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FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIR

Hope. It’s a desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment (from Merriam-Webster dictionary). The Dalai Lama says that “our life is based on hope…If you have hope, you’ll be able to overcome problems you face.” I had almost given up hope of another SoonerCon happening.

It was late March 2020 at Hideaway Pizza in OKC. The Future Society of Central Oklahoma board and committee directors met to bemoan the plague. We couldn’t safely hold a con in June 2020; Covid-19 was an active danger to anyone gathered indoors. We held our SoonerCon 29 virtual costume contest instead of the in-person convention. We hoped that better things were coming next year. By October 2020, it was clear that Covid was not going away, and we made the decision to cancel SoonerCon in 2021. Those of us on committee affectionately refer to our June 2021 convention-that-wasn’t as “LawyerCon.” (Ask me why if you see me this weekend.) The FSCOK board didn’t know if we could last until 2022. We had little hope. But we didn’t give up. We worked together. We were awarded a large grant from the City of Norman that renewed our hope.

I dedicate this convention to hope. Hope that comes from well-reasoned and scientific ideals. Hope that our future is better than our yesterdays. Hope that is active, that engages our community, that works towards that better future. This year we gather together to see old friends and make new ones. This year is tougher than most. This year we honor those heroes who aren’t here with us; those that lost their lives in battle with Covid-19. We celebrate them and live on with their memories, to give us hope.

Seen through the eyes of our successful Kickstarter: SoonerCon was poised to have a great con in 2020 – until the villain Covidia the Cruel and her partner Ms. Information attacked the world! We sheltered at home, and waited with collective breath held (behind our masks). It took the SPIKE Pro Team of Trueshot, Frontline, and Safeguard nearly 2 years to defeat Covidia and Ms. Information, so that SoonerCon could return safely. Now, under the heroes’ watchful presence, SoonerCon welcomes our members and friends to a heroes’ homecoming!

Welcome to SoonerCon 30 Heroes Homecoming! We welcome you, hero, home. May you find safety, peace, and connection here.

I would like to thank the SoonerCon planning committee and the board of FSCOK for all their hard work. This convention is only possible through their heroic efforts. Thank you to all 13 of our featured guests for joining us. Be sure to visit them in the Exhibitors Hall and get an autograph or 10! Buy their merch! Thanks to all our generous sponsors and donors. Thank you to all of our 180+ panelists, makers, authors, artists, costumers, and cosplayers for sharing your creations and passion with us. We couldn’t do it without you!

Help support our charity this year, Bridges of Norman, in the Charity Store and auction.

Take the time to appreciate each other and have fun this weekend. I hope you enjoy all we have built. And I’m honored to get to chair this committee. See you at SoonerCon!

With sincere gratitude,

Matthew Alfred
SoonerCon 30 Chair

FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIR

A NOTE FROM FSCOK

Dear fellow Future Society members,

Welcome home to Oklahoma’s longest-running and finest pop-culture experience. We’re really here!

When I started my FSCOK board service in January 2020, we all lived in a different reality. I’d volunteered for the SoonerCon committee for more than a decade and was excited to give my time in our leadership to help further advance how FSCOK delivers its mission, especially following the great fundraising and membership year we’d had from SoonerCon in 2019. Exciting things were taking root for the con and for our nonprofit.

Shortly after our volunteer recruitment event for SoonerCon in late February 2020, things took a terrible turn; two and a half weeks later, the WHO officially declared the global pandemic.

These past two years have been so very hard on everyone. Despite those challenges, people answered our call for help. They donated auction items, venue space, and certainly, their dollars. They also shared their talents by giving thousands of hours of their time to ensure SoonerCon and the community-building that we do together could flourish. They never gave up, never surrendered.

With your love and belief in us to uphold the values of our community, together we’ve triumphed. Be proud, fandom. Bright things are taking root once again in our new reality.

Please help us continue to serve this community by volunteering where you can and when you can. The gift of your time means the world to us. We have several committee positions available with SoonerCon and other FSCOK events during the year, and our board elections occur in August.

Consider donating to this year’s charity partner Bridges of Norman by participating in our charity store and auction during SoonerCon. Bridges truly gives young people a chance to become a part of our future. We welcome them with open arms to SoonerCon 30: Heroes Homecoming.

Life is short, so let’s have a blast over this wonderful weekend celebrating all kinds of fandoms! Again, we would not be here without you. THANK YOU with all of my heart. You are the true hero.

Humbly,

Carmen Bryan
FSCOK President and SoonerCon Team Sweat

FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIR

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June 24, 2022

Dear SoonerCon Members,

We are elated you have chosen Bridges as your charity of choice for SoonerCon 30! We understand there are many other organizations in our area making impacts, so we are honored you selected our program. Thank you!

By selecting Bridges, you’ve chosen to support high school students who live on their own due to no fault of their own. Often they come from family crises that include homelessness, abuse and neglect, parents or guardians with unmanaged mental illness, or parents or guardians who have passed away. In spite of those obstacles, students want to finish high school and live as close to a “normal” teenage life as possible.

Bridges works to remove those obstacles in several ways. We help students enroll, provide them with one-bedroom apartments so they have a place to rest and study, set them up with healthcare appointments, and offer weekly life skills classes, just to name a few services.

Students living at Bridges maintain their schoolwork, participate in extracurricular activities, and hold a job, all independently of parents. Thank you, again, for your encouraging recognition of their drive to persevere,

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Stacy Bruce, Executive Director
Bianca Gordon, Associate Executive Director

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COSTUMING
For safety purposes, all attendees must wear some form of protective footwear. Please be mindful of your safety and that of others while in costume. Please cosplay safely and at your own risk—SoonerCon and FSCOK are not liable for injuries or accidents incurred by costume hazards.

Do not impede traffic or pose a fire hazard. Plan for assistance if you have an oversized costume or prop. There are plenty of folks who can help you if asked.

No costume is too tame. No nudity is allowed inside the convention center or other public spaces. All costumes must include full coverage bottoms. Breasts and nipples must be fully covered/concealed. Underwear is not accepted attire. Swimsuits are accepted attire, as long as they provide full coverage. Body painting must abide by the coverage requirements detailed here.

All SoonerCon convention participants must comply with our Weapons Policy. Props, weapons, and costumes may be inspected by convention staff or facility staff, security, or law enforcement at any time.

No loose glitter, confetti, explosives, projectiles, or objects emitting smoke, vapors, or excessive noise or light are permitted.

For specific questions about SoonerCon costuming and planning your cosplay, email costuming@soonercon.com or ask a convention staff member onsite. For full detailed Costume Contest rules and procedures, visit https://soonercon.com/costume-contest-rules/.

EMERGENCIES
Always comply with the instructions of onsite law enforcement and the convention’s hired security personnel as directed. There are volunteer medical workers onsite during SoonerCon events. In the case of a medical emergency, first dial 911. Please report any injuries immediately to a convention staff member for assistance.

A full detail of convention emergency procedures and incident reports are available upon request at Registration/Con Headquarters (Con HQ), and all staff and volunteers are briefed on these procedures.

FOOD & DRINK
Outside food and drinks are not allowed inside the convention center. These can be consumed outside the facility, and in the hotel. Concessions are available inside the convention center, and these concession items may be consumed anywhere inside the event facility.

With the exception of the Friday reception event, no food or beverage is allowed inside the Art Show and Charity room during the convention. Violators are subject to arrest and prosecution, and your convention membership will be revoked without refund.

INCIDENT REPORTING
Safety and security are our top priority! SoonerCon utilizes an incident-reporting system for record-keeping, safety, and emergency management. These incident reports include, but are not limited to: Injuries, lost property, incidences of harassment, calls to law enforcement or other emergency services, etc. that may occur during the convention's operation. Convention staff members will ask for your assistance as necessary to complete these reports when applicable. Reports are secured in Con Headquarters and a copy of your report can be made available upon request.

LOST AND FOUND
Please turn in found items to Con HQ at convention registration. You can help us to return these items to their owners by describing where and when you found the items as well. Lost items should be reported to Con HQ, or to convention staff.

MEDIA INQUIRIES
For press kits, press badges, and other event information, email news@soonercon.com. Please contact creative@soonercon.com to request use of logo or related brand elements. All SoonerCon convention guests and members reserve the right to refuse interviews or other onsite media requests. For media inquiries during the event, please contact SoonerCon staff located at Con HQ.

MEMBERSHIP
All persons must possess a current year's SoonerCon membership to participate at any SoonerCon function. SoonerCon is the annual fundraiser for the Future Society of Central OK, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and is a membership-only event. See Article II - Membership of FSCOK’s bylaws for additional information. For SoonerCon membership inquiries, email registration@soonercon.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Please be courteous before taking pictures. Ask for permission. Don’t photograph children without obtaining their parent or guardian’s consent. Please note that all photography is prohibited inside the Art Show. SoonerCon staff may ask participants to disassemble or remove photography, video, and recording setups at any time. By entering SoonerCon, all attendees agree to have their photos taken by SoonerCon staff and volunteers for promotional purposes. SoonerCon agrees not to use the photos in any other manner besides promotion and not to sell the photos to any third party.

RECORDS
Public records related to the event are available following the event by emailing info@fscok.org or making a request by mail to:
Future Society of Central Oklahoma dba SoonerCon
PO Box 950406
Oklahoma City, OK 73195-0406

No personal or identifying information will be included in publicly available records. SoonerCon maintains the right to refuse record requests that are not covered by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A copy of these policies is also available by email or by mail upon request.

RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION
SoonerCon is an all-ages, membership-only event. To balance our policies of open membership attendance and the safety of all event participants, SoonerCon restricts the participation of any person who is a registered sex offender (as defined by Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act [SORNA]) to basic “attende” status for membership, with the understanding that such a member is personally responsible for maintaining their compliance as it relates to the disclosure of such information at public and private events where minors are present.

ROOM PARTIES
All open room parties are requested to sign up with SoonerCon’s Director of Hotel Relations, located around the convention hotel’s registration and atrium seating area. There are signage boards provided to hang notices about your open room parties or social meetups. This is the ONLY place to hang party notices. We want you to enjoy your party/meetup to the fullest extent, and it helps us to know the plan. Email hotel@soonercon.com for more information.

SIGNAGE
SoonerCon’s policy mirrors our facility’s policy, and is very simple: No signs or notices may be attached to facility property. No sticky notes, tape, tacks, or other attachments. Eurasel bearing signs are allowed. All notices must be printed by machine, not hand written. Designated signage boards are located throughout the convention space and in the hotel. This is the best place to make announcements! If you have a room party or other announcement, you can post a notice in a free space on these boards. Taped signage anywhere else will be removed. Signage will be periodically reviewed and updated by staff.

SMOKING/VAPING
Oklahoma law provides for NO SMOKING OR VAPING in any indoors public venue — which includes ALL SoonerCon function spaces. This means you can only smoke outdoors in designated areas (patio areas, etc.). This policy includes vaporizers. Please use vapes outdoors. The Embassy Suites is a completely nonsmoking/non-vaping hotel indoors. Please dispose of all trash properly in the provided designated waste and recycling receptacles. Underage smoking/vaping is prohibited. The legal smoking age is 21.
SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS
SoonerCon accepts financial goods, and service donations to help operate the convention, as well as for its annual charity benefit auction event during the convention. This support comes from the generosity of event sponsors, vendors, convention members, and the community. Email info@soonercon.com for more details on how to donate to the charity auction or to become a SoonerCon convention sponsor. SoonerCon is 100% nonprofit and volunteer operated.

UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATION
No unauthorized solicitation is allowed during the convention, in any function space. Violators are subject to expulsion and arrest. Panhandling at the convention is also unacceptable.

USE OF SOONERCON’S AND OUR VENDOR’S EQUIPMENT
We own or are loaned most of the fixtures, AV equipment, and other supplies that SoonerCon uses to make the con happen, and we partner with various vendors like the convention facility to use their equipment as well. Please help maintain a great convention experience for everyone by keeping our stuff in good order. All convention participants are requested to use this property respectfully and will be held responsible for any preventable damages.

WEAPONS AND PROPS
All prop weapons must pass weapons check at convention Registration before entering the convention. Handle all props and weapons at your own risk.

Posing is fine. Take all the pictures you’d like, but DO NOT brandish any props or weapons at other attendees when not posing for a photo. Attendees may not shoot others with foam darts nor squirt them with water, etc. unless participating in con activities designated for this kind of play. Basically, no horseshoe or roughhousing. This is considered harassing behavior and is not tolerated. Please help keep SoonerCon inclusive and fun for everyone as you move through the convention spaces.

By federal law, any prop weapons that appear to be real firearms (airsoft, fabricated guns, replica, or formerly-functioning firearms, etc.) must have orange safety tipping that is clearly and visibly displayed on the tip of the prop’s barrel. Additionally, all triggering mechanisms (functional or not) will be zip-tied at weapons check for peace-bonding before the owner may enter the convention with the prop firearm. The only exception to this policy is for foam prop firearm triggers, to avoid indentions on the foam. Foam prop firearms must still display an orange safety tip. Some prop weapons are not allowed at all: any type of functioning projectile weapon — loaded or unloaded — or any device that could be construed as a projectile weapon, with the exception of foam dart guns. Airsoft and paintball guns must be fully disabled, and no air puffs or other discharge should be detected on testing. Bows may be displayed, but arrows cannot have any tips and must remain inside a quiver or similar case at all times.

Daggers, knives, and swords are to be kept inside their sheaths or be belted, and then be peace-bonded. Illegal blades may be confiscated by security personnel or law enforcement at any time. Foam swords, knives, etc. do not require peace-bonding at weapons check.

All spears, staffs, and staves must be no longer than six feet and the end of said devices must never project more than 12” from the bearer’s body. Bladed swords and similar weapons with a functional edge (“live steel”) will not be allowed in the convention, with limited exceptions: bladed weapons purchased onsite must remain sheathed and peace-bonded at all times, and proof of purchase must be provided upon request to retain the bladed weapon while inside the convention (it’s recommended that you take these purchases to your vehicle or hotel room as soon as possible). All blades regardless of size and material shall be covered, sheathed, or belted in all public areas and function spaces.

All allowable weapons must be peace-bonded, as applicable. The only exceptions to these rules are weapons that have been approved for display on stage during the Costume Contests (see Costume Contest Rules for more information) and during programming specifically designed for weapons display. Peace-bonding will be available at Registration weapons check and by the roving security personnel. If you have any questions about this policy, please ask or email info@soonercon.com.

The sale of firearms is strictly prohibited at SoonerCon. Vendors are requested to contact exhibitors@soonercon.com with questions about saleable merchandise. SoonerCon reserves the right to inspect and request removal of merchandise deemed unsuitable for sale at the convention event.

Per Oklahoma statute regarding concealed and open carry firearms:

Okl. Stat. tit. 21 § 1289.11
Okl. Stat. tit. 21 § 1289.15 — Reckless handling of a firearm is punishable by six (6) months to one (1) year in county jail and/or a fine between $50 and $500.

Title 21. Crimes and Punishments
Chapter 53 — Manufacture, Sale, and Wearing of Weapons

Firearms Act of 1971

Section 1289.11 — Reckless Conduct
It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in reckless conduct while having in his or her possession any shotgun, rifle or pistol, such actions consisting of creating a situation of unreasonable risk and probability of bodily harm to another, and demonstrating a conscious disregard for the safety of another person. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.15 of this title. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section after having been issued a concealed handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, Sections 1 through 25 of this act, shall have the license revoked and shall be subject to an administrative fine of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the provisions of this section.

Title 21. Crimes and Punishments
Chapter 53 — Manufacture, Sale, and Wearing of Weapons

Firearms Act of 1971

Section 1289.15 — Penalties
Any person adjudged guilty of violating any provision of Section 1289.9, 1289.10, 1289.11, 1289.12 or 1289.13 of this title shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

For SoonerCon attendees, this means NO COSPLAY/COSTUMING with actual handguns, pistols, rifles, and/or shotguns. This is considered reckless handling of a firearm by SoonerCon organizers and FSCOK. Law enforcement will be contacted, and you will be immediately disabled for life from SoonerCon membership. Let’s all stay safe and abide by local, state, and federal laws.

OTHER POLICIES
SoonerCon reserves the right to refuse admission and membership or to remove anyone from the convention for any reason. Memberships may or may not be refunded at SoonerCon’s discretion. Harassment of con attendees, staff, game masters, volunteers, guests, vendors, hotel and convention center employees or their vendors and guests will not be tolerated. Consequences for verbally or physically disruptive conduct may include membership revocation, ejection, and possible prosecution. Shoplifting is a crime and will be prosecuted, in addition to permanent revocation of membership.

The Future Society of Central Oklahoma dba SoonerCon does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, selection and dismissal of volunteer staff, selection of other volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, event attendees, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.
In January 2022, we launched our Kickstarter campaign SoonerCon 30: Join the SPIKE Academy. This campaign was made to help us build back funds lost during the pandemic in order to put on SoonerCon 30 June 24-26. Backers had a chance to pick their support levels for cool perks. We raised $20,220! We’d like to thank everyone who contributed. If you see folks with SPIKE badge ribbons at the con, let them know you appreciate them too.

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LITERARY GUEST OF HONOR

A. LEE MARTINEZ

A. Lee Martinez is a writer, which is probably obvious. His novels are known for combining pulp and comic-book influences with philosophy, metaphysics, and humor. He describes his style as Saturday Morning Humanism. His novel Monster was adapted into the 2020 Chinese-language film Monster Run. He isn’t a very interesting person, but he likes writing and getting paid for it—so he’s got that going for him. He lives outside of Dallas, Texas with his wife and the minimum number of pets required as a writer.

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When the Geat hero Beowulf arrives in Denmark to rid King Hrothgar of the demon-monster Grendel, he is honored at Heorot, the king’s mead hall. The great wooden building houses the king’s dining hall and sleeping quarters. It’s a symbol of civilization standing against the unknown wilderness. Beowulf rips off Grendel’s arm on its next attack, and follows the blood trail to a lair at the bottom of a fell pool. The savage Grendel has died, but his even nastier mother attacks Beowulf in the darkness. After a terrible struggle, the hero arises victorious from the frothing water, having rescued Hrothgar’s realm. Heorot’s ruins, discovered on the island of Zealand, are more than 50 yards long.
Elizabeth Leggett is a two-time fan artist Hugo winner, a five-time Chesley nominee, gallery artist, and F&SF-novel cover designer. She has had two solo shows at George R.R. Martin’s theater, the Jean Cocteau Cinema, and has exhibited at the Mazza Museum. She exhibited and curated a gallery show, “Readings,” for Santa Fe’s Keep Contemporary gallery.

