, and Coordinators, this convention would have been impossible to pull off. Everyone did a fantastic job throughout the entire year to ensure their role was completed masterfully.

I would also like to thank the Blair County Convention Center, for being our gracious host and continue to enhance our home year after year. We look forward to seeing how some of the changes we've put in place work out this year - such as our larger Manga Library and Exhibitors Hall... and the extra hours for the Food Court. There is so much to look forward to!

To end this, I want to wish all of you a great con and extend my gratitude to each and every one of our amazing attendees. Without you, this wouldn't be possible. So, please enjoy this trip around the world as we explore many different countries and experiences along our Setsucon journey - bon voyage!

Payton Feeney, *Setsucon 2025 Convention Chair*

Post-Convention Feedback Form

Did You Enjoy Setsucon 2025? Follow the QR Code or Go To:
setsucon.com/feedback-form

Do You Have Suggestions for
Future Years?



Let Us Know How We Did!
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to Help Us Get Better!

Convention *Vitals*

Be prepared for the weekend vacation with helpful tips, hours, sign-up info, and much more to make your trip a success!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Information Desk

Have a question for our staff? Stop by the Info Desk located outside of Panels 1 & 2. Our team is more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Prop Check

All props, no matter the size, must be checked in at Prop Check, located at the Info Desk (or the Operations Room if the Info Desk has closed). If you carry a prop that has not been checked, you will be asked to head to Prop Check immediately. Please review our Prop Policy in our booklet or website for more information on what props are allowed.

Lost & Found

If you lost any belongings during the con, stop by the Operations Room for our Lost & Found to see if it's been turned in.

18+ Events

Attendees who wish to attend an 18+ event must first get an 18+ wristband from the Info Desk. A photo ID is required to be presented to the Info Desk staff to obtain a wristband. No admittance to an 18+ event is allowed without a wristband.

Setsucon Merch

Get yourself some official Setsucon Gear at our Merch Booth in the Exhibitors Hall! Buy the exclusive 2025 convention t-shirt, or check out the other Setsu-themed merch that we have to offer!

Silent Auction

Visit the Exhibitors Hall for our Silent Auction benefitting the Colon Cancer Coalition in Memory of Billy Kametz. Check out the items we have up for auction and bid throughout the weekend for your chance to take them home!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Convention Hours

Friday: 5:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00am
Sunday: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Convention Ops

Friday: 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00am
Sunday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Cosplay HQ

Friday: 5:30pm - 9:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Exhibitors Hall

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Manga Library

Friday: 5:00pm - 11:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 10:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Tabletop Gaming

Friday: 5:00pm - 11:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 11:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Video Gaming

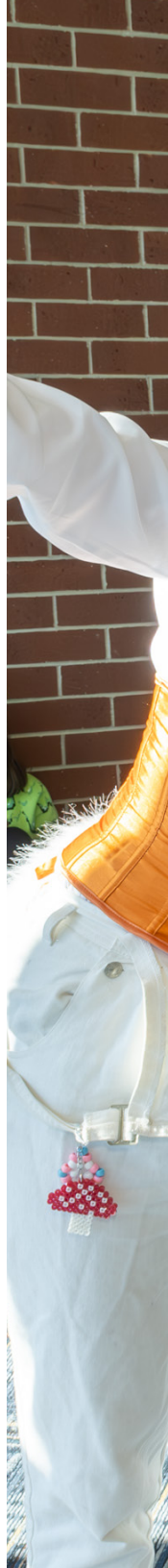
Friday: 6:30pm - 11:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 11:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

MAGFest MakerSpace

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Pixel Pop Maid Cafe

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 11:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday: 12:30pm - 5:30pm



Gersucen Happening this Hour

Schedule Subject to Change... Check Social Media for Updated Times.

Main Events	Sunday Concert w/ Megatronics	12:45PM - 1:45PM
Panels 1	Knowth On The Fly...Cosplay... w/ TheGatMagra	12:45PM - 1:45PM
Panels 2	Mental Health In Anime and Gaming	12:45PM - 2:15PM
Panels 3	1980's Anime Our Childhoods Were Different	1:00PM - 2:00PM
Workshop	Breaks Fabulous Cosplay	12:30PM - 1:30PM
Viewings	Ping Pong the Animation (Sub)	1:30PM - 2:00PM
Cosplay HQ	Haruto Cosplay Meetup	1:00PM - 2:00PM
Tabletop	Daroddy Disco Dnd Tabletop RPG w/ Goshawr	1:00PM - 4:00PM
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*Grab a Paper Copy or
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Guide for Our Schedule*

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Physical Copies

Make sure to grab a paper copy of our schedule to keep track of everything going on during the weekend. You'll get one when you pick up your badge, but more are available at the Info Desk and at the Registration Desk.

Online Guide

If you want to stay up to date on schedule changes, view more information at the click of a button, and stay plugged in to the schedule, check out our online guide. This allows you to view panels descriptions, stay up to date on any changes that are made to the schedule, and create your own schedule on your phone so that you never miss a moment of the convention.

Grab your online copy of the guide at:
<https://setsucon.com/con-guide>



or scan the QR code to make sure that you are plugged in throughout your trip to our schedule.





EVENT SIGN-UPS

Game Gauntlet

Sign-ups for the Game Gauntlet, which will be held on Friday, are available in the Video Gaming Room prior to the event.

Hall Cosplay Contest

Sign-ups for the Hall Cosplay Contest, which will be held on Saturday, are available at Cosplay HQ on Friday night and Saturday morning, while open timeslots are still available. Stop by and sign-up for a time to present your crafted cosplay to our judges.

Iron Cosplay

Sign-ups for the Iron Cosplay Competition, which will be held on Sunday, will take place at the beginning of the event, with audience members picked at random to participate. Get your seat early at the start of the event for a chance to participate.

Maid Cafe

Sign-ups for a time slot for the Maid Cafe, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, are available at the table in front of the Maid Cafe. It is \$15 per person (cash only) and includes one session, games, performances, and dessert. All sessions are first-come, first-served and require sign-up in advanced. There is a capacity for this event, so reserve your spot early.

Masquerade

Sign-ups for the Masquerade Showcase, which will be held on Saturday, are available in Cosplay HQ on Friday night and Saturday morning, while space is available. Stop by and sign-up as an individual or as a group. You must attend the Masquerade Practice Session on Saturday afternoon to be eligible to participate.

Tabletop Gaming Events

Sign-ups for Tabletop Gaming Tournaments and RPG Sessions, which will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, are available in the Tabletop Gaming Room. For Card Gaming Tournaments, visit the Jake's Cards & Games table, and for Tabletop RPG Sessions, visit the Quelmar Realm table.

Video Gaming Tournaments

Sign-ups for the Video Gaming Tournaments, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, are available online at start.gg/tournament/setsucon-2025. Visit the Video Game Room to learn more about each tournament and ask any questions about how to register.



Convention Policies

The following policies are in place to help ensure that all congoers have fun at Setsucon. If you have any questions, let us know and we'll be happy to help clarify.

Possible sanctions for not following the policies include, but are not limited to: verbal warning, removal from event, removal from convention center, revocation of convention badge, and if necessary, police intervention. Please do not make us go any further than a quick verbal warning. Badges must be in plain sight at all times. ANYTHING illegal outside the venue is illegal inside the venue. All Federal, State, and Local laws apply and supersede any policies that we have in place. Setsucon is not liable for any injuries should they occur.

Refund Policy

All Setsucon 2025 registrations are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Disruptive Behavior

Setsucon is a family friendly convention (PG-13). We ask that our attendees act accordingly. The following actions are considered disruptive behaviors:

- Blocking hallways, doors, and exits
- Running down the hallways
- Excessive noise and yelling
- Excessive PDA (Public Display of Affection)
- Glomping, hugging, touching, or harassment of anyone without their consent
- Selling of anything, with the exception of exhibitors in their respective areas
- Fighting, both real and mock

Setsucon reserves the right to ask an attendee to change clothes if they are inappropriately dressed.

Animals are prohibited unless they are necessary for medical reasons.

Use common sense. If you are invading someone's space or violating their rights, there is a good chance you shouldn't be doing it.

The above list is not all inclusive; if a Setsucon or the venue staffer asks a reasonable request of you, please follow their request.

Line Etiquette

Please be aware that there is a really good chance that you will be waiting in a line of epic proportions at some point in time. Please be respectful of the people around you. Anyone cutting in line will be sent to the back of the line. Also, please do not block doorways when waiting in line. Any line for an event may not be formed until 15 minutes prior to the event. The line will begin at the discretion of Setsucon staff and "lines for the line" will not be permitted. Setsucon staff reserves the right to disband any lines formed before this time period.

Theft Policy

A friendly reminder: Setsucon and the venue are not responsible for lost or stolen items. If you do lose an item or suspect it has been stolen, please report to the Convention Operations room. If your item is in the Convention Operations room, be prepared to describe it in detail in order to get it back.

If an attendee is caught stealing, they will immediately be turned over to the proper authorities.

If you find an item that doesn't belong to you, please turn it in to Convention Operations.

Camera Policy

Feel free to take as many pictures as you would like in the convention area! However, please do not block the hallways or doors, or hold up traffic to take pictures. Try to step off to the side and out of the way of traffic. Cameras will not be allowed in any event where they will cause a distraction. This includes, but is not limited to panels and viewings.

Proper procedure for taking a picture of a cosplayer/attendee is to ask for permission first and then find a suitable spot to take the picture. If the person declines the request, please respect their decision. Photography is NOT permitted in the Artist Alley.

Weapons Policy

Weapons are NOT permitted inside. To reiterate: if it is illegal outside the venue, it's still illegal inside.

- NO LIVE STEEL. Metal or metal containing weapons of any sort are not allowed on the premises.
- NO GUNS. Period. Of any kind. This even includes airsoft guns with orange tips.
- No explosives or chemicals.

The venue does not allow weapons and Setsucon does not allow weapons. It's as simple as that. Any person found with a weapon will be asked to remove it from the convention area and may be escorted out. Failure to do so will result in confiscation of the weapon and your badge.

Setsu Odori (Dance) Policy

Dance your heart out! To help ensure everyone has a good time, please be aware of the following rules:

- Be mindful of people around you while dancing.
- A badge must be displayed at all times.
- Props are not allowed into the Odori.
- No swinging or throwing objects (glow sticks, glowing swords, etc.).
- No excessive public displays of affection.
- No fighting.
- No bottles or containers of any kind are allowed into the Odori.
- No food of any kind is allowed into the Odori.
- If you are under the influence, you will be asked to leave.
- No bags are permitted within the Odori.

Setsucon staff will not hold, watch, or in any way assume responsibility for any items left near the Odori.

Sign Policy

Signs that are an integral part of a cosplay are acceptable. Any other sign is not allowed. This includes signs written on any medium such as: paper, cardboard, handwritten onto T-shirts, etc. Signs that could be considered solicitation are not allowed. For example, a sign reading "FREE HUGS" is not allowed. Signs with anything inappropriate on them will be confiscated.

Guest Autograph Policies

Setsucon cannot guarantee that you will be able to get an autograph from the guests. There is a time limit on autograph sessions that we will be strictly adhering to. We want to ensure that as many people as possible are able to interact with the guests, so please keep the lines moving. Guests will be happy to autograph your Setsucon Programming Booklet, as well as any officially licensed merchandise. Guests reserve the right to refuse to sign anything that may be counterfeit. Signing of personal items is at the discretion of the guest. There is a limit of 1 free autograph per person, per guest, per session (does not include Funko Pop Figures). Guests may accept small gifts that they can store in their luggage. We ask that all gifts are not wrapped because we will need to check them before giving them to the guest. Guests will not accept any food. Setsucon reserves the right to make changes to the Guest and Autograph Policies as the circumstances or guests dictate.

Minors at Setsucon

Setsucon welcomes attendees of all ages. A parent or guardian must accompany a child under the age of 18 at all times. We recommend that all children carry some form of identification along with contact information of their parent or guardian. In the case that a child becomes lost, this makes it less stressful for everyone. The venue does not have a PA system.

18+ Policies

Setsucon has a few 18+ events late at night. Attendees who wish to attend one of these must present their ID to the Info Desk to obtain an 18+ wristband. Rooms will be cleared out prior to the event. There is absolutely no admittance into an 18+ event without an 18+ wristband.

Photographs and Promotions

Attendees of Setsucon are granting permission to be photographed or recorded by authorized Setsucon staffers. By purchasing your registration, you inherently grant Setsucon the permission to use such photos or recordings for promotional or chronicling purposes.

