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**COMIC
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July 11-
13th, 2025

Welcome to Capital City Comic Con 2025 in Lansing, Michigan!

We're excited to have you with us for another unforgettable weekend filled with creativity, connection, and all things fandom. Whether you're a longtime lover of comics, pop culture entertainment, gaming, cosplay - or just discovering the magic -there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

Explore our bustling exhibitor hall and don't miss Artist Alley, where incredible artists from around the country showcase their latest work. Meet your favorite creators, grab exclusive art and collectibles, and maybe even uncover a new obsession. Dive into panels, workshops, and live demos to deepen your fandom and learn from the best in the business.

Make sure to connect with the passionate cosplay community—catch amazing costumes, take photos, and learn tips from the pros who bring iconic characters to life with jaw-dropping detail and heart.

We're also honored to highlight local charities, clubs, and organizations that are doing great work in the community. Stop by their booths to learn more, get involved, or show your support.

And when the day winds down, the party's just getting started! Our after-hours events are the perfect place to unwind, meet fellow fans, and maybe run into a few surprise guests. VIP badge holders will also enjoy exclusive access to premium experiences designed to make your weekend even more special.

Thank you for being part of Capital City Comic Con 2025. We hope this weekend sparks your imagination, fuels your fandom, and leaves you counting down the days until next year!

- Bryan and Tim

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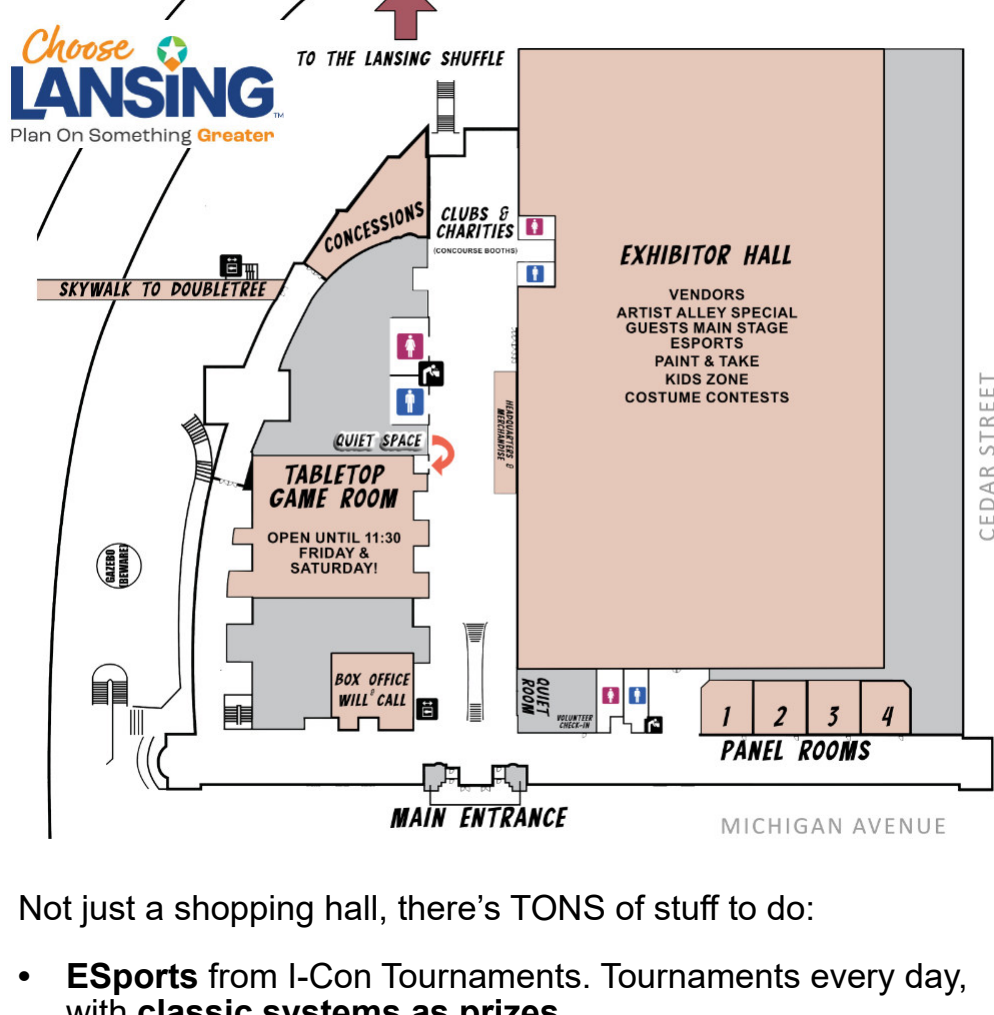
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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE OVERVIEW



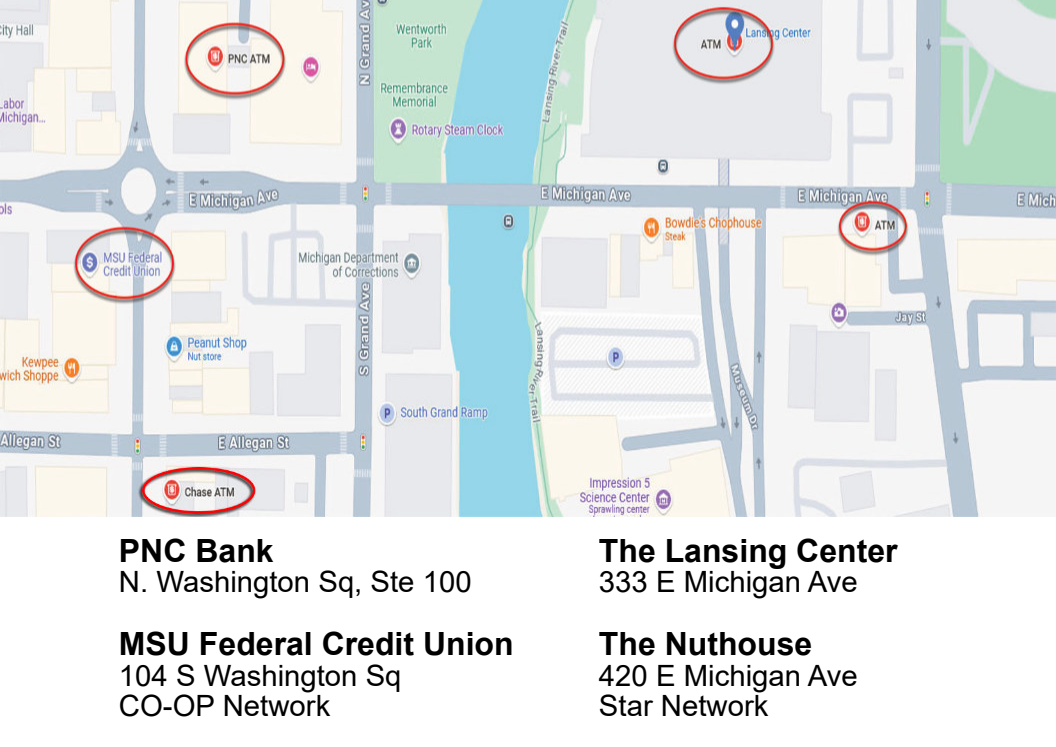
Not just a shopping hall, there's TONS of stuff to do:

- **ESports** from I-Con Tournaments. Tournaments every day, with **classic systems as prizes**.
- **Panels & Workshops** - EXPANDED past vendor hall hours into the **After Hours**.
- **Tabletop Game Room** - In the Ballroom, right across the hall from the vendors. Check out a game from the Hoplite Games library, learn to play Trading Card Games (TCGs), Role Playing Games (RPGs), or join a board game in progress. Open until 11:30 pm Friday and Saturday.
- **Kids Zone**: FREE art & craft projects, and Reptile Rescue (hold a reptile, or take it home!). NEW in 2025: Lego build table from Bricks & Figs!
- **Kids' Paint with Paint Your Poison**: Booth #2412 in Artist Alley, grab a free superhero emblem, paint it & take it home.
- **All-Ages Paint & Take from Hoplite Games**: Booth #0011, grab a free miniature and learn to paint it, and start a brand new hobby this year! Hoplite is also running some raffles and giveaways
- **Charity Row**, from sponsor Five Star Realty. Learn how to get involved and give back in our local Lansing community.
- **Official After Parties!** Check the daily schedules to make the most of every hour!