Her clients include Walter Jon Williams, Prince of Cats Literary Productions, Melinda Snodgrass, DreamForge Magazine, Uproar Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Brigids Gate Press, Lisa Inman, and more.

Her work can be seen in the annual Spectrum Volumes 22, 24, 26, and 27 as well as Spectrum Fantastic Art Quarterly, Vol. 1 (2021). She can also be found in Infected By Art, Volumes 3-10. She lives in New Mexico with two cats and an exceptionally patient husband!

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In Greek mythology, the souls of heroes resided in the Islands of the Blessed after death. The place is also called the Fortunate Isles; some accounts equate them to the Fields of Elysium, another Greek version of paradise.
BEKU.COS

Beku.Cos is a veteran cosplayer whose humble upbringing in Southern Louisiana instilled them with a healthy dose of hard work and an overly friendly, cheerful disposition.

Since their introduction to anime culture and cosplay in 2008, Beku.Cos has been living the cosplay lifestyle and loving every minute of it. Their early goals were making friends and becoming a better craftsman, and not much has changed. Nowadays their focus consists of expanding gender representation with genderbend designs while promoting positivity and empowerment through costuming for all.

Outside of their cosplay life, Beku.Cos is a classically trained seamster and alum of LSU’s Apparel Design program, working as a freelance pattern maker/digitizer when they aren’t sewing up a storm! After proving their mettle through a series of award-winning cosplay and fashion-design adventures, they took up judging cosplay contests as a way to share the knowledge they’ve picked up from over a decade of hard work. Because their favorite part of cosplay is the ever-learning and growing community, they hope to instill confidence and knowledge in all the new friends they haven’t met yet.

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Johnny Yong Bosch got his start fighting giant bugs as Adam Park (the Black Ranger, Green Zeo, and Green Turbo Ranger) on *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*. It is a role that he would play for three and a half seasons on television, two motion pictures, and two special guest appearances in future Power Rangers seasons.

After Power Rangers, Johnny became very involved in the world of voice-over. His first major voice-acting role was Vash the Stampede in *Trigun*. He later went on to voice Kaneda in *Akira*; Renton in *Eureka Seven*; Albert in *The Count of Monte Cristo*; Kiba in *Wolf’s Rain*; Itsuki in *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya*; Ichigo Kurosaki in *Bleach*; Lelouch Lamperouge in *Code Geass*; Izaya in *Durarara!!*; Yukio in *Blue Exorcist*; Sasori in *Naruto*; Guren in *Tenkai Knights*; Noby in *Doraemon*; Artemis in *Sailor Moon*; Nagate in *Knights of Sidonia*; Makoto Tachibana in *Free!*; Nate in *Yo-kai Watch*; Orga in *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans*; Haruo in *Hi Score Girl*; Kai in *Forest of Piano*; and many more.

Johnny’s voice can also be heard in numerous video games. He voiced Nero in *Devil May Cry 4* and *5* (including motion capture); Kuhn in *Persona 4*; Almaz in *Disgaea 3*; Emil in *Tales of Symphonia*; Guy in *Tales of the Abyss*; Firion in *Final Fantasy Dissidia*; Bumblebee in *Transformers: War for Cybertron*; Yang in *Super and Ultra Street Fighter IV*; Zero in *Marvel vs. Capcom 3*; Yukimura in *Sengoku Basara*; Torian Cadera in *Star Wars: The Old Republic*; and Kung Jin in *Mortal Kombat X*.

Johnny’s also the former frontman for the band Eyeshine and current singer-songwriter for the band Where Giants Fall.

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Remy Domino is an award-winning cosplayer from New Orleans with over 12 years of cosplaying under her belt. After attending her first con back in grade school and marveling at all her favorite characters coming to life, she knew she could never attend a convention without a cosplay ever again! This promise she has kept ever since.

Entirely self-taught, she started sewing back in 2005. Over the years she worked up to advanced techniques, with a specific focus on the use of thermoplastics, foam, and painting. Over time she gained the confidence to compete in cosplay contests with her creations and to present panels on all she’s learned. Share the wealth! Remy is always looking to learn something new and try out new materials. Each character presents a special challenge and a new opportunity. Her craftsmanship and creations have developed over the years into a cosplay style of her own, as she continues to draw inspiration from comics, anime, and video games. She especially enjoys genderbends and crossplay! This creative style of cosplaying has become her signature move!

When Remy’s not living the cosplay life or managing social media, she works as a practicing attorney (just like Daredevil!). Somehow she still finds time to do it all!

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Thank You

Muriel was born and raised in Cleveland, OH, number three of seven. From early on, art infused her life.

Her career in design, illustration, and art management began in Cleveland at American Greetings as humorous-card designer, where she did her first graphic concepts of Strawberry Shortcake. The waif became part of the newly created Those Characters from Cleveland, a toy/licensing think tank, leading to 30 more characters in the Shortcake line. Muriel depicted the first six Care Bears. A year after that the Get Along Gang became a TV cartoon series.

Muriel continued her output of whimsical character creations with Raggy Mae and the Raggedy Ranch, and Cameow Cats. In 1995 she and her husband moved to Oklahoma to form Fahrion Studios. At their Medicine Park home she created the series The Exhausted Woman, taught herself 3-D rendering and animation, and began selling prints of lil iffi and small canvases at the Red Door Gallery.

She was also engaged in demos and speaking engagements on creativity and art.

After her husband’s death in 2018, Muriel launched Outta Thin Air Studio. She kept creating original characters including RainBerry Jam, Holly Berry, and Punkin’ Spice—playing off the Shortcake line. Others include Cassandra the Veranda Panda, Hello Cupcake, and Giggle the Guardian Angel of Laughter.

She has done numerous cons in Oklahoma, Denver Retro Con, and appeared at Big Bad Con, a gaming con in San Francisco.

This year, she revived the Strawberry Shortcake line, depicting the characters as she would draw them today. Muriel works from her home studio in Tulsa with her manic Welsh Terrier, and one day a week in Beggs, OK as artist-in-residence at a leather studio.

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Jamie Marchi is a voice actress for video games and anime with over 350 characters to date. She’s the voice of Ellie from Borderlands 2 and 3 and Freya from Smite, as well as numerous popular anime roles include Rias Gremory from High School DxD; Mt. Lady from My Hero Academia; Panty from Panty & Stocking with Garterbelt; Cana Alberona from Fairy Tail; Lucoa from Miss Kobayashi’s Dragon Maid; Liz from Soul Eater; and Ristarte from Cautious Hero.


Jamie has also written numerous English script adaptations, a few of her favorites being Space Dandy; Panty & Stocking with Garterbelt; The Ancient Magus’ Bride; Hetalia; High School DxD; Yuikuma Arashi: The Devil Is a Part-Timer!; Spice and Wolf; Snow White with the Red Hair; Sgt. Frog; and Yamada’s First Time.

Jamie co-hosts the podcast Ghoul Intentions with J. Michael Tatum where they share their humorous take on all things spooky. You can find it on all major podcast platforms. Jamie is currently a writer with Gearbox, working on several very exciting things that she absolutely cannot discuss.

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J
im Shorts has been in the
entertainment industry for over 20
years. His abilities as a singer, emcee,
actor, and cosplayer have earned him
numerous accolades and awards,
including multiple first-place awards
at SoonerCon: Best in Sci-Fi Media
and the highly coveted “WTF???”
Award. Mr. Shorts (Call him Jim
from now on) has performed well over
1,000 times for audiences ranging
from our very own SoonerCon to
the Civic Center to hundreds of U.S.
government and military officials and
more.
With a degree in Vocal Performance
and background in Theater, Jim’s
ability to entertain crowds has
amplified in recent years due to his
involvement in the Oklahoma cosplay
community as well as both worldwide
and local volunteer organizations.
From Solo to Mandalorian to
Stormtrooper, he is also active with
the all-volunteer forces of Jedi OKC
and the 501st Legion, which bring
joy and raise funds for many worthy
organizations both near and far.

Jim now sets his targeting system on
SoonerCon 30. He looks forward to
providing the best “ooohs,” “ahhs,” and
“ha-has” in the galaxy!

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Dr. Donna J. Nelson, FRSC, FACS

Oklahoma native Dr. Donna Nelson is a researcher and teacher of organic chemistry at the University of Oklahoma. One of her focuses is the vital concept of America's Scientific Readiness. She’s past president of the American Chemical Society, and has achieved many awards and honors, including a Fulbright Scholarship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

Dr. Nelson has made several media appearances and published several surveys on the topic of Diversity in Science. Some of her public outreach includes symposia on “Hollywood Chemistry” and “Science on the Hollywood Screen.” One of her most public roles was her position as Science Advisor for the AMC series Breaking Bad, including some of the chemical diagrams and formule seen onscreen. She’s co-author of a book about her work on the show, The Science of Breaking Bad.

Nelson participated in the 2011 Ig Nobel Awards. Some of her research into chemical reactions in microgravity is part of a permanent educational exhibit at the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum. She looks forward to bringing her insight, enthusiasm, and sense of humor to SoonerCon. She writes, “Persistence and confidence are the keys to success. Speaking the truth, even if it is hard for people to hear, helps everyone.”

