

ANIME FAN FEST PANELS SCHEDULE

May 6-8, 2016

MAY 6, FRIDAY

CENTRAL CITY

4:00pm - 5:00pm

OTAKU USA'S ANIME WORTH WATCHING Now is probably the best time in history to be an anime fan. With tons of anime freely (and legally) available, the choices are endless...which makes it all the more difficult for anime fans to find out WHICH they should watch. Otaku USA Magazine's Daryl Surat (www.animeworldorder.com) NEVER accepts mediocrity as excellence and has prepared a selection of recommendations, as covered in the publication's 9+ year history!

5:00pm - 6:00pm

COMIC & MANGA PRODUCTION WORKSHOP Tommy Yune, a veteran of hit comic properties such as Speed Racer, Racer X, Robotech, Voltron, and Danger Girl: Kamikaze, covers modern production techniques of the industry and new options available to hopeful comic creators.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

DOWN TO NERD: ATTACK ON TITAN Join RuthAnn Thompson (Bulma, DBZ: Light of Hope) as she discusses with Mike McFarland all the ins and outs of directing the English cast of the "giant" hit Attack on Titan as well as voicing Jean Kirschstein. Casual fans and uber otaku join us and get Down to Nerd!

7:00pm - 8:00pm

INTERGALACTIC ALCHEMIST An evening with Vic Mignogna. Vic has been a major contributor to the voice acting community, appearing in many of your favorite series from Fullmetal Alchemist to Naruto. But along with being behind the mic, Vic has been able to stay in front of the camera by being the producer and director for Star Trek Continues. Please enjoy this rare "one on one" time with one of your favorite actors!

8:00pm - 9:00pm

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: AN EVOLUTION OF COSTUME ARTS Cirque du Soleil features some of the most ethereal costume designs ever constructed that defy reality. Join us as we technically break down costumes, enjoy a sample of Kaleidostar - the anime based off of Cirque du Soleil and find out how the magic works from a former builder at Cirque du Soleil.

9:00pm - 9:30pm

COSPLAY PHOTOGRAPHY Get photoshoot tips from cosplayer Mia McLaughlin and photographer Jessie Pridemore. Learn how to give your photos life and that extra spark!

9:30pm - 10:30pm

JAPANESE LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY REAKT REAKT is an artist from Tokyo, Japan currently living in USA. His music is a mix of Japanese Pops, EDM, and Hip Hop. His musical purpose is to spread his sound and message to the world.

PEPPER TOWN

3:30pm - 4:30pm

THE ANIME ASSEMBLY LINE What's the difference between a director (kantoku) and a chief director (sou kantoku)? A first key animator and second key animator? What comes before the animation process, and afterwards, in order to turn raw ideas into fresh new anime? Anime isn't just great art; it's an industrial product created by a small army of diverse creative and technical staff. Join host Mike Toole for a look at the animation process as it's done in Japan, complete with real-world examples from the last two decades!

4:30pm - 5:30pm

JEOPARDY! The classic "answer with a question" trivia

game given a bit of Japanese polish; players wager their yen on their knowledge of a variety of tricky clues in their quest to become Jeopardy! champion!

5:30pm - 6:30pm

BANDAI NAMCO ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS: ANIME GAMES IN AMERICA Join Bandai Namco for a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like working for the premier Anime videogame publisher, the process and challenges of bringing over anime-based and Japanese game content to the Western market, and exclusive insider-only looks at Bandai Namco's upcoming titles. Also: FREE STUFF!

6:30pm - 7:30pm

ZOMBIE SURVIVAL PANEL Aaron Dismuke hosts an interactive panel that includes anime mashups such as 28 Days Later, but with Pokemon! Anime fans will love this fun panel that comes with a unique perspective!

7:30pm - 8:30pm

ANIME NOSTALGIA BOMB - TIME MACHINES ARE REAL! Anime fandom history with all the feels. Imagine working for an anime company for over 12 years and slowly becoming a historian of North American anime culture. Enter AnimeNostalgiaBomb.com - the home of this collection. Lance Heiskell is on a mission to document US/CA/UK/EU/AUS anime fandom history through magazines, pictures and video. They are the best artifacts. Check out the collection, listen to his journey, plans for the site, and find out how you can help.

