

# Colorado Anime Fest

April 19-21, 2019 | Marriott Denver Tech Center in Denver, CO



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*Note: the staff list is subject to change.*

# THE BULLOCK AWARD



Every year, COAF recognizes our staff with a variety of internal awards. Our top award is chosen by executive staff.

In 2017, we lost staffer **Ben Bullock** unexpectedly.

In his honor, we are renaming this elite honor to the **Bullock Award**.

## Previous Winners:

2016: James Kirkham

2017: Joey Maestas

2018: Forrest Fredell

# LETTER FROM THE CON CHAIR



## Greetings COAF attendees, staff, friends, and family!

Hey there Rocky Squad, greetings from Colorado Anime Fest! We're excited to welcome you to our new hotel, the Marriott DTC. We've been doing this for a while now, but this is my first year as convention chair. It's an honor and a pleasure to say hello to you! I also wanted to take a moment to let you know what we have in store for COAF's fourth year.

With the new hotel, you'll get to explore a new layout with more event space and a ton of exciting things to see and do. We have some great new events lined up for this year—fantastic guests of honor, the premier Japanese cultural panel track of the region, a huge game room, Colorado's original anime bar, videos, manga, music, cosplay chess, maid cafe (with all-ages and 18+ sessions), and tons more! Our goal is to pack in enough fun to give you stories and smiles that will keep you warm all year until COAF 2020.

Above all, we want this to be a safe, welcoming place for you to explore our shared fandom. While you're having fun, I hope you get the chance to learn some new things and meet people who like some of the same great stuff! Be who you are, cosplay your favorite characters, and have an awesome time this weekend.

Our show is run by fans and I want to give a special shout out to all of our crew who staff and volunteer and show up to help in ways large and small. It takes hundreds of people to make Colorado Anime Fest happen: volunteers, panelists, guests, performers, vendors, and all kinds of amazing people. You never know who you're going to meet!

Thanks for spending your weekend with us, from our crazy family to yours. We're grateful that you came and we'll do our best to make sure it's a memorable weekend. Enjoy the show!

**Rosa Halcomb**  
Convention Chair

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Interested in earning your way to a free day and/or weekend membership for this year or next? Our day-to-day volunteer signups work on a tiered rewards system. We offer a minimum 4-hour shift and staff perk options are available for 10+ shifts. We're flexible and happy to help you get what you want to have fun at the con, based on the number of hours you work.

- 4-6 hours: same-day badge
- 8 hours: next day badge or next year badge
- 10+ hours: next day badge or next year badge; access to staff perks

To learn more and sign up for your preferred blocks, visit Volunteer department headquarters at Con Ops.

# CONVENTION HOURS



## **Anime Bar (Atrium)**

Friday: 7:00 PM – 2:00 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 7:00 PM – 2:00 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: CLOSED

## **Artists' Alley**

### **(Rocky Mountain Event Center)**

Friday: 2 PM – 8 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM – 6 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM

## **Cosplay Repair (Blue Bell)**

Friday: 4 PM – 8 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM

## **Kids' Programming (Lupine)**

Friday: 3 PM – 7 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM – 7 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

## **Maid Café (Cottonwood)**

Friday: 5 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM (18+)  
Saturday: 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM,  
10:00 PM (18+), 11:30 PM (18+)  
Sunday: 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM

## **Manga Library (Humboldt Peak)**

Friday: 3 PM – 9 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM – 9 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

## **Operations (Spruce)**

Thursday: 4 PM – 8 PM  
Friday: 8 AM – 2 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 8 AM – 2 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: 8 AM – 6 PM

## **Panelist Check-In Table (Near Ops)**

Friday: noon – 10 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM – 10 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM – 4 PM

## **Photoshoots (Atrium)**

Friday: 3 PM – 6 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM – 6 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM – 5 PM

## **Press (Pinon Boardroom)**

Friday: 1 PM – 8 PM  
Saturday: noon – 6 PM  
Sunday: noon – 4 PM

## **Panels**

### **(Aspen, Blanca Peak, Conifer, Maroon Peak, Pikes Peak)**

Friday: 3:30 PM – 2 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 10 AM – 2 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

## **Quiet Room (Crestone Peak)**

Friday: noon – 2 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 9 AM – 2 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: 9 AM – 5 PM

## **Registration (Hotel Lobby)**

Thursday: 6 PM – 10 PM (PRE-REG)  
Friday: 10 AM – 8 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM – 8 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM – 2 PM

## **Tabletop Gaming**

### **(Larkspur, Primrose)**

Friday: noon – 1 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 9 AM – 1 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: 9 AM – 5 PM

## **Vendors' Hall**

### **(Rocky Mountain Event Center)**

Friday: 2 PM – 8 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM – 6 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM

## **Video Gaming (Evergreen DEF)**

Friday: noon – 2 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 10 AM – 2 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

## **Video Rooms (Iris, Longs Peak)**

Friday: 3:30 PM – 2 AM (SAT)  
Saturday: 10 AM – 2 AM (SUN)  
Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

# RULES & POLICIES



Here at COAF, we don't want to be a con all about rules and don't want to have any more than necessary. You can help by following these simple policies to ensure everyone has an enjoyable convention.

- Always wear your badges visibly and hang on to them at all times while on the convention floor.
- Have questions? Ask at Convention Ops or speak to Convention Response Team (CRT) staffers.
- Use common sense when understanding the rules of behavior, personal interactions, and respect for both private and public property. Attendees, staff, and other persons finding themselves in a situation where they feel their safety is at risk should locate the nearest security or staff member for resolution.

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you require assistance for you or a loved one, please ask a staff member or inquire at Con Ops.

Some of the services we're prepared to provide:

- Line assistance and advanced seating assistance.
- Additional assistance as necessary and available.
- Large-print versions of the schedule (available at Registration and Con Ops).

The Marriott Denver Tech Center has the following ADA accommodations:

- Wheelchairs, elevators, ADA-accessible bathrooms, and labeled reserved parking.
- Service animals are permitted within the hotel and convention grounds

We will allow advanced event seating for persons in need and one (1) assisting companion. Please ask the line attendant at the event door. Companions must have a valid convention badge. All ADA persons and their companions must be of age to enter 18+ panels. This is first-come, first served and based on room capacities. Request at least 15 minutes prior to panel start to ensure we can accommodate you.

Please remember it's not always easy for a busy staffer to know when assistance is needed. If a staffer asks for more details, it's to better understand your situation and how we can be of assistance. Please help us help you!

## **ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY**

COAF is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, or religion. Harassment includes, but is not limited to: abusive verbal comments; sexual images in public spaces; deliberate intimidation or stalking; unwanted photography/recording; being disruptive; inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; or encouraging any of the above. Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. If they fail to do so, we retain the right to take action, such as warning the offender or expulsion without refund. If someone makes you or anyone else feel unsafe or unwelcome onsite, please report it as soon as possible to any staff member or Con Ops. We do not tolerate harassment of convention participants in any form. Our decisions are final.

## **AUTOGRAPHS**

- All COAF guests will sign at scheduled sessions.
- The first autograph at a scheduled COAF autograph session is always free with your valid convention membership. Guests may sell optional prints, and/or charge for multiple autographs, photos or recordings to help keep the line manageable. Every guest is different. Just ask.
- If you require accommodations while waiting in line, please ask the line attendants. COAF is committed to equal, accessible access for all.
- Staff may impose limits on the number of autographs allowed.
- Guests may also sign at vendor tables. Those are not official COAF signings and may require additional costs.

# RULES & POLICIES



## **CAMERAS AND MEDIA DEVICES**

If you intend to charge attendees for photoshoots, we require you to purchase Credentialed Photographer Access. It's only fair: anyone financially profiting from our event and/or attendees must be accounted for via similar regulations as our vendors and artists. This credential will also grant you advance access and reserved seating to select cosplay events. We use proceeds from this to benefit the COAF cosplay community as a whole, including you! See the Press Office for more information.

## **COSPLAY**

Per hotel policy; no shirt, no shoes, no service. In general, no "pink bits" or "pointy bits" should be showing OR depicted on your cosplay. We recommend tan-colored tape. Your costume should not be at an adult-level PG-13 or rated-R level.

No costumes depicting official government agencies such as American law enforcement nor current military uniforms are allowed.

Larger or bulky costumes within the convention and hotel must be able to fit through a standard doorway (36 inches) to ensure fire safety rules. If a costume grants poor visibility or ventilation, we request that the cosplayer is accompanied by a handler. Both cosplayer and handler must have valid COAF badges.

No costume props may cause smoke, odor, or fog. If you want such a device for the cosplay competition, please speak with the staff in advance and we will decide the device's appropriateness.