Cory J. Phillips is a professional actor, voice actor, and improviser based out of Dallas, TX. He is the lead character, Abbott, in Lionsgate’s Adventures of Rufus: The Fantastic Pet; the lead villain, Yuto, in Lionsgate’s Ghoster; the lead in Doctor Who: The Soldier Stories; and the lead in Konnect, an over-400-episodes kids series. He’s a voice actor at Crunchy Roll in over 100 anime titles including Yona from Fire Force; You Hattori in Stand My Heroes: Piece of Truth; Orochi in Fairy Tail; Ryraryrus in Overlord; John Grey in Requiem of the Rose King; and Gerald in Shadow House. You can also hear him in My Hero Academia: World Heroes’ Mission; One Piece; Attack on Titan, and many more. His voice can be heard at the Kennedy Space Center as the lead villain, Hunter, in A Dog’s Courage, and he’s been seen in over 100 national and local commercials. He has starred in numerous films, video games, web series, and commercials over the past decade. He’s a diehard nerd, so feel free to challenge him to a Yu-Gi-Oh! duel or play some DnD with him.

The underworld of the Aztecs was named Mictlān, and ruled by several deities. Some folk did not go there upon death, including those sacrificed to the gods, warriors, or women who died in childbirth. Some fortunate souls ended up in a happier afterlife, a paradise called Tlalocan.
The legendary Atlantis, supposedly lost around 9000 BC, has been imputed by New Agers to be the source for civilization, home to magic and alien visitors. While no geographic evidence confirms Plato’s location of a continent sunk in the Atlantic, wishful thinking and/or research has placed it all over the world, from Antarctica to North America to the Caribbean to the blasted-out volcanic island Thera, in the Mediterranean.

Nurtured on anime classics from the tender age of *Star Blazers*, this reclusive actor/writer spent more years than he cares to remember in what might charitably be called free fall before landing, mostly by accident, smack dab in the industry of his dreams. To this day, some believe the small crater made by the impact remains the source of his power.

Cast as Rikichi in 2004’s *Samurai 7*, Tatum’s inexplicable luck has seen his flag hoisted on a slew of dream roles, most notably Kyoya Ootori in *Ouran High School Host Club*; suave, demonic Sebastian Michaelis in *Black Butler*; France in the *Hetalia* franchise; Tomoe from *Kamisama Kiss*; and the equally maniacal/vulnerable Rintarou Okarin from *Steins;Gate*.

More recently, Tatum can be heard in the epic *My Hero Academia* as Tenya Iida. Other characters Tatum has had the crazy good fortune to play include: Doumeki in *xxxHolic*; Jiro Mochizuki in *Black Blood Brothers*; Isaac Dian in *Baccano!*; Eneru and Dalton in *One Piece*; Komui Lee in *D. Gray-man*; Dororo in *Sgt. Frog*; the titular loveable savage of *Heroic Age*; Ryosuke Takahashi in *Initial D*; Kraft Lawrence in *Spice and Wolf*; Zarbon in *Dragon Ball Z: Kai*; and Scar in Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood. His vocal “stylings,” to the chagrin of drama teachers everywhere, have also been featured in *Romeo x Juliet*, *Speed Grapher*, *Trinity Blood: Kenichi: The Mightiest Disciple*, *White Cat*, *Nabari no Ou*, *Ghost Hunt*, *School Rumble*, *The Tower of Druaga*, the *Aquarion* franchise; *Tsubasa: Reservoir Chronicle*, *RIN: Daughters of Mnemosyne*, and *Shikabane Hime (Corpse Princess)*.

His writing credits include substantial work on *Ouran High School Host Club*, *Initial D*, *Blassreiter*, *Ga-Rei-Zero*, *Hero Tales*, *The Legend of the Legendary Heroes*, *Fractale*, *Deadman Wonderland*, *Steins;Gate*, *Assassination Classroom*, *Dragon Ball Z: Kai*, and *Attack on Titan*.

Ever the workaholic, Tatum is currently burning the midnight oil on a number of exciting projects due for release later this year. He also co-hosts *Ghoul Intentions*, a spooky podcast dedicated to creeping you out. And before you ask what the “J” stands for … Well, it stands for whatever you’d like it to.

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Michael “Knightmage” Wilson

An Ohio native, Michael “Knightmage” Wilson is a decorated 21-year Deputy Sheriff for the Mahoning County Sheriff’s Office. Michael has been cosplaying since 2012. After creating over 270 costumes, Michael is an award-winning cosplayer, with many creations visible on numerous print and online platforms. Michael has become one of the most influential and diverse male cosplayers in the world. Along with judging cosplay contests, Michael often hosts cosplay panels and workshops at conventions showcasing the creative, positive, inspiring, and supportive side of cosplay.

With a love for acting and stunt work, Michael has worked on several Hollywood comic-book movie productions. Michael was also an alternate for the 2006 reality show *Who Wants to Be a Superhero*, hosted by Stan Lee. Michael has been featured in several fan films and productions such as “Flash Fall” by Together Brother Productions and the popular YouTube series *Man at Arms: Reforged*. Michael is a spokesperson for the FX latex product Zombie Skin. Michael has also created costumes for World Wrestling Entertainment superstars.

Michael loves using entertainment to make a positive impact and bring smiles. He participates in many charitable events like benefits, parades, birthdays, and hospital visits to children. He is a member of esteemed costuming groups all over the United States such as the League of Heroes, the Heroes Alliance-Ohio Branch, East Coast Avengers, Costumers with a Cause, Superheroes to Kids in Ohio, and Heroic Inner Kids. Michael often works closely with charities as a sponsor, partnering with over 100 organizations around the world for fundraising and to bring awareness to these organizations. Michael has received numerous awards for his charitable deeds including the “Outstanding Service Award” from Credit Where Credit Is Due, the CosBravo Award, and most notably the Presidential Volunteers Award from President Barack Obama.

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Larry Nemecek
2022 Inductee

Researcher, author, web host, and native Oklahoman Larry Nemecek moved to Los Angeles and Trekland a quarter-century ago with his wife and family. His amateur self-published TNG series was adopted by the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* staff as source material and was published as *The Star Trek: The Next Generation Companion*.

These days, Larry hosts *The Trek Files* weekly podcast; has launched his unique PORTAL 47 background fan experience—"where no savvy fan has gone before"—and leads his own Trekland Treks day tours of Trek film locations around L.A., when pandemics are not raging.

After hosting “Trekland Tuesdays LIVE” commentary and chat each week since 2017, Larry also now co-hosts a streamer borne of the pandemic: “Life Support LIVE”, a merger of Star Trek and mental health, where he helps viewers Go Boldly Through Uncertain Times with his co-host Dr. Ali Mattu (Netflix and HBO, YouTube channel “The Psyche Show”).

Fans are also excited for his official *Star Trek: Stellar Cartography* map/book set, while backgrounders love the first five “Trekland: On Speaker” themed editions (available on CD), culled from his hundreds of hours of remastered archival Trek back-in-the-day interviews.

The longtime former editor of *ST Communicator* magazine and *Fact Files* now takes global Trek fans backstage every month with the pioneering PORTAL 47 live/online
insider deep-dive package, and leads customized day tours Trek’s on-location film sites around LA for fans as TREKLAND TREKS. Larry also hosts Trekland Tuesdays LIVE each week on his YouTube channel, plus weekly visits as host of The Trek Files from Roddenberry Podcasts. His own documentary The Con of Wrath, recalling the infamous 1982 Trek event meltdown in Houston, is in post-production.

Along with story credit for the “Prophecy” episode of Voyager and working as a producer at the original startrek.com, Larry still writes his “Fistful of Data” column for the official Trek Magazine and appears frequently on podcasts, as well as the CBS Star Trek Blu-ray documentaries and audio commentaries. He’ll also be happy to tour you through the Will Rogers State Historic Park ranch house where he’s a docent—and now member of the nonprofit Will Rogers Ranch Foundation … or just preach the legacy of his Oklahoma Sooners football legends.

Make sure to corner Larry for some great first-hand Trek stories of the 18 Berman TV years, and don’t miss his presentations.

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CONTEST WINNERS

These are award recipients and competition winners at SoonerCon 28, in 2019 and the SoonerCon 29 Virtual Costume Contest in 2020.