Sound almost *too great*? The Lansing Center features a **Quiet Space** for those who may need a break from the excitement and stimulation of events. This space is made possible through a partnership with the Mid Michigan Autism Association and is equipped with two chairs and a variety of sensory-friendly toys and tools.

The Quiet Space is located next to Banquet Room 1 off the main concourse, and we kindly ask that guests keep the sensory items in the space.

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CONVENTION RULES

We thank you in advance for following our convention rules and cosplay guidelines, and ensuring a fun event for all! Please feel free to ask staff for clarification.

Be respectful of yourself and others.

- Cosplay does NOT mean consent: ask to take pictures of those in costume.
- Do not touch others without permission; aggressive behavior or harassment (bothering someone who has asked you to leave them alone) will not be tolerated.
- Don't destroy anyone's personal property, the venue's property, or public property; unlawful behavior will be reported to authorities.
- Exercise control of your personal volume; No profanity will be tolerated.

Distribution or solicitation of literature is prohibited without prior permission from Capital City Comic Con owners. We reserve the right to remove you from the premises. You must have an official hand stamp, wristband or badge to re-enter the convention.

Lansing Center rules apply to everyone at this event.

- No real weapons allowed on the premises. Real weapons purchased from a vendor should be boxed and taken to your vehicle or room.
- No smoking or drinking alcohol in the center.
- No pets allowed, unless they are official service animals.
- Do not participate in unlawful activities; you will be reported to authorities.

Cosplay Guidelines, Dress Code and Weapons

We love and encourage Cosplay! That said, Capital City Comic Con has a policy in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees. See the cosplay page in this book for additional rules and contest information.

- THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONVENTION
- SHOES MUST BE WORN at all times; no bare feet are allowed.
- NO LIVE STEEL WEAPONS OR REAL GUNS are allowed.
- NO PROJECTILES of any kind will be allowed. This includes arrows, throwing stars, darts, foam, water, prop, silly plastic, plastic, food, metal, etc.

COVID 19 Policy

The following measures will be in place for the duration of Capital City Comic Con 2024, and apply to all attendees, exhibitors, guests, volunteers, and staff:

Masks are welcome and encouraged for those who would be more comfortable with a mask on, but masks WILL NOT BE REQUIRED for Capital City Comic Con at this time.

General Health & Safety

- We will not be requesting vaccination records.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- If you are experiencing ANY COVID-19 symptoms (or are ill in general), or have tested positive/are considered contagious within the week of the show, please stay home.
- Wash hands/sanitize regularly.

These policies are subject to change, and every effort will be made to communicate those changes ahead of time should any occur



COMMUNITY AND CHARITY

Capital City Comic Con is proud to support and highlight various charities and community organizations that make a positive impact. This year, we are hosting booths and events featuring local and national charities that promote literacy, support children's hospitals, and provide resources for underprivileged communities. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about these causes, participate in charity auctions, and donate to make a difference. We believe in the power of our community to come together, not just for the love of comics and pop culture, but also to support and uplift those in need. Your participation helps make this event not just a celebration of fandom, but also a force for good in the community.

Here are a few of the great charities and non-profit groups we are hosting that could use your support:

- 501st Star Wars Midwest Garrison (Make-a-wish)
- Audio Air Force
- Capital Area Modelers Society
- Dan's Dream Art Collection Display (Humane Society)
- Emergent Esports (supports High School Esports clubs)
- Jedi Council of America (each chapter supports its own local charity)
- Lansing Makers Network (community maker space with shared tools/machines)
- Lansing Batman (Children's Miracle Network)
- League Of Enchantment (Children's Miracle Network)
- Mandalorian Mercs Costume Club (Little Warrior International)
- Michigan Assistive Technology Program (Technology for physical disabilities)
- Michigan Cos-Abilities (Helping neurodivergent attend conventions and participate in cosplay)
- Organization for Transformative Works
- Royal Manticoran navy (Big Cat Rescue)
- Saving Scales Reptile Rescue (Rehab for injured and neglected reptiles)
- Star Trek's Starfleet International Lansing, U.S.S. Tecumseh (Lansing Child and Family Charities)
- Code 501 - A G.I. Joe Costume Club (Veterans affairs)



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COMIC ART SCHOLARSHIP

Capital City Comic Con established this scholarship in 2016 to encourage the study of comic art. It is currently offered exclusively to current students at Michigan State University enrolled in the Comic Art Minor. One scholarship is awarded based on artistic merit of original artwork submissions as determined by a comprehensive jury. The scholarship is now being funded by our Drink & Draw event, where artist guests and exhibitors create unique pieces that are put up for auction. This year's auction will be on Sunday at the convention in the vendor hall, which means the scholarship comes directly from YOU, the comic art fans!

The winner of the scholarship receives \$1,000 and a commission to create a piece of artwork to be used for promotions and our program book cover.

Prints of previous winners' artwork are available for purchase at our convention merch booth, while supplies last (Each print is a limited edition).

2016 Winner: Grace Fish

2017 Winner: Christy Hans

2018 Winner: Mary Mitchell

2019 Winner: Lora Root

2020 Winner: Toni Davis (Cover of 2022 Program Book)

2023 Winner: Shreya Balla (Cover of 2024 Program Book)

2024 Winner: Caitlin Houting (Cover of 2025 Program Book)

Caitlin is a traditional and digital artist based out of Wyandotte, MI, specializing in comics, acrylic painting, and mixed media art. Additionally, she received her BFA from Michigan State University's Residential College of Arts and Humanities in 2025.

She's especially interested in body horror, female-oriented trauma, and the complex relationship between love and control that has been inspired by creators like Octavia E. Butler, Mary Shelley, and Kate Bush. She's felt connected to comics from a young age and finds them an incredible way to make complex stories more accessible (especially to young audiences).

In the future, Caitlin plans to extend her artistic career to more books, zines, and maybe even collaborations with video game designers. Her goal for 2025 is to continue creating story-motivated pieces that connect her, through her point of view, with like-minded people.



Visit Caitlin at booth #1803 to get your limited edition art print! (Also available at our merchandise booth.)