## **PROPS**

All props are to be checked in with Con Operations (Ops) before they are allowed into the convention areas.

Ops will peace bind any props. Props must be kept on the signee while on the convention floor at all times. If a prop is shared with another attendee, both parties are responsible for the prop and both will be held accountable for any misconduct.

*Violation of peace binding may result in immediate loss of prop privileges. It is the responsibility of the attendee to bring any prop back to security to re-bind if necessary.*

## **Banned items**

- Anything illegal in the state of Colorado or the United States.
- Any live steel weapons that do not have a sheath. "Live Steel" is any metal that can or does hold an edge.
- No projectiles of any kind.
- If security deems a prop dangerous or harmful in any way, it will be banned from the grounds. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Metal items used for costumes are not allowed to have sharp or pointed edges that could cause injury to oneself or others.

## **Allowed items**

Live steel props that are properly sheathed and peace bound are acceptable. (If the item cannot be bound to prevent it from being drawn, it will not be allowed.) Nerf or airsoft guns that have a non-removable orange safety tip and do not look remotely real will be allowed, following the conditions that the trigger mechanism will be peace bound and all ammunition is emptied from the device. Any blunt or wood props will be evaluated to determine if they will cause any risk. Any large items such as baseball bats, wooden swords, frying pans, etc. may be allowed conditionally. Any functional ammunition (real); such as arrows, must have tips removed and be zip-tied to their quiver or casing.

# GUESTS OF HONOR



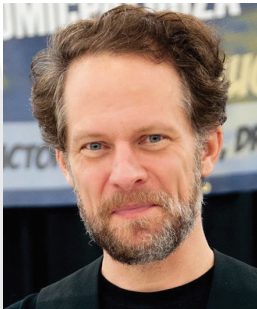
## AUSTIN TINDLE

Austin Tindle is a writer and actor living in Dallas, Texas. Maybe you've seen him on stage around Dallas at Kitchendog Theatre, WaterTower Theatre, Stage West, Project X, Second Thought Theatre, Nouveau 47, and many others. But he's probably most well-known for his work with Funimation Studios, where he has voiced many characters including Ayumu Aikawa in "Is this a Zombie?", Accelerator in "A Certain Magical Index", Shu Ouma in "Guilty Crown", Marco Bodt in "Attack on Titan", Karma in "Assassination Classroom", and Kaneki in "Tokyo Ghoul". And Austin has been a proud member of the Couchsurfing community since 2011. He just really loves couches.



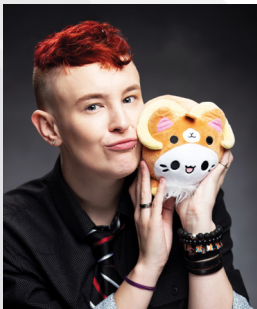
## BRYN APPRILL

You may know Bryn Apprill as: Historia Reiss/Christa Lenz from Attack on Titan, Miku from DARLING in the FRANXX, Ritsu from Assassination Classroom, and Mimosa Vermillion from Black Clover. A few lesser known roles, but ones that are very dear to her heart and that she would be SUPER EXCITED to chat with you about are Hikari Takanashi from Interviews with Monster Girls, Kurumi from Hal, Kaede from The Boy and the Beast, Swim Swim from Magical Girl Raising Project, Ai from Zombieland Saga, and Urith/possessed Iona from WIXOSS! Some video game credits include Awilix from SMITE, Playful Bunny Nu Wa from SMITE, and a Time Patroller in Dragonball Xenoverse 1 & 2.



## CHUCK HUBER

Chuck Huber started acting in anime in DBZ. Since then he has voiced characters such as Hiei in YuYu Hakusho, Stein in Soul Eater, Kululu in Sgt. Frog, Mohji in One Piece, Shou Tucker in Full Metal Alchemist. He has been a writer on Hetalia, Sgt. Frog, Baccano, Spice and Wolf, and Skip Beat! Chuck's most recent anime roles are Android 17, Emperor Pilaf and Kibito in Dragon Ball Super, Kurogiri in My Hero Academia, Jajuka in Escaflowne, and Kyūta's Father in The Boy and Beast. Video games Chuck has contributed voices for include Borderlands II, The Walking Dead, DBZ, and SMITE...among others. As a filmmaker Chuck has acted, produced, written, or directed for a number of productions.



## CIARÁN STRANGE

Much to his amusement, he's been compared to David Bowie, Tony Stark, Haruko Haruhara, Ramona Flowers, Captain America, and Tank Girl – but I.R.L., he's Ciarán "C.J." Strange, an eccentric and powerful LGBTQ+ author and artist. In 2016, Ciarán joined forces with kindred artistic spirit Dave Kitsberg; the two are now delving into the world of geeky covers and parodies, as well as writing fresh original concept material in all sub-genres of pop-rock influenced by many of their collaborative fandom inspirations under the band name We Are The Chaos. He has also launched three series of books, all of which take place on different sides of the same earth in the #Flareborne universe!

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## DAMAN MILLS

Daman Mills' roles include Monaka and Narirama in Dragon Ball Super, Moroko in Dragon Ball Super: Broly, Jyugo in Nanbaka, Ginshi Shirazu in Tokyo Ghoul:re, Yakov Feltsman in Yuri!!! on ICE, Alone / Hades in Saint Seiya: The Lost Canvas, Mustard and Moonfish in My Hero Academia, Leonardo Lionheart in RWBY, Yzak Joule in Mobile Suit Gundam: SEED (NYAV Post dub), Tanaka in One Piece Film: Gold, Revchi in Black Clover, Kakine Teitoku in A Certain Magical Index, Albert Wähländer in Free! -Dive to the Future-, Lt. Weiss in Saga of Tanya the Evil. Daman has also provided voice work for video games such as Dragon Ball FighterZ and SMITE.



## JĀD SAXTON

Jād (jade) Saxton is a voice actor and ADR Director. Roles include Kanna in Miss Kobayashi's Dragon Maid, Carla in Fairy Tail, Yuki in Wolf Children, Young Nico Robin in One Piece, Koneko in High School DxD, Faris in Steins; Gate, Haruna in Is This a Zombie?, Adèle in Space Dandy, Nona in Death Parade, Akatsuki in Log Horizon, Kendo in My Hero Academia, Ruruka in Danganronpa, Lilac in Servamp, Yoriko in Tokyo Ghoul, and Un in Show By Rock! Jād directed Interviews with Monster Girls, Touken Ranbu-Hanamaru, and The Silver Guardian! Video games include Expelled Hel in Smite, and Time Patrolter in Dragon Ball Xenoverse 1 & 2.



## JASON MARSDEN

Jason Marsden has been working full force in the entertainment biz since he was 12 years young. In voice over, Jason can be heard most notably as Max, Goofy's son in "A Goofy Movie". Marsden provided the voice for Haku in Hayao Miyazaki's Academy Award Winning, "Spirited Away", Chester in "Fairly Odd Parents", Impulse/Kid Flash in "Young Justice", Kovu in "Lion King 2", Nermal in "The Garfield Show", and Boone from "Fallout: New Vegas. Every Halloween, we bet you've heard him as Thackery Binx in Disney's "Hocus Pocus". Currently Marsden can be heard in "Transformers: Rescue Bots", "DuckTales" and "Young Justice – Outsiders"!



## KIRK THORNTON

Kirk Thornton's roles include: Klein (Sword Art Online), Jin (Samurai Champloo), Shiro Fujimoto (Blue Exorcist: Kyoto Saga), Champa (Dragon Ball Super), Kisame Hoshigaki and Tazuna (Naruto), Saidoh (Bleach), Gabumon and Mummymon (Digimon), Kuze (Ghost In the Shell). Other credits: the Sonic the Hedgehog franchise (Shadow), Gungrave (Brandon Heat), Love Hina, and Akira. His video games include Fire Emblem (Nomah), BlazBlue (Jubei), Skyrim, Star Wars: The Old Republic, Kingdom Hearts, Batman Arkham Asylum, Call of Duty: Black Ops, Dragon Age 2, Resident Evil Outbreak, among others. Kirk directed the English dubs of Naruto and Durarara!!x2 Shō.