8:30pm - 9:30pm

HAYAO MIYAZAKI A Storyteller's Journey - Watching the films of the great director grants viewers a window into his life, his philosophies, and his unique method of constructing and telling stories. And they reveal a sort of monologue, where his experiences are reflected into the worlds he creates. This panel attempts to open those windows, and share his world with all of us.

9:30pm - 10:30pm

COSPLAY IMPROV 18+ Ever thought about what would happen if Eren Yeager and Edward Elric went to an amusement park together? Or what about Kylo Ren and Zuko getting mani-pedis? You can find out all that and more at Cosplay Improv! Where the Cosplayers act and the audience pick the scenarios.

HYPERBOLIC ANIME CHAMBER

3:30pm - 5:30pm

ONE PIECE (EPISODES 724-727)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

AOKANA (EPISODES 1-4)

7:30pm - 8:30pm

ACTIVE RAID (EPISODES 1&2)

8:30pm - 10:30pm

GARAKOWA - RESTORE THE WORLD - (EPISODES 1-4)

HIDDEN LEAF

4:00pm - 5:00pm

SPACE OPERA 101 Many of you liked Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Join Darius Washington and check out the various anime that have been produced over the decades with heroic characters fighting desperate odds in dramatic battles across the galaxy.

5:00pm - 6:00pm

KYATTAN'S KINGDOM HEARTS PANEL 9 games, 14 years.

Kingdom Hearts is one of the best-selling, and most complex video game series of all time. In anticipation of KHIII, we will be going over all aspects of the series in great detail such as: elements of the plot, music, lore, and more. As well as discussing theories and speculations about what is to come in the future. A highly educational panel led by your host, Kyattan, this panel is friendly to those who haven't played every game, and those who are confused about its plot.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

HISTORY OF JAPAN: EVERYTHING'S OK, I GUESS Join host Walter Amos and Robert Fenelon as they discuss a recent popular viral video about the history of Japan (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh5LY4Mz15o) will serve as a jumping off point to go into more detail about various key periods of Japanese history, with references from various anime sources. We'll look at everything from the introduction of Buddhism in Japan as portrayed in Osamu Tezuka's "Phoenix", through WW2 as seen in "Grave of the Fireflies" and "Barefoot Gen".

7:00pm - 8:00pm

FROM AARZAK TO STREET COMBAT: ALTERED ANIME GAMES Games based on anime & manga are now a viable market here in North America, but back in the 80s & 90s they were nowhere near as appealing. Still, companies wanted to bring those games over, so they went in the only other direction: Replacing anything anime with something else. Whether it was Fist of the North Star's Kenshiro becoming Aarzak, Magical Hat becoming horror-themed, or even Ranma 1/2 becoming utterly, generically, 90s, we actually did receive a fair number of anime games back in the day... We just didn't know it for the most part. Also included are the occasional anime games that somehow managed to come over more or less unscathed (outside of maybe a name change). Hosted by George J. Horvath.

8:00pm - 9:30pm

YOUR AFFORDABLE DREAM JAPAN VACATION Most anime fans talk about visiting Japan someday, but are you ready to make the trip? It's easier than you'd expect! We will discuss the major necessary expenses and show you which ones can be cut down and how. Then, Jim Gogal and Eric Murray will talk about how to make the most of your money while you're there without sacrificing the adventure and excitement of a dream vacation.

9:30pm - 10:30pm

LIVE FROM JAPAN, IT'S OTAKU USA Just how does Otaku USA get all those film reviews, event reports and photos from Japan? Go behind the scenes with Tokyo-based editor Matt Schley and delve into day-to-day struggles and triumphs of being Otaku USA's Man in Japan.

SHINIGAMI DOJO

3:30pm - 5:30pm

GATE S2 (EPISODES 13-16)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM IRON-BLOODED ORPHANS (EPISODES 13-16)

7:30pm - 9:30pm

HAIKYU S2 (EPISODES 13-16)

9:30pm - 10:30pm

ACTIVE RAID (EPISODES 3&4)

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SUPER DUB FIGHTER TURBO: CHAMPION EDITION BETA Ever wonder what went into making a video game? Marc Swint and Bill Rogers will show you the process through a fun interactive workshop that pulls you out of the audience and into the game. Try your hand at fighting efforts and battle dialogue as we see who will be the champion of fighting game voice acting.