Cosplay Policy

To ensure that Setsucon remains a safe and family friendly convention there are a number of guidelines for you to follow:

- This is a family friendly convention, so it is important to wear appropriate attire. If it would not be acceptable at a pool it will not be acceptable at the convention. If there is a cosplay you have in mind that would cover you insufficiently consider the use of leggings or a leotard.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Full face masks are acceptable but must be easily removable, and we ask that it be removed after leaving the convention area.
- Keep in mind the size of your cosplay and props when planning for the convention. Consider ways in which your cosplay could inhibit your movement or the movement of those around you. If you cannot avoid this, it is a good idea to have a friend with you to help you navigate safely.

Prop Policy

All props must be checked in at the Info Desk and approved. Any prop that resembles a gun must have a painted orange tip and must have no moving or internal parts. Misuse of props that endangers other attendees will not be tolerated. Full face masks must be easily removable and we ask that it be removed after leaving the convention area.

Props are acceptable as long as they:

- Are made of wood, plastic, foam, or similar material
- Are less than 7ft in any direction and less than 50lbs
- Have been checked in and have received the approval marking
- Have no sharp edges
- Do not have chains longer than 18in
- Do not contain metal

HARASSMENT POLICY

Setsucon has a zero-tolerance policy regarding harassment.

Harassment is defined by the victim. Harassment can include, but is not limited to:

- Any action that can intimidate, insult, offend, or ridicule another person for any reason including, but not limited to race, color, gender identity or expression, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran's status, appearance or body size, and/or relationship status.
- Any behavior that threatens, humiliates, manipulates, degrades, or undermines another person.
- Unwelcome physical or verbal attention.
- Non-consensual sexual advances, flirtation, photography, or recording.
- Requests for sexual favors.
- Any action often referred to as "bullying".
- Any action that may be physically, emotionally, or mentally harmful to another person.

Remember, cosplay is not consent. Please be kind, polite, and courteous to other people. If someone asks you to leave a conversation or stop doing something that makes them or someone else uncomfortable, please abide by their request.

If you or anyone you know experiences or witnesses any verbal or physical action that may be considered harassment or bullying, please notify a staff member immediately.

Setsucon will take any action necessary to prevent or stop the harassment or bullying from occurring including but not limited to, in no particular order:

- A single verbal warning.
- Revocation of badge without refund.
- Immediate removal from the premises.
- Placement of offender on blacklist for all future Setsucon events.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities where appropriate.

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Guests of Honor

One of the coolest parts of any convention is getting a chance to meet our favorite voice actors, hearing talented musicians, and learning something new from cultural experts. Take a look at the guest list that we have prepared for this year and learn more about these talented guests.



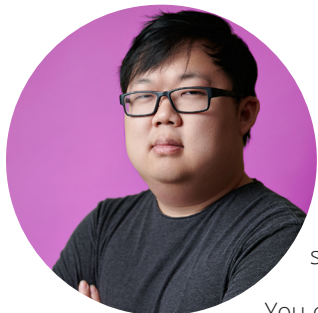
CAITLIN GLASS

Voice Over Guest

A voice actress and ADR director, best known for the role of Winry Rockbell in the Fullmetal Alchemist franchise, Caitlin has been working in the anime industry since 2004. Caitlin was the ADR director for the English dub of the fan-favorite, Ouran High School Host Club, as well as the voice of Haruhi Fujioka.

Right now you can hear Caitlin as Mina Ashido in My Hero Academia and Damian Desmond in Spy X Family. Other well-known anime roles include Vados in Dragon Ball Super, Vivi in One Piece, Evergreen in Fairy Tail, Petra in Attack on Titan, Kirigiri in Danganronpa: The Animation, Machi in Fruits Basket (2019), Willow Schnee in RWBY, Miria in Baccano, Miho Amakata in Free!, Kyoko in Skip Beat!, and Saki in Zombie Land SAGA. In video games, Caitlin also lends her voice to Ember in Borderlands 3, “Clever” In Tiny Tina’s Wonderlands, Mathilda in Fire Emblem Echoes, Elma in Xenoblade Chronicles X, Thorn in Battleborn, and, most notably, Cammy White & Decapre in Street Fighter IV, V, and 6.

Some of Caitlin’s directing credits include Fruits Basket (2019), Appare Ranman, Cardcaptor Sakura Clear Card, Love Live! Sunshine!!, Noragami Aragoto, Ranking of Kings, Shadows House, Show by Rock, Sing Yesterday for Me, Suzuka, Takt op. Destiny, One Piece, and Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood, all as an ADR Director for Crunchyroll (formerly Funimation).



SungWon Cho

Voice Over Guest

A voice actor, best known for the roles of FL4K in Borderlands 3 and Kage in Ranking of Kings. SungWon made his voice acting debut in 2015, starting on the video game side, before appearing in Legend of the Galactic Heroes: Die Neue These in 2018, making his start in anime.

You can hear SungWon as Senshi in Delicious in Dungeon and Woo Jin-chul in Solo Leveling. Other roles include Hyodo in Aggretsuko, Shark in Akudama Drive, Sagwan in Beastars, Heng Li Wu in gen:LOCK, Susumu Otonashi in In/Spectre, Kensuke Shibagaki in Odd Taxi, Cat Viper in One Piece, Brau-1589 in Pluto, Master Lord Majesty in Radiant, Kajinosuke Tanikaze in Record of Ragnarok II, Jinchui Woo in Solo Leveling, and Hiroki Shirakaba in Tokyo 24th Ward.

You can also find his voice in Lackadaisy, God of War: Ragnarok, Fire Emblem Warriors: Three Hopes, Bigtop Burger, Pokemon, Neon White, AI: The Somnium Files: Nirvana Initiative, Like a Dragon, Granblue Fantasy, Craig of the Creek, Tuca & Bertie, OK K.O.! Let’s Be Heroes, and Monster Prom.

SungWon also has two cats, Effie and Sophie, that he loves very much.



ANTIPODE

Performance Guest

Antipode, originally founded in 2006 is an eccentric dance group that has combined their love of otaku/nerd culture with their love of bellydancing to create a unique form of dance. Antipode performs throughout the year at numerous conventions along the East Coast, and has performed at over 150 shows on 4 continents. This year, co-directors Ayla and Merika are joined by Termariel, Pemmi, and Seraphina - to bring you not just dance, but full geek entertainment.



CATBUS COLLECTIVE

Musical Guest

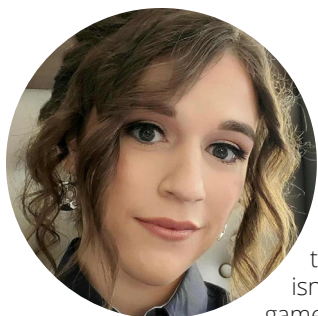
Catbus Collective is a seven piece jazz ensemble known for its unique fusion of anime/Ghibli soundtracks and jazz. Founded by Jasper Dutz, the ensemble showcases the talent of NYC AAPI musicians who share a collective interest in Japanese pop, folk, anime and video game music. Since their debut in 2023, they've performed at anime conventions, esports gaming centers, and held a weekly residency at the Red Pavilion in Bushwick for more than a year.



THE DIVAS DRAG TROUPE

Performance Guest

Step into the world of The Divas Drag Troupe! This incredible group of drag performers lights up stages all across the East Coast with their electrifying shows. From dazzling lip-syncs to jaw-dropping performances, these divas bring top-notch entertainment that leaves audiences wanting more. The Divas focuses on bringing a celebration of diversity and self-expression. They create a welcoming space where everyone feels accepted and empowered.



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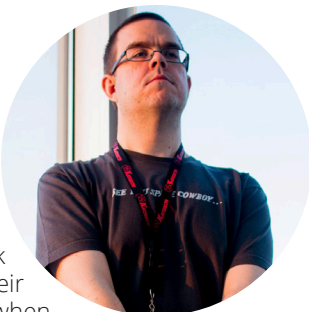
Cosplay Guest & Emcee

Mara "Glinta" is a cosplayer, occasional streamer, and Clinical Program Manager of Gender Affirming Care. Setsucon was her first anime convention and she has continued to attend it since 2014. In 2017, she began emceeing for Setsucon and loves returning to her hometown convention every year. When she isn't cosplaying, Glinta occasionally streams a variety of games, supervises LGBTQIA2S+ centered health care, and is deep in critically acclaimed MMORPG Final Fantasy XIV.

LEX WINTER

Panels Guest

Lex Winter is a fan of many things, which anime and Japanese culture are but one (large) sphere. After discovering the medium through Dragon Ball Z in high school, they spent their formative college years indulging in giant robots, Pokemon, JPRGs, and Rurouni Kenshin, never expecting their coursework in cultural anthropology to ever intersect with their fandom identity. This was only the first of many times when the Universe decided to troll them for their obliviousness.



PIXEL POP MAID CAFE

Special Guest

Established in 2019 in the DC Metro area, Pixel Pop is a gaming-themed maid cafe where you are the hero! Popping up at events all over the Mid-Atlantic region, PPMC serves as a save point. After a day filled with adventures, side quests, or exploring convention floors, we will replenish your HP with our delightful treats, live performances, and entertaining games.



SASIN

Musical Guest

Tristate's very own DJ and Producer Sasin is a master of creating the right vibe no matter the place and time as a purveyor of deep and infectious dance grooves and a feel-good atmosphere. Having opened for artists such as Pitbull, Jaden Smith, Vicetone, and Modern Machines, he has been found playing in NYC's and NJ's top venues. IT Professional by day and DJ by night, he has over 14 years of experience DJing all over the world for nightlife, festivals, and events!



SOME KID

Musical Guest

Trevor. Some Kid. SK. Hailing from New York and longtime resident DJ of Otakus With Attitude, SK's signature style of mixing elements of top 40/open format, Jersey club, bass, and tech house, alongside familiar anime and pop culture references transport listeners to otherworldly realms. With a diverse repertoire ranging from high-energy bangers to melodic anthems, each set is a testament to his versatility and creativity behind the DJ booth.



Cosplay Events

Put your craftsmanship on display, grab some great photos, test out your skills, or watch amazing performances!

Cosplay is such an integral part of conventions today! Whether it is showing off your creativity or paying homage to your favorite character - cosplay brings out the best in all of us. Stop by our exciting cosplay throughout the convention weekend for a chance to see craftsmanship on display in its finest form. You'll be amazed at what you can see! And make sure that you show of your cosplay craftsmanship all weekend long - by taking photos and joining in on cosplay meetups! We cannot wait to see what everyone has put together for this year!



*Check Out the
Cosplay HQ Room
for Event Sign-Ups,
Cosplay Meetups,
Questions, &
Cosplay Repair!*

If you only have time for five things... check these out!

HALL COSPLAY CONTEST

Show off your cosplay creation to our panel of judges! All entrants will have a chance to present their handmade cosplays to our judges and compete for a chance to win prizes! Hall Cosplay entrants will also get a chance to walk in the Masquerade. Sign-up at Cosplay HQ Friday & Saturday.

IRON COSPLAY CHALLENGE

Put your ultimate cosplay skills to the test and be as creative as possible given a box of who knows what to work with! Face off against other contestants in a clash of cosplay creativity, cooperation, and skill to make a unique cosplay. Contestants will be picked from the audience prior to the event.

MASQUERADE SHOWCASE

Our premier cosplay event returns! Come be entertained with some of the top skits and talents for a showcase of cosplay prowess, fashion, singing, dancing, and fun! Looking to participate? Stop by the Cosplay HQ room prior to the Practice Session to learn more & sign-up.

WIG STYLING COMPETITION

Check out wig styling skills in action! Participants have just 60 minutes to cut and style a pre-selected wig, and model it in front of our judges. Stylists can maximize their score by ensuring cleanliness, complexity, wearability, & creativity - impress our judges to win the grand prize!

COSPLAY DATING GAME [18+]

Are you ready to see what characters can find the match of their dreams? The Cosplay Dating Game allows your favorite characters to find their happily ever after... or at least someone for the night. Join us for this new event and be ready to laugh as our characters give love a try!

Meet Our Cosplay Judges!



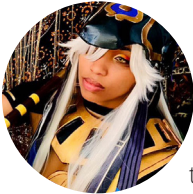
ANG / LUNARCOSPLAY

Ang has been a cosplayer for 13 years & has been making various props and cosplays for about 8 years now. A recent first place winner at Tekko for their Aloy Carja Blazon cosplay, Ang enjoys making large props out of EVA foam, Worbla, or through 3D printing.