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## LAUREN LANDA

Lauren Landa is most known for roles such as Kasumi in *Dead or Alive 5*; Litchi Faye Ling in the popular fighting games *BlazBlue: Calamity Trigger*, as well as the sequels *BlazBlue: Continuum Shift*, and *Continuum Shift Extend*; *Chrono Phantasma*; *Kyoko Sakura* in *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*; *Yan Leixia* in *Soul Calibur V*; *Little Queen* in *Tales of Graces*; *Boiboi*, in *REDLINE*; *Squigly* in *Skullgirls*; *Leia* in *Tales of Xillia*; *Chubo Sonken* in *Ikki Tousen: Great Guardians*, *Annie Leonhardt* in the hit anime series *Attack on Titan*, *One* in “*DrakenGard 3*”, *Nora* in “*Noragami*”, *Sailor Neptune* in the *VIZ Media’s Sailor Moon*, *Merlin* in “*The Seven Deadly Sins*” and many more!



## TERRI DOTY

Terri Doty’s roles include: *Moriko Morioka* in *Recovery of an MMO Junkie*, *Kyouko Machi* in *Interviews with Monster Girls*, *Kirara Hazama* in *Assassination Classroom*, *Yuko Tachikawa* in *Parasyte*, *Virgo* in *Fairy Tail*, and *Fem! Germany* in *Hetalia: The Beautiful World*, and more. Staff credits include *Junji Ito “Collection”* (Voice Director), *Dragon Ball FighterZ* (Script Supervisor), *Corpse Princess* (Voice Director), and *RIN: Daughters of Mnemosyne* (Voice Director). Terri, J. Michael Tatum, and Stephen Hoff started *That Anime Show* in 2010. Hours of NSFW mayhem are available through *iTunes* and *ThatAnimeShow.com*. Her sci-fi novel “*One of Few*” is available via *Amazon*, *Audible*, and *iTunes*.

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## Opening Ceremonies

Welcome to COAF 2019! We'll kick off our fourth year with special performances by **One World Taiko**, as well as **Ciarán Strange** and **WE ARE THE CHAOS** guitarist Dave Kitsberg. Plus, meet the guests, learn more about our charity auction, and see what surprises await to delight you. **Friday at 3:00 PM.**

## AMV Contest

This year, our judges had the difficult task of paring down more than 150 AMV entries to bring you only the best videos for our contest. With submissions varying from cool to crazy, hilarious to heartbreaking, the videos in our contest span the musical and emotional gamut.

Categories include Positivity, Intensity, Drama/Romance, The Americans, and Trailers. Vote for your favorite video in each category and for the best overall during one of two showings: **Friday at 5:30 PM or Saturday at 3:15 PM.**

Winning videos will be announced during **Closing Ceremonies.**

## Costume and Cosplay Contest

Creativity is on display as talented creators show off their skills on Saturday night. Separated into Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Master categories, attendees in costume will be competing for the top prizes as well as the coveted Audience Choice award. Following the costume entries, cosplayers will compete by performing cosplay skits. During halftime, don't miss a performance by **Kirei Cosplay Café**. Come early to enjoy an opening concert by **Sakura Chorus Mile High**. **Concert begins at 6:00 PM, Contest begins at 6:30 PM.**

## Colorado Anime Fest Rave

Get your glow sticks ready! The Colorado Anime Fest Rave is back and bigger than ever, featuring sets from Milwaukee's **DJ Greenflōw**, Chicago's **DJ Kagamine**, and Colorado's own **ZURC**. Open to all ages and included with your valid COAF 2019 badge. **Saturday at 10:00 PM.**

PS: Don't forget to stay hydrated!

## Cosplay Chess

Swords and fists will fly as your cosplayers dressed as your favorite characters duke it out on a giant chessboard controlled by two chess masters on the main stage. **Sunday at 10 AM.**

## Charity Auction

Hosted by **Ciarán Strange** and surprise guests. From one-of-a-kind animation cels and production sketches to wall scrolls, figures, and prints signed by the casts of popular anime and video games, our auction has something for everyone. Join us as we raise money for People House. A Colorado nonprofit organization, People House has a successful 40-year history of responding to the community's need for personal and spiritual growth and emotional healing. **Sunday at 3:15 PM.**

## Closing Ceremonies

**Ciarán Strange** and **WE ARE THE CHAOS** guitarist Dave Kitsberg emcee the end of COAF 2019. Plus, we'll announce AMV winners and charity numbers, and say goodbye to our guests. You won't want to miss it! **Sunday at 5 PM.**

## Colorado Anime Fest Feedback Session

Every year after **Closing Ceremonies**, join COAF executive staff as you talk and we listen. We're eager to hear your feedback—good or bad—and answer your questions. Tell us about something that made your con experience special, or let us know why something at the con was a major bummer for you. By sharing your feedback, you can help improve future conventions. **Sunday at 6 PM.**

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Featuring:



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# RAVE

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Saturday, 4.20 ▲ 10 PM  
Main Events ▲ Evergreen ABC

# GUEST PANELS



## FRIDAY

### **Anime Q&A with Chuck Huber**

Ask all! Veteran voice actor Chuck Huber's many titles include Hetalia, DBZ, Yu Yu, Soul Eater, Shin Chan, Sgt. Frog, etc.

### **An Intimate Acoustic Show with Ciarán Strange**

There's something truly ethereal and intimate about an acoustic concert, which is why Ciarán is so excited to bring one to Colorado Anime Fest. With his guitarist and lieutenant dork Dave Kitsberg by his side, he hopes you'll join him for an evening of new tunes, old favorites, and covers you can sing along to. Autographs, merch, and meet-and-greet will happen post-music, so make sure you stick about!

### **Assassination Classroom with Austin Tindle, Bryn Apprill, and Terri Doty**

Join the voices of Karma Akabane (Austin Tindle), Ritsu (Bryn Apprill), and Kirara Hazama (Terri Doty) for a COAF-exclusive panel.

### **Creating a Character Voice with Kirk Thornton**

This workshop will give you the tools to build a unique voice for your character. The technique works for anime, video games, and original animation. Whether for fun or a paying job, you'll learn how to create a unique voice with dimensions and a life of its own. It will also teach you how to ask the director questions to be guided through your performance.

### **Jād Saxton on Directing**

In addition to voice acting, Jād is a full-time director for Funimation who has helmed the loveable Interviews with Monster Girls, Touken Ranbu-Hanamaru, and The Silver Guardian.

### **Lauren Landa's Horror Movie Panel**

Attention all horror movie lovers! Join movie buff Lauren Landa and enjoy clips from some of her favorite horror films.

### **Q&A with Daman Mills**

You may know Daman from things like Dragon Ball, Nanbaka, Yuri!!! on ICE, and Tokyo Ghoul, but did you know he has a major coffee obsession? ... You probably did, if we're all being honest. Come by and chat with Daman on all things voiceover, games, and any other burning questions that you may have!

### **Q&A with Jason Marsden (Friday Edition)**

You've seen him and you've heard him. Jason has lent his voice to countless characters in animation, feature films, video games, commercials, apps and more. Come meet the voice behind Haku from Spirited Away and Max from A Goofy Movie!

## SATURDAY

### **Acting Workshop with Chuck Huber**

Chuck Huber brings a small piece of his popular Dallas acting classes to Denver! Try out basic improv/acting games and learn techniques.

### **Austin Tindle's Raunchy Shakespeare (18+)**

Come laugh, scream, and cry the way Shakespeare intended with an hour-long romp through the best moments of the Bard. Participation is encouraged, but not necessary.

### **Geeky Drinks and Geeky Ditties with Ciarán Strange**

Ciarán Strange requests to borrow you tonight in the ANIME BAR for some bizarre tour tales, singalong-worthy covers, and hilarious geeky parodies! Disney and the Avengers, convention horror stories, road trip blunders, #transproblems, and even poop (yes, we said poop) - NOTHING is off the table as the British punk and his lieutenant dork Dave share some songs and stories that will leave you snickering for weeks.

### **Interviews with Monster Girls with Austin Tindle, Bryn Apprill, Jād Saxton, and Terri Doty**

Join ADR director Jād Saxton and the voices of Hikari Takanashi (Bryn Apprill), Kyouko Machi (Terri Doty) and Yusuke Satake (Austin Tindle) for a COAF-exclusive Q&A.

### **It Gets Better with Ciarán Strange and Daman Mills**

Thanks to the bravery of fellow geeks such as Carrie Fisher, Jared Padalecki and Chris Evans, nerds of all walks of life are learning to live with a variety of quirks that don't only debilitate us, but help make us who we are. As LGBTQ+ geeks who continue to suffer through their own mental health, Ciarán and Daman want to share some of their own experiences, hear yours, and offer advice on how to ensure you stay strong and stay safe.