2:00pm - 3:00pm

HOW TO WRITE A DECENT DUB Aaron Dismuke (*Fairy Tail*, *Ninja Slayer*, and *Tokyo Ghoul*) satisfies your curiosity by answering questions from experience about writing a decent dub. If you've ever wondered how Funimation makes the decision to stray from, add on or stick to the translation, join the discussion!

3:00pm - 4:00pm

20TH ANNIVERSARY POKEMON CELEBRATION Join the 20th Anniversary Pokemon Celebration by going behind the scenes with voice over artist Bill Rogers (Brock, Drew, Scott), Tara Sands (Bulbasaur, Phanpy, Larvitar) and Michele Knotz (May, Misty, Jessie)! A can't miss panel with a Q&A after.

4:00pm - 6:00pm

INSIDE THE ALCHEMIST STUDIO Fullmetal Alchemist celebrates its 10th Anniversary and Anime Fan Fest New Jersey is honored to bring to you the creative staff who made its American release possible. On stage will be ADR Director and Lt. Havoc, Mike McFarland, Voice of Edward Elric, Vic Mignogna, Voice of Alphonse Elric, Aaron Dismuke and former Senior Marketing Director, Lance Heiskell.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

AFF MASQUERADE & COSPLAY CONTEST SET UP

7:00pm - 9:00pm

AFF MASQUERADE & COSPLAY CONTEST AFFNJ is extremely excited to bring nationally renowned cosplay guests Jez Roth and Jessie Pridemore to orchestrate and host our very first cosplay contest. A discussion about presentation vs. craftsmanship and which is more important. Learn tricks to optimize your presentation and what judges look for during competition. With performances by the Library Bards! Sign up to compete in Cosplay Corner on the showroom floor!

9:00pm - 10:00pm

LIP SYNC FOR YOUR COSPLAY Do you get your life from performing? That rush of getting onstage and being fierce? Then you'd better WERK! Lip Sync for Your Cosplay is the high-energy, heads-up competition where you show us what you're made of! Two people are selected to square off against each other while performing well known Anime/Video Game/Disney/Pop Culture songs in a battle to keep the attention on themselves!

10:00pm - 12:00am

ONE PIECE (EPISODES 724-727)

PEPPER TOWN

11:30am - 12:30pm

PANEL QUIZ ATTACK 25 An homage to the longest-running Japanese television game show of all time, this quirky trivia game features strategy and sabotage! Hosted by Greg Wicker

12:30pm - 1:30pm

COSPLAY 101 Get your cosplay construction questions ready and ask cosplay guests Yuffie Bunnie and Most Flogged what you can do to improve your skills. Feel free to ask questions on wigs, makeup, armor and sewing tips. Hosted by Mia McLaughlin.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

POKÉMON GAME SHOW The most popular convention game show for fans of all things Pokémon, this game has been shown at over fifty cons across North America!

2:30pm - 3:30pm

WORKING IN THE ANIME INDUSTRY Interested in working in the Anime industry? Understand how it works and what it takes from Lance Heiskell, who was at FUNimation for 12 years and currently works with Right Stuf.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

INDIE GAME DEVELOPMENT Industry veterans Tommy Yune (Robotech) and Matthew Hoops (The Journeyman Project: Pegasus Prime) host a panel on the exciting world of independent game development and tools available to budding studios.

4:30pm - 5:30pm

BODY POSITIVITY IN COSPLAY Mia McLaughlin hosts an interactive panel on tough issues in cosplay including body positivity, race, weight, age and sex. Hope to overcome bullies and give you the confidence to cosplay after hearing from Vegas Power Girl, Bonnie Gordon and Xander Jeaneret!

5:30pm - 6:00pm

COSPLAY ON A BUDGET Mia McLaughlin gives tips to help save money when working on cosplay. How to think outside the box.