CORWYNTE

Longtime cosplayer and self-taught sewist, Corwynte enjoys sharing their love of creating costumes to bring their favorite characters to life! Cosplay has been their catalyst to learn a variety of skills, including sewing, embroidery, and 3D modeling.



MINOMOTU

A cosplayer since 2009, Minomoto loves to make props and style wigs. Their favorite part of Setsucon each year is seeing everyone's cosplays and is looking forward to seeing everyone again this year!



RISURUUU

Risuruuu is a long-time cosplayer, gamer, and Penn State alumnus. Despite being from out of town, she considers Setsucon her "home" con! She has had the privilege of working with Sentai & VIZ to promote their series and streams on Twitch as a silly goose!



RIYUSKI

Riyuski is ready to have another fun and exciting Setsucon! A cosplayer since 2007, they love seeing the community grow and change over time - and cannot wait to see all the cosplays, skits, and guests joining the Setsucon family this year!



**COSPLAY
PHOTO SUITE**
Presented By
The Variant

Stop by the Cosplay Photo Suite in the Exhibitors Hall during the weekend for free professional cosplay photos, presented by our friends at The Variant. With unique backdrops and pro photographers at the ready, this is a great opportunity to have your cosplay captured in memorable photos that will be available after convention on their website.

Stop by the Photo Suite to learn more and sign-up for a free photo shoot spot.

*Looking for a Memorable
Spot for Cosplay Photos?*

*Spot by the Fountain Display Outside the
Exhibitors Hall for a Natural Backdrop!*





Performance Events

Discover your new favorite event by
stopping by any of our five performances
spread out across the weekend!

The Setsucon Main Events Stage has been graced with numerous musical and dance performances over the years, often being the highlight for many attendees. From the amazing concerts at the old Days Inn and the high energy dances of the Penn Stater and Toftrees days to the concerts and performances that we've seen over the last six conventions at Blair (and even virtually too), the Main Events Stage has become a beacon of entertainment, and we are proud to showcase more talents this year.

From Friday to Sunday and across five separate events, be ready to jump out of your seats, get on your feet, and join in on the party atmosphere! With the Drag Show returning for its second year... and Antipode joining for their

19th, alongside two debuting Setsu Odori DJs and a brand new event too - our Performance Series has never had a more stacked lineup! No matter what you enjoy - be it dancing, singing, letting the beat drop, or getting your hands in the air - the performances that you'll find during your Setsucon vacation are sure to bring a smile to your face and provide lasting memories to take with you over the next year.

So what are you waiting for?! Take a look at the performances that we have lined up, learn a bit more about what to expect, and be ready for a weekend of pure entertainment, comedy, partying, and so much more! Make sure to bring all the energy to cheer on our performers as they take the stage to give you the best show in town.

FRIDAY NIGHT DRAG SHOW [18+] Featuring The Divas

Step into the world of The Divas! This incredible group of drag performers - Ashlynn Manhattan, Amethyst, & Hexxa, led by their host Enigma - hit the Setsucon stage on Friday Night! With dazzling lip-syncs & jaw dropping performances, you will not want to miss the kickoff event of the con!

DUNGEON MESHI BELLYDANCE Featuring Antipode Geeky Bellydance

The Dungeon Meshi party decides to head into the "latest dungeon"... an Escape Room! Watch as Laios, Marcielle, Chilchuck, and Senshi cook up ideas to solve this side quest puzzle! Watch them decrypt these puzzles in de crypt! Will they have a delicious victory or meet defeat in the dungeon?

SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT Featuring Catbus Collective

This seven piece jazz ensembles hits the stage to bring you a unique fusion of anime/Ghibli soundtracks and jazz music. Listen to all your favorite anime songs - from memorable classics to recent hits - all transposed into a jazz style that you are sure to enjoy.

SETSU ODORI LATE NIGHT DANCE Featuring Sasin and Some Kid

Get on your dance outfits, find your glowsticks, and be ready to party all night at our Setsu Odori Late Night Dance! Featuring DJs Sasin and Some Kid, this three hour dance caps of a full Saturday of excitement. So go hit the dance floor, vibe to the groove, and finish out the night with us!

IDOL'S REVENGE Featuring Attendee Idol Groups

Experience this one-of-a-kind idol showcase event where we celebrate idols taking back power! This wild, unhinged, and memey event gives idols the chance to perform to whatever genre of music they want... and they won't be the songs you are used to seeing idols perform too!



*Join Us and Celebrate
a Brand New Event
to the Setsucon Stage...
Idol's Revenge!
Get Your Light Sticks &
Cheer On the Idols!*

Activities

Our Programming Team has a lot of great things in store for attendees this year. From a wide range of manga to our stocked tabletop and video game rooms, Setsucon 2025 has plenty of great experiences waiting for you. Everyone will be able to find something they can enjoy here!

- Nathan Stoner, Vice Chair of Programming



Dive into the schedule and find unique activities across the entire convention. Our team has worked tirelessly throughout the year to put on a great show jam packed with amazing events for you to enjoy. Take a look at what we have in-store for the weekend and find something that you are interested in. Be it voting for your favorite AMV, stopping into the makerspace, bidding on items at the silent auction, or exploring new places with tabletop rpgs, go out and discover the various activities found across our schedule.

We want to thank many partners that have helped make this weekend possible and are putting on or supporting the numerous activities and rooms that you'll find at the con:

- Our AMV Creators! We have 60 anime music video creations this year across our AMV Contest and AMV Overflow. Check out their creativity and experience the hard work that goes into making these great videos.
- Isekai'd Dreams for helping to put on our Itasha Car Show.
- The Jared Box and POC Con Booking for supporting our charity events.
- Pixel Pop Maid Cafe for continuing to put on an amazing maid cafe experience, now in their fourth year at Setsucon!
- MAGFest for bringing their MakerSpace craft sessions to Setsucon... just one week removed from their own event.
- Jake's Cards & Games, The Quelmar Realm, and Snake Eyes Gaming for putting on a full weekend of tabletop activities, varying from card gaming tournaments & rpgs to miniature painting and pop up tabletop learn to plays.
- Kawaii Catchers, Origin of Play, Snow Phoenix, and PennFGC for filling out our video game room, helping run our video game tournaments, and providing unique experiences for all attendees.



We could not do this convention without the help of everyone above - so make sure to thank them as you stop by their rooms!

Are you a fan of AMVs? If you like great music combined with your favorite anime, come check out the AMV Contest! Sit back, watch visual creations, and enjoy this art and talent which celebrates anime at its finest level.

AMV Contest

AMV Contest Showing

Join us as we showcase the many AMVs from around the world that were entered into our contest this year! From laugh out loud comedies to tearjerking videos, our AMV entries cover the full spectrum of emotions sliced together for a major joyride. You won't want to miss the talent on display here. And even better - you have a vote in giving away our Best In Show and category awards - so come early to grab your ballot and enjoy the show.

AMV Overflow & Awards

Join us on Sunday for a chance to catch many of the other AMV submissions that just missed the cut from making it into our main contest. And stay for the entire show to find out all of our award winners for Setsucon 2025!



2024 Award Winning AMVs

Best In Show:	Run Makoto Run <i>by Qwaqa</i>
Judges' Choice:	Run Makoto Run <i>by Qwaqa</i>
Action/Drama:	Love, Death, Chainsaw Man! <i>by Yo CD</i>
Comedy/Parody:	Run Makoto Run <i>by Qwaqa</i>
Dance/Upbeat:	Make The Moves Up As I Go <i>by SonsofKorhal?</i>
Drama/Serious:	PARASOCIAL GOD <i>by Iris Edit</i>
Romantic/Sent.:	Found x Family <i>by Violet Skies</i>

2023 Award Winning AMVs

Best In Show:	Dancing With Blades <i>by Speedy180</i>
Judges' Choice:	Dancing With Blades <i>by Speedy180</i>
Action/Drama:	Vehemence <i>by Mihanbao</i>
Comedy/Parody:	A Fistful of Woolongs <i>by ZeonicFreak</i>
Dance/Upbeat:	One Step at a Time <i>by SonsofKorhal?</i>
Romantic/Sent.:	Waving Through <i>by Opner</i>

2022 Award Winning AMVs

Best In Show:	HELLSLAYERS <i>by Silent Hero Studios</i>
Judges' Choice:	A Jedi's Survival <i>by SilkAMV</i>
Action/Drama:	HELLSLAYERS <i>by Silent Hero Studios</i>
Dance/Comedy:	Run Baby Run <i>by Phlashbak</i>
Romantic/Sent.:	I Take This On The Weekend <i>by PotsAndPants</i>

2020 Award Winning AMVs

Best In Show:	Flyers <i>by Zeeruy</i>
Judges' Choice:	Dragon Dreamer <i>by Silent Hero Studios</i>
Action/Drama:	This Is How We Burn <i>by Opner</i>
Comedy/Upbeat:	Ghostbusters <i>by Nuke</i>
Romantic/Sent.:	Breakdown <i>by TwigglyFiggly</i>

Itasha Car Show

Hours (In Exhibitors)

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

What is Itasha?

Starting in the 1980s with the import of Italian and luxury cars into Japan and growing tremendously in the 21st century, itasha is a style of car decorating that traditionally consists of applying stickers/paint schemes (or wraps) inspired by anime, manga, or video games. Famous in the Akihabara, Nipponbashi, and Osu areas of Japan, itasha has spread around the world and to all different medias - with a strong following in Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, and here in the United States. It has even achieved traction from companies, such as Good Smile Co., which featured a Miku car in 2008.

Check out a showcase of itasha and anime-inspired cars in the Itasha Car Show, presented by Isekai'd Dreams. See cars decked out in anime gear, replicas of famous anime vehicles, or just awesome modded up rides!



Jackbox Party

About Friday Night Party Night

Starting in 2020 as part of Setsucon's Twitch Programming during the suspension of in-person conventions, Friday Night Party Night became a staple event for Setsucon, with the staff playing various group game each Friday night, with Jackbox being a hit each time it was played.

This community based Twitch channel allowed Setsucon to continue to provide great entertainment to its attendees virtually throughout the year, helping fill the gap left by the lack of in-person conventions. While the Twitch channel hasn't been used much the last few years, the events still live on, with Friday Night Party Night making its way from Twitch to the convention as one of our kickoff events!

Make sure to join in for fun and laughter as Jackbox takes the stage on Friday Night!

Kick off the con with a throwback to our Twitch days for a Friday Night Party Night. Get out your comfy clothes and join us for some Jackbox Games - come prepared with creativity and be ready to laugh the night away!



About Jackbox Party Pack

Jackbox Party Pack is a series of party video games designed for groups. Each pack typically includes five unique games with diverse gameplay styles, ranging from trivia and drawing to word games and more. The key feature is that players use their own smartphones or tablets as controllers, making it easy to join in the fun with minimal setup. The games are often humorous and encourage player interaction, making them perfect for casual gatherings and social events. Jackbox Party Packs have gained popularity for their accessibility and ability to bring people together for a fun and engaging shared experience.

With a blend of cosplay, games, music, performances, and hospitality, the Setsucon Maid Cafe, presented by Pixel Pop, is an event that is sure to be something special, and it has been the highlight for many each year!

Maid Cafe

Cafe Seating Times

Sign-up in advance outside the Maid Cafe Room to book your time. There is a fee of \$15 per person to sign-up, which includes the one-hour block, dessert, and refreshments. Each seating is first-come, first-served; once full, no additional seats will be added.

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 11:00am - 5:00pm (each hour)
Sunday: 12:30pm - 5:30pm (each hour)

Maid Cafe Rules

During your time at the Maid Cafe, please make sure to abide by the following rules. Any rule infractions may result in removal from the Maid Cafe without refund, or escalation to Convention Ops.

- Do not touch the maids.
- Do not ask for the maids' personal information.
- Do not change seats.
- Do not linger when your time is up.



Join the Makerspace presented by MAGFest for open crafts on Saturday & Sunday. Crafts change daily, so make sure to stop by. Take the time to learn and walk out with a new creative craft that you can take home with you!

Maker Space

About MAGFest Makerspace

Experience fun and creative crafts and activities throughout the weekend, presented by the MAGFest Makerspace Team! Come join in for crafts and fun. There are machines and supplies that you can pick up and play with or ask the team stand by teachers and volunteers for a tutorial. You can make your own projects and take them home with you.



Scheduled Activities:

Make Your Own Setsucon Postcard

Come draw a postcard for all the fun things you did at Setsucon! Make one of you & your friends or your favorite characters going on vacation.