SOONERCON 28
ART SHOW NUCLEON WINNERS

1st Place Fan Favorite
Harold Neal – “Thriller”

2nd Place Fan Favorite
Nena Thomas – “Sekkerastoya”

3rd Place Fan Favorite
Peri Charlifu – “Winchester Hunting Kit”

1st Place Professional Peer
Julie Dillon – “Surface”

2nd Place Professional Peer
David Lee Pancake – “Vent”

3rd Place Professional Peer
Mind Over Splatter Studio – “Orville Study 1”

SOONERCON 28
MI尼NATURES PAINTING WINNERS

Best in Show
Alex Manderfeld

Small Figure
(28mm or smaller)
Drew Richardson
Robert Henderson
Michelle Morson

Large Figure
(30 mm or Larger or Large Base)
Matthew Cavanaugh
Robert Henderson
Drew Richardson

Mecha
Robert Henderson
Toby McIntire
Billy Caldwell

SOONERCON 28
CHILDREN’S COSTUME

Best in Show
Amethyst Cogsworthy, Time Wizard by Jordyn

Best Sci Fi
Captain Marvel by KD

Best Comic
World of Warcraft Gamora by Taloa

Con Theme
Critically Injured Vault Boy from Fallout 4 by Jackson

Best Fantasy
Heather from the film “Heathers” by Madison

Judge’s Merit
Twi’lek Jili’joa by Leia
10th Dr Who by Sheldon
Harry Potter Witch by Athena
Snake Eyes by Gavin

— BEST IN SHOW —

D.Va by Kekkuda

— MASTER —

Winner:
Sakizou Knocker by Sheila Hunter

Runner Up:
Battlejuice by Cora Jet Cosplay

— JOURNEYMAN —

Winner:
Sisters of Battle by Le Doux Cosplay

Runner Up:
Princess Aurora by Stacy

— NOVICE —

Winner:
Bullet Bill(ette) by Stubbytumps

Runner Up:
Ludo by Anya

— “WHAT THE...?” —

An Arrow to the Knee (From Skyrim) by TalyisinTamberlae

— JUDGE’S MERIT —

Mrs Oogie Boogie by Oogie Boogie

Breath of the Wild by Divine Creations Cosplay

Malin from Legend of Zelda Winkle Shmapple

CONTEST WINNERS

SOONERCON 29
VIRTUAL COSTUME

— BEST IN SHOW —

War Chief Sylvanas: World of Warcraft by Le Doux Cosplay

— MASTER —

Best in Class:
Teba, Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild by MikoMiko Cosplay

Craftmanship:
Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazon, Wonder Woman (2017) by Susie Creates Cosplay

Runway:
Hannah Alexander’s Anna: Frozen 2 by Galaxy Ghost Cosplay

— INTERMEDIATE —

Best in Class:
Ansgeirr, Spartan-128 by WandererTJ

Craftmanship:
Mipha, Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild by Mimic Rae Cosplay

Runway:
Aloy, Horizon: Zero Dawn by Hall of Femme

— BEGINNERS —

Best in Class:
Jester Lavorre, Critical Role by Lady Casey

Craftmanship:
Nott the Brave, Critical Role by Ashton Bailey

Runway:
Piper Violet

SOONERCON 28 & 29 Contest Winners
**PROGRAM SUMMARIES**

**FRIDAY**

**Star Wars: Start Here**
With such an expanded canon, the Star Wars franchise can be intimidating to newcomers interested in joining in and geeking out. Punch it on into the Star Wars universe.

*Noon, Boomer A*

**How to Design a New Creature**
Designing vampires, werewolves, and other mythological creatures. Which parts should be incorporated into our own renderings and artworks? What new traits can be added, while still making them recognizable? How do we avoid derivative or stale monsters? Let’s make monsters terrifying again!

*Noon, Crimson*

**Live Cosplay Studio Photography How-To**
Please bring your cameras to this workshop (cellphones don’t count). Participants will be taught the basics of photography, photographer etiquette, model etiquette, and will have the opportunity to photograph a cosplayer in a studio setup. We will interact with a live model while also getting the opportunity to take photos at the same time. Whether you are a novice or an expert, this is an opportunity to sharpen your skills. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $10 fee.)

*Noon, Bedlam 1*

**Build a Dress Form**
Use t-shirts, duct tape, and stuffing to build a dress form just for you! BYO old t-shirt you’re comfortable transforming into this item. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee.)

*Noon, Bedlam 2*

**Minis Painting Workshop: Two Thin Coats — An Intro to Miniature Painting (Beginner)**
This class will go over the basics of painting. From types of brushes to putting paint on models. We will briefly cover painting essentials such as why primer is important, cleaning different miniatures, a dabble of color theory, and then basic steps to paint miniatures. This class will have both lecture and hands-on painting. This class is geared to beginners and people just entering the hobby, so please feel free to ask questions! (3 hours. Limit 28 participants. $20 fee.)

*Noon, JQH Boardroom*

**Open Coloring & Empathy Exhibit for Kids**
SoonerCon kids coloring area and hands-on empathy exhibit by Heroic Inner Kids org. Runs hourly in the Kids area during SoonerCon’s daytime programming hours.

*Noon, Oklahoma A*

**Kids Improv**
Kids expand their creativity with warm-up exercises and social improv games.

*Noon, Oklahoma A2*

**Autographs**
Meet Johnny Yong Bosch at his booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (2 hours)

*Noon, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area*

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**Your Origin Story: Beginning Cosplay**
Whether it be handmade, store-bought, or some combination of the two, panelists discuss getting started cosplaying. Everyone starts somewhere!

*Noon, Oklahoma G*

**Love Live! Random Dance Play**
Do you love idols? Do you love *Love Live?!* Come meet and dance with cosplay idols and fans of idol culture! Be sure to bring your light sticks, some water, and fan chants! No experience or idol cosplay is necessary! We invite all skill levels, no matter if you have been a Day 1 fan of µ’s or you just discovered Liella!

*Noon, Oklahoma HIJ*

**The Magic of Plotting**
How do you develop a novel’s plot? Is it luck, trial and error, or are there classic approaches and outline techniques to bring out your best story? Learn to give your story form in the world. Bring forth your creativity to deliver a cohesive storyline and satisfying tale!

*Noon, Sooner A*

**Philosophy of Fear**
Delve into what makes chilling tales so delicious. Purification? Vicarious punishment? Just a sick psyche? Exactly why do we want to be frightened for entertainment?

*Noon, Sooner B*

**How Many Hats Can I Wear in a Day’s Work?**
Time management can be the key to finding peace in hobbies, projects, and your work/life balance. This panel discusses various methods of organizing your time, knowing the warning signs of burnout, and learning how not to fade away.

*Noon, University C*

**Guilty Pleasure Anime**
Even “bad” anime can be good fun. Stand by your fandom! What are some of your all-time favorite guilty-pleasure animes, and what makes them so bad that they’re good? Cosplay encouraged!

*1:00 PM, Boomer A*
Make Your Own Monster
Kids try some different art supplies and odds and ends to create monstrous artwork.
1:00 PM, Oklahoma A1

Autographs
Meet Beku.Cos and Remy Domino at their table in the Exhibitors Hall! (1 hour)
1:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Paint & Take
Take a seat, grab a blank miniature figure and brush, and begin painting. You can take your mini home with you for free! Please, limit one mini/person.
Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
1:00 PM, Oklahoma F

Armor Building Basics
Do you want to make that cool cosplay armor but you don’t know where to begin? This crash course will cover everything you need to know about patterning, tools, materials, and more to get started on your own armor build!
1:00 PM, Oklahoma G

Getting Started with DnD 5e
Starting out on the Dungeons & Dragons journey? Learn everything from character creation, the rules of the game, and some how-tos and tips for your game.
1:00 PM, Sooner A

Cafeteria Monsters
Are classic monsters like mummies or vampires being diluted by their many fictional riffs? Or do basic archetypes provide endless springboards for variation?
1:00 PM, Sooner B

Sculpting Using Recycled Materials
Want learn more about how to turn your leftover this and thants into art? Sculptor Joshua Cook demonstrates his process and shares techniques for beginning sculpting with metal, plastics, fiber, and other found materials.
1:00 PM, University AB

Dr. Trek’s Between the Cracks:
The Anniversaries!
CON OF WRATH is 40! ST VI is 30! NEMESIS is 20! Join “Dr. Trek” Larry Nemecek for some lost facts, in-jokes, and behind-the-scenes insights from his Trekland archives — including his Star Trek Stellar Cartography maps/book set.
1:00 PM, University C

Fiction and Politics:
How Can Stories Make a Difference?
Stories have power. They distill the past and tell us how to best predict the future. Can fiction writers make a difference in today’s hyperpolitical discourse? Should they feel obliged to try?
2:00 PM, Boomer A

But Is It Art? (It Is—Deal with it.)
So you’re like, into cosplay? No, you’re a costume department of one. You’re a sewist, a painter, a sculptor, a performer, and so much more. Join in a discussion about cosplay as an art form, and its ever-evolving standards.
2:00 PM, Boomer B

Photoshop Skills for Cosplay Shoots
Learn how to turn your cosplay photos into something eye-catching, unique, and magical by using Photoshop. R Karch Photography gives you the step-by-step process on changing backgrounds, adding lights, adding weather effects, making images pop, and more. (1 hour. Limit 14 participants. $5 fee.)
1:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Coloring & Kicking It
Bring your coloring book and colored pencils or markers, and join us for hang times hotel side. We’ll offer some tips and techniques for a cleaner or messier look while you relax and color.
1:00 PM, Interior Courtyard – Atrium

Professional Development for Teachers:
Brainstorming a Story
Can brainstorming really create a story that has never existed before in just a few minutes? Our workshop will define the three components of story (characters, plot, setting) with examples. We will then use improvisation and synthesis to ideate something new we can describe and define, which we will apply to these components to create a story that has never existed before. Further discussion will show how these techniques may also be applied to other fields of learning. (1 hour. Limit 14 participants.)
1:00 PM, JQH Boardroom

Professional Development for Teachers:
Integrating Math with Art
This is a creative approach to basic geometric shapes and graphing. Part 1: Learn to draw Celtic knot work with graphs. Part 2: Use the Victorian art form of quilling to explore geometric shapes. Professional development certificates for educators will be available on request. Ages 12 and up. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants.)
2:00 PM, JQH Boardroom

Summertime Stargazing
Come find out what constellations are up in the summer sky, and when the meteor showers happen. Plus, make and take a distance scale model of the solar system that will fit in your pocket. (Geared toward ages 8-12)
2:00 PM, Oklahoma A1