6:00pm - 8:00pm

ACE OF THE DIAMOND (EPISODES 39-42)

8:00pm - 10:00pm

MYRIAD COLORS PHANTOM WORLD (EPISODES 1-4)

10:00pm - 12:00am

KONOSUBA- GOD'S BLESSING ON THIS WONDERFUL WORLD (EPISODES 1-4)

HYPERBOLIC ANIME CHAMBER

11:30am - 1:30pm

NARUTO SHIPPUDEN (EPISODES 442-445)

1:30pm - 3:30pm

OJISAN AND MARSHMALLOW (EPISODES 1-4)

3:30pm - 5:30pm

WORLD TRIGGER (EPISODES 60-63)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

GOD EATER (EPISODES 1-4)

7:30pm - 9:30pm

PLEASE TELL ME! GALKO CHAN (EPISODES 1-4)

9:30pm - 11:30pm

OOYA-SAN WA SHISHUNKI (EPISODES 1-4)

HIDDEN LEAF

12:00pm - 1:00pm

ANIME LITERARY CLASSICS Some of the greatest novels of the past have been adapted into Japanese animation. Many were good, others.... not so much. So we'll take a look at the best (and worst) of the lot. Hosted by Darius Washington.

1:00pm - 2:00pm

THE FIRST ANIME From cinema to small screen, animation has evolved considerably in Japan since its introduction. This panel, hosted by Charles Dunbar, explores animation in Japan from its roots at the dawn of the 20th century to its landmark 1963 television season, where it went from curiosity to worldwide phenomenon.

2:00pm - 3:00pm

A MILLION WAYS TO DRAW IN THE WEST Are you an aspiring artist, graphic novelist or mangaka? Jason Thompson (Manga: The Complete Guide, Mangaka: The Fast & Furious Game of Drawing Comics) Lizbeth R. Jimenez (creator behind the American Manga series, "SACRED.") and Tommy Yune (Speed Racer, Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles) discuss the business of drawing and making comics. How can you improve your art and comic storytelling? Is there anything you can learn from "How to Draw Manga" books? How can you find a publisher, or use Patreon and Kickstarter to turn a hobby into a profession? What can American artists learn from the Japanese manga industry? All this, plus embarrassing manga industry stories!

3:00pm - 4:00pm

THE CLASS OF 1986 Some really good anime were created during the heights of the TV movie and OAV boom. Join Darius Washington and take a gander at some of the best and... well, attempts at being the best.

4:00pm - 5:00pm

HOW TO TALK TO A HOT COSPLAYER An amusing and light-hearted panel highlighting stories that various SuperHeroes Unlimited member's have had meeting people at shows, and how to act with grace and professionalism.

5:00pm - 6:00pm

BOOTLEG ANIME FROM SOUTH KOREA South Korea has been the animation second unit to the entire world for decades. But something funny happened in the 1970s—the rapid modernization of the country meant that the public was hungry for programming for their movie theatres and new color TVs. But due to some long-held national grudges, Japanese anime was banned on South Korean airwaves. As a result, the legions of animators used to finishing fare like Mazinger Z and Captain Harlock for Toei turned out their own, uniquely Korean cartoons—ones that took inspiration not just from anime, but also from Batman and Wonder Woman comics, sci-fi TV shows and movies, and more. Join host Mike Toole for a look at some of the most unlikely and entertaining of these little-known "bootleg anime."

6:00pm - 7:00pm

KIMONO DRESSING WORKSHOP BY SARAH MILLER A how-to class on the proper way to wear a kimono from head to toe, tie the obi, pick the appropriate kimono for season, your age and gender.

7:00pm - 8:00pm

IDOL POP FOR MANLY MEN (AND PRO WRESTLING FOR GIRLY GIRLS) What does a perky, smiling Japanese idol singer have in common with the Undertaker, Seth Rollins, and John Cena? Actually, between the indy scene, the rules for success, sometimes questionable management practices, and the adherence to a "character": a lot! Come join us for a fun and mildly disturbing journey into the hearts of both Japanese idol pop and sports entertainment.

8:00pm - 9:00pm

LIVING, STUDYING AND WORKING IN JAPAN 101 Are you interested in living in Japan? Otaku USA Magazine editor

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Matt Schley and contributor Sean O'Mara share their experiences of living, studying and working in Tokyo and some practical tips on getting to and surviving in the otaku capital of the world.