Classes:

Materials cost \$5 but everyone can come and learn for free. Classes are designed for ages 7 and up. Cash only; we DO NOT accept cards.

Hand Sewing 101: Dice Bags

Learn the basics of hand sewing while making a bag that you can take home with you!

Hand Sewing 101: Ugly Dolls

Learn how to do basic hand sewing while creating your own Plushie!

Machine Sewing 101: Dice Bags

Learn the basics of sewing on a machine while making a bag that you can take home with you!

Manga Library

Do you love reading manga? Take a break and enjoy our extensive manga library! We have over 500 volumes to choose from - with both popular titles & new ones to explore. Unleash your inner bookworm & dig into a good read!

PSAO Manga Library

We give thanks to the Penn State Anime Organization, known simply as PSAO, for providing part of their extensive library for us to use. With more than 600 titles and over 2,500 volumes of manga, the PSAO Manga Library provides members of the organization, Penn State students, and the local community a place to relax and enjoy the medium that they love.

The PSAO Laura Rayman Memorial Manga Library, which was renamed in 2016 in memory of long-time Setsucon attendee, manga library, and Central PA native Laura Rayman, is a fast growing collection of titles both new and old. Their collection is mostly donation based, having grown over the years as members have helped stock the shelves. A true symbol of the organization, the manga library is one of the first sights a new member sees as they walk into the organization's office at the Pennsylvania State University.



Our Recommendations

Not sure what to read? Or looking for new title to add to your shelf? Check out these suggestions from our Manga Librarian!

Delicious in Dungeon

A fun and unique manga that mixes fantasy, adventure, and food. It follows Laios, a young adventurer, and his party as they explore a dangerous dungeon to save a kidnapped party member. Along the way, they cook and eat the creatures they find such as dragons, living suits of armor, and walking mushrooms?! This manga is full of creativity, with funny moments and interesting(?) food ideas. If you like fantasy stories with a twist and enjoy seeing characters cook in a magical world, Delicious in Dungeon is definitely worth your time!

Hellsing

A dark and thrilling manga that blends action, horror, and the supernatural. Following the story of the Hellsing Organization led by Sir Integra Hellsing, which fights against supernatural threats, including vampires and monsters with their secret weapon. This weapon you may ask? Their own vampire Alucard! A powerful and mysterious being who works for Integra and is tasked with protecting England from any supernatural foe the Crown may encounter. Hellsing is littered with intense battles, dramatic moments, and some phenomenal art. If you enjoy action-packed stories with an overpowered main character, and don't mind a bit of horror, Hellsing is a must-read!

Yotsuba&!

Written by the same mangaka for Azumanga Daioh, Kiyohiko Azuma, this goofy slice of life manga follows Yotsuba, a klutzy kid who's just moved into a brand new town and her new neighbors. Yotsuba isn't a very ordinary kid though, from climbing lampposts, discovering escalators, and protecting earth from air conditioners she's quite a handful every page. If you're interested in Yotsuba and her daily antics, definitely give this a shot!

Swap Meet

If you have merch, toys, games, collectables, or items that are looking for a new home, stop by the Swap Meet on Friday Night to see what items you can grab in exchange! Walk away from the event with your new favorite treasure!

Swap Meet Rules

To help make the swap meet safe, fair, & organized, all swappers must abide by the following:

- The primary swapper must be at least 16 years of age at the time of the event.
- All swappers must have a valid badge at the time of the event.
- Space is First Come, First Served.
- No money exchanges – this is an item for item swapping event.
- All exchanges must be done at the event; no exchanges can be done outside of the Swap Meet.
- Items should be in good condition; avoid bringing items that have rips, stains, or are in very poor condition. Older items with some wear are fine.
- Be respectful to others; if a swap cannot be made, then please move on.
- Commissions are prohibited.
- Shelving, racks, tables, etc. are not



allowed to be brought into the room. Space at a table will be provided if available; all items shall fit in that space.

- Keep an eye on your own items; Setsucon is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- The following items are not allowed: Bootlegs, Weaponry of Any Kind, Metal Props, Flammable/Combustible Items, Unlicensed Reproductions, Food, Snacks, Beverages, Contact Lenses, 18+ or Adult Merchandise, Personally Created Artwork.

VIDEO GAMES!

GUEST PANELS!

COSPLAY!

ANIME!



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Tabletop Gaming

Whether you are a fan of card gaming, tabletop rpgs, board games, miniatures, or learning something new - this room has it all. Check it all out, presented by Jake's Cards & Games, Quelmar Realm, & Snake Eyes Gaming.

Stop by the Tabletop Gaming Room throughout the convention weekend for a multitude of games to enjoy! You'll find a wide selection of games for both the casual and the expert player. Whether you've mastered every board game out there, or just want to learn a new one, we have something for you. Have your own tabletop games that you want to play? We have space for that too! Just find an open table and set down to play with your own board games, tabletop rpgs, card games, you name it!

TABLETOP GAMING, PRESENTED BY SNAKE EYES GAMING

Board Games

Looking for an "out-of-the-box" gaming experience? Maybe sit down for a quick game of Ticket To Ride, where you get to play the role of a railroad tycoon, beating all of your friends to the next hot ticket. Maybe you just want to be a giant lizard, stomping your way through Manhattan, in a game of King of New York? Why not play a few hands of Munchkin, where you get to kick down doors, level up your adventurer, and take on the funniest monster in the dungeon? Snake Eyes Gaming will be offering a variety of board games for visitors to hang out and play!

Tabletop Miniatures

Does your idea of a good time include fire-breathing dragons and bands of feral orcs? Maybe it includes giant mechs and aliens with laser rifles. Of course, there's always your favorite cape-clad superheroes, swooping in to save the day! Snake Eyes Gaming introduces you to the immersive world of tabletop miniature gaming. We offer a wide variety of genres, including sci-fi, fantasy, and adventure. Smaller skirmish-sized games can satisfy those with a limited amount of time and space, while larger games can offer a more in-depth experience, pitting your skills against your opponent's. Come experience games such as Warhammer 40k, HeroClix, Star Wars Legion, and Blood Bowl, today!



CARD GAMING, PRESENTED BY JAKE'S CARDS & GAMES

Magic the Gathering Standard Event

A Magic the Gathering tournament following the Standard/Traditional Standard Magic the Gathering format hosted by Jake's Cards and Games! This is a constructed tournament, meaning participants must bring a deck made for the Standard Format. Each round will be 50 minutes and the number of rounds depends on the number of players but there will be a minimum of 3. This is a Swiss round tournament. Entry fee will be \$15, and Jake's Cards and Games will add two card packs to the prize pool per participant, with a chance for participants to claim them and other prizes!

Magic the Gathering Commander Event

A Magic the Gathering Competitive Commander tournament hosted by Jake's Cards and Games! It is a highly competitive Constructed format. Decks must be level 10. The tournament will follow 1v1 rules and will enforce the standard Competitive Commander banlist. Entry fee will be \$15, and Jake's Cards and Games will add two card packs to the prize pool per participant, with a chance for participants to claim them and other prizes!

Magic the Gathering Innistrad Remastered Draft

Return to your old haunts! Rediscover everything you love to fear! Dig up reprints from across Innistrad's history and iconic characters from Magic's Gothic horror plane. In lieu of the release of the "Innistrad Remastered" Magic the Gathering set the week prior to Setsucon, Jake's Cards and Games will be hosting a draft of the set in the Tabletop Room Saturday afternoon/evening. Rules of the draft are as such; Each player is given 3 packs of cards...everyone opens the first pack, picks 1 card and removes the basic land. They then pass the rest of the pack to the player on their left, and continue this way till the first pack is all gone. You then open the second pack and do the same thing except you pass the cards to the right. The 3rd pack is then passed to the left following all the previous instructions. This is a Swiss round tournament. Entry fee will be \$30, and Jake's Cards and Games will add two card packs to the prize pool per participant, with a chance for participants to claim them and other prizes!

Pokemon Trade and Play Event

A casual Pokemon The Card Game event for Pokemon TCG players to come together to trade cards and then play freely with each other! Entry is free.



TABLETOP RPGS, PRESENTED BY THE QUELMAR REALM

Blood on the Clocktower

On the stroke of midnight... During a hellish thunderstorm, a scream echoes through the sleepy town of Ravenswood Bluff. The townsfolk rush to investigate and find the beloved local storyteller has been murdered, their body hanging limp from the clocktower. As blood drips onto the cobblestones below, a realization slowly dawns... a demon has been unleashed, killing by night and taking on human form by day. Can good find the demon in time? Or will evil overrun this once peaceful town?

Candela Obscura: Night at the Museum

Curators and Volunteers at the Newfairen Institute of the Natural Sciences have noticed some odd things about the exhibits. Every night, it seems as if things have rearranged- Skeletons seemingly moved, dioramas showcasing completely different scenes, and historical artifacts misplaced. What's stranger is that the night security guards are either quitting or ending up injured...or worse. Can Candela Obscura get to the bottom of what is happening at the museum?

Candela Obscura: The Train to No-Where

There have always been stories of ghost trains, ever since the track was first laid down. Lately, the stories have been gaining a resurgence, especially about one particular line leading up to the Bridleborn Mountains. The train is seen, always on schedule, however it always disappears on its track, and never reaches its destination. Can the investigators discover the truth in the ghost story, and finally put the mechanical spirit to rest?

Candela Obscura: Phantom of the Symphony

Everyone who has attended a recent Newfaire Symphony Orchestra performance have all said the same thing- it was entrancing. So much so that they can't seem to recall anything about it. Those walking by the performance hall have reported hearing eerie, ethereal, otherworldly music, very unlike what is typically heard. Some even reported seeing apparitions entering the venue. Can Candela Obscura figure out what is haunting the symphony?

Calliope's Misery-Go-Round

A traveling carnival has recently arrived near your hometown! The Revalia boasts thrilling rides, amazing sights, delicious treats and more! In fact, a new carousel has just been unveiled! You are keen to take a ride on the merry go round, but strange and malevolent creatures are threatening this brand new ride. As courageous adventurers, are you ready to save the day at the fair? The Misery-go-round is a DND 5ed adventure for a party of four to six characters of level 4. Bring your own character or use a ready made hero.

Marauders of the Windfall - Daggerheart

Daggerheart is an exciting new fantasy roleplay system using the duality of Hope and Fear! The RAS (Royal Air Service) Windfall is flying far above the Sablewood, a seemingly-endless forest of dark trees that reach hundreds of feet toward the sky. By default, the ship is bound for the Kinokozan Jags to retrieve a rare magical component for the Whitefire Arcanist. During the journey, the ship could be attacked by creatures, enemies, or maybe even those aboard. It's up to our team of adventurers to keep everyone safe until you reach your destination!

Nest of the Eldritch Eye

A dead militiaman. A desiccated eyeball. Whispers of a mysterious cult. What evil festers in the bowels of the city? Vecna: Nest of the Eldritch Eye is an adventure for a party of four to six characters of level 3. Assemble your party and get ready to enter the catacombs of Neverwinter in this prelude to Vecna: Eve of Ruin.

Quisines of Quelmar

A one-sheet TTRPG created by Quelmar! You are an up and coming chef trying to open your new restaurant. You have to go shopping, foraging, or send out adventurers to gather quality ingredients before you run out of time and money! You even get to take a copy home with you!

Red Dragon Inn

The adventure is finished, the dungeon delved, and the dragon defeated. It's time to celebrate at: The Red Dragon Inn. Competitive card game where you select your adventurer before partying and gambling the night away until one person remains at the table.

Learn About the Groups that Helped Make Tabletop Gaming Possible!

Sweet Escape - Perils and Princesses

You and your fellow princesses are out to deliver sweets when you happen upon a chocolate soldier, a marshmallow chick in need of help & a looming tower ahead. This is a lv 2 Perils and Princesses game, but has pre-gen characters & is beginner friendly!

Ten Candles

This is a story about what happens in the dark. This is a story about survivors trying to light up their little corner of the world and do something meaningful within it in the few hours they have left. This is a story about desperation. It is a story about people like you & I fighting back against the darkness, only to inevitably & inescapably be consumed by it. Ten Candles is a tragic horror time-based coop storytelling game through which you will tell the story of a dark world and those who fall victim to it. It is best played with 3-6 players, and takes about 2-3 hours.

Tiefeling Heist

Many years ago a valorous tiefling adventurer retired to a peaceful neighborhood and founded an orphanage dedicated to sheltering other orphaned baby tieflings. You are one of those tieflings. You are caught at the crossroads between hellish heritage and terrible toddlerhood; a perfect storm of chaos. You have received word of a secret underground candy cave that can keep you on a sugar high for life. There's only two problems: 1.) Breaking into the highly guarded candy shop will take complex cunning and strategy. 2.) You are three and a half years old.