Demo: Arctic Awakening Video Game
What’s it take to make a video game? Find out from local game developer James Simpson in this demo session featuring the upcoming narrative adventure game, Arctic Awakening (releasing late 2022 or early 2023 on PC, Xbox and PlayStation). (1 hour. Limit 14 participants in room at one time.)
2:00 PM, Bedlam 2
**Program Summaries**

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**Cosplaying On a Budget with Knightmage**
Award-winning creator of over 270 cosplays, Knightmage shares super-saver tips on how to cosplay when you don’t have a ton of money in the bank, but you’ve got a TON of ideas and style.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma G

**Finer Arts of Oklahoma Presents:**

**I’ve Made a Monster**
This performance is suitable for Pre-K to Middle School audiences. In one hour or less, the Finer Artist program will turn into a monster! Perfect for spooky occasions, this assembly program uses costume drama, demonstrations, and audience participants to share stories of creatures from around the world through interactive entertainment. With each monstrous change — bigfoot’s feet, minotaur’s horns, vampire’s teeth — the Finer Artist shares tales ideal for all audiences.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

**Roots & Influences: Mythology in UF**
Authors discuss how mythology from various cultures plays a role in their urban-fantasy works and in those of other writers they admire.
2:00 PM, Sooner A

**Anti-Heroes and Why We Love Them**
Killmonger, Homelander, Deadpool— the entire Doom Patrol and Suicide Squad. What makes one a villain and another an antihero? While superheroes dominate the landscape, there’s a growing trend of fan affection for the not-so-straight shooters of the super squad. Why are antiheroic characters so popular, and how is this shaping pop-culture storytelling?
2:00 PM, Sooner B

**Creating Compelling and Unique Book-Cover Illustrations**
Artists, illustrators, and comic creators share the business of book covers. What matters to both publishers AND writers when selling and making cover art? Do these considerations clash with reader expectations?
2:00 PM, University C

**Spiritualism & the Occult in Victorian Times**
Victorian culture across the world had a broad and complex relationship with spiritualism and the occult. Let’s discuss!
3:00 PM, Bedlam A

**Finishing 3D-Printed Pieces**
3D print striations got you puzzled? You can use body filler, spot putty, filler primer, UV resin, acetone, and more in the finishing process to get high-quality looks and detail points in your cosplay’s printed pieces. It’s easy to forget when you’re crunching to complete your build and working at home, so we’ll cover best practices for sanding safety and more, too. Join engineer, fabricator, and cosplayer WandererTF for this informative session for makers.
3:00 PM, Bedlam 1

**Authors on F.I.R.E.**
The dream of every aspiring creator is to make a living selling their art. We ALL dream about hitting the big time and quitting our day jobs. Unfortunately, 99.99% of us still need those day jobs. But what if there was another option? F.I.R.E., or Financial Independence Retire Early, is a movement of regular folks who are learning how to save and invest their money towards buying back their freedom. In this session, author Phillip Drayer Duncan helps our creative friends view finances a little bit differently, teaching the basics of saving and investing, and merging the idea of pursuing creative endeavors with building a financial backbone toward an early retirement. Because we all just want the time to focus on our art. (1 hour. Limit 14 participants.)
3:00 PM, Bedlam 2

**Amigurumi Basics for Beginners**
For the absolute beginner! Ever see a super-cute Amigurumi and want to make one? Well, now you can. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of crochet, yarn types, and hooks, as well as learn how to read a basic amigurumi pattern. Then, make a basic amigurumi pattern. (1 hour. Limit 28 participants. $5 fee.)
3:00 PM, Crimson

**Paper Crafting: Clothespin Puppets and Corner Bookmarks**
Kids learn origami techniques for making a corner bookmark and make clothespin creature puppets in this creative crafting session.
3:00 PM, Oklahoma A1

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Meet Cory and the Take One Improv crew at their booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (2 hours)
3:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

**Genderbending for Cosplay**
Genderbending, also known as genderswapping your favorite character adds a new layer of creativity to your cosplay! Learn how to take your unique design from concept to reality, and discuss the benefits of taking creative license with your costumes.
3:00 PM, Oklahoma G

**Q&A with Johnny Yong Bosch**
Join Johnny Yong Bosch for this audience Q&A. (45 minutes. Seating begins at 3 PM.)
3:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

**A Storyteller Is Born: Game Mastering 101**
We discuss the humble beginnings of learning to run your own TTRPG (Table Top Role Playing Game). From tips to tricks of the trade, rules to know (and break), to choosing the right system for you and your players and developing home-brew elements to customize a game, these experienced GMs and players tell all for new dungeon masters.
3:00 PM, Sooner A
### Program Summaries

**Is Your Social Media Managing You?**
Finding work/life balance and managing your social media presence is a challenge for many in 2022, especially content creators. Panelists share strategies for social-media self-care while maintaining connections with audiences, plus time-saving tips for boosting your social media presence.

*3:00 PM, Sooner B*

**Intro to Artwork Matting**
Whether you just bought a piece of art at the Art Show, or are an artist showing your artworks, this session’s for you. Blair pulls from over 30 years of matting and framing experience to go over the various ways to display the art and demonstrates how matting (and organization) are important in showing the art in the best light possible.

*3:00 PM, University AB*

**Cartoon Sing-Along**
Come sing along to your favorite cartoon songs of the decades!

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*4:00 PM, Boomer A*

**Body Art 101: Full Coverage Options and Products**
Ever wanted to cosplay a colorful character, but had no idea where to start to get realistic-looking blue skin? In this class you will learn about different ways to create full-coverage makeup for cosplay, including mixing your own custom colors, different kinds of body paint and ways to apply them, and airbrushing sweat/transfer-proof, alcohol-based makeup. Your host will go over pricing, sourcing, and removal, as well as an introduction on how to use an airbrush system. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $10 fee.)

*4:00 PM, Bedlam 1*

**Retrotfuture: Visions of the Future from the Past**
From robots that clean and tablet computers, to jetpacks and flying cars. Join the fun as our panelists discuss how the past saw the future! What did they get right, what did they get laughably wrong?

*4:00 PM, Boomer B*

**Stuffed Animal Make & Take: Quick Stuffie**
Come make a simple stuffed animal. No sewing required. Use scissors, tie knots, insert eyes, and decorate your own whale or dinosaur stuffie. Children under 7 should be accompanied by an adult. (Two 30-minute sessions. Limit 14 participants per session. $15 fee/session.)

*4:00 PM, Bedlam 2*

**Bernina OKC Makeshop: Drawstring Bags**
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*4:00 PM, Crimson*

**Artwork in Progress: A Design and Color Workshop**
SF artist and illustrator W.J. Hodgson offers an in-depth review of design and color concepts artists can use to punch up their pieces. Whether it’s conveying a message with your work, making it more collectible, or you just want to get a better handle on a work-in-process that’s not quite coming together, this lecture and hands-on technique demo is for you. Sketch supplies provided, but you may also bring a small in-process 2-D piece for review. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants.)

*4:00 PM, JQH Boardroom*

**So You Want to Enter a Costume Contest?**
Tips for everything costume contests—preparing your application; brainstorming your ideas; how prejudging works; and what the awards are. Plus, how to deal with stage fright while upping your stage presence to enjoy your time in the spotlight as an awesome creative.

*4:00 PM, Oklahoma G*

**Remote Creative Work: Getting It Done**
The hybrid work model is here! An open-panel discussion on making it work while working from home. Can you find inspiration and keep personal and professional boundaries, while creating space for social interaction in remote work environments? Bonus points for cool home office/studio ideas.

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I Can See a Trope from My Backyard!
Tropes are comfortable standbys for storytelling. But sometimes the cringe factor outweighs the narrative need. When’s a trope welcome, and what do we really need to start leaving behind?
4:00 PM, Sooner B

Q&A with Jamie Marchi and J. Michael Tatum
Meet voice actors Jamie Marchi and J. Michael Tatum in this all-ages Q&A session.
4:00 PM, University C

Mapping Out Magic
Making sense of how a magic system works. What are the limits of magic in a fantasy world? How do those boundaries enrich the story?
5:00 PM, Boomer A

Thrift Revisions: Adding SF Genre Elements to Thrift Store Paintings
Artists insert sf genre elements or monsters into reclaimed paintings and prints. Final works are up for sale in the Charity Sale and Auction. (Paintings provided.)
5:00 PM, Boomer B

Ink Pendant Make-and-Take
Join Sara Felix and make a pendant with alcohol inks! Space themed or just abstract colors, the inks are vibrant colors that have a mind of their own. You will take away a necklace and pendant that you create! (1 hour. Limit 10 participants. $15 fee.)
5:00 PM, Bedlam 1

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5:00 PM, Noble

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Autographs
One-hour signings.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Autographs
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5:00 PM, Oklahoma E – Con Store

Suiting Up with the 501st
Learn how to cosplay with The Force, for charity! Members of the Oklahoma Garrison of the 501st Legion talk about building their iconic Star Wars costumes, how to Troop, demonstrate suit up Return of the Jedi’s Boushh, plus share info about the joining the Legion and other area Star Wars orgs.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma G