# GUEST PANELS



## **Lauren Landa and the Reverse Harem Audiobook with Ciarán Strange and KT Strange**

When the world of voiceover and the world of literature combines, what happens? You get an audiobook! Come and meet KT Strange, a USA Today bestselling author behind the reverse harem romance hits “The Rogue Witch Series”, plus voice actress Lauren Landa. COAF emcee and LGBTQ+ international rockstar Ciaran Strange will moderate and discuss his own slew of reverse harem and gay romances. Listen to fun behind-the-scenes stories, learn about the production process, and find out what treats they all have in store for you.

## **Meet Kirk Thornton**

Kirk Thornton (Klein, Sword Art Online) has been a voice actor, ADR director, and script adaptor for over 20 years. Learn and ask questions from an industry veteran.

## **Q&A with Jason Marsden (Saturday Edition)**

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## **VO-ver It with Terri Doty**

Spend quality time with Terri Doty as she shares stories from her experiences in the industry as well as anecdotes about shows and characters you love or love to hate. Questions and positivity are encouraged.

## **SUNDAY**

### **Attack on Titan with Austin Tindle, Bryn Apprill, and Lauren Landa**

The voice of Annie (Lauren Landa), Historia (Bryn Apprill), and Marco (Austin Tindle) talk past and current seasons of the popular show.

### **Audio 101: A Novice’s Guide to the Booth with Terri Doty**

Terri Doty is joined by fellow industry professional Stephen Hoff to help navigate the world of Voice-Over. Great opportunity to talk shop whether you’re hoping to jump into VO or just a curious admirer. Questions are always encouraged.

## **Cryptocurrency Blockchain Basics with Chuck Huber**

How do I Bitcoin? What is a blockchain? Learn all about the new money, economy, and internet!

## **Differences in Voice Acting: Beep... Beep... Huh? with Daman Mills**

So you have a basic understanding of what voice acting is, but are you familiar with the several different methods that projects utilize to record their actors? ADR, pre-lay, video games, and more; here we will go through all the differences!

## **Meet Jād Saxton**

A Q&A where Jād answers any questions about voice acting and anime or anything else fun!

## **Project Cosplay: A Game Show for the Creatively Insane! with Ciarán Strange**

Bring the best you’ve got for our judges when it comes to creativity, skill, instinct, and fast-paced cosplay fashion! Project Cosplay is a COAF-exclusive game show pitting pre-organized or random teams of convention attendees (and sometimes surprise guests!) against one another to build and model the best item to fit the secret theme of that day’s game, whilst restricting them in time, equipment, and hilarious everyday materials. All right, MacGuyvers... make it work!

## **Video Game Voiceover Q&A with Kirk Thornton**

Kirk Thornton has played over 100 roles in video games for over 20 years, from Saix in Kingdom Hearts III and Shadow the Hedgehog in the Sonic the Hedgehog franchise to roles in the Fire Emblem franchise and more.

## **Voiceover for Animation Workshop with Jason Marsden**

Jason conducts an interactive workshop for those who would like a taste of what it’s like to be a voice performer for animation! This 1-2 hour workshop weaves lecture and performance with volunteers pulled from the crowd. This is a VOICE-ON experience and anyone in the audience is invited to participate. The workshop explores how to come up with a unique voice for a character, how to provide a voice for characters with no dialog, working technically, working with other actors, the many ways to “die” in a video game and more!

# JAPANESE CULTURE TRACK



We're honored and excited to bring you the following panels focused on Japan's culture and history, presented by the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival.

The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival was started in 2001 to bring together Denver's diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and educate the public about our many cultures. The 19th Annual CDBF will be held July 27-28 at Sloan's Lake Park, featuring over 100 performances on five stages including a hip-hop stage, two Taste of Asia food courts, an Asian Marketplace and of course, two full days of exciting Dragon Boat Races! Plus, don't miss the Anime Tent presented by Colorado Anime Fest.

## Colorado Dragon Boat Festival / Colorado Dragon Film Festival

Executive Director Sara Moore and Operations Manager Tesia Chen of Dragon 5280—the non-profit parent organization for the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, the Colorado Dragon Film Festival, and the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Emerging Leaders Program—will talk about the history and future of the event, including this summer's 19th annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, which will once again feature COAF's Anime Tent! They will also be bringing back the ever-popular SPICY RAMEN EATING CONTEST! Make sure to join the panel and show off your eating skills.

## Crazy Rich Culture: Japan and Asia in US Pop Culture

A history of how American pop culture has represented Japanese and Asians in media: movies, television, and commercials from the 1800s to the present. Plus, discuss how "Crazy Rich Asians" may herald a tipping point in Asian American and Pacific Islander representation.

## Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

The JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program sponsors young people from countries around the world, including the U.S., to live and teach their home country's language in Japan. Some JET teachers are stationed in big cosmopolitan cities like Tokyo, but they can also be sent to small rural towns where they may be the only non-Japanese member of the community. No matter where they go, JET alumni have wonderful stories to tell. Come hear about some of their experiences, and how you can be a part of the program!

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## Japanese Food in America

A quick tour of Japanese cuisine, in Japan and in the US, with a focus on the Japanese restaurant scene in the Denver area: its past, present, and future.

## One World Taiko

One World Taiko is a professional Japanese drum ensemble that incorporates dynamic movement and rhythmic grooves with heart-pounding percussion. Based in Denver, they have toured the world. *One World Taiko will be performing during Opening Ceremonies.*

## Sakura Chorus Mile High

Sakura Chorus Mile High is a choir, singing in Japanese. Their debut in 2016 was during an event marking the fifth anniversary of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, tsunami, and Fukushima nuclear disaster. Since then, the group has performed at various community events including Denver's annual "Kohaku Uta Gassen" Japanese singing competition. *Sakura Chorus Mile High will be opening the Costume and Cosplay Contest.*

## Takayama Sister Cities

The Takayama Sister Cities Program is one of the most robust of the many relations around the globe sponsored by Denver Sister Cities International. The Takayama group hosts Japanese exchange students and adult visitors every year. They also send groups of students and adults from Denver to Takayama, a small beautiful city in the "Japanese Alps." Takayama Sister Cities holds various events throughout the year. Let Steve Comstock and his volunteers show you some of the great memories from past trips to Takayama, and tell you about opportunities to go on an upcoming exchange trip!

COAF 2019 attendees will be the first to know this year's guest for the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival's Two Days of Anime Tent! Pick up a program guide at the convention to find out.

**Colorado Dragon Boat Festival is free to attend.  
See you July 27-28 at Sloan's Lake!**



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# ATTENDEE PANELS



## FRIDAY

### **An Introduction to Wigs for Cosplay**

Are you starting to get into cosplay and feeling lost when it comes to wigs? Need a refresher course on wigs or want to see what has changed over the years? This panel will go over the basics of wigs including where to get, care, and general use.

### **Anime Scene It (18+)**

Four teams of four players will play three rounds of adult anime trivia. Think you've seen it all? Prove it! The team with the most points wins! You're guaranteed laughs and a good time. (See Saturday for an all-ages version of this panel.)

### **Anime-nium!**

Form teams and win challenges! Questions will be related to Anime and might include drawing, sculpting, trivia, charades, and more in this interactive game show hosted by SHOE.

### **Are good anime adaptations possible?**

We all know how it goes: a movie adaptation of a mainstream anime is announced and everyone goes nuts! And then... the movie comes out and it's a flop. That has led many to say Hollywood and "the powers that be" just can't adapt anime, but is that really true? Join as we discuss anime movie adaptations: the good, the bad, and the just okay.

### **Battle Dice-Cosplay Royale**

A tournament of foam dice and cosplay battles. Teams of four contestants will battle using foam dice to rise the ranks and receive the grand prize.

### **Beginner's Guide to Cosplay**

Learn how to get into cosplay, even if you have no sewing or crafting experience! Cosplay is an experience that everyone should try at least once. Let us help you delve into the world of costumed playing. From selecting a cosplay to building it with fabric or foam, come check out the basics.

### **Cosplay on a Budget**

Join cosplay veterans to learn the best tips, tricks, and hacks to make your money go farther as you create professional-looking cosplay. From patterns and clothing to armor and shoes, there are ways to make your next trip to the thrift shop a world of opportunities.

### **Creating a Character in D&D 5e: Backstory Building! (18+)**

If you are interested in creating a character for Dungeons and Dragons, the backstory can be something you create at any time. We will discuss techniques on creating a lasting character backstory that can add to the game play! Feel free to bring your character sheets and dice! (See Saturday for an 18+ version of this panel.)

### **DJ Kagamine and Friends**

Want to be a DJ? Don't know how to start? Then look no further. Join us for an open forum with veteran convention DJs from around the country. Features DJ Kagamine, DJ Greenflöw, and more.

### **Don't Flip Your Wig!**

Don't just learn the basics: come watch them live! See how to detangle and restore a frazzled wig, set curls and bangs, and even trim.