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THINGS TO DO FRIDAY, 7/11/25

FRIDAY PANELS					
Full panel descriptions available on our website.					
TIME	MAIN STAGE	PANEL ROOM 1	PANEL ROOM 2	PANEL ROOM 3	PANEL ROOM 4
4:30	Professional Prop Building in Multiple Disciplines		Freak Lineage: Mutants, Circus, and Reproduction		The World of Diverse and Inclusive Cosplay
5:00		Creative Wellbeing: Sustaining Your Art and Yourself			
5:30	Women in Comics: Corinne, K Lynn, Tana Ford			How to Comic Con	
6:00			Space Dive!		DIY Leathercraft : Leather Collars
6:30	Costume Contest: Open	Legacy & Lore: Building Epic Mythologies in Comics		#Hashtag: An OG Comic Blogger's Memoir	
7:00					
7:30			The Care and Feeding of Fanatical Fans		The Psychology of Evil - A Look at Comic Villains
8:00		Making Funny Animals Say the Wrong Things: Digidestiny and the Art of Dubbing Incorrectly		Write or Wrong: Creating Choices by the Numbers	
8:30					



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FRIDAY GAMING				
<i>Full schedule on our website and reserve your seat!</i>				
TIME	ROLE PLAYING GAMES	TCG – PLAY	TRADING CARD GAMES – LEARN	OTHER
3:00 PM	Magical Girl	Force of Will <i>(Demos and Event)</i>	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
				3:30 Clank Catacombs
4:00	Marvel Multiverse			
5:00	Macross Among the Stars Robotech: <i>The Marcoss Saga</i> Pointy Hat: <i>playing with 3rd party content D&D 2024</i> The Conquering Heroes	Force of Will <i>(Demos and Event)</i>	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
6:00				
7:00		Force of Will <i>(Demos and Event)</i>	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
OPEN GAMING UNTIL 11:30 PM				

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FRIDAY ESPORTS	
TIME	EVENT
4:00 PM	Mario Party 1v1
5:00 PM	Thanks to Man with the Face Tattoo for your generous prize support!
6:00 PM	Mortal Kombat 1v1
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FRIDAY AFTER-HOURS

GAME ROOM OPEN FRIDAY UNTIL 11:30PM!

6pm Late Night Gaming at The Lansing Center

(Included with Admission)

Dungeons & Dragons, board / card / miniature games - whatever your poison is, gaming areas in the Lansing Center ballroom is open for free play until midnight both Friday and Saturday. Join a group, bring your own game, or borrow something from our game library. This is open to all ages, general admission ticket is required.

8pm Karaoke at the Shuffle

(Free)

FOOD HALL & LANSING SHUFFLE SOCIAL CLUB

Join us at the Lansing Shuffle starting at 8pm for the free karaoke! Lansing Shuffle food kiosks and full bar will be open all evening. This event is ALL AGES and is open to the public, no convention ticket is required.

9pm Cigars & Stars at Downtown Smoke

(VIP Tickets and Invitation only)

Immerse yourself in the ultimate Friday night experience at Capital City Comic Con's exclusive event, Cigars & Stars. This VIP mixer offers a haven for celebrity guests and VIP ticket holders to unwind in style after the first day at Capital City Comic Con. Indulge in a variety of food provided by Midtown Brewing Company, premium beverages, and hand-selected cigars, all provided for Guest's enjoyment. Hosted at the Downtown Smoking Club, conveniently situated within walking distance from the Lansing Center and Doubletree hotel. Join us for an unforgettable evening of relaxation and revelry at Cigars & Stars; an essential highlight of the Capital City Comic Con VIP experience. Limited attendance ensures an intimate ambiance, perfect for forging connections and making memories.

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10:30 AM	Scholarship Presentation		Flash Your Muse: Using Flash Fiction to Fight Writer's Block		Page to Stage - Cosplaying from Literature
11:00	MTG Artist: Susan Van Camp				
11:30		The Good, the Bad, and the Holy: The Role and Use of Religion in Sci-Fi and Fantasy		Not for Self, But for Better Community : A Star Trek Cosplay Group and their Mission	
12:00 PM	Star Trek: Garrett Wang		Cosplay at 50 and Beyond		Armor Academy: Chainmail Plushie
12:30					
1:00	Mandalorian:	Inside the Otherside Paranormal & Mortuary Science Museum		Real of Fake: Movie Edition	
1:30	Barry Lowin		The Building Blocks of a Black Woman: Creating Compelling Leads		Armor Academy: Beginner Chainmail
2:00	Horror: Kevin Keppy				
2:30		Whose Panel Is It Anyway?		Crafting Iconic Villains: The Psychology behind Memorable Antagonists	
3:00	Voice Actors From a Hat	Drew Moss, Uko Smith, Gavin Smith	Self-Publishing Your Own Novel		Armor Academy: Scale Armor
3:30					
4:00	Costume Contest: Adults Cash Prize	Hollywood Squares		Weather or Not: Weather in Sci-Fi	
4:30					Circuit & Spark: Bringin Cosplay to Life with Electronics
5:00					
5:30		Pop Culture and the Teenage Mind		Spiderman Looks Like Me! A Discussion on Diversity and Equity in Comics	
6:00			Mad Scientists, Unlimited Knowledge, and More Scientist Character Tropes in Media		
6:30					Yu-Gi-Oh! Let's Quiz
7:00		How to Panel Panel: A Panel on Paneling Made for Panelists Interested in Paneling on Panels		Staring into the Orb: How to Stream Your D&D Games	
7:30			Queer Creators in Pop Culture Spaces		
8:00					
8:30		1 Nerd, 2 Nerds, Old Nerd: A Seussian Discussion on Perspective, Comics, and Life.		Truck-Kun Strikes Again! What Makes a Great Isekai?	
9:00			Hitchhiker's Guide to the Bloggo-sphere!		

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The image is a promotional graphic for Flashback Comics and Toys. At the top, the store's name is written in a stylized font with a red-to-yellow gradient, flanked by two curved arrows. Below this, a starburst-shaped coupon offers 10% off on retail store purchases, valid from Wednesday to Sunday, with an exclusion for consignment items. The store's address, 2024 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48912, is displayed in a yellow box. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are provided, along with the email address FlashbackComicsMI@gmail.com. The bottom section, titled 'SATURDAY GAMING', includes a schedule link and a table detailing the activities for the day, categorized by time and type of game.

Pointy Hat: playing with

Zombie Overload
One Piece

2024	The Conquering Heroes	One Piece Blue Water League Challenge		
12:00 PM	Magical Girl			
		Force of Will (Demos and Event)		
1:00				Starship Captains
2:00		Force of Will (Demos and Event)	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	Search for Planet X Heredity Demonstration
				Wingspan
3:00	Marvel Multiverse			Mantic Games Demos
4:00	#1 Action King	Pokémon and Magic The Gathering: Cuteness and Zombie Overload		Whitehall Mystery
		Force of Will (Demos and Event)	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
5:00	Magical Girl			The Sarlacc: Starwars Social Deduction
6:00	The kingdom of Animaria D&D 5e Macross Among the Stars Robotech: The Marcoss Saga Pointy Hat: playing with 3rd party content D&D 2024 The Conquering Heroes			Castles of Burgundy
		Force of Will (Demos and Event)	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
7:00				
8:00	Marvel Multiverse			
	OPEN GAMING UNTIL 11:30 PM			

SATURDAY ESPORTS


TIME	EVENT
11:00 AM	Tekken 8
NOON	
1:00 PM	MarioKart World Tour
2:00 PM	
3:00 PM	Super Smash Bro. Ult. 1v1
ESPORTS OPEN 10AM – 6PM SATURDAY	
SATURDAY AFTER HOURS	

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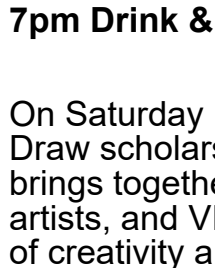
game library. This is open to all ages, general admission ticket is required.