Villains' Vengeance

You were a minion. You lived your life in faithful service to your undead Lich Lord. You thrived in the evil environment and enjoyed your bad guy duties. You planned to do this forever with your undying master. Then your Lich Lord abandoned you. A year passes. You diligently keep the lair pristine, the troops trained, & all the traps and wards refreshed. Then one day you get word that your faithful Master, your Lich Lord, had abandoned you & your fellow minions to start a cult of proper mortal worshippers & become a god. A proper lawful deity. Now you and your fellow minions are on a new mission: find your FORMER master & rip him a new one. A "let's be villains" style oneshot made for a party of 4-6 characters of level 13. Content warning: This is an evil oneshot. Topics of torture, murder, cults, and gaslighting.

Jake's Cards & Games



A local Central PA gaming shop, Jake's Cards and Games, located in Bellefonte, PA, has been a staple in the Setucon Tabletop Gaming Room since 2016. Hosting numerous card gaming tournaments and meetups while providing plenty of board games for others to play, Jake's Cards and Games brings the game shop to you in the Tabletop Room.

The Quelmar Realm



The Quelmar Realm is a 501c3 charity organization that builds community through TTRPG. They serve the State College, PA and Baltimore, MD areas, as well as a wider online community through a

thriving discord server that hosts weekly games. Quelmar is all about providing resources to players so that no story goes untold. They have a world setting for them to create in and an expansive wiki that they can both read and add to in order to find a place for their game and story to find its place. They also provide resources such as an Arkenforge account that they are able to allow DMs to use, a Twitch stream and podcast to broaden their stories, and a team of fellow DMs that can support and help provide feedback in creating the next generation of Game Masters after them.

Snake Eyes Gaming



An Altoona-based shop Snake Eyes Gaming, specializes in tabletop gamings, card games, board games, role playing games, tabletop accessories, and more.

With two dedicated RPG rooms, a large play area for tabletop gaming, and plenty of space for card and board gaming, Snake Eyes is jam packed with activities for any tabletop gamer to enjoy!

Video Gaming

Head on over to the Video Gaming Room presented by Origin of Play, Snow Phoenix, & Kawaii Catchers during the convention to play some of your favorite video games, retro games, arcade & rhythm games, and much more!

Console Gaming

No matter the style of game you are looking for, hop on one of the many consoles, both modern and retro, and give a try in the Console Gaming section of the Video Gaming Room, presented by Origin of Play. Their catalog consists of all the fan favorites, including numerous fighting games, rhythm style games, and party games.

Arcade Cabinets & Machines

Take yourself away on a trip to a Japanese arcade and play some of the best arcade cabinets, provided by Snow Phoenix! Check out the different arcade cabinets, with popular types of cabinets, such as dance and rhythm games. Or give yourself a test by playing some of the Japanese crane machines, provided by Kawaii Catchers. Test your skill and precision to try and win fun prizes from these machines!



Kawaii Catchers

Bringing authentic Japanese crane machines from Japan to an event near you. Our machines require both skill and precision to win the prizes. We fill our machines with a wide arrangement of both Japanese and American prizes, such as plushies, figures, keychains, and more! They have famous crane machines like SEGA's UFA Catcher 7, 7s, and A La Carte II. These crane machines provide a variety of challenges and tests of skill to win prizes.

Origin of Play

Origin of Play strives to be the best possible Gaming Entertainment Company possible. With each event, they bring their imagination and vision to life to create a game room for everyone. Origin of Play has been the go-to place for gaming in the Northeast region with their belief that everyone enjoys having fun and bringing out their inner-child! They provide a variety of gaming options that are guaranteed to keep attendees of all ages happy and smiling.

Snow Phoenix

Snow Phoenix has been bringing the next level of Japanese arcades to cons all across the East Coast! A staple at anime con game rooms, you can find SPX bringing the very best from their diverse stock of imported cabinets. They are always ready and excited to be able to help take con game rooms to the next level. Find them providing a great selection of authentic arcade machines that you would not normally find in arcades across America.



Tournaments

Show off your gaming skills and enter our tournaments for a chance to be the ultimate champion in this winter season battle! All tournaments are free to enter & can be registered for either in-person or online at our website. For each tournament, it is strongly recommended that you bring your own controllers and equipment (your own Switch is required for Pokemon tournament).

This year, we will be hosting the following:

- Granblue Fantasy Versus: Rising
- Guilty Gear STRIVE
- Capcom's Street Fighter 6
- Pokemon Scarlet & Violet
- Rivals of the Aether II
- Melty Blood: Type Lumina
- Under Night In-Birth II Sys: Celes
- Dragon Ball Sparking Zero

Game Gauntlet

Do you consider yourself a master of all video games? Then test your mettle at the 7th Annual Setsucon Game Gauntlet! This bracket-style tournament features a variety of different games, eras, tricks, traps, & more. Stop by the Video Gaming Room and then get ready to go at it on Friday Night as it is an all out race to the finish. And an audience is requested - make sure to come cheer on the participants throughout their gaming adventure!



Silent Auction

Returning for its seventh year, the Silent Auction is dedicated in memory of the late voice actor, Setsucon guest, and Pennsylvania native Billy Kametz. Visit the Silent Auction booth in the Exhibitors Hall to place bids during the con!

Silent Auction Rules

- Bidding Opens at 10:00am Saturday
- Bidding Closes at 1:00pm Sunday
- All new bids must increase by a minimum of \$5.
- All winners must be able to pick up their prizes on Sunday, between 1pm and 3pm; winners will be contacted via phone call/text - after three missed attempts to contact, the next highest bidder will be selected.
- Those with a Saturday badge may bid, but must mak
- Payments can be made in person via cash or credit card donation to the Colon Cancer Coalition.
- Bidding may be halted or extended at any time at the discretion of the Setsucon Staff.
- Purchasing of items outright is not allowed; all items must be won via bidding.

Colon Cancer Coalition

The Colon Cancer Coalition raises awareness about the importance of colorectal screenings and colonoscopies to decrease deaths from colon cancer. Donate today to support their cause at coloncancercoalition.org.

The Setsucon Silent Auction is Dedicated in Memory of Voice Actor & PA Native Billy Kametz



Jared Box

Join us in supporting the Jared Box Project by donating gifts, toys, games, and more to make a box of play for children in emergency rooms, hospitals, and surgical centers.

About Jared Box Project

The Jared Box Project was started in 2001 in State College, Pennsylvania, to honor Jared, a brave little boy who battled cancer with a courage and faith that continues to inspire us all.

Since then, more than 999,000 Jared Boxes have been delivered to over 400 hospitals across the United States. Boxes filled with the "gift of play" are given to young patients in emergency rooms, hospital rooms, surgical centers, and clinics. Each box contains small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books and fun activities selected for a specific age group and gender.

Decorate a Box or Cards

Stop by the MAGFest MakerSpace to decorate a Jared Box or make cards to send with the boxes to children to see and read when they open their box up.

Donate Toys & Gifts

Help support our creation of Jared Boxes by donating toys and gifts. The toy collection will take place in our Exhibitors Hall at the Jared Box table. Please see the list below for toy suggestions. All toys/books must be new and small enough to fit in a plastic shoebox. We can NOT accept food, holiday items, glass items, choking hazards, pencil sharpeners, or bubbles.

Some suggestions for donations include: softcover books, cardboard books, rattles, stacking blocks, farm animal sets, small toys that clip on strollers/cribs, bath toys, stuffed animals, balls, busy boxes, light up toys, musical toys, colorful pillowcases, crayons, coloring books, activity kits, reading books, puzzles, travel games, fun socks, small dolls, stickers, craft kits, journals, and action figures.



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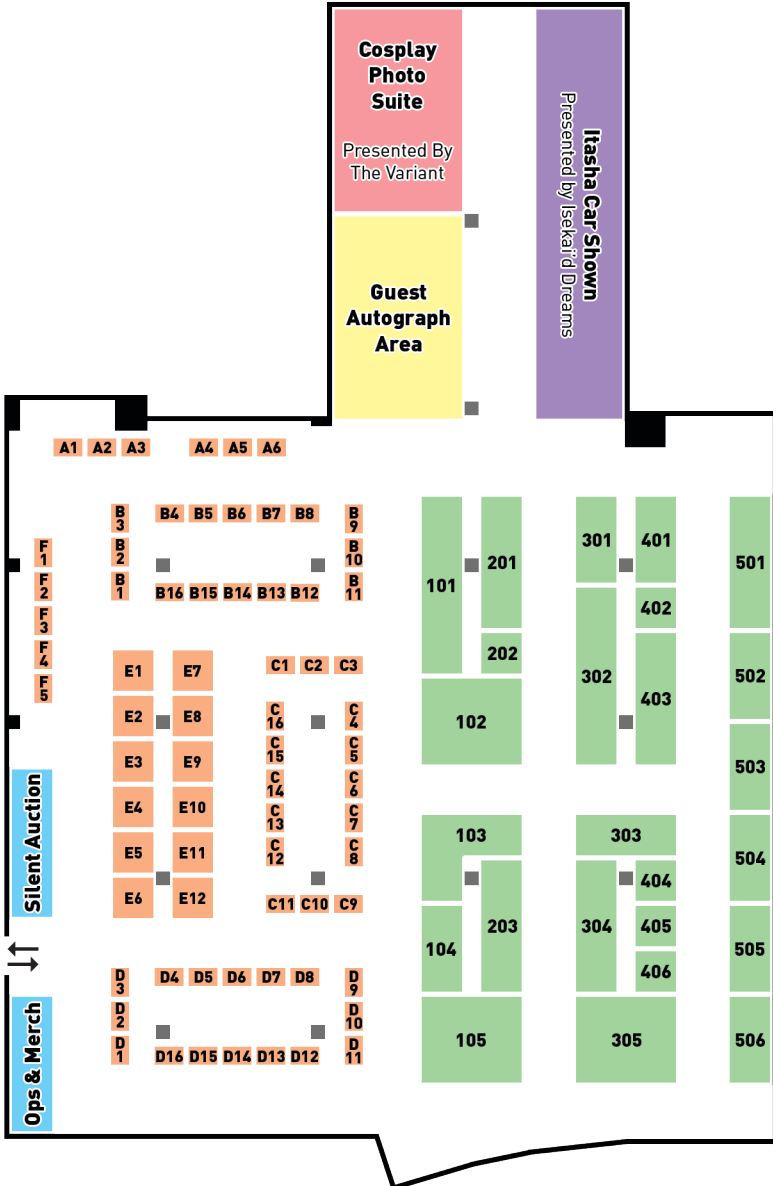
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We have a weekend
filled with amazing
panels from our guests
& attendees - learn more
and find the ones you
want to see!

Panels Guide

GUEST PANELS

After Dark Anime Jeopardy [18+]

Pixel Pop

Join the Pixel Pop Maid Cafe team as they test your anime knowledge in this after-dark game!

American Anime: The Ultimate Oxymoron Lex Winter

"Western Anime" has long been considered an oxymoron- anime is Japanese, so how can Western nations lay claim to it? But in the contemporary world, these lines blur more and more. This panel explores two different lines of thinking: inspirations that draw from anime style of Japanese visual culture, and the outright adaptation of style found in series like Avatar, Teen Titans GO!, Neo Yokio, and the recent live-action Death Note.

Angry Gods of Medieval Japan

Lex Winter

The Heian Era helped shape Japanese culture as we know it over a thousand years ago. And out of it came the idea of the angry god. Vengeful spirits, greedy demons, and beings that defied classification all made up these angry gods. This panel explores the different types that populated the Heian Era, and some of the more impactful names among them.

All About Voice Acting

SungWon Cho

What do you want to learn about voice acting? Stop by this panel with SungWon Cho as he tells you anything and everything about voice acting - answering your questions about his career in his patented entertaining way. You won't want to miss out on asking SungWon your voice acting questions!

Ask Anything Your Heart Desires

SungWon Cho

Do you have questions that you've been dying to ask SungWon? Do you want to learn more about Effie and Sophie SungWon's two absolutely adorable cats that he loves so very much. Join him as we hear more about his cats, travels, food, experiences, and everything else that he likes in an panel where you get to ask SungWon whatever you can think of asking about!

Dubbing Music for Anime

Caitlin Glass

Come and learn about the process behind dubbing theme songs and other music in anime. Join Caitlin Glass as they discuss their experiences adapting and performing anime music for some of your favorite titles like Dragonball and Dragonball Z, Ouran High School Host Club, One Piece and many more!