9:00pm - 10:00pm

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SHIGERU MIZUKI This past November, the manga industry lost one of its greatest figures, Shigeru Mizuki at the age of 93. Come learn about not only the impact Mizuki has on anime and manga, but also the incredible life he lived. Hosted by Charles Dunbar.

10:00pm - 12:00am

BBK/BRNK (EPISODES 1-4)

SHINIGAMI DOJO

12:30pm - 1:30pm

THE WORST ANIME OF ALL TIME There's good anime, there's bad anime, and then there's the worst anime—the absolute rock bottom, a miasma of bizarre animation mistakes, mindbending continuity errors, dumb and ugly toy tie-ins, hastily cancelled OVAs, and other detritus that's as fascinating to watch as it is terrible. Join Anime News Network's Mike Toole for a countdown of fifteen of the worst anime shows, OVAs, and films ever made.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

GREAT ANIME WE'LL (PROBABLY) NEVER GET To a lot of people, we live in a bit of a Golden Age when it comes to anime coming out with an English translation. Companies like CrunchyRoll, FUNimation, Hulu, Sentai Filmworks, & Discotek Media collectively either stream seemingly 95% of all new anime that debuts each season or releases anime on home video, both recent & vintage (some even do

both). That being said, there are still many, many cracks in the veneer that have allowed a lot of anime to remain unreleased outside of Japan, especially in North America. This panel will showcase a selection of anime that are worthy of release outside of Japan, yet for various reasons may never actually be given the opportunity. Hosted by George J. Horvath.

2:30pm - 3:30pm

TROUBLESHOOTING IN COSPLAY We've all had that, "oh no" moment in cosplay. That moment where everything seems to go wrong and the whole world is falling apart. Join the Cosplay Crew (Cassidy Wells, Elizabeth Renda, Brandon Unda) as they go through ways to get through the rough patches in cosplay. They will help you plan ahead and give helpful advice on how not to lose your cool if your cosplay falls apart. Hosted by Vincenzo Averello.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

NINJAS, SPIDER MONSTERS AND CYBER CRIMINALS: THE GREAT WORKS OF YOSHIAKI KAWAJIRI There are few directors whose works are as well known in the United States as Yoshiaki Kawajiri. He may have been the king of the video store anime, from his days as a designer and storyboard artist with things like Unico and the Island of Magic and The Door into Summer through his directorial career with classics like Wicked City and Ninja Scroll as well as shorts like the Animatrix. Stop by to take a look at what makes Kawajiri so unique and so enjoyable to watch.

4:30pm - 5:30pm

SENPAI AND FRIENDS! The Senpai Project (Kenneth Rage,

Veronica Ortiz, and Amanda Erickson) presents "Senpai and Friends"! We will be discussing major events for this year and the next. The Senpai Project increases community meet ups and focuses on the Otaku audience. We also try to appeal to a variety of individuals. For example, some events may be for all ages, and some strictly 21+. Some may also be free, or have admission fees. We've had successful collaborations with companies in the past that have aided our success, and we are looking forward to collaborations in our projects to come. The Senpai Project aims to pioneer a positive culture dedicated to expanding the knowledge of the anime world through social interaction, intervention and exploration. The Senpai Project family would like to extend warm welcomes to anyone and everyone who can provide us with feedback, insight, and suggestions to help make Senpai Project great. Hosted by Ory Javier Garcia.

5:30pm - 6:30pm

LIVE ACTION ADAPTATIONS (THAT DON'T SUCK) Do you cringe when you hear your favorite anime or manga is being adapted for live action? Come learn about some versions that are actually viewable! Hosted by Doug Wilder,

6:30pm - 8:30pm

FAIRY TAIL ZERO (EPISODES 91-94)

8:30pm - 10:30pm

WORLD TRIGGER (EPISODES 60-63)

10:30pm - 12:30am

DURARARA!!X2 THIRD ARC (EPISODES 25-28)

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STREET FIGHTER V: THE PANEL With the release of Street Fighter V came many battles. And while gamers are racking up League Points and Fight Money online, telling stories of victory and defeat to their friends or streaming audience, the battles of the road to launch still go largely untold. Join Bill Rogers (Script Adaptor), Bonnie Gordon (Voice of R. Mika) and Marc Swint (Script Adaptor / Voice of Necalli) as they talk about the hard work of voicing for and helping with the localization of Street Fighter V.