7pm Official Concert: Wesley and the Crushers

& Spirit Bomb (\$15 online \$20 at door)


 Join us at Grewal Hall for the official Comic Con concert event! Renowned for their energetic sound and engaging stage presence, this band combines elements of rock and pop for a truly entertaining show. Fans can expect a night filled with infectious beats, catchy melodies, and a vibrant atmosphere.

Concert starts at 8 and doors open at 7pm. This event is **18 and up only** and is open to the public.



(VIP Tickets and Invitation only)

On Saturday night, Capital City Comic Con presents The Drink & Draw scholarship fundraiser. This gathering brings together celebrity guests, select artists, and VIP ticket holders for an evening of creativity and community.

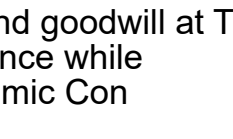
The Studio

Guests are treated to a catered food, beverages, and fun while they flex their

network. These creations will be sold at a silent auction, scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, June 10, 2011. The proceeds from this auction will be

following morning. The proceeds from this auction will be dedicated to funding the Capital City Comic Con Art Scholarship, benefiting students at Michigan State University enrolled in the minor of Comic Art & Graphic Novels program.

With limited attendance, The Drink & Draw promises an intimate and engaging atmosphere. All necessary art supplies are provided, ensuring that everyone can fully participate..



Join us for an evening of artistry, generosity, and goodwill at The Drink & Draw; an opportunity to make a difference while celebrating creativity within the Capital City Comic Con community.

GAME ROOM OPEN SATURDAY UNTIL 11:30pm!

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SUNDAY PANELS

Full panel descriptions available on our website.

TIME	MAIN STAGE	PANEL ROOM 1	PANEL ROOM 2	PANEL ROOM 3	PANEL ROOM 4
10:30 PM		Comics in the Classroom		How to Create Comics and Manga	
11:00 PM	Publishers: KaPow, Coach (Essential), Scout Comics, Dirk Manning				Building New Worlds: The Secrets of Comic Book Universe Creation
11:30 PM					
12:00 PM	Bill Morrison	Creating Pop Culture Events		I Dig Crazy Flicks Presents: Ninety For Chill - The Podcast	
12:30 PM			The Digital Frontier: How Tech is Redefining Comics		DIY Leathercraft: Leather Armor
1:00 PM	Costume Contest				
1:30 PM	Kids	Clone Wars Leadership			
2:00 PM			The Six Degrees of Fujio Akatsuka		Armor Academy: Plate Armor
2:30 PM	We Can Do It: Women in Geek Culture				
3:00 PM			Science in Fiction: How accurate is it?		Finding Your Werewolf Children

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SUNDAY GAMING

Full schedule on our website and reserve your seat!

START	ROLE PLAYING GAMES	TCG - PLAY	TRADING CARD GAMES - LEARN	OTHER
10:00 AM		Force of Will (Demos and Event)	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
11:00	Macross Among the Stars Robotech: The Marcoss Saga Pointy Hat: playing with 3rd party content D&D 2024 The Conquering Heroes	Force of Will (Demos and Event)		Wyrmspan Mantic Games Demos The Sarlacc: Star Wars Social Deduction
12:00 PM		Force of Will (Demos and Event)	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
1:00				
2:00		Force of Will (Demos and Event)	Fire Emblem Cipher Digimon Pokemon Yu-Gi-Oh! Gundam Star Wars Magic the Gathering	
	OPEN GAMING UNTIL 4:00 PM			

SUNDAY ESPORTS

TIME	EVENT
11:00 AM	Super Smash Bro Ult. Kids Play FREE: 8 Player
1:00 PM	Street Fighter 6
3:00 PM	Super Smash Bro. Ult. Doubles
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KIDS ACTIVITIES

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Tabletop Gaming

(Lansing Center Ballroom Across from Vendor Hall)



Our game room is hosting dozens of games all weekend, going into the After Hours as well (until Midnight Friday and Saturday). Nearly all games are FREE to play, including introductory Dungeons & Dragons sessions. See the game schedule on our website for full details. TCG events in partnership with Masterpiece Collectibles (Booth #1401, 1402).

Paint & Take and Learn a new game with Hoplite Games

(Booth #0011 near Vendor Hall main entrance)

Get a FREE miniature and sit down and paint it! Then take it home! Experienced painters will help you get started, and all the materials are provided. All our game demonstrations are FREE and kid-friendly and full of staff that will help teach games to kids and adults alike. Stop by any game area and let them know you're a beginner; they'll help get you started!



Paint & Take with Paint Your Poison (Booth #2412 in Artist Alley)

Find your creativity and find your style through painting. Amanda will have various superhero and pop culture pictures for kids to paint for FREE. You can also get a kit from her to take home!

Kids Zone (near ESports Area)

Create Characters - Imagine Stories - Discover Connections! Our felt masks are back with new colors thanks to Lansing Makers Network, Doodle has a photo



booth and NEW this year - visit out Lego Building area, brought to you by Bricks & Minifigs, Lansing (Booth #0209, 0210, 0309, 0310). All activities here are FREE!



Reptile Rescue (near Kids Zone)

Reptile Rescue helps reptiles and amphibians find new homes. Learn about taking care of reptiles, hold and pet them (for FREE), and even adopt an animal (with your parents' permission!) and take it home.

Kids Costume Contest (Main Stage, Sunday at 1:00pm)

Kids 12 and under can enter the kids cosplay contest FREE for a chance to win prizes! Strut across the stage and get your best hero pose ready. You can also take pictures with your favorite superheroes around the con. Pre-Register by 12:30 pm at booth #1601, with Envy the Green Fairy.



Panels & Workshops (Rooms 101-104)

They're not just for adults - panels are kid-friendly, and some are kid-specific. From coming up with family costume ideas to learning how to draw, there's plenty for everyone! See panel listing and website for full details. All panels are FREE to attend, unless a workshop denotes a cost for materials.

Balloon Twisting with Chris Cornwell

Get your choice of dozens of different balloon shaped thingamabobs and whatsamajigs FREE from balloon sculptor extraordinaire Chris.

Photo Opportunities (Everywhere!)

Get your picture taken with a superhero, Stormtrooper, Mandalorian, G.I. Joe, and more! Life-size statues and vehicles will be available for poses, for FREE. (Please do NOT sit in or stand on vehicles.)

Visit the **Quiet Space** between the Tabletop Gaming and Concessions for those who may need a break from the excitement and stimulation of events. This space is made possible through a partnership with the Mid Michigan Autism Association and is equipped with two chairs and a variety of **sensory-friendly toys and tools**. Please keep the sensory items in the space.

OPEN GAMING



ESPORTS

EMERGENT ESPORTS



Bring your own controller, or check out a controller if you need one, and join in the party. Even our tournaments are FREE, just register beforehand to reserve a seat. Walk-ups may be accommodated if there is room. Additional prizes from Man With a Face Tattoo, in booth #0410.