Take One Improv Comedy Show
Take One puts on a short-form improv comedy show, similar to Whose Line Is It Anyway, that is suitable for all ages. A tried-and-true comedy show performed across the nation for the last 10 years and has left a trail of laughter in its wake. This show involves audience participation and guarantees a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Gaming Computers: Building and Buying Tips
Local tech experts discuss what to consider when acquiring a gaming computer, and how to get your hands on one—despite parts shortages.
5:00 PM, Sooner A

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Intro to the Business of Writing
Agents, books deals, rights, contracts, beta readers ... where does a new writer get started? What are common first-timer publishing pitfalls? Is your story even sellable?
5:00 PM, Sooner B

Game Show: Real or Alternative History?
Two teams of contestants decide if certain “facts” are alternate history or really happened. Audience participation encouraged!
5:00 PM, University C

Dresden Files LARP: Murder Beneath the Stairs
The annual Dresden Files LARP is back and basking in the sun in Saint Augustine Florida, January 12th, 1926. Refresh yourself in the speakeasy found in the basement of the Ancient Cities Bookstore next door to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. But all is not well in Saint Augustine. The land boom is quickly becoming a land bust. Prohibition agents are trying to dry up the town. And now a prominent citizen has been murdered in the very speakeasy you were visiting! Was it you? Or will you just be the scapegoat? Join us in solving the mystery!
6:00 PM, Sooner B

Autographs
Meet the Take One Crew at their booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (1 hour)
6:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Opening Ceremonies
SoonerCon 30's official opening, Emcee John Eads welcomes all SoonerCon Heroes Home!
6:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

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Historical Fashion Exhibit
SoonerCon attendees are invited to join costumer and historic-clothing collector Ms. Kathleen M O’Brien in her parlor for a viewing of antique and vintage garments. Questions welcome! (2 hours, come-and-go viewings.)
7:00 PM, HOTEL SUITE (look for location on the signage boards)

Friends of SoonerCon Reception
Friends of SoonerCon membership-exclusive social event with SoonerCon 30 guests of honor and featured guests. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages provided. Thank you to our 2022 Friends of SoonerCon and Kickstarter supporters!
7:00 PM, Oklahoma A

Minis Workshop: Dressed to Impress — Blending Techniques for Cloth and Leather (Intermediate)
This is an intermediate-level class. This class will concentrate on how to blend your paints to get smooth transitions on your models. We will particularly be focusing blending on cloth and other accessories such as bags and boots. This will be a hands-on lecture-style class, meaning you’ll be getting information while painting your mini! (3 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee.)
8:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Furry Meetup
Come-and-go social time with furs and friends before hitting up the dance and other SoonerCon evening activities.
8:00 PM, Interior Courtyard – Atrium

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Literary Beers
Join panelists in the hotel lounge for lively conversation. BYO beverages, please.
7:00 PM, Interior Courtyard – Atrium
Karaoke
Join Elijah Farmer for late-night karaoke.
(3 hours)
8:00 PM, Sooner B

Performance: Bad Bards and Beyond
Enjoy the acoustic and vocal stylings of the Bad Bards during the World Peace Through Chocolate Art Show Reception.
8:00 PM, University AB

World Peace Through Chocolate Art Reception
Enjoy this evening viewing of SoonerCon’s annual Art Show. Meet and mingle with SoonerCon 30 artist guest of honor Elizabeth Leggett, and other award-winning artists in the show. Light desserts provided.
(2 hours)
8:00 PM, University AB

Filk & Bardic Circle
Open Filk in the round. Come share songs, lyrics, and enjoy listening to filk-music favorites.
9:00 PM, Boomer A

Ghoul Intentions Live: Podcast Recording with Jamie Marchi & J. Michael Tatum
9:00 PM, Crimson

SoonerCon 30 Homecoming Dance
SoonerCon’s annual all-ages dance. Costumes, rave wear and formal wear always encouraged! Must be 21 with valid ID to drink. Admission to the dance is included with SoonerCon 30 memberships.
9:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

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Cartoons & Cereal
Wake up conventioneers, it’s time for vintage cartoons and cereal to get your con day started (with prizes)! Open to all ages, first come, first served while supplies last.
8:00 AM, Hotel Suite 204

KoffeeKlatch
Join panelists in the hotel breakfast area for morning networking and conversation.
9:00 AM, Interior Courtyard – Fountain

Beyond Libraries and Google: Practical Research Techniques for Writers
There are many ways to research for a story. Certainly, a strong Google-fu is needed, but what other research resources and hands-on practicums are available for writers?
10:00 AM, Boomer A

Re-Covered Books, for Charity!
Artists create new cover art for books in our charity collection. Books and their custom covers will be available for sale in the Charity Sale. (Books and cover paper provided.)
10:00 AM, Boomer B

Minis Painting Workshop:
Painting the Future — Mecha Machines (All Skill Levels)
This class will be both for beginners and intermediate levels. This will focus on the basics of how to paint mechs and machines using various techniques which could include washing, drybrushing, forms of weathering, etc. This will be a hands-on lecture-style class, meaning you’ll be getting information while painting your mini! (3 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee.)
10:00 AM, Bedlam 1

The Lighted Fairy House — A Polymer Clay Workshop
In this workshop, we will create a small, charming house perfect for a tiny fairy, lit from within by the warm glow of an LED tea light. Participants will be guided step by step in the process, with tips and options to give each creation its own unique stamp. Once the workshop concludes, the finished items will be taken to be baked, allowed to cool completely, and can then be picked up at the designated pick-up station at Con HQ. The fee covers all materials and a printed tutorial of the workshop. Please note: This workshop is designed for adults and teenagers. However, children are welcome to “assist” an adult participant.
(2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $15 fee.)
10:00 AM, Bedlam 2

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10:00 AM, Bedlam 2

Costume Contest Prejudging Sessions
(pre-registered participants only)
All interested costume-contest contestants must attend their assigned prejudging session in full costume. Questions? Find the Costuming Info table near Con HQ/Registration.
(3 hours; various timeslots assigned by SoonerCon’s costuming staff.)
10:00 AM, JQH Boardroom
King Arthur’s Knights and the Search for the Holy Grail
Anthropologist Mel White shares the fascinating history and mythology of the legendary search for the Holy Grail.
10:00 AM, Noble

Open Coloring & Empathy Exhibit for Kids
SoonerCon kids coloring area and hands-on empathy exhibit by Heroic Inner Kids org. Runs hourly in the Kids area during SoonerCon’s daytime programming hours.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma A

Circuits for Kids
Learn how electric circuits work as you build some super projects that you can take home! Limit 12 kids in this session, and their adult assistant is needed to help with this make-and-take project.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma A1

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Catastrophic Cosplay
Sometimes a seam pops, sometimes a design is too ambitious, sometimes bad deals are made or things get really...weird. We’ll cover it all! Cosplayers happily discuss their favorite disastrous cosplay experiences, and how this helped them improve.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma A1

Superhero School
New World Comics presents Avengers Assembled, featuring MCU and comic-book favorites. Learn about your favorite Avengers! Ask them about their adventures and take time for pictures.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma HIJ

Where Do You Get Those Wonderful Ideas?
Writers describe the wildest inspirations they’ve had, or heard about, for a good plot or character. The best things can spring from the oddest places.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma A

3D Printing Tech Today
How close we are to replicators! 3D printing is bleeding-edge tech. Experienced printers talk tech about 3D-printing technologies for general consumers. What’s out there now, and what’s on the immediate horizon?
10:00 AM, Oklahoma B

Shortcake + Me: Q&A with Muriel Fahrion
Meet artist Muriel Fahrion, creator of beloved characters like Strawberry Shortcake, the Care Bears, and more in this interactive Q&A session.
10:00 AM, University C

Salon Philosophique
Open sci-fi-oriented philosophy public discussions. All are welcome. (1.5 hours)
10:30 AM, Interior Courtyard - Atrium

Anime of the 80s and 90s
A nostalgic look at the anime of the 80s and 90s. What are your favorite shows to watch today, and which need to stay in the vault (for reasons...)?
11:00 AM, Boomer A

Fandom Past, Present, and Future
Conventions have been happening, officially, since 1939’s Worldcon. But... why? Panelists share nerdkind’s lore about con traditions, the history of sf fandom, and how congoers today are defining pop-culture trends and building new media markets.
11:00 AM, Boomer B

The Way of Tea (Japanese Tea Ceremony)
Presented by Oklahoma Chado, enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Learn from hostess Kyuragi Sensei about “the way of tea” by experiencing this historic and artful cultural tradition. (30 minutes. Limit 15 participants. $20 fee.)
11:00 AM, Hotel Suite 204

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11:00 AM, Noble

Agents of SHIELD Shield Making
Have you got what it takes to be an Agent of SHIELD? Join veteran agents to make your own shield and join SHIELD!
11:00 AM, Oklahoma A1

Autographs
Visit Muriel at her table in the Exhibitors Hall! Two personal collectibles signed/person max, please. (2 hours)
11:00 AM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

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One-hour signings.
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Paint & Take
Take a seat, grab a blank miniature figure and brush, and begin painting. You can take your mini home with you for free! Please, limit one mini/person. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
11:00 AM, Oklahoma F

Speed Painting Competition
In our Speed Paint Competition, competitors each have 45 minutes to complete a figure provided. How detailed can you get? Winners can move on to further competition with prizes awarded in the final round. Times are 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, and 5 PM Final Round on Saturday. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
11:00 AM, Oklahoma F