12:00pm - 1:00pm

STAR TREK CONTINUES SCREENING Share the first episode "Pilgrim of Eternity" followed by an in person Q&A with Vic Mignogna from the multiple award-winning web series that continues the five-year mission of the original Star Trek series.

1:00pm- 2:00pm

Q&A WITH AARON DISMUKE Aaron Dismuke plays Magic, League, Fallout, The Wolf Among Us and has dabbled with Tarot Cards. He's a fan of Death Parade, Sword Art, Mushishi, Code Geass, and FLCL. If you're like Aaron, or are curious to know even more about him, you won't want to miss this special Q&A spotlight panel!

2:00pm - 3:00pm

ROBOTECH INDUSTRY PANEL Tommy Yune of Harmony Gold USA presents the latest developments in the Robotech universe, from awesome new products to the live action film in development at Sony Pictures. Jonathan Brands also joins in to reflect on the development of Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles, which debuted 10 years ago.

3:00pm - 5:00pm

YOU CAN DO THIS TOO: THE ROAD FROM FAN TO PRO Marc Swint, Bonnie Gordon and Bill Rogers have been working in anime and video games for years. Before that? They were fans, holding convention booklets and reading about panels just like you are now. So what changed? How did they get here, now? Was it hard? Is it still? They'll answer these questions and more from the audience, with hopes that by the end, maybe you'll think that you can do this too.

PEPPER TOWN

10:30am - 11:30am

GREAT ANIME OPENINGS Sometimes, the best parts of an anime is its opening credits sequence, and sometimes a great opening is the lead-in to a great series. In either case, let Otaku USA Magazine's Daryl Surat (<http://www.animeworldorder.com>) show you around the openings to some of his favorites, new and old, so that perhaps you'll discover something to check out!

11:30am - 12:30pm

THE WORLD OF PROFESSIONAL AMVS Darius Washington takes a look at music videos released by the anime studios themselves to promote their works over the past decades.

12:30pm- 1:30pm

STOP THE MUSIC! A twist to the tried-and-true "Name That Tune," fans identify their favorite anime theme songs in a game that boasts an exciting final round and a great audience play-along factor! Hosted by Greg Wicker.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

DUBS THAT TIME FORGOT Anime has been dubbed into English for as about as long as Japan has been producing its own animation—but not all of these adaptations work out as well as others. Join host Mike Toole in his endless search for forgotten VHS tapes, overseas TV broadcasts,

dusty old film reels, and the odd show that never quite made it to the public to begin with. Come laugh and learn at a 100% all-new, all-different look at the secret history of Japanese animation... in English!

2:30pm - 3:30pm

ANIME MYTHOLOGY STRIKES BACK Wherein classic stories are retold through media. Old gods and heroes emerge from the storybooks to fight alongside giant robots or mysterious yokai. Because stories are timeless, only the mediums change. Hosted by Charles Dunbar.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

THE BASICS OF ASIAN ACTION CINEMA If you've ever wondered where your favorite fighting game or anime characters pick up some of their more stylish moves and mannerisms, the answer more often than not is live action Asian action cinema, particularly classics from Hong Kong and Japan. Otaku USA Magazine's Daryl Surat (www.animeworldorder.com) has amassed a small sampling of historically vital smackdowns, encompassing different stylizations of violence towards our fellow man (and lady).

HYPERBOLIC ANIME CHAMBER

10:30am - 12:30pm

DIGIMON ADVENTURE TRI (EPISODES 1-4)

12:30pm - 2:30pm

ERASED (EPISODES 1-4)

2:30pm - 4:30pm

UTAWARERUMONO (13-16)

HIDDEN LEAF

11:00am - 12:00pm

MANGAKA: THE FAST & FURIOUS GAMESHOW OF DRAWING COMICS Compete to make 5-minute comics based on crazy themes & fleeting trends in this live version of "Mangaka: The Fast & Furious Game of Drawing Comics"! Join the battle or watch from the audience as the competitors challenge their creativity to make the weirdest stories ever, based on manga themes like Science Fiction, Shojo Manga, Zombies or Body Pillows! Featuring fabulous prizes, no drawing skills required.