TABLETOP GAMING

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We have guidelines in place to ensure that all cosplayers and convention patrons may enjoy the event. In short, we expect cosplayers to be respectful of others, exercise sound judgment, and place safety and courtesy above all else. These guidelines also apply to our Cosplay Contest, which you can read more about below. Specifically, we require both cosplayers and patrons to adhere to the following guidelines, understanding that failure to respect them may result in removal from the convention:

- All costumes must be family-friendly, i.e., no lewdness or vulgarity
- No live steel weapons or real guns are allowed. All weapons must be peace-bonded, must have an orange safety tip, and may not contain any sharp edges or points. All weapons are subject to inspection upon entrance to the event.
- No projectiles of any kind will be allowed. This includes arrows, throwing stars, darts, foam, water, paper, silly string, plastic, food, metal, etc.
- Respect others' personal space, i.e., no touching of any kind or aggressive behavior
- Exercise control of your personal volume
- No harassment of any kind will be tolerated
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Friday Costume Contest

Theme: Your favorite Alien

6:30 pm at Vendor Hall Main Stage, **All Ages**

Come as any character that fits the theme.

Saturday Daytime Contest - CASH PRIZE EVENT

Theme: Anything Goes

4:00 pm at Vendor Hall Main Stage, **Ages 18 and up only.**

Pre-judging at Envy the Green Fairy's booth, #1601

Come as ANY character!

1st place: \$350 Cash

2nd place: \$100 Cash

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- All Costume contest contestants must register before the start of the contest at booth #1601 in the vendor hall. No contestants will be considered after the contest begins. Each contest may be limited to a certain number of participants. Register early!
- Your registration form should include a full address, e-mail, phone number, and a phonetic spelling of your character for the Emcee, and the series your character is from. If you have an original cosplay, please mention that on your form.
- You will be provided a lanyard with a number that you will need to enter the contest. Please keep the lanyard somewhere safe. Capital City Comic Con will not be responsible for lost or stolen lanyards and badges. Lanyards must be returned immediately after the contest.
- Preference will be given to hand-made or hand-crafted costuming and props.
- Each contestant may only enter one costume into each competition.
- No skits during judging.
- No political or religious statements.
- No flashpots, explosive devices, or similar special effects.
- Bladed weapons must be peace-tied and sheathed at all times.
- Costumes must be self-contained.
- Large or elaborate costumes must be handled by the contestant and/or assistants the contestant brings to help; Capital City Comic Con will not be able to assist.
- Capital City Comic Con reserves the right to disqualify anyone for any reason.

Additional Saturday Contest Rules

- Individuals for the Saturday Cash Prize Contest must be 18 or older and will be pre-judged at sign-up. Please arrive to register at Booth #1601 in full costume including makeup with any props you would like the judges to consider.
- All entrants must have a cosplay that is at least 65% handmade (or modified).

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[Garrett Wang \(Booth #2505\)](#)

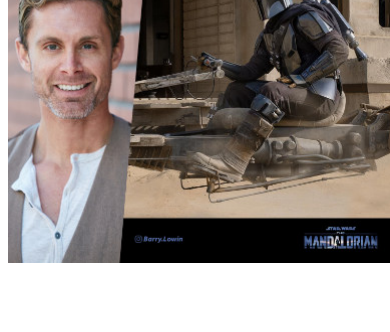


Garrett Richard Wang was born on December 15, 1968 in Riverside, California to Chinese immigrant parents. He and his sister Laura spent their childhood on the move. He lived in Indiana, then moved to Bermuda and finally to Tennessee. Later, he graduated from Harding Academy High School, Memphis, and moved to Los Angeles to attend UCLA where he majored in Asian studies. UCLA theater professor Jenny Roudtree inspired him to pursue an acting career. His first acting performance outside College was the portrayal of "John Lee" in the lead role of Chay Yew's "Porcelain" at the burbage theater. Later, he continued to perform onstage such as "Model Minority", "Woman Warrior" and "A Language Of Our Own".

He made his TV debut in 1994 as a guest star on the pilot episode of comedy All-American Girl (1994). One year later, he got the part of "Ensign Harry Kim" on Star Trek: Voyager (1995) where he appeared on television regularly for 7 years. Later, in 1997, Wang was named one of People Magazine's 50 most beautiful people in the world. Also E! Entertainment Television has named Garrett as one of the "20 Coolest Bachelors" in the country. His television experience also includes roles in a variety of movies including Flesh Suitcase (1995), Angry Cafe (1995), Ivory Tower (1998), Hundred Percent (1998), Survival Island (2002), among others.

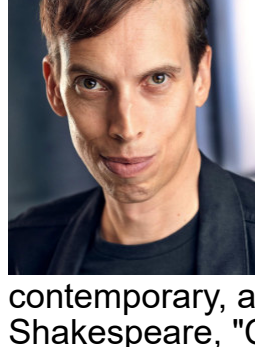
[Barry Lowin \(Booth #2506\)](#)

Barry Lowin is an actor best known for his work on The Mandalorian, The Big Bang Theory and The Bold and the Beautiful. Barry also performed as The Trickster in Cirque du Soleil's Kooza. Barry is originally from Louisiana. He attended Louisiana State University where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theater and Journalism.



Barry Lowin is an actor known for his role in The Mandalorian , bringing the character of Din Djarin to life alongside Pedro Pascal, Brendan Wayne, and Lateef Crowder. He also portrayed a Shoretrooper in The Mandalorian and Garfalaquox in The Book of Boba Fett. He also serves as the performance artist of the Klatootinian Pirate Pilot and Quarren Navigator in The Mandalorian and the Home One Comms Officer in Ahsoka.

[Kevin Keppy \(Booth #2513\)](#)



Kevin graduated from the Art of Institute of Colorado where he earned a degree in computer animation and design. After college he returned to Springfield, Missouri where he began actor training in film and theatre; his first play, "Dracula" (by Steven Dietz), would lead him on a journey of performing a vast number of creature characters, monsters, and villains. He would go on to play many roles in original, contemporary, and classical theatre such as works from Shakespeare, "Cyclops by Euripides", "No Exit", "A Christmas Carol", and "Night of the Living Dead". In addition to acting, Kevin in quick order expanded to direct, produce, and stage manage many area stage productions.

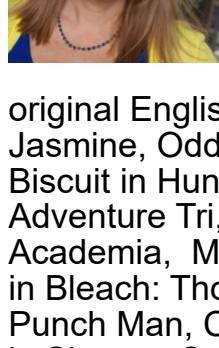
While in the theatre Kevin worked in front of the camera in the genres of horror, comedy, thrillers, suspense, and drama in the areas of movies, television, commercials, short films, music videos, web television, and industrials. After moving to Los Angeles he would work on the Disney+ show "The Quest", the Paramount Pictures movie "Smile", Guillermo Del Toro's "Cabinet of Curiosities" on Netflix, and "Evil" on Paramount+.

[Michelle Ruff \(Booth #2507, 2508\)](#)

Michelle Ruff is an American voice actress known for her work in anime and video games. Some of her roles include Rukia Kuchiki in Bleach, Yuki Nagato in The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya, Yoko Littner in Gurren Lagann, Fujiko Mine in Lupin the Third, Chi in Chobits, Aoi Sakuraba in Ai Yori Aoshi, Elie in Rave Master, Nat in The Promised Neverland, and Sinon in Sword Art Online. In video games, she is the voice of Jill Valentine in the Resident Evil series, Yukari Takeba and Sadayo Kawakami in the Persona series, Cream the Rabbit in the Sonic the Hedgehog series and Crimson Viper in the Street Fighter series.