Learn to Mashle Bellydance

Antipode

Do you like Magic, Muscles, and Cream Puffs? Do you want to learn to belly dance? Do you want a few new moves for the dance floor? Bring your friends, your wands, and your muscles as Antipode teaches you some new moves and a short choreography to the Mashle Opening: "Bling-Bang-Bang-Born." Everyone is welcome in this all ages judgment free class! No magic or experience required!

Leveling Up Your Solo Photography

Antipode

Do you love taking selfies, but want a few more tips to get full body shots? Want to take a spur of the moment photo of yourself, but no one is around? If you have asked yourself these questions or others, then come learn some tips and tricks from Antipode dance! No experience or equipment necessary, but feel free to bring your tools (cell phone, camera, etc) to class!

Live Commentary

Caitlin Glass

Come hear the Caitlin riff on her favorite episodes and provide behind-the-scenes info of their experiences. Q&A to follow.

The First Anime

Lex Winter

The First Anime: Its Astro Boy, right? That series from 1963 that brought television animation to life and would go on to start the medium we call anime. Wait, it's NOT? This panel explores animation in Japan from 1917 to 1963, when the first commercial productions appeared, tested the boundaries of the medium, were thrown back after the war, and evolved into the landmark shows of that first groundbreaking year.

ANIME FANDOM

A Ghost in Many Shells A Nerdy Couple

For over 35 years, Ghost in the Shell has been a mainstay of anime culture - between manga, film, anime, OVAs, and more! A Nerdy Couple will take a deep look at the different core entries in the franchise, how they interact with one another, where you can enjoy them, and examine how each of these entries answers the most fundamental of questions: what does it mean to be human?

Americanized Anime 3: The Live-Actioning Children Driving Robots

Everyone wants to see a live action adaptation of their favorite anime, right? Right? Come join Children Driving Robots as we look at where these live action adaptations have succeeded, where they haven't, and maybe talk about some you didn't even know about.

BL - A Guide [18+]

Do you love BL? Do you want to learn about the growing boys love fandom? Come learn about the history of BL and find some recommendations and friends.

Blood Bath & Beyond [18+] Children Driving Robots

Anime is one of the most beautiful art forms ever created with its vibrant animation and deep stories. Most of the anime in this panel went in the opposite direction and instead leak blood by the gallon. Come join Children Driving Robots as we discuss some of the most messed-up Anime we have ever seen, and ask ourselves...Why?

Classical/Modern Literature in Anime/Manga Victorian Rose Art Studio

Do you swoon for Mr. Darcy? Enjoy Shakespearean monologues? Enjoy traveling to the past in a magical tree house? Then come on down and learn all about anime/anime characters inspired by popular literature, both modern and classical.

Jouta Kujo: The History of Fandom's Most Famous Egg Baby

Are you a JJBA fan? CLAMP fan? Meme fan? Or maybe you're just someone who'd love to learn how two teen guys biologically fathered a magic egg kid. In this panel we'll be learning all about the history of fandom's most famous fan-child: Jouta Kujo.

No If's ands, or Butts [18+] The Polycule

DO HE GOT THE BOOTY? You tell me. Come and discuss the various anime backsides that have been so beautifully drawn out for us.

Shonen Power Systems Tier List

Shonen Anime have some wild power systems but what makes them great? Come on down and vote on your favorite power systems to create the ultimate tier list!

The Time I Attended a Panel and Gained +10 to My Isekai Knowledge A Nerdy Couple

We all want to live in another world, rescuing the princess, living the life of the hero, saving a village...or being reset as a vending machine?? Isekai anime is a genre that's full of twists, turns, unexpected plot devices and mishaps with trucks. But where did this genre start? Why are some titles as long as the descriptions? Is truck-kun really to blame for your misfortune? A Nerdy Couple will be exploring the origins of isekai, why it has become so popular and some extreme examples you wouldn't believe exist.

Unlicensed Anime: We're Waiting Children Driving Robots

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

Unsolved "Mister"ies Atewell

Sleuths, you are on the case to solve what is the next mystery anime you should watch. Join us as we investigate popular series and examine their profiles to figure out what makes this genre alluring. Is it the brush of the supernatural? Is it the vintage settings? Or is it all the attractive detectives? Off the record - it is probably the attractive men. We have some suspects like Bungo Stray Dogs and Moriarty the Patriot that need interrogated. Are you up for the challenge? Will this case come to a satisfying conclusion, or will this "mister"y remain unsolved?

Visual Novel Anime Adaptations Merc with a Podcast

With the convenience of the Switch and the Steam Deck, Visual Novels have gained the attention of audiences like never before. With this newfound popularity one might be curious if there is an anime or two based on one. Well, my friend that is where Merc with a Podcast comes. Join our host as he goes through some of the best, worst and insane Visual Novel Anime Adaptations.

What If There Was Another Season Merc with a Podcast

Have you ever gotten into an anime only for it to end after 1 season? What about that other anime that rushed its ending out of nowhere? Well then welcome to "What If There was Another Season." Join our host from Merc with a Podcast as he does that very job for you and discusses what happened after certain shows ended, why they did, and how they could continue.

What is Twisted Wonderland? Atewell

You have just been transported to a mysterious land where all your favorite Disney villains are now cute anime boys. Why do you have to take classes despite not having magical powers? How is Satoru Gojo there? Which dorm is the best dorm? Are we sure this isn't Black Butler? Where is the anime? Find out, as we give an overblot...I mean overview... of Twisted Wonderland!

What the F!(& Went Wrong: World's End Harem Edition [18+] Merc with a Podcast

In the first ever edition of What The F!(& Went Wrong, our host dives deep into the troubling show World's End Harem. From production, to the state world and industry, and black bars...so many black bars. Merc with the Podcast is here to break it down why something that should have worked on paper went to well...What The F!(&

You Got RPGs in My Anime Consider the Nonsense

Join us as we explore the use of tabletop roleplaying game tropes in anime from classics like Record of Lodoss War or Digimon to modern favorites like Konosuba or Delicious in Dungeon. We'll also talk about some tabletop games that try to replicate anime.

ANIME HISTORY

1980's Anime: Our Childhoods were Different Children Driving Robots

Welcome to the 1980's where we not only have iconic series, but the golden era of movies and OVA's. Come join Children Driving Robots as we discuss our favorite and most impactful anime of the 1980's!

Lost Media: What's in YOUR Attic? Children Driving Robots

Why is this anime not available? What happened to all those movies that were made in the early days of film? What happened to all those episodes of Doctor Who? Come join Children Driving Robots and discuss various lost media from Anime, Movies, and Television.

PTSD in Horror Anime [18+] Merc with a Podcast

Have you ever wondered how living in a zombie apocalypse could affect a person? How about living & fighting in an endless war against titans? Being in a school run by a murderous robotic bear? Or how about being in an endless time loop? Well, here in the third volume of this panel Merc with a Podcast slashes through this time on what is PTSD and how certain characters ended up and live through it in the horror anime series. Sometimes the killer is your metal health.

COSPLAY

Broke Fabulous Cosplay Enrana of Asgard

On a tight budget? Still want to cosplay and look fabulous? Come learn ways to look fabulous and not spend a fortune. From finding good quality costumes to innovative ways to get props, to amazing quality wigs. Come learn from a master whose broke cosplays have placed in competitions. This panel covers both standard and plus size cosplay because everyone deserves to look fabulous.

Cosplay Makeup 101: The Not Broke, Just Pre-Rich Guide lon

Ready to level up your cosplay game with flawless makeup? Join us for a fast-paced crash course in cosplay cosmetics! We'll cover budget-friendly tips on everything from skincare and cosmetics to contact lenses and kit essentials. Discover the pros and cons of different products, application techniques, must-have tools, proper care, and when to splurge or save. You'll also get shopping recommendations, enjoy mini-demos, and a few fun surprises! Plus, there will be plenty of time for a Q&A, so come with your questions and leave feeling confident and ready to shine!

EDUCATIONAL

Anime Conventions of Years Past Bamforth Panels

Curious about the history of anime conventions like the one you are at right now? Ever wanted to experience what it was like to go to a con at different points in history. Join us on a journey through the rapid evolution of anime conventions and the people who attend them.

Anime Law 101

Come discuss your favorite law related anime, game, or other media with law student Bee! We'll go over some notable cases & events in anime legal history, & discuss how true to life anime is (I'm looking at you, Ace Attorney!)

Domain Expansion Touchdown: The NFL for Anime Fans Bamforth Panels

Think football is just a boring sportsball for your dad? Think Again! Football is the nerdiest and most anime sport around, and to prove it I'm going to explain it using exclusively Anime references and comparisons.

Dragons, Cryptids, and Dinos: Oh MY! Painting Dragon Feathers

Learn how to craft vibrant, exotic creature characters for your stories and artwork by studying zoology, paleontology, folklore, history, and a menagerie of other authors' work. We will also dissect a dragon—from inspiration, to designing, to writing his story and crafting a maquette for drawing.

Folklore, Legends, and Demons in Anime/Gaming Victorian Rose Art Studio

Legends, folklore and demons are spotted in much of popular culture. Where are some of these legends and folklore? What do we know about demons? Explore some different Japanese legends, folklore and demons and how they are portrayed in popular anime and video games.

Literary Analysis of Bungou Stray Dogs Law of Cosplay

Have you ever wondered what those old books the BSD characters' abilities are based on are about? Come for a discussion of some famous and possibly great works of literature!

Lovecraftian Horror in Anime and Manga Consider the Nonsense

HP Lovecraft may have been an American, but that doesn't mean America has a monopoly on his brand of horror. Larn about a few anime & manga that are Lovecraftian in style & tone, and talk about the themes that makes it Lovecraftian.

Natlan's Culture Ignited! Consider the Nonsense

A cultural analysis of Genshin Impact's Natlan under the mesoamerican (maya, aztec) lens.

Pokemon and the Wildlife that Inspired Them

Many of the over a thousand Pokemon are inspired by real animals. Led by a professional wildlife biologist, this panel will highlight a few of the wildlife species that inspired Pokemon in both appearance and behavior. Come learn about species from tapirs to coelacanths and be entertained in the process!

The 5 W's and H of Shipping

An open discussion centered around the who, what, where, when, why, & how of shipping throughout anime, games, manga, & beyond.

Witchcraft in Anime Kawaii Witch

Come join me as we discuss witchcraft in anime and compare it to real life practices and beliefs.

Worldbuilding: How to Make a Story Bible Painting Dragon Feathers

A Story Bible is a tool that helps any author organize the aspects of their world-building—the cultures, rules of magic and/or science, weather, politics, ecology, economy, and all other kinds of nitty gritty details, timelines, character interviews and designs, and more. In this lecture we will talk about acquiring the right kind of book, what kind of materials to use, what kind of information to include and how to organize it depending on the kind of story you are writing, and how to use your bible to add layers of depth to your characters and stories.

GAME SHOW

Anime Bingo

Fuzion Games

Bingo with a twist! Combine your bingo luck with anime trivia! Bring some friends and win some prizes!

Anime Family Feud

Fuzion Games

The popular television game show with an anime twist! Two teams compete to try and match surveys asked of fellow attendees at the convention! A team earns exp for getting the points for the round and the team to attain the most points after 5 rounds, moves on to Fast EXP to earn even more EXP to spend on amazing prizes!

Anime Trivia [18+]

Welcome to the fifth installment of Bre and Kin's legendary Anime Trivia panel! As always, there will be a variety of hilarious segments and questions, as well as special prizes for our top three. So come on down and enjoy a round of raunchy trivia - we promise you'll have fun!

Are You Nerdier Than a Game Show Host?

Fuzion Games

Do you think you are nerdier than our game show hosts? Compete as a team of 3 to see if you can answer audience submitted questions before we can. Earn EXP to exchange for prizes for every correct answer and show us that you are nerdier than we are! Don't want the pressure of the buzzer? That's okay! If a question stumps both teams, then the audience will have a chance to answer for EXP!

Bungo Stray Dogs Game Night [18+]

The Stray Dogs Society

Come hang with members of the ADA, Port Mafia, and others for some fun sleepover games and stories! Minimal war crimes will be committed, a good time will be had by all!

Gambler's Den [18+]

Have you ever wanted to test your luck against the king of the undead? This is your chance! Join Hua Cheng and Xie Lian in the gamblers den for a night of games and homosexual activities. Just make sure you're prepared to lose a finger...