12:00pm - 1:00pm

HOW TO COSPLAY DESIGN SuperHeroes Unlimited goes over the designing of a cosplay costume and the steps of working within a budget.

1:00pm- 2:00pm

THE BEST AND WORST MANGA OF 2016 What's the best, weirdest and most underappreciated manga of the year? Join us for an hour of 100% manga with manga reviewers Jason Thompson (Otaku USA Manga Editor and author of Manga: The Complete Guide), AM Cosmos (Freelance Writer, otome.sexy) and Daryl Surat (Otaku USA contributor and Anime World Order Podcast cohort). Discover the year's best new and upcoming manga (both in Japanese and in English translation) and stare in morbid curiosity at the nominations for worst manga...if you dare. Talk manga with us, find out what's new, and take sides in the inevitable argument between Jason and Daryl!

2:00pm - 3:00pm

KIMONO- VANISHING TRADITION A workshop using our new book as a template for an introduction to kimono history; the types of surface patterns dyes resist, weaves and the revival of kimono-wearing from around the world. Samples of kimonos in the book will be available to showcase the designs and motifs. Author Paul Mackardly will be available to sign books also.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

HOW TO WEAR SKIMPY COSTUMES WHILE STILL BEING

MODEST Jessie Pridemore hosts a panel about how to properly construct and wear a skimpier costume to prevent costume malfunctions and so you look your best. Tricks and tools to make you the most comfortable and safe in your costume. We will also discuss how to react to uncomfortable situations and will touch on "Cosplay is not Consent" and its impact. Also touches on dealing with harassment online and slut-shaming.

4:00pm - 5:00pm

ANIME BLINDED ME WITH SCIENCE! When most people think of scifi anime they think of legendary giant robots, but some scifi anime gets the science more right that you may think! Join Robert Fenelon as he looks at a variety of scenes in anime which make some reference to scientific or technological concepts, and we'll look at what they get right, and what they got horribly, HORRIBLY wrong! It's a guarantee that this is the only anime convention panel you will ever see featuring Real Equations! We'll take examples from 30+ year old anime classics such as Space Battleship Yamato, through recent anime such as Knights of Sidonia! Learn why knowing what time it is tells you where you are courtesy of "Summer Wars", and why there is no bigger maudlin tearjerker in fiction than General Relativity! Hosted by Walter Amos.

SHINIGAMI DOJO

11:30am - 12:30pm

70S ANIME FUNTIME! Take a trip to look at some of the anime from the 1970s that have been major influences since then. Everything from robots and superheros to high school drama and palace intrigue as well as some of the more ambitious and forgotten works as well. Hosted by Vincenzo Averello.

12:30pm- 1:30pm

KYATTAN'S KINGDOM HEARTS PANEL (FOR THE ADVANCED KH FAN) Part 2 of Kyattan's Kingdom Hearts Panel. This panel is tailored towards the dedicated Kingdom Hearts fan. In this panel, we will critique aspects of the series as well as discuss our favorite parts and observe the state of the Kingdom Hearts community. A large portion of our time will be dedicated to theories about KHIII and x and Unchained x. If you're passionate like I am about Kingdom Hearts, you've come to the right place.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

THE CATALOG OF SAINT SEIYA'S MASAMI KURUMADA Masami Kurumada is best known the world over as the creator of the Shonen Jump classic Saint Seiya, but it is far from his only real work. Prior to Seiya he had already revolutionized shonen action with Ring ni Kakeru & Fuma no Kojirou, & following his biggest work he both took on his own traditions with B't X & created sequels to his two most iconic series. Among those series, however, are numerous shorter works that he has created, showcasing a nice bit variety for the man who loves hot-blooded stories of boys becoming men. From his debut in 1974 to the present day, this panel will cover it all, as well as the anime adaptations they have resulted in & what you can do to encourage more of his work to be brought over to North America.

2:30pm - 4:30pm

ANIME GAME SHOW MEGA MIX Scott Goldiner hosts a game show panel where random contestants get a chance to come on the stage and show off their knowledge over various different anime, manga, video games, and almost all forms of nerd-dom. Three games will be played, by picking contestants from those attending the panel. Each game will have various rulesets that we will go over with the players.