[Tara Sands \(Booth #2509\)](#)



Tara Jayne Sands has worked as an actor in New York and Los Angeles. She has appeared on stage, in television and in all types of media doing voice over work. Her voice can be heard on hundreds of radio and TV commercials, audiobooks, video games, and on several popular cartoons including over 50 characters in the original English Pokemon series including Bulbasaur, Richie, Jasmine, Oddish, Yamper and Tori. Some other roles include Biscuit in HunterXHunter, Mokuba in Yu-Gi-Oh!, Kari in Digimon Adventure Tri, Anna in Shaman King, Curious in My Hero Academia, Momo and Utahime in Jujutsu Kaisen, Kirio Hikifume in Bleach: Thousand-Year Blood War, Komu Infinity in One Punch Man, Circe in Generator Rex, Young Jin in Anohana, Filia in Slayfers, Summer in Barbie: Life in The Dreamhouse, Death 13/Mannish Boy in Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Namida in Boruto, Sonia in Fire Emblem, Kyu in Bungou Stray Dogs, Ruby in Rainbow High and lots more.

She has recorded ads for everything under the sun, including McDonalds, American Express, Ford, Pom, Home Depot, Albertsons and many, many more. Tara has narrated over 300 audiobooks and has received numerous Earphones awards and Audie nominations. You can hear Tara's voice all day long as the imaging voice on many radio stations around the country.

For 2 years (over 100 episodes!), Tara was the on-camera host of Cartoon Network's weekly Friday night lineup, appropriately titled Fridays. On Fridays Tara interviewed dozens of celebrities like George Lucas, Johnny Depp, Robin Williams, Daniel Radcliffe and Charles Barkley, and had more on-camera food fights than she cares to remember. You can also check out Tara on TV on episodes of Everybody Hates Chris, The Fresh Beat Band, The Sarah Silverman Program, and The Newsroom.

[Joshua Seth \(Booth #2512\)](#)

Joshua Seth is known for his iconic roles in over 100 animated series and movies. He is best known as the voice of Taik, the starring role in Digimon, which he has voiced for 25 years. He has also brought to life such legendary anime characters as Tetsuo in Akira, young Knives in Trigun, 009 in Cyborg Soldier 009, Shobu in Duel Masters and Alpha 5 in Power Rangers Turbo. His extensive career also includes roles in beloved shows like SpongeBob SquarePants, Ghost in the Shell, Cowboy Bebop, Rugrats, Transformers, Wolf's Rain, Xenosaga, Zatch Bell, Last Exile and many other classic series.



These days, Joshua is a popular guest at anime conventions when he's not on tour with his award-winning comedy mind reading show.

[Doug Erholtz \(Booth #2510\)](#)



With over 20 years in the voice over industry, Doug Erholtz has left his mark on many animated characters. Known for his work in anime as Inspector Zenigata in Luin the III, TK from Digimon, Asuma Sarutobi from Naruto, Gin Ichimaru from Bleach, Akhiro Atland from Gundam: Iron Blooded Orphans and Jean Plerre Polnareff in Jojo's Bizarre Adventures - Stardust Crusaders. In video games you can hear Doug as the English voice of Squall Leonhart from Final Fantasy and Kingdom Hearts, Vega from Street Fighter, Hazama From Blazblue, Cao Pi from Dynasty Warriors and Python from the Fire Emblem series. In original animation, Doug has voiced Grumpy Bear and Beastly from Care Bears, Sprint Deer and Flap Peacock from Mattel's Enchantimals, Sir Steel from Nickelodeon's Deer Squad and a host of characters from the all new Monchichis. Stay "tooned" as Doug has several new original shows on the horizon.

[Craig Lee Thomas \(Booth #2511\)](#)

Craig is best known for providing the motion capture, performance capture, VO and facial likeness for the Super Earth Spokesperson in the 2024 Sony/Arrowhead interactive title 'Helldivers 2' (BAFTA Longlist 2025).

He grew up in a small town outside of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where he studied at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting. During summers of college, he was a company member at the Tony award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival, appearing in 8 productions over 3 seasons (and was also the Festival's youngest Fight Captain at age 20).



Craig remained in New York City for a year after college, appearing in numerous off-Broadway world premieres, including David Ian Lee's 'Sleeper' and Colin McKenna's 'Parking Lot, Lonely Heart', which scored him a rave review in the New York Times.

After moving to Los Angeles in 2009, Craig co-founded the sketch comedy group Pursued By Bear with fellow NYU alumni Lisa J Dooley and Kelly Landry.

Craig has been seen as the Newspaper Man in the Budweiser Super Bowl Ad "Return of the King" directed by Jake Scott, provided voiceover for the long-running Postmates "When All You Can ____ Is Think About" campaign, and is a voiceover instructor at Real Voice LA.



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SPECIAL GUEST COMIC CREATORS

Bill Morrison (Booth #1708)



Bill Morrison is an American comic book artist, writer, and editor. A long-time illustrator for Disney (doing promotional work for Cinderella, Bambi, Peter Pan, Jungle Book, Robin Hood, Little Mermaid, among others), he is a co-founder and creative director of Bongo Comics (along with Matt Groening). Bill worked as an illustrator and occasional writer for The Simpsons and created his own comic Roswell. He also served as a director for Futurama. Recently he was executive editor of MAD magazine before moving back to Michigan.
<https://www.instagram.com/atomicbattery/>

Keith Garvey (Booth #1608)

Keith Garvey is a classically trained artist graduating from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. He does art in a variety of mediums such as, pencil, paint and digital. Keith is most well known for his Pin-Ups and has been a mainstay in the world of Pin-Up art for over 20 years. His unmistakable style has been the go-to for companies looking to get noticed. Over the last few years, he has also started doing comic book covers. Doing his first cover in 2016 and never looking back, Keith has done hundreds of covers for some of the most popular indie and mainstream creators in the business.
<https://www.garvgraphx.com/>



Tana Ford (Booth #1706)



Tana Ford is a Hugo and Eisner Award winning artist whose work has appeared in Marvel, Dark Horse, Vertigo, iDW and other publications. She began her career by self-publishing queer comics, first winning a Queer Press Grant then going on to become a Lambda Literary Award finalist. Tana has drawn for Silk, The Amazing Spider-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy, New Warriors, Jem and the Holograms, Star Trek, Black Panther, and Livewire. Her next full length graphic novel The Space Cat is due out in Spring 2025 from First Second/MacMillan.
<https://www.tanaford.com/>

Drew Moss (Booth #1707)

Drew Moss is an Illustrator based out of southeastern Virginia and is currently illustrating THUNDERCATS with artist/writer Declan Shalvey. To see more of Drew's work and upcoming projects you can follow him on twitter @drew_moss or on Instagram @drewermoss.
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Uko Smith (Booth #1702)



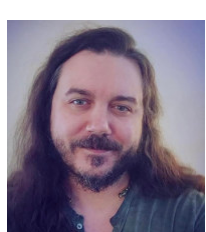
Uko Smith, a Washington, D.C. native now living in Columbus, Oh graduated from the Columbus College of Art and Design with a degree in illustration/ design and a minor in fashion. Uko is becoming known for his unique style for the erotic pinup and his sensual style of work. Collectors and admirers of his work have come to notice his distinctive use of linework and stylized realization. Always looking to make his work distinguished from others in the field, he blends his style of design and illustration into a very unique package that definitely separates it from others.
<http://www.ukosmith.com/>