Guess That Video Game

Cyanmage

Join us for an exciting "Guess that Video Game" game! Test your gaming knowledge and compete with fellow fans to identify different scenes from different video games! Whether you're a casual gamer or more this fun interactive game is perfect for everyone!

K-Pop Trivia

Come test your knowledge on K-Pop! Prizes will be awarded to those who know the most about it. Questions will range from older generations to even the newest!

Name That Tune

Can you graduate from the College of Musical Knowledge? Contestants from the audience try to identify anime, movie, and gaming tunes from the past 20 years in order to win fantastic prizes.

Rate My Husbando and Waifu (2025 Edition) [18+]

We are back, back, back again to fight for our husbandos and waifus. Gojo vs Loid. Yor vs Mirko. Who will you defend? Join us as we stand and fight for our husbandos and waifus.

Smash or Pass: Yu-Gi-Oh! Edition [18+] Fengari.cos

You ever look at a duel monster and think "yeah i would go there". Come see who else thinks that way and is a freak just like you.

Wheel of Fortune

As now the longest-tenured active Wheel of Fortune host* I'm happy to say that America's Game has come to Winter's Warmest Convention for a 9th straight year. Spin, buy and solve your way to fantastic mega prizes!

HOBBIES/WORKSHOPS

All About Ball Joint and Vinyl Dolls

Enrana of Asgard

Have you seen those really fancy anime dolls at conventions? Where you interested in getting one but don't know where to start? On a budget and wondering how to afford one? Or just curious about them in general? Then come learn about ball joint & vinyl dolls.

All About Gundam Models

Consider the Nonsense

Have you seen all of these model kits in the dealer's room & want to know what it's all about? Well, stop on by and get a crash course in the world of Gundam models and how you can join a community that spans decades.

Fanfiction: Writing Them and the Best Places to Do So

Lucky 13 Cosplay Studios

We all wish our favorite stories could go different. That's why fan fiction was born. But where do we start, and where do we post it. Come listen to me and my journey of being a fanfiction writer.

Flirty Figures and Naughty Knock Offs [18+]

A Nerdy Couple

Figure collecting has become a staple in otaku culture. While most figures are family friendly, there are some in awkward poses, revealing clothing and situations, and some that just make us go "How is that even possible?" We will be discussing what brands make each of these figures, legit sites on how/where to buy them and some tips on displaying/affording them, all with adult content in mind. Looking at some more mind boggling poses, we will also be discussing human anatomy and if these poses/proportions could be humanly possible or if they are just a stretch of one's imagination and creativity.

Grade Up Your GunPla:

Customizing and Detailing Model Kits

A Nerdy Couple

GunPla built right out of box can already look great - but sometimes you want to do a bit more to make a kit your own. Between the different kinds of decals, types of paint, painting techniques, panel lining, top coats, and more, it can feel like an overwhelming experience to take your 1st step into customization. That's where A Nerdy Couple is stepping in, going over the different levels & techniques to customize your model kits based on our hands on experience - we're not teaching anything we haven't done. From make up sponges to airbrushes, from stickers to water slides, we'll teach you something no matter your skill level to take your GunPla to the next grade!

GunPla for Beginners Build Workshop

A Nerdy Couple

GunPla, or Gundam Plastic Model building, is a fun and engaging hobby that can be intimidating to get into. Join A Nerdy Couple as we not only dispel the concerns of getting into GunPla, but also make your very first build! We'll be providing kits to attendees that require no tools, glue, or even stickers to make a fully functioning Gundam model kit, with hands on help and guidance, as well as plenty of time to ask questions. If you've ever been curious or hesitant about trying it out, now's the time to give it a chance and have a model all your own! A \$5 cash fee per kit will be required for build portion of the workshop, collected at the workshop.

Learn to Paint Miniatures

Snake Eyes Gaming, LLC

We have all seen some gorgeous miniatures at our local gaming shops. Dungeons & Dragons, Star Wars, Warhammer, Marvel Comics - the list goes on. With a little time and some solid advice, you can paint just as well as everyone else - if not better! In this workshop, our painting expert will guide you through the process of painting your very own tabletop miniature! A \$10 fee for a miniature and the use of the tools to paint it will be collected at the workshop.

Setsubun Origami Oni Craft

Atewell

Come celebrate Setsubun at Setsucon by making an origami oni! Lets enjoy this Japanese tradition to honor the transition from winter to spring, and bring good luck to the con. Remember: "evil out, good luck in!" Supplies provided while they last.

JAPANESE CULTURE

Crazy-A#\$ Moments and People in Japanese History [18+]

Ready to learn some crazy s\$#%? Nate returns once again, but this time he has people to help! Join him and his new vict... I mean friends Bre and Emma, as they talk about crazy, disturbing, fascinating, and downright strange moments in Japanese history that aren't talked about much when discussing Japanese history! Such topics include Japan's most prolific drag queen and its most prolific escape artist!

Japan Rocks! Traveling Off the Beaten Path in Japan

Laura Egan

Planning a trip to Japan, or simply interested in hearing about lesser-known tourist sites? Prepare to learn about underwhelming locations that will rock your socks off! These are the kind of places where if you visit, your friends will say "Cool! But was it worth it?" and "You're right, you are the only person I know who's visited that."

On Donuts and Decisions

Laura Egan & Katriel Page

From an overview, down to the nitty-gritty! Manga translator Laura Egan and Japanese cultural panelist Katriel Paige draw on their knowledge of the localization industry to take a deep look at topics that are constantly on the minds of professionals working to translate your media, by comparing translations across mediums, across genres, and across time to finally answer the question... jelly donuts, or onigiri? (Hint: There's no single right answer that will produce the 'best' translation!)

So You Want to Visit Japan? A Guide to Visiting the Land of the Rising Sun

Every weeb's ultimate dream is to visit Japan once in their lives! Yet Japan is a foreign country, and international travel brings all sorts of considerations, risks, and costs. Luckily for you, Nate, a person who has visited Japan (and who has annoyed his fellow staffers talking about it) and is planning on going back in 2025, is here to help! Learn some tips and tricks to planning your trip to Japan, and learn from Nate's mistakes to avoid doing them yourself! Hopefully when you are done, you will feel more confident in planning for your trip to Japan!

What Godzilla Has to Say Consider the Nonsense

Godzilla has been rampaging through cities and duking it out with other monsters for over 60 years, but all of that violence isn't without purpose! Join us as we discuss some of our favorite entries in the series and dig into the meaning behind the monsters.

MUSIC

Idol Dance Roulette

Do you love idols? Do you love dancing? Then this is the place to be! Join us for a random dance play full of all of your favorite songs from idols across Jpop! All levels of dance is welcome - lets all have fun and dance together!

KPop Random Dance

If you love to dance and love Kpop, come on down and join us! Dance along to your favorite groups and remember some blasts from the past! Whether you're an experienced dancer or just starting out - all are welcome!!

TABLETOP GAMING

4 Idiots and a DM [18+]

Enrana of Asgard

This is a D&D panel about 4 veteran players and their DM and all the craziness from their virtual table. From the dragon shifter Paladin who constantly makes the DM face palm, the crazy cowboy gunslinger who seems to be the only sane person around, adventures in Hell, to the literal apocalypse and the time we had a Christmas episode. This is sure to be one wild ride of fun tales from DM Enrana's veteran table.

Intro to Tabletop Miniature Gaming

Snake Eyes Gaming, LLC

"You mean gaming on a real table and not a console?" Yes - and it is glorious! Thousands of gamers across the region gather in person, to play various miniatures-based games on a regular basis. Some of these games include Warhammer 40k, HeroClix, Marvel, and Star Wars Legion. This workshop will cover a variety of these games and introduce you to the wide world of tabletop miniature gaming!

VARIETY

Animexperts Live: Heaven & Hell [18+] Children Driving Robots

Are you an Animexpert? Could you describe an anime series with just one image and anime opening? Or would you describe it as the coolest and craziest series never made? What if in this special edition, the anime is either cute...or lewd? If you accept the challenge, then come join Children Driving Robots and prove yourself to be an Animexpert!

What Happens Next: Fanfiction [18+] Bamforth Panels

Whether you're a A03 browsing veteran or never read a fanfiction in your life, you will never be able to guess the insane twist and turns these fics take.

VIDEO GAMING

An Intro to Learning Fighting Games

Want to enter into the world and community of Fighting Games but find them too intimidating or overwhelming? This panel is here to help get past the barrier of getting started with Fighting Games and debunking the stigma that they are too hard and confusing. Games like Guilty Gear -STRIVE-, Granblue Fantasy Versus: Rising, Street Fighter 6, UNDER NIGHT IN-BIRTH II Sys:Celes and Tekken 8 will be discussed as well as controllers, valuable resources that are freely available online and my own personal experiences upon making the jump to the world of Fighting Games.

Sephiroth Did Nothing Wrong

A panel dedicated to explaining why Sephiroth from Final Fantasy 7 is actually innocent and just a victim of circumstance.



We have a weekend filled with amazing panels from our guests & attendees - learn more and find the ones you want to see!

Viewings Guide

Alya Sometimes Hides Her Feelings in Russian

Alya Kujou, a brilliant and beautiful student council treasurer, is initially annoyed by her unmotivated classmate, Masachika Kuze. However, she becomes strangely drawn to him and starts expressing her affection in Russian, unaware he understands. Masachika, secretly studying Russian to reconnect with a childhood friend, finds their playful banter intriguing. As their relationship deepens, they must both learn to navigate their newfound feelings.

Anime Crimes Division

In Neo Otaku City, there are two kinds of people. The kind of people that can recite the Sailor Moon theme song from memory in the original Japanese, and the kind that don't belong there. When someone commits a crime against anime, they don't call the police. They call: the Anime Crimes Division.

Aria the Animation

In the 24th century, humans have colonized Mars, now called Aqua. Neo Venezia, a stunning replica of Venice, Italy, is a major tourist destination. Akari Mizunashi, a young woman from Earth, works as an "Undine" – a gondola tour guide. Through her work, she explores the city, meets interesting people, and learns valuable life lessons about humanity and the wonders of human creation.

Blood Blockade Battlefront

Hellsalem's Lot, a city where humans coexist with supernatural creatures, is protected by Libra, a secret organization. Leonardo Watch, an ordinary boy, gains mysterious powers after a tragic incident. Drawn to Hellsalem's Lot to find answers, he unexpectedly joins Libra & gets entangled in their dangerous & bizarre missions, experiencing the extraordinary side of life.

El Cazador de la Bruja

Nadie, a tough bounty hunter, captures Ellis, a young amnesiac accused of murder. Instead of immediate arrest, Nadie agrees to take Ellis to Wiñay Marka, a city believed to hold clues to her past. With the Inca Rose as their guide, they embark on a dangerous journey through Mexico, seeking the lost city and the truth behind Ellis's identity.

Gankutsuou: The Count of Monte Cristo

In the year 5053, on the moon city of Luna, Viscount Albert de Morcerf befriends the enigmatic Count of Monte Cristo. Unbeknownst to Albert, the Count is a man consumed by a thirst for revenge against those who betrayed him. As the Count ascends in French society, his plans for retribution unfold, entangling Albert in a dangerous game of vengeance and deceit.

Hetalia Axis Powers

Germany finds himself allied with the eccentric Italy & the pragmatic Japan. This unlikely trio must face the chaotic Allied Forces, who are also hindered by their own internal divisions. The story depicts World Wars through comedic personifications, highlighting their strengths, weaknesses, & absurdities of world relations.

JoJo's Bizarre Adventure

George Joestar and his son Jonathan are rescued from an accident by Dario Brando, who later dies. To repay the debt, George adopts Dario's son, Dio. Initially grateful, Dio secretly schemes to steal the Joestar fortune. Despite initial conflicts, the brothers appear to reconcile. However, when George falls ill, Jonathan suspects Dio's involvement and prepares for another confrontation.

Kaiju No. 8

Kafka Hibino, a kaijuu cleanup worker, once dreamed of joining the Defense Force with his childhood friend, Mina. After a near-death experience, Kafka gains the ability to transform into a powerful kaijuu. Dubbed "Kaijuu No. 8," he must now reconcile his newfound powers with his past and strive to join Mina in the fight against the very creatures he has become.

Kino's Journey - the Beautiful World - the Animated Series

Kino, a 15-year-old with a love for travel, embarks on a journey with her sentient motorcycle, Hermes. Armed with handguns, Kino is not afraid to defend herself. They abide by a strict rule: never stay in one place for more than three days. Their travels lead them to encounter diverse cultures and face unforeseen dangers as they explore the world and discover their own place within it.