Wear Five Layers in 100 Degree Weather Without Dying
It’s important to ensure your costume and prop(s) will be functional in the weather and for long-term wear during your costumed function. Making sure different fabrics are breathable or include a cooling vest, have moisture barriers, etc. can mean the difference between weathering or ruining a costume.
11:00 AM, Oklahoma G
70s Sci-Fi and Fantasy
The 70s brought lasting franchises to the big screen and small, some still going strong! Alien, Superman, Star Wars, Wonder Woman, Westworld, Battlestar Galactica, the list goes on! Can you define the 70s “certain something”?
Noon, Boomer A

Demo: Arctic Awakening Video Game
What’s it take to make a video game? Find out from local game developer James Simpson in this demo session featuring the upcoming narrative adventure game, *Arctic Awakening* (releasing late 2022 or early 2023 on PC, Xbox, and PlayStation).
(1 hour. Limit 14 participants in room at one time.)
Noon, Bedlam 2

Dynamic Figure Drawing with JEO Creations
Bring your sketchpad and join us for a lesson on constructing and composing figures in dynamic poses! Learn the basics of constructing figures utilizing proportion and composition. Attendees will learn about its history from the great masters of art and comics. Join Eric Osborn (“We Promised Utopia,” “Hiro Doggie: Space Corpi,” “Enigma Machine,” Literati Press Art Director) for a lecture and live demo on dynamic drawing techniques! For more information on the artist, go to www.jeo creations.com. (1 hour. Limit 28 participants.)
Noon, Crimson

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Kids Writing Spooky Stories
Join award-winning author Kim Ventrella for an interactive spooky-story workshop. Young storytellers will learn how to choose the right main character for their spooky tale, how to plot for maximum chills, and how to get creative with their villains. Answer burning questions like, how do you make oatmeal scary? We’ll walk through the brainstorming process from beginning to end, even touching on that scariest of all topics: writer’s block.
Our session ends with time for questions. Students will leave ready to write their own terrifying tales.
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Sophie Says
With Sophie Says, you have 45 minutes to paint a miniature, but you have to do it as “Sophie Says.” You may have to stand up, or use only green, or paint the figure of the person to your left. There’s no telling what Sophie might say! Sophie Says happens at these times Saturday: 12 PM, 2 PM, and 4 PM. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
Noon, Oklahoma F

Science and Religion: A Zero-Sum Relationship?
Some think religious faith precludes scientific objectivity. Others feel that science has outstripped “superstitions” like religion. Still others are calling for a New Enlightenment period in an increasingly misinformed world. How does the speculative-fiction writer address all sides and tell a compelling story?
Noon, Oklahoma G

Q&A with Johnny Yong Bosch
Join Johnny Yong Bosch for this audience Q&A. (45 minutes. Seating begins at noon.)
Noon, Oklahoma HIJ

Fantastic Connections
Stories explore the human condition in ways that help us think. Allegories analyze us and society. How does this work? Why are we so connected with fantastical people/places/stories? Can escaping into speculative fiction help us heal in the real world?
Noon, Sooner A

STEM Keynote: Breaking Bad Science Storytelling Habits in Media
Chemist and OU professor Dr. Donna J. Nelson shares about her experiences as Science Advisor for AMC’s *Breaking Bad*, and why promoting the understanding and public perception of science and scientists in pop-culture media matters. Presentation with brief Q&A.
11:00 AM, University C

Inside the Artist’s Studio with Elizabeth Leggett
Presentation and Q&A with SoonerCon 30’s award-winning artist guest of honor, Elizabeth Leggett.
Noon, Boomer A

Bellydance Performance
Traditional and modern fusion styles of bellydance from Aaim Dance Academy.
11:00 AM, Oklahoma HIJ

Writing Nonhuman Characters (for Humans)
Writing nonhuman characters can present its own set of challenges. What works well and what is just, no.
11:00 AM, Sooner A

They’re Literally Fireballing Everything: RPG Game Management
DMs and longtime players offer advice on managing difficult campaigns, problematic personalities, deficient RP interactions, and wacky game mechanics for a richer roleplaying-game experience for all. Topics include communication skills, kinds of players, catering to players and DMs alike, as well as essential Session 0 discussion points and campaign check-ins.
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Elevator to Success! What’s Your Pitch?
What’s an elevator pitch? It’s a brief explanation, presented in the time it takes to take an elevator ride. This skill is invaluable in sharing your work without being a bore or being too aggressive. Our panelists help you develop your own elevator pitch for fun and profit!

1:00 PM, Boomer A

Improvisation Techniques for Cosplay
You’re perfecting your D. Va build, fashioned your Belle for the ball, embroidered every line of trim for Megumin’s hat, cloak and skirt, and are ready to morph into action with your Green Ranger. Now what? Cosplay isn’t just for posing and pics! Have fun interacting in character with other congoers using these tried-and-true improv techniques.

1:00 PM, Crimson

At the Author’s Desk with A. Lee Martinez
Q&A with SoonerCon 30’s literary guest of honor, A. Lee Martinez.

1:00 PM, Boomer A

Before and After the Plague
Or, COVID-19 as a taste of apocalypse. How has it changed how we communicate, work, innovate, and live? What’s the state of human society, and the things we’ve taken for granted in our post-pandemic world? What’s getting better?

1:00 PM, Boomer B

Minis Painting Workshop: Growing in the Hobby — Painting Your Second Miniature (All Skill Levels)
This class will be both for beginners and intermediate levels. This class will concentrate on growing and developing in the miniature-painting hobby. We will be discussing how to set reasonable expectations, process feedback, and developing a personal style. Additionally, this class will focus on helping students overcome roadblocks and how to push past issues that might arise. Hands-on painting will be based on class students’ requests. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $15 fee.)

1:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Light Up Your Costumes: A Gemma Wearable Processor How-To
This introductory workshop will teach you the basics of CircuitPython using a Gemma M0 processor. The Gemma has an onboard DotStar LED, so no soldering will be necessary. We’ll even build a basic prop for you to show off! We will have appropriate software for PC and Mac laptops. If your computer doesn’t use either operating system, then a text editor will work. There’s just an extra step you need to take, and we’ll show you what to do. (If you’ve used Python before, you may have Mu or EMACS on your laptop. If so, you’re good to go!) (2 hours. Limit 12 participants. $15 fee.)

1:00 PM, Bedlam 2

The Way of Tea (Japanese Tea Ceremony)
Presented by Oklahoma Chado, enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Learn from hostess Kyuragi Sensei about “the way of tea” by experiencing this historic and artful cultural tradition. (30 minutes. Limit 15 participants. $20 fee.)

1:00 PM, Hotel Suite 204

RPG Podcasting with Red Dirt D&D Podcast
Hear from Oklahoma’s own Weird West TTRPG podcasters talk about their journeys through the struggles and successes of podcasting their game, plus learn inside info about the production process and building the world of Red Dirt D&D.

1:00 PM, Crimson

Author Readings
Authors read selections from their various works.

1:00 PM, Noble

Hogwarts Potions Class
Witches and Wizards—gather around for potions class! Join us as your favorite professors teach you some useful potions!

1:00 PM, Oklahoma A1

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Harry Potter Sorting Ceremony
“There’s nothing hidden in your head. The Sorting Hat can’t see, So try me on and I will tell you Where you ought to be.”
- Sorting Hat’s Song, 1991

Come first-year wizards and witches! Get sorted into your Hogwarts house by the Sorting Hat!

1:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

The B-Movie Panel
Bad sci-fi movies are a guilty pleasure for so many of us! Why do we love movies that love to be bad?

1:00 PM, Sooner A

Live Streaming Tips
Through live streaming anyone can be an entertainer. Our panelists stream a variety of content on a variety of channels. They’ll offer up their best tips for setups, getting viewers, keeping the momentum, and avoiding burnout.

1:00 PM, Sooner B
Larry's State of the Trek:
Fan Forum 2022
“Dr. Trek” Larry Nemecek will intro and referee — YOU vent or share your thoughts with fellow fans about current Trekland: the changing face of media, fandom, culture — and what it all means for Star Trek. Comic Lower Decks, kid-centric Prodigy, Picard’s familiar faces, the evolution of Discovery, old-school Strange New Worlds, elusive “Star Trek 4.” All opinions welcome — as long as the emphasis stays on listening and reflecting.
1:00 PM, University C

Star Wars Parade Meet-up
If you’re in Star Wars costuming, head over to the line-up spot for assignment from the 501st for your spot to walk in the con floor parade.
1:30 PM, North Hallway

Mythology Art 101
Unicorns and griffins and dragons — ooh my! Learn simple design and illustration techniques to bring your favorite mythological creatures to life on paper and screen.
2:00 PM, Boomer A

Amigurumi for Intermediate Makers
Do you know how to crochet but have never attempted making amigurumi? Have you made a few amigurumi but want to learn a bit more? This session is for you. In this session you will learn how to make small parts like horns and limbs, how to sew them on, and more advanced crochet techniques like the invisible decrease. (1 hour. Limit 28 participants. $5 fee.)
2:00 PM, Crimson

Build a Tiara
Join Sara Felix in a tiara-making workshop. Follow along, or make it your own. She will show you the basic techniques to make a gorgeous tiara fit for any fae prince or princess. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee)
2:00 PM, JQH Boardroom

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2:00 PM, Hotel Suite 204

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2:00 PM