Dirk Manning (Booth #1606)

Dirk Manning is the writer/creator of comic series such as the supernatural noir Tales of Mr. Rhee and the genre-bending horror anthology Nightmare World. More of Dirk's comic work includes: Buried But Not Dead, Twiztid Haunted High-Ons, Butts In Seats, Homestead, Adventures of Cthulhu Jr & Friends and many more. Now predominantly publishing with Source Point Press (where he also serves as Special Projects Manager), Dirk was an early adopter in using crowdfunding to launch pre-sales of his comics and graphic novels, with Dirk's work having raised over half a million dollars and counting in pre-sales on Kickstarter alone. Dirk is also the author of the inspirational/how-to column turned book series Write or Wrong: A Writer's Guide to Creating Comics and has contributed several short stories to the RPG game series Clockwork: Dominion for Reliquary Game Studios. His screenplay writing credits include the YouTube horror series Blackbox TV episode "The Hunger" (directed by Drew Daywalt and featuring Bonnie Aarons and Jon Gries).
<https://www.dirkmanning.com/>

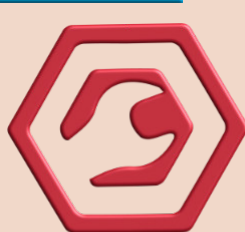
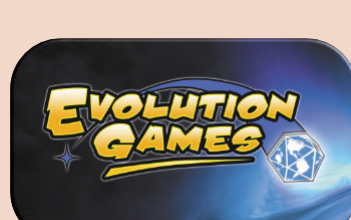


Brenton Lengel (Booth #1604)



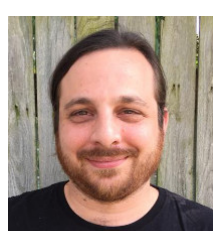
Brenton Christopher Lengel is a Ringo Award-nominated writer of plays, screenplays, comics, and novels. He is an Appalachian Trail 2000-Miler and holds a BA in theatre from the University of Kentucky. Brent has trained under state poet laureates, HBO execs, and Emmy-award winning screenwriters. He is best known for his play "North to Maine," his three comic series "Snow White Zombie: Apocalypse" published by Scout Comics, "Durruti: Shadow of the People", and "NPCs: Myth Magic and Retail" his collaboration with Kit Buss of Critical Role—as well as "Afterall," his urban fantasy collaboration with Rogue, lead singer of The Cruxshadows.
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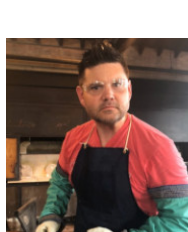


Gavin Smith (Booth #1705)

Gavin Smith is a freelance artist who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the current artist for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles ongoing series from IDW. Some of his other most recent work includes Star Trek: The Mirror War for IDW, Heart-piercer for Dark Horse Comics, and various TMNT covers for IDW including The Last Ronin, Armageddon Game, and the ongoing series. Other works include Dead Legends (A Wave Blue World), Ghost in the Shell (Penguin/Random House /Kodansha), and Heavy Metal Magazine, among many others.



Jason Douglas (Booth #1802)

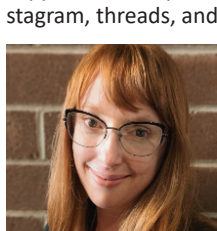


Jason Douglas is a Michigan author of comics, stage plays, and prose. PARALLEL, Jason's very first published comic, sold out of its initial print run and garnered TWO Ringo Award Nominations for Best Story and Best Single Issue or Garry. The story is a dark twisted sci-fi tale in the vein of the most mind bending episodes of Dark Mirror and The Twilight Zone, and is now available in an expanded Special Edition.

Jason's newest book JANE AMERICAN is set in historic Plymouth Michigan and is inspired by and dedicated to the life of his late grandparents.

Jay Jacot (Booth #1804)

Jay, a blend of graphic designer, all around artist, and storyteller speaks 'comics' as a second language. Jay works from home, doesn't get out much, and enjoys making comics and helping many other creators bring their projects to life like Seeress by Kasey Pierce (Source Point Press), Bodie Troll by Jay Fosgitt, Durontus: The Lost Serpent #2 by Tyler Sowles and Scott Schmidt, and The Instinct for Cooperation: A Graphic Novel Conversation with Noam Chomsky by Jeff Wilson (Seven Stories Press). Jay lives in East Lansing, Michigan with his loving and supportive family. You can find him online at @jacotcomics on twitter.com, instagram, threads, and facebook.

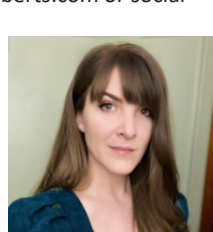


Corinne Roberts (Booth #1703)

Corinne Roberts is an illustrator working in comics and children's books (Bug Bites, Drawing Dragons and the Out and About series). You can see more of her work and current projects through her website: corinneroberts.com or social media, Instagram: @corinneroberts123.

K Lynn Smith (Booth #1704)

K. Lynn Smith is an award winning artist and writer from Michigan. She is the creator of the western comic Pume, published by Devil's Due Comics, the fantasy adventure For Goodness' Sake, and the 1940's supernatural The House of Lowther, and has been involved with projects such as Garfield: His Nine Lives from Boom!, Afterglow from Space Between Entertainment, Hope from Source Point Press, and Loot from Scout Comics & Entertainment.

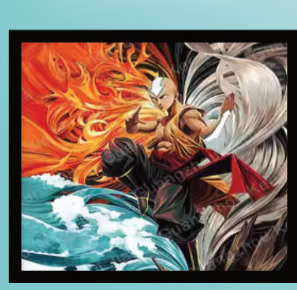
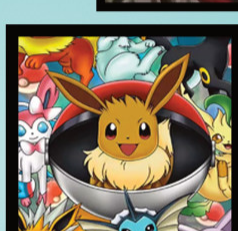
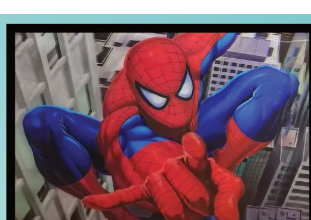


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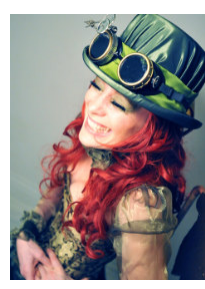
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COSPLAY GUESTS

Envy the Green Fairy, Causeplayer & Master Seamstress (Booth #1601, 1701)

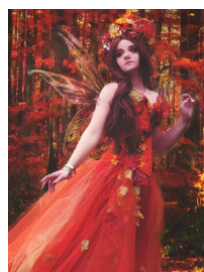
Mia (aka "Envy The Green Fairy") is an award winning charitable causeplayer and master seamstress. She has created a multitude of costumes from various fandoms ranging from DC, Marvel, Star Wars, anime, and video games, with Wonder Woman being her inspiration to blend them all together. Mia has utilized her smile and talents to spread hope and raise awareness throughout the community for our children, our Veterans, and our pets.



www.facebook.com/Envythegreenfairycosplay

Alexis Noriega, Engineer & Designer (Booth #1602)

Alexis Noriega is a self-taught costume maker and wing specialist. Her work has been showcased in several viral videos in the last few years, and has even made appearances on the The Science Channel and Adam Savage's new "Tested" VR show. She creates wings for fans all over the world through her cosplay business The Crooked Feather. She loves exploring new high tech ways to make fantasy a reality, and hopes to inspire young people to go into STEM fields with her creative mechanical wings.