Love Live! School Idol Project

To save her school from closure, Honoka Kousaka forms the school idol group μ's. Facing opposition from the student council and struggling to find members, they aim to win the "Love Live" competition to attract new students and ensure Otonokizaka High School's survival.

Odd-Taxi

Hiroshi Odokawa, a cynical taxi driver, encounters a colorful cast of characters in his daily life. However, his routine is disrupted when he becomes embroiled in a missing persons case. The police suspect his involvement, and soon he finds himself hunted by both the yakuza and corrupt cops.

Ouran High School Host Club

Haruhi Fujioka, a hardworking student, accidentally breaks an expensive vase in the Ouran Academy's music room. To repay her debt, she joins the prestigious Host Club, a group of attractive boys who entertain female students. Mistaken for a boy herself, Haruhi navigates the club's antics and her own growing feelings for her fellow members.

Ranking of Kings

Prince Bojji, deaf and mute, is ridiculed as "The Useless Prince." However, he forms an unlikely friendship with Kage, a shadow creature. This unexpected bond inspires Bojji to overcome his limitations and pursue his dream of becoming the best king despite the constant jeers and his own physical weaknesses.

Saga of Tanya the Evil

Tanya Degurechaff, a young girl with a ruthless military career, is actually a man reincarnated as punishment by a god he defied. Determined to survive and defy her "god," Tanya excels in the military, leading to her country's rise to power.

Skip Beat

Kyouko Mogami works tirelessly to support her childhood friend, Shou, in his idol career. Devastated to learn that Shou only sees her as a servant, Kyouko vows revenge by entering the entertainment industry herself. Determined to surpass Shou, she faces numerous challenges and pushes her limits in the harsh world of showbiz. The dub of Skip Beat premiered at Setsucon 2017!

Solo-Leveling

Sung Jin-Woo, the weakest hunter, barely survives a deadly dungeon. Miraculously, he gains a unique system that allows him to level up and grow incredibly powerful. Embracing this newfound strength, Jin-Woo rises to become an unparalleled hunter, protecting humanity from the ever-growing threat of monsters.

Spy x Family

"Twilight," a master spy, must infiltrate high society to gather intelligence on a dangerous politician. To do so, he creates a fake family: Loid Forger, a psychiatrist, Yor Forger, a city hall clerk (secretly an assassin), and Anya Forger, an orphan with telepathic abilities. While their family is built on lies, genuine affection starts to blossom among the Forgers.

Wandering Witch: The Journey of Elaina

Inspired by the adventurous witch Nike, Elaina dreams of traveling the world. After years of training, she becomes a witch and embarks on her own journey. Elaina encounters diverse people and experiences the world's wonders and sorrows, shaping her own unique story along the way.

Yuri!!! On Ice

Disheartened by his skating career, Yuuri Katsuki returns home. However, a video of him performing a famous routine goes viral, attracting the attention of his idol, Victor Nikiforov. Victor offers to coach Yuuri, but they face stiff competition from the ambitious Yuri Plisetsky. Yuuri must overcome his self-doubt and the pressure of expectations to reclaim his place on the ice.



FOOD & CULTURE

Food Guide

Enjoy a bite to eat throughout the convention weekend! Stop by the food court, drop into the hotel next door, or explore the area and visit delicious spots around town! You can even use your badge to get a discount at some of those local destinations.

Not sure where to eat? Here are some recommendations for some tasty restaurants & unique places to try around town.

Aki Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi

Enjoy a Japanese dining experience with sushi, hibachi, & more.

Allegheny Creamery & Crepes

Experience yummy French treats! Great for breakfast or lunch!

Knickerbocker Tavern

Delicious food options, craft beers, & a piece of Altoona history.

Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing

Altoona's home for pub pizza & microbrews (crab rangoon pizza).

McAbee's Super Subs

You won't be hungry after stopping here - big subs & platters await you!

Texas Hot Dogs

Local staple for 100+ years known for their unique sauces & killer dogs.

29th Street Pizza Subs & More

Home to the famous Altoona Hotel Style Pizza - available every Friday!

LOCAL DISCOUNT PARTNERS

Explore Altoona during the con weekend & grab a bite to eat at one of our local partners for a discount.

At these partners, your Setsucon badge gets you access to a discount as part of our Show Your Badge Discount Program. Head on over to our partner restaurants during the con, show your badge/mention Setsucon, and you'll get the associated discount at each.

We want to thank all of our partners for being a part of our discount program. Make sure to stop by and take advantage of this deal so that we can keep offering it each year!



ONSITE FOOD COURT (OUTSIDE MAIN EVENTS)

Entrees & Platters

Yuengling Meatloaf <i>w/ French Fries, Corn, & Roll</i>	8.00
Penne Pasta with Marinara + Meatballs	6.75 8.75
+ Grilled Chicken Breast	9.25
Chicken Tenders & Fries	8.50

Sandwich Platters*

Mountain Top Burger <i>w/ Onions, Bacon, Lettuce, & Tomato</i>	7.50
Charcoal Roasted BBQ Pork <i>w/ Texas BBQ Sauce</i>	6.50
Cheesesteak <i>w/ Peppers, Onions, & Cheese</i>	8.75
Meatball Grinder <i>w/ Shredded Mozzarella & Provolone</i>	7.25
Hot Sausage <i>w/ Peppers, Onions, & Garlic</i>	7.50
Grilled Chicken <i>w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Onion</i>	7.75
Meatless Chicken Patty <i>w/ Lettuce & Tomato (vegetarian)</i>	8.00

Pizza, Fries, & Sides

Plain or Pepperoni Pizza	8.00
Mac & Cheese	4.75
Frankfurters	2.75
French Fries	4.00
Salad Du Jour	2.50
Assorted Chips & Pretzels	1.25

Beverages & Desserts

Assorted Soda	3.25
Spring Water	2.25
Ice Cream Novelties	3.25

*Gluten Free Roll Upon Request
Served with Pickles & Salad Du Jour

Menu Items, Prices, & Hours are Subject to
Change at the Discretion of the Venue

WILD BILL'S SODA (OUTSIDE PANELS 2)

About Wild Bill's

Get your taste buds ready for the best soda you can find! Wild Bill's returns to Setsucon once again to share their heavenly sodas with you. Purchase one of their mugs and let the carbonation start flowing! Find them by the balcony in the upper level.

Rooted in a commitment as a veteran-owned and operated outfit, Wild Bill's Craft Beverage Co. ain't just in the business of servin' up the most lip-smackin', genuine, vintage sodas and craft concoctions across the land. Nope, we're fixin' to put our money where our heart is, investin' in the brave men and women who've stood tall for this great land of ours, and for every soul that calls it home.

With a fresh perspective on Wild Bill's potential, their owners have been raisin' the barn for their fellow veterans, helpin' 'em transform their military know-how into everyday trades. We're talkin' givin' out franchise tickets to those huntin' for a taste of the entrepreneurial life. (And that means while you're enjoyin' these delectable beverages, you're also showin' some love to the fine folks who've given their all for ya!)

You can learn more about Wild Bill's by heading to their website at www.drinkwildbills.com or on social media at @wildbillsoda.

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ABOUT SETSUCON

Setsucon is a 3-day anime convention held annually at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Run by the Penn State Anime Organization's student, alumni, and associate members since 2007, Setsucon has been bringing anime, manga, and Japanese culture to the winter months in Central Pennsylvania. After a year of planning, Setsucon debuted as a one-day event with 288 people filling the halls of the Days Inn Penn State. Since then, we have expanded to more than 2,250 attendees, moved 45 minutes southwest to Altoona, and have expanded to include all things anime and Japanese culture.

Since the beginning, the focus has been on three pillars: Anime, Cosplay, Gaming. We hold events, such as fan and voice actor panels, viewings, a Masquerade, an Iron Cosplay, a Gaming Gauntlet, various charitable programs, & much more to help make the weekend as exciting as possible for any type of fan. With both a family-friendly atmosphere and big con amenities, Setsucon has become the premier location to celebrate anime and Japanese culture during the chilly winter.

Setsucon is a proud member of the International Otaku Expo Association (IOEA).

OUR MISSION

Setsucon strives to bring a safe and inclusive social environment to anime and manga fans of all ages across Central Pennsylvania and beyond. We aim to bring the big con feel to a more intimate and affordable convention.

ABOUT THE NAME

While planning our first Setsucon, we discussed several names. Our original name was to be "Daikon" like the radish and also "dai" for big. It was decided that this might be confusing as there was a "Daicon" held in Japan previously. Our next just was "Setsucon." Setsu comes from the Chinese reading (on'yomi) of the Japanese word for "snow", yuki. Since the convention is held during the winter months, where snow is not uncommon, we felt the name was fitting.

Con Merch

Take home some Setsucon Merch
at our Booth in the Exhibitors Hall!



**Official
2025
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*Zip
Hoodie &
Joggers*





*Mascot
Acrylic Standee*



*Mascot
Acrylic Charm*

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Future Travels

Looking for your next convention? Start planning your visit to these other conventions across the region!



AI-KON

July 11 - 13, 2025

Winnipeg, Canada

Experience Manitoba's largest anime con with a variety of events and performances! Step into their huge marketplace, purchase goodies, listen, voice actors and more at Ai-kon! We hope to see you there—at the RBC Convention Centre!



ANIME USA

October 10 - 12, 2025

Arlington, VA

In 1999, a group of anime fans came together and started Anime USA, a 3-day con celebrating Japanese animation, art, culture, history, and fashion. Anime USA's mission is to promote, as well as educate the public about, Japanese arts and popular culture.



DERPYCON

Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2025

New Brunswick, NJ

DerpyCon is New Jersey's Anime, Gaming, Sci-Fi, and Comic Convention, bringing every nerdy genre under one roof. Held since 2014, DerpyCon has been providing NJ a premier geek event filled with concerts, gaming, cosplay, dances, artists, & so much more!



HAZARD CON

November 2025

Erie, PA

Hazard Con is a Japanese pop-culture convention, with a focus on anime, manga, and video games. Hazard Con was created as a fun, all ages event for all pop-culture fans in the tristate area. Our vision is to provide a fun, safe environment for all fans.



HAPPY VALLEY COMIC & COLLECTABLES

March 1 - 2, 2025

State College, PA

HVC3 is 50,000 square feet of fun! An event full of comics, sports cards, action figures, anime, pops, celebrities, and artists. Plus MTG Tournaments and Costume Contests! Located just 3 miles from Penn State at the Nittany Valley Sports Centre.



MATSURICON

August 29-31, 2025

Columbus, OH

Matsuricon is a 3-day anime, gaming, & pop culture con located in downtown Columbus, OH. Matsuricon has been showcasing some of the most talented anime & gaming voice actors & houses one of the state's largest collection of physical and digital games.



SUPER MAGFEST

Winter 2026

National Harbor, MD

Short for "Music And Gaming Festival," MAGFest is a four-day long event dedicated to the appreciation of video game music, gaming of all types, and the gaming community. The event runs 24 hours a day, and offers gaming, bands, vendors, & much more.



OMG!CON

June 20 - 22, 2025

Owensboro, KY

A general pop culture convention located in Owensboro, KY with anime, video games, boffer larp, tabletop gaming, voice actors and a variety of artists and vendors and so much more! Join us for our 19th year with the spooky theme of Supernatural.



TEKKO

July 17 - 20, 2025

Pittsburgh, PA

Tekko is Pittsburgh's Japanese pop culture convention, attracting nearly 12,000 diverse fans from across the country (and world) to the Steel City. Our attendees are eager to celebrate all things cosplay, anime, gaming, music, and J-fashion related!



TORA-CON

March 22 - 23, 2025

Rochester, NY

Tora-Con is a 2-day anime con held every spring at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY. Run by RIT students and alumni, the event features a dealer's room & industry guests, as well as panels & events organized by other student orgs!



ZENKAIKON

March 20 - 23, 2025

Lancaster, PA

Zenkaikon is an annual multi-genre convention located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Founded in 2006, Zenkaikon serves to promote knowledge and enjoyment of Japanese art, animation, and culture as well as science fiction and fantasy literature and films.

Memories

Jot down notes,
grab autographs,
and capture the
moments of your
Setsucon 2025!



A woman is shown from the chest up, wearing an elaborate, dark purple, curly wig adorned with white flowers and a pearl headband. She has blue eyes, red lipstick, and is wearing a pearl necklace and large earrings. Her dress is a light-colored, possibly silk, gown with a large blue bow at the bust and ruffled details. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dark, warm-toned wall.

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