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## **Handler How-tos and Horror Stories**

Behind every great cosplayer there is a great handler holding up their train or making sure they don't walk into the middle of a photoshoot. Meet a master-level cosplayer and her master-level handler. Learn what makes a great handler and hear some of their horror stories together.

## **Hentai Readings (18+)**

Everyone loves a good hentai (unless of course you don't, if that's somehow possible!) And we at HorseDeer know you want to see all your favorite and enthralling hentai brought to life, right? So we've gathered some of the most entertaining hentai mangas we could find, and we will be the voices. Witness some charming (horrifying?) hentai manga slideshows, as we read, and sometimes interpret or even... ummm... "translate."

## **Japanese Cooking With Bob**

It's many a year since this panel has been run at any convention, hosted by Chef Sheets. Don't miss this rebirth of one of the most popular Japanese culture presentations in the Denver area. We'll be discussing why the Japanese eat the way they do, through geography and history lessons. Then we'll talk about ingredients, and even throw in a few recipes to make it a practical experience.

## **Journey to the West**

Journey to the West is a Buddhist parable that appears in many anime. Learn the origins of this story, its cultural and societal importance, and how it is utilized in numerous anime and games such as Saiyuki, Revolutionary Girl Utena, and Final Fantasy XV.

## **K-Pop/J-Pop Trivia Game**

A Jeopardy-style trivia game all about K-Pop and J-Pop. We'll cover famous songs, dances, artists, and culture. Come test your Hallyu knowledge for a chance at some fun prizes!

## **The Late Shoe (18+)**

A variety of comedic, interactive games to show you the bizarre, strange, and funny side of being an adult anime fan. SHOE hosts an uncensored show guided by audience suggestions.

## **The Legendary Defenders of Sleep**

It's a Voltron cosplay slumber party! Come watch your favorite paladins goof around, plus make them dance and sing.

## **Mastastic Dating Game ~ Yaoi Edition**

Your favorite dating game is brought to life in the worst possible ways for this choose your own adventure panel. The Mastastic Cosplays crew will bring you through an IRL English dubbed high school dating game, where you will set up Ukes and Semes, unlock their dates, and adventure through various scene feature a prize that players are randomly selected to win. Come join us for this exciting new panel! Can't wait to see you there. Rated PG-13+ due to sexual innuendos.

## **Music in Anime: How Music Affects the Feel of Anime (18+)**

Have you ever watched a movie or TV show without the musical score? The history of music in anime is a long one. In this panel, we will delve into the basics of music placement, and how the creators of our favorite anime have used sound to enhance the experience! (See Sunday for an all-ages version of this panel.)

## **The Pros and Cons of Intimate Relations with Fantasy Creatures (A Debate) (18+)**

Discuss the pros and cons of fantasy creature—werewolves, lamia, etc.—intimacy in five-minute rounds and tally up points to determine which monster is the best lover. The subject with the most points is the winner!

## **Samurai Armor Construction**

The Samurai are some of the most recognizable Japanese icons in anime and games. Find out how to begin constructing your suit of armor. Learn all of the major parts of a suit of armor, their proper names, construction techniques, assembly and donning of the armor so that you may fight for your lord, or conquer Japan (should the need arise).

## **Shut Up and Take My Money: Budgeting for Cons and Cosplay**

Between making cosplays, going to conventions and buying ALL that sweet merch, does your paycheck seem to disintegrate with the snap of a finger? Come learn how to get the most out of your con experience without breaking the bank.

## **Weathering Foam Armor and Props**

Learn how to get a weathered look to your armor with various techniques to make the armor look more worn, such as blood effects, dirt, mud swirls, worn metal, rust, and faded colors. There will also be a live armor weathering demonstration.

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## **Voltron: Legendary Improv Games!**

Join the Voltron Paladins for improv and anime games! Don't miss this dating game hosted by Loverboy Lance, featuring charades and more.

## **SATURDAY**

### **Anime \$100,000 Pyramid**

Two teams of two compete in a word-association game of anime, video games, and Japanese culture. One partner provides clues to six mystery words, leaving the other to try to guess those words before the time runs out.

### **Anime DJs**

Learn how disc jockeying, a.k.a. DJing, is used in the anime culture and other elements of hip hop. Discuss music and how it can be used for a variety of audiences. All genres will be explored, with a live demonstration showing how the art of DJing and music are hand-in-hand.

### **Anime Debate**

Multiple debate teams from different universities in the Denver area will debate topics of significance to the anime community. Debaters will do a deep multidisciplinary analysis of the topic to argue for their assigned position. The goals of this panel are to cater to the cross-section of anime fans vs. debaters, encourage participation in debate among attendees, provide information to younger con-goers about college, and to foster critical analysis within the community.

### **Anime Improv**

Learn and play improv games using characters, scenes, and situations from anime with suggestions from you. There are lots of opportunities to participate and win prizes. Hosted by SHOE.

### **Anime Jeopardy**

Think you know your anime and video games? Come test your brain with Anime Jeopardy, where you'll compete to answer questions in categories such as Famous Mecha, Idol or Not, Magical Girls, and many more!

### **Anime Physics 101**

Anime loves to play fast and loose with the laws of physics, from flight to recoil to name a few. So just how accurate or inaccurate are the physics of anime? Learn some science and have a few laughs, featuring your favorite anime including Gundam, Madoka, Black Lagoon, and RWBY.

### **Anime Scene It**

Four teams of four players will play three rounds of adult anime trivia. Think you've seen it all? Prove it! The team with the most points wins! You're guaranteed laughs and a good time. For all ages, family-friendly. (See Friday for an 18+ version of this panel.)

### **Bing-OH! (18+)**

Shojou, Shounen, and swag... oh my! Bring all of your luck (and all of your friends!) to play many rounds of bingo. You just may be lucky enough to take home some sexy new prizes... And even if you don't manage to get five in a row, your eyes will still be winning some "bare" prizes of their own. B, I, N, G... Oh!

### **Closet Cosplay**

Closet Cosplay is the art of transforming normal items into a cosplay. Short on time? Low on money? Just HATE sewing? Closet Cosplay is a great alternative to creating costumes from scratch. Learn tips and tricks and how to turn your closet into your cosplay.

### **COAF Con Chair: Ask Me Anything**

Come pick the brain of COAF Con Chair Rosa Halcomb by asking her anything you want (within reason). Want to know what it's like to run a convention? Want to know the reasoning behind a decision we made at COAF? Want to hear about that time Rosa threw Ciarán Strange out of a room? Or are you just curious about her favorite ice cream flavor? If so, this is the panel for you.

### **Cospaws: Service Animal Cosplay**

Cospaws (cosplay with four paws) is a cosplay group and non-profit for service animals and companion pets. Created by two service dog handlers, we educate the public about service dogs, and disabilities within the cosplay community in a fun, and entertaining way. Meet the advocates (cosplaying service animals), and win prizes during our pop quiz.

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## **Cosplay Cabaret (18+)**

Be entertained by a night of cabaret with Denver's drag, burlesque, and performance artists, featuring dancing, singing, stripping, and games. Your entertainers will be performing as some of your favorite anime and video game characters. There's a little something here for everyone. See you at the Cabaret Cosplay!

## **Creating a Character in D&D 5e: Backstory Building! (18+)**

If you are interested in creating a character for Dungeons and Dragons, the backstory can be something you create at any time. We will discuss techniques on creating a lasting character backstory that can add to the game play! Feel free to bring your character sheets and dice! (See Friday for an all-ages version of this panel.)

## **Cross-Playing Safely: Female to Male**

Is your favorite character the opposite gender? Dying to cosplay them but don't know how to do it safely? Cross-play is an art of its own! Don't hurt your ribs and body by guessing how. Hear tips, secrets, and medically-proven tricks to cosplay your favorite characters SAFELY! This panel will mainly focus on female to male cross-play. Attendees are welcome to offer advice about male to female. Don't risk your ribs and lungs! This panel could save your life.

## **Disabled Cosplay and Posing with a Mobility Aid**

Cosplay can be a chance to be whoever you want to be, regardless of disability. Join cosplay veterans to see how you can make cosplay construction, conventions, and photoshoots a less-stressful experience on your mind and body while rocking your mobility aid. Allies, join us to learn how you can help out your peers during the con season, whether you are aiding in con-prep for a friend or learning to be more mindful at the convention itself.

## **The En-Dwi Gast Game Show!**

You've heard of Slipper Stairs, now get ready for The En-Dwi Gast Show: a game show held by your two favorite superiors! After binging gameshows for weeks while visiting Earth, En Dwi Gast and Loki Laufeyson have decided to hold their very own, complete with Is This Thing Food Or Real, Trivia...WITH A PRICE!, and How Long Can You Be Tickled Before You Spit Water All Over Your Friend! Prepare for a great victory, or your inevitable doom.

## **Franco Cosplay Comedy: Smoked, Roasted, and Toasty (18+)**

Panel room? Check. A bearded crossplayer from Texas? Check! All the wit and humor for a stand-up panel intended for adults? Check, but humor is subjective! Come down to see Franco Cosplay Comedy as he makes his debut in Colorado! Apart from roasting the audience, he'll talk about his experience in American, Canadian, and Filipino conventions that he's been to over the past 15 years and he will not state his age, just old enough to do this bull—ANYWAY, relax and enjoy an hour of live, laugh, and love... wait...

## **Guess the Anime Openings**

Starting from easy to hard, guess anime opening credits. Three winners will take home prizes.

## **Head Injuries in Anime: Why Shounen Protagonists all have Brain Damage**

How many times have we seen our favorite anime characters take a boot to the head and just walk it off? This is especially prevalent in shounen anime. What are the consequences of concussions and other brain injuries? Learn some neuroscience and how it might affect our favorite anime characters from shows like Fairy Tail, A Certain Magical Index, Full Metal Alchemist, Samurai Champloo, Rurouni Kenshin, Black Lagoon, and Hajime no Ippo.

## **Hentai Jeopardy (18+)**

As "Pink Guy" would say... "I need hentai in my life!" Do you know the difference between a trap and futa? How about an ahegao vs. ahegakin? Test out your knowledge at Hentai Jeopardy! Plus, why not act as well? Try some role-playing games with members of Yokubou Lounge.

## **Hidden Gems of Contemporary Japanese Cinema**

Tired of the usual suspects in Japanese film? Hear a rundown of the new and exciting voices from Japanese cinema that distributors aren't paying attention to, despite them making waves internationally. Working within both accessible genres or more demanding independent productions, these filmmakers are finding new ways to provoke and entertain.

## **How-Tos of Cosplay Contests**

Learn everything you need to know when entering a cosplay competition. From craftsmanship to performances, we have you covered.

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## Is It Trash or Treasure? (18+)

Explore different series from selected genres and determine if they're worth the paper they were made on. The series may depict themes of an adult nature (violence, sex, nudity, finger puppets, etc).

## Is It Trending? Obscure vs. "Relevant" Cosplay

What makes a cosplay popular? Is it better to cosplay from more recent popular shows, or would you rather choose a character you really love? During this discussion-based panel, we'll talk about the pressures to cosplay specific things instead of the things we love.

## It Takes 2: Anime and Gaming

In this game show, pairs will guess how well they know each other's anime and gaming interests. Win prizes!

## Itabags: Protect Your Pain

Have you ever been so obsessed with your favorite character that you felt the need to spend unhealthy amounts of money to prove it? That's what itabags are for! Whether you're a beginner or an expert, this panel is for you. From the basics of picking a bag, to the protective methods to keep your merch in mint condition and attached to your bag, this panel will cover it all. You don't need a bag to participate, but you are welcome to bring your bags for a photoshoot at the end.

## Japanese Myth and Media

A primer on Japanese myths and their influence on popular Japanese media. Covers common stories and themes, as well as various monsters of Japanese.

## K-Pop/J-Pop Random Dance Challenge

Blow off some steam by dancing to your favorite K-Pop and J-Pop songs. If you know that tune, dance it!



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## **Kakashi's Training Camp**

Before you're ready to undertake The Chunin Exams, you'll need to prepare yourself for the trials that lie ahead. Luckily for you, Kakashi Sensei is here to help with that. Learn all you need to know in order to ace your exams and become bonafide Chunin! Remember, Kakashi Sensei doesn't tolerate tardy, lazy students so don't be late to class and be prepared to push yourself beyond your limits. If you survive, you'll come out a far better ninja than the one you entered in. Leave with a certificate to prove it to the whole village and impress your kohai!

## **Kingdom Hearts Isn't Actually Good**

Kingdom Hearts isn't actually as good as everyone thinks it is! Or is it? Defend Kingdom Hearts or explain why it's an overhyped, bloated, convoluted mess of a franchise that shouldn't have as many games as it has. Is it actually good? Or is it like Star Wars where only part of it is a masterpiece and the rest is a dumpster fire? Let's discuss.

## **The Natural Hentai Game Show (18+)**

This is a game to judge participants' level of hentai. There are those who are closet hentai, and then there are those who are TOO hentai: In this game, we strive to find those who flow with it NATURALLY. Contestants will be quizzed on the flow of differently-animated hentai. The contestant will be given a scene/event in the hentai, followed by a creative question. A perfect score lands you a prize, so come test your might and let us see where you land on the Hentai scale!

## **The OtakuDaiKun Challenge**

Are you a crazier fan than YouTuber OtakuDaiKun? Find out in this exciting trivia game show filmed live at the convention! You're just nine questions away from earning kudos, prizes, and the chance to stump DaiKun with your own question.

## **The Psychosocial Development of Jotaro in JoJo's Bizarre Adventure**

We all know JoJo's Bizarre Adventure features Stallone-style action and male characters. But, what about their psychosocial development? Come join us as we delve into Jotaro Joestar's psychosocial development. We'll compare his growth as a young male reaching adulthood, college, and explore how his development aligns with student development theory.

## **The Quindecim**

Welcome to The Quindecim. When a person dies, they are sent to be judged on whether they'll be reincarnated or sent to live out an eternity of nothing-ness. Fortunately, you're not dead! And fortunately, you won't be being judged on where your soul shall be going after death. You and your fellow attendees will compete in several different games held by your host Decim for fabulous prizes! You could win sick Death Parade swag, manga, and candy. Play as if your soul depends on it!

## **Sailor Moon: Crisis on Three Dark Kingdoms**

Compare and contrast the three adaptations of Sailor Moon's Dark Kingdom arc, which is compiled from the original 1992 anime, the live-action 2003 series, and the more recent Sailor Moon Crystal iteration. Learn the differences and enjoy the fun as we mock and praise these shows.

## **Sewing Machine 101: Purchasing, Maintaining, and Troubleshooting**

Come learn everything about sewing machines! We will cover all sorts of common machine questions, including how to tell if you're buying a good one, proper maintenance, and solutions to common problems.

## **Teaching with Anime**

Are you a teacher who likes anime, or an aspiring teacher and anime fan? Learn how to use anime in the classroom.

## **The Terrible Chefs of Anime**

Being a terrible chef who cooks disgusting, dangerous food is a common anime trope. But is it possible to be such a bad chef that you actually end up making lethal food? Examples to be discussed include Akane Tendo (Ranma 1/2), Miia (Daily Lives of Monster Girls), and Sanae Furukawa (Clannad).

## **Wicca Academia (18+)**

Wicca Academia is the school for aspiring witches. Class is in session and this lesson will compare modern and ancient paganism, alchemy, and witchcraft, from the way it's depicted in anime. During this panel, we will discuss common questions about Wicca, witchcraft, and alchemy. Learn the basics of the divination of tarot reading. Plus, we'll discuss the Japanese symbolism in how tarot is depicted in anime and manga versus European symbolism and United States tarot.

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## You Don't Know Anime

Based on the hit Xbox 360 game "You Don't Know Jack", we pit four players against each other for a ten question anime trivia blitz. Multiple rounds will be played during the panel, and new players chosen each round to ensure as many people can play as possible. Family friendly!

## Zen and the Art of Wig Styling

Creating wigs can feel like a daunting task. However, with a little education and some time, you can create some amazing styles. This panel will demonstrate a few basic styling techniques (including a fool-proof wig dye recipe) that can be mixed and matched to help create a variety of styles.

## The Zen of Death Note

Death Note is an anime which can be understood from a variety of ethical and moral perspectives. In addition to a western viewpoint, an understanding of Buddhist and Shinto ethics and world views enriches discussion of this incredibly deep anime series.

## SUNDAY

### AMV Wake Up

Come join us for an hour of the best AMVs on the web. Take your time, relax, and wake up to some AMVs! Some are downright hilarious, some are visually stunning, and all are worth waking up to and starting your convention day!

### Anime Biology 101

The world of anime is a vast and interesting one with many different rules, some of which mirror the real world and some that do not. Take a look at your favorite anime and how realistically it does or does not portray biology. If you like Mythbusters, this panel is for you.

### Anime Chemistry 101

There is a surprising amount of chemistry in anime, but how much of it does anime actually get right? It's time to take a look at how chemistry is used in anime and how much they get right. Like Mythbusters? You'll love this.

### Bootlegs 101

COAF is passionate about supporting the anime industry. Come join a panel of experts to discuss how to spot, stop, and report unlicensed and unlawful merchandise. Wondering if something you own is legitimate? Bring it and ask! We'll also have examples to examine for clues.

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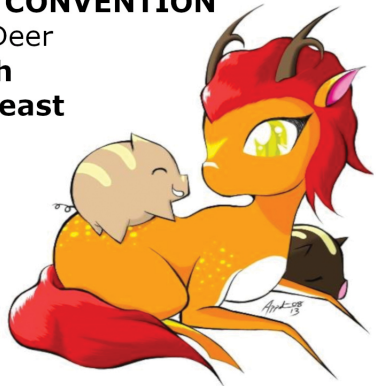
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Daku Con is Denver's one and only 18+ geek convention, featuring a wide variety of topics centered around nerddom, including anime gaming, comic books, tabletop and video gaming, with some 18+ content thrown in for good measure.

Come check us out at our booth or at [www.dakucon.org](http://www.dakucon.org)



# ATTENDEE PANELS



## **Boulder Taiko: Japanese Drumming**

Boulder Taiko is working to bring the rich cultural experience of taiko to local communities by integrating artistic skills and knowledge with traditional Japanese drum music through performances, workshops, and demonstrations for the general public.

## **Feet to Fins: An Intro to Mermaid Cosplay**

Take your cosplay underwater! If you've ever wanted to be a mermaid or merman, this is the panel for you. Learn the ins and outs of mermaiding, the challenges water adds to cosplay, and most importantly, how to be SAFE!

## **Japanese Pilgrimage**

Ever read of the 88 Temple Pilgrimage, where you walk some 800 miles around the island of Shikoku? Wondering what it will cost or what you'll need to bring? Learn about plane tickets, lodging, and more!

## **Kamisama Kiss: The Better InuYasha**

Do you remember InuYasha? Who could forget such classic lines like "Adamant Barrage!"? But have you seen the show Kamisama Kiss? If you've seen InuYasha, you already have, but a bloated, overly-long version. And if you've seen Kamisama but not InuYasha, congrats! You watched a better version of basically the same show.

## **Music in Anime: How Music Affects the Feel of Anime**

Have you ever watched a movie or TV show without the musical score? The history of music in anime is a long one. In this panel, we will delve into the basics of music placement, and how the creators of our favorite anime have used sound to enhance the experience! (See Friday for an 18+ version of this panel.)

## **Off the Beaten Track in Japan**

While not a large country, Japan is bigger than you think. It has a lot to offer and see. Hear about Japanese attractions that are not on the normal sightseeing list, and how they relate to anime.

## **Ouran High School Newlywed Game**

Come see your favorite hosts pair up against each other to answer revealing questions and see who knows the most about their partner. Be prepared for honest answers, shocking reveals, and lots of laughs. Questions can range anywhere from "what is your partner's spirit animal?" to "What is your partner most likely to go to jail for?" Bragging rights, candy, and a super amazing trophy are all on the line. Come root for your favorite pair of hosts!

## **Voltron Ships**

Join the paladins in a safe space to ship whatever character we want without feeling judged or alone. Make friends. Plus, pick ships of any kind and play fun games like the Pocky challenge, Twister, etc.

## **Wigging Out: From Simple Styles to Gravity-Defying Hairdos**

Planning your next cosplay and want to know how to get those fluffy anime bangs? Trying to do over-the-top spikes? During this panel, we'll start with wig essentials and basics, and also go into those seemingly-impossible styles.

## **World Building and Design**

Are you into writing fanfics or original stories, drawing your own manga, or creating an epic Tabletop RPG campaign? Come join us as we all learn from each other and share tips and techniques for making the ideas in our head come to life.

## **Yay Happy Fun Time Super Japanese Game Show!**

This game show is difficult to describe. In fact, we never know what will happen. What we do know is people can WIN PRIZES. Come and compete for an uncertain future by doing uncertain activities directed by uncertain characters. Just make sure you bring a sense of humor, because you surely won't survive by your wits alone. In fact, your wits are useless in this game, so leave them behind.

## **Your Next Convention**

Our region has no shortage of fun events to attend. Hear what's coming up for the next year from the staffers themselves and win great prizes. Plus, check out their tables in Community Corner outside of Aspen all weekend long.

# CHARITY



Each year, COAF chooses a local charity in honor of our staff. At past conventions, we've had the privilege of paying tribute to staffers' families and remembering DJ Bullock, all while supporting great causes and—with your generous help—raising thousands of dollars to help communities here in Colorado.

This year, we've chosen a local charity to help with an issue near and dear to all of us: mental health. **People House** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Colorado corporation providing opportunities for personal and spiritual growth in a safe and supportive community. They describe themselves as a "center for personal and spiritual growth", a non-profit, non-religious spiritual organization. They assist people with fellowship, education, facilitation, and leadership training.

Mental health is an area where all of us need a little help sometimes, and it's not always easy to know where and how to find assistance. We're thrilled to work with such a worthy local resource.

Check out our charity booth and charity auction for one-of-a-kind autographed keepsakes and frequent raffles. From rare anime production cels and sketches to signed wall scrolls and prints, you won't find items like these anywhere else.

The Charity Booth (featuring our silent auction and raffle, plus a preview of items for the live action) is located in the Vendors' Hall and available all weekend!

**Ciarán Strange** will host the live charity auction on Sunday, April 21, beginning at 3:15 PM.



## 酒 COLORADO ANIME FEST ANIME BAR

Denver's original anime bar, featuring a custom drink menu. Must be 21+ to purchase alcohol. Cash and credit cards are accepted. Located in the Atrium. Open Friday and Saturday nights.



# DINING AT COAF



## FOOD TRUCKS

While we're excited about our new venue, we know that finding affordable places to eat in the Denver Tech Center can be hard. This year, we're excited to bring three local, acclaimed food trucks to COAF. They'll all be located outside the atrium side, on the other side of the patio. Check with them directly for hours and accepted forms of payment.

### Boar and Castle

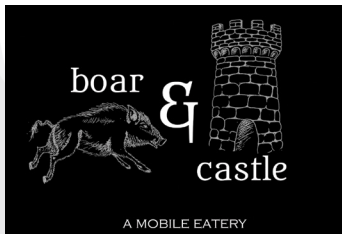
Boar & Castle Mobile Eatery is a Denver-based food truck owned by Chef Jorge Cazares, a self-proclaimed otaku. They have been featured by the Food Network, 5280 Magazine, Eater Denver, and Chef or Death, among others. For COAF, they will be serving up a special, limited menu entirely consisting of foods from some of your favorite anime! Highlights include Shirogane's Bento Box (inspired by Kaguya-sama: Love is War), Pork Cutlet Bowl (Yuri!!! on ICE), Kongou's Curry Rice (Kantai Collection) and Canelés (Your Lie in April).

### Dungeons & Donuts

Dungeons & Donuts has been a six-year journey by founder Bob Sheets to bring his love of gaming and delicious donuts to the community at large. For its first year at COAF, Dungeons & Donuts is excited to introduce a new promotion: make an attack roll to earn a percentage off your donuts! Roll a D20 for your chance to win percentages off or even a free dozen donuts. Plus, make sure to ask for a loyalty card when you stop by. The menu for COAF will be their standard vanilla donuts, along with a wide variety of amazing sugar toppings and sauces. Plus, don't miss the convention return of the popular "Japanese Cooking with Bob" panel on Friday at 5:45 PM in Aspen!

### Roll It Up Sushi Truck

Denver's original street sushi, rolling up some of the best sushi you may ever eat. Our menu is not like any menu that you have seen before. We aim to change the way you see sushi, and change the way you see food trucks. Our mission is simple, take haute sushi mobile!



## OTHER DINING OPTIONS

The Marriott has two dining options, **Pint Brothers Alehouse** (sit-down restaurant in the hotel atrium), and **The Market** (grab and go, plus fresh coffee). Hotel guests can also take advantage of 24-hour room service.

# kirei COSPLAY CAFE

COTTONWOOD



Established in 2014, Kirei Cosplay Café is an Albuquerque-based cosplay group and cafe and we're excited to bring them back to host seven all-ages sessions and three 18+ sessions this weekend. With a different theme each day and one for late night—Yuri on Ice! on Friday, My Hero Academia on Saturday, Nekopara on Sunday, and Yarichin (yaoi) for late night—there's something for everybody. (Or attend all four!)

Tickets are available for purchase at the Merchandise table (near Registration) in the hotel lobby. All sessions throughout the weekend are one hour long. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$15 per person. Get your tickets early, space is limited!

#### Session times:

Friday: 5 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM (18+)

Saturday: 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM,  
10:00 PM (18+), 11:30 PM (18+)

Sunday: 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM



# COSPLAY REPAIR

BLUE BELL



Having a cosplay emergency? COAF is here for you! In our new Cosplay Repair room, you'll find tools, materials, and even expertise to help you out. Just need an out-of-character break away from prying eyes? This is the place to recuperate and chat with your fellow cosplayers.

# KIDS' PROGRAMMING

LUPINE



Introducing a place for families to get away from the hustle and bustle of the convention. Stop on by and take a break. You and your little ones can play games, watch some shows, do some crafts... and maybe even meet a Snorlax!

Please note: because our staff members aren't licensed child-care professionals, minors must be accompanied at all times.

## MANGA LIBRARY HUMBOLDT PEAK



The only manga library at a Colorado convention, our collection of nearly 600 volumes of manga has all your current favorites and all the favorites you didn't know you had yet. Check your bags on the way in, take a load off, grab some manga, and dive into another world.

## PHOTOSHOOTS ATRIUM



Need a place to meet up and take photos with your friends? Featuring three professional lighting and backdrop setups, our photoshoot areas in the atrium are waiting to help show off your cosplays. First-come, first-served. COAF organizes group photoshoots and meetups pre-convention. Check the convention schedule for times and locations.

## QUIET ROOM CRESTONE PEAK



With all the excitement of the convention, sometimes the thing you need the most is to get away from it all. There's no talking allowed in our quiet room, so it's the perfect place to go when you need to decompress.

## TABLETOP GAMING LARKSPUR, PRIMROSE



Where else but the tabletop gaming room can you clear a haunted house or go insane trying, fight giant monsters in Tokyo with your own giant monster, build a train route from San Francisco to Miami by way of Chicago, trade your wood for your friend's sheep (or ruin a friendship when they won't accept), capture treasure from a sinking island, sink your friend's battleship, and pit your favorite anime characters against each other and argue your way to victory—all in one afternoon?

If you've got a badge, you've got a ticket to play some of the best tabletop games ever made. Our game room has so many to play, we can't list them all. Stop by and see for yourself!

## VIDEO ROOMS IRIS, LONGS PEAK



Watch a mix of dubbed and subtitled anime with your friends on the big screen, featuring full HD video and surround sound. We show a variety of titles, from the classics to new releases, so join us as we show the anime you love and the anime you're about to fall in love with. And this year, we've added a second video room to give you even more options for watching great anime at COAF.

And late each night, we put on something a little more comfortable and show hentai, so have your ID at the ready for some 18+ entertainment.

# VIDEO GAMING

EVERGREEN DEF



Two years ago, we partnered with **Boss Stage Arcade & Anime** and **Arcadency** to create a type of video game room new to Denver conventions by bringing over a dozen arcade machines to Colorado Anime Fest. This year, not only are they back, they've hit the turbo button and brought 22 arcade machines to COAF!

## HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT COAF 2019:

### Music Games:

Dance Dance Revolution (red cabinet & Extreme Pro), Pump It Up Prime 2, Taiko No Tatsujin 14, Jubeat, Museca, Sound Voltex, Pop'n Music, Groove Coaster 3EX Dream Party, Reflect Beat, and Project Diva Arcade Future Tone.

### Other Arcade Games:

Left 4 Dead Arcade, Steel Chronicle VICTROOPERS, Puzzles & Dragons Battle Tournament, Initial D8 Infinity Arcade Stage, Gunslinger Stratos 3, and The House of the Dead Arcade.

### Consoles:

We've expanded our console section this year thanks to **SmashDEN**, who's running Smash tournaments throughout the weekend. Check the video game room for tournament schedules!

*All games in the VGR are **free to play** for anyone with a Colorado Anime Fest badge, so join us all weekend long for open play and tournaments (the tournament schedule is posted in the VGR) and get your game on!*



# ARTISTS' ALLEY

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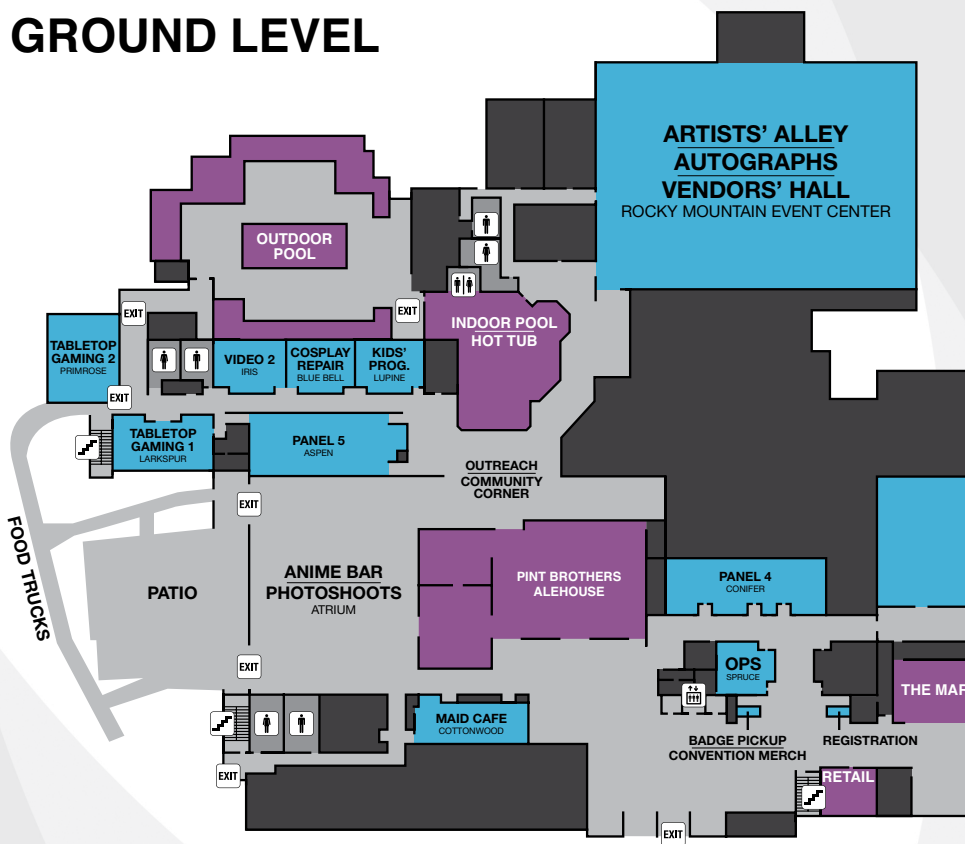


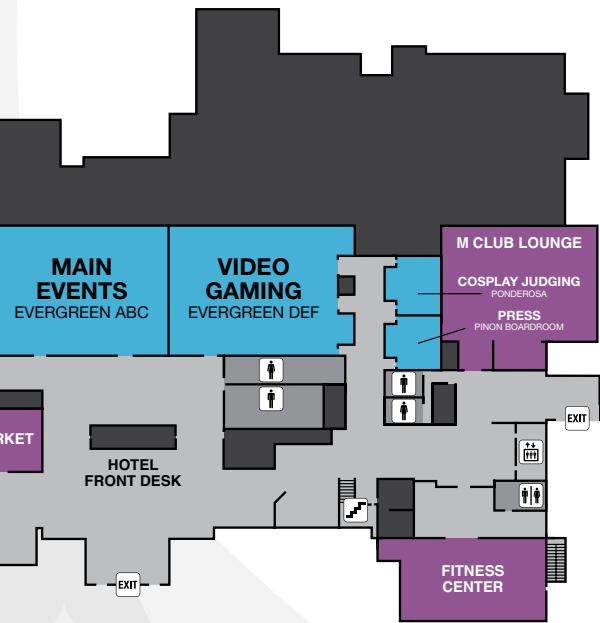
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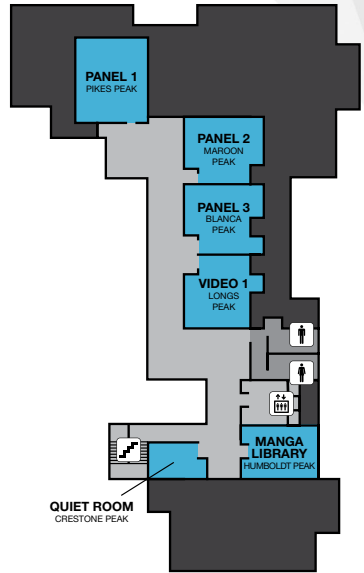


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