<http://www.thecrookedfeather.com/>

Shamus Smith - Lansing Batman (Booth #1210)

Shamus has been in the League since 2017. He began as a member and currently holds the President position of the group. He enjoys cosplaying at events, creating cosplay pieces, marketing for the League, and bringing hope and smiles to children through their outreach. When he isn't fighting crime as Batman or Iron Man, making jokes as Deadpool, or interviewing others for his cosplay videos as Space Ghost, you will find him hard at work with his day job or spending time with his family and friends.



<https://www.leagueofenchantment.org>

Belle Bunni Designs (Booth #1601)



Randi is an American cosplayer and fashion designer residing in west Michigan. Randi has been sewing for over 25 years and has been cosplaying since 2004. She is also currently attending Academy of Art University to obtain her bachelors in Fashion Product Development. During her time as a cosplayer, seamstress, and artist, Randi has sought to be a role model for kindness and generosity. She regularly works with charities to help raise awareness and funding. Randi also volunteers her time in her community coaching one of the local robotics teams.

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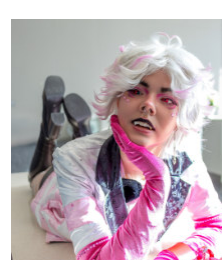
I Make It Sew (Booth #1601)

Laurie is a lifelong costumer. Starting first with the Holly Hobby costume and solidified with the Witch costume her mom made her as a child, she loves to dress up! After a long stint of making mainly historical clothing, traditional middle eastern dance outfits and EPIC costumes for her own children, she found Steampunk and went to her first convention. Her first cosplay was a Steampunk outfit that she constructed completely from her stash of fabric without purchasing any supplies. Laurie's skills with cosplay and sewing has led her to winning multiple cosplay contests, and being invited twice to the Page-To-Stage contest at Dragoncon.



https://www.instagram.com/makeitsew_cosplay/

PinkOpal Cosplay (Booth #1601)



Pink Opal Cosplay is a multi-talented cosplayer, with special focuses in wig styling for any characters from anime to horror games, special effects makeup, and bringing characters from anime and manga to life. Pink Opal started cosplaying during the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020. Having always had a passion for special effects make-up, they started to delve deeper into their passion to better hone skills in SFX media and application. While attending their first convention in 2017, they were inspired to segue into cosplay while overcoming adversity and stigmas.

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Being a member of the LGBTQ community, Pink Opal has utilized their stance to bring awareness and acceptance to the belief that ANYONE can cosplay. Pink Opal has cosplayed a multitude of characters with ease - hand-sewing most of their costumes! Their award-winning costumes have inspired others to follow suit and enjoy the cosplay community!

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SUSAN VAN CAMP, Artist (Booth #2514)



Susan Van Camp IS A VETERAN FANTASY ILLUSTRATOR WITH 30+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. She has created works in a variety of media for magazines, comic books, collectible card games and more. She specializes in acrylic and digital painting. Her content includes all manner of fantasy subjects, such as mythical beasts, archetypal heroes, fairies and other whimsical creatures. She is best known for her Magic the Gathering card art.

<https://susanvancamp.net/>

Rob Miller, Sculptor & SFX Artist (Booth #1101, 1102)

Rob's special effects makeup and fabrication skills caught the attention of one of the top-rated television shows that was aired on the SyFy network, FaceOff. Rob was a competitor for Face Off Season 8 and made it through 9 of the 15 episodes and was asked to return to compete as part of one of three teams for the finale. Finalist Darla Edin chose Rob, Stephanie Masco and Daniel Prado and together their team won the finale. Rob's work has also been featured in magazines such as Fangoria, Amazing Figure Modeler and has also been seen on the nationally syndicated television program "Strange Universe". He is an award-winning master sculptor, creature designer and has won numerous awards for special effects makeup, set design and costume fabrication.



<https://www.facebook.com/robmillerart/>

Bryan Donihue - One-Legged GM (Booth #1408, 1508)



Bryan is a published author (fiction and nonfiction), tabletop game designer, graphic artist, web designer, consultant, trainer, ministry leader, and multiple-business owner. He is also happily married to his wife of over 20 years, Christina, and father to six or seven kids, depending on the day. He even sleeps occasionally.

<https://www.oneleggedgm.com/>

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Coach is the creator of the ESSENTIAL Universe. He is a US Navy/Marine Corps Disabled Veteran that has committed his personal experience and collected knowledge to create a comic universe that depicts a realistic alternative reality. Currently, he writes each of the seven titles, offered by the ESSENTIAL Comics publishing company, based in Cary, North Carolina.



<https://www.essentialcomicsuniverse.com/>

Section 28 Publishing (Booth #1408,1508)

Section 28 Publishing is a small, independent press created by author Bryan Donihue to publish his dark paranormal fiction. Section 28 Publishing's mission is to help authors figure out the labyrinth that can be independent publishing. From cover design and layout to marketing and sales, Bryan loves to help independent authors go from a manuscript to a published book that readers want to buy. For an author, nothing is better than having that first fan approach them at a venue, and Bryan wants every author to get that chance.

<https://www.oneleggedgm.com/s28>

Ka-Pow! Comic Art Academy with D.R. "Solo" Perry (Booth #1605)



Born on the Southside of Chicago, D.R. Perry (aka "Solo" Gayleson) is completely self-taught & has been a professional artist & animator since the age of 14 when he was first hired as a t-shirt designer for a local screenprinter. After being HONORABLY discharged from the U.S. Army, he soon found himself working as a Chicago Police officer, married with four children, & fully 'ADULTING'. Though life was good, comics & animation were his passion & he longed to grow to a professional level as an artist in 'The Comic Arts.' He began searching for accessible, affordable, specific, yet comprehensive learning but couldn't find anything that checked the 'boxes' to fit his needs. After years of honing his



skills & becoming an industry artist he never forgot how hard it was to simply learn in a convenient, affordable, & structured way & he knew he couldn't be the only one in the world with this issue. So to answer this dilemma & Ka-Pow!! The Comic Arts Academy was born!! Our mission: To provide affordable high quality instruction in the "Comic Arts" for anyone seeking direction regardless of their goals as an artist!! During his creative formative years Solo interned at a local Emmy Award winning animation studio working on such projects as Animaniacs, Batman The Animated Series, and others. He's done freelance work for Marvel, Upper Deck, & video game developers. He's taught comics years 1,2,& 3 for the International School of Comics: Chicago, and was even hired by Google to teach their worldwide staff the 'Joys of the comic-craft.' He's currently president & Head Art Director of HonorStudios Entertainment, a faith inspired creative house (that's been referred to as 'The Christian version of Marvel') specializing in high-end action/adventure & fantasy content with several show pitches, graphic novels, & the highly reviewed & anticipated board game 'War In Paradise: Insurrection' nearing release. When not drawing, Solo's a father of 4, G-Pa of 8, & a respected minister & sought after relationship & productivity mentor/coach along with his wife of 30 years, LaToya. So whether you aspire to be an industry professional or simply improve your skills or desire to share your unique creative story with world, Solo & Ka-Pow!! The Comic Arts Academy are ready to help you level up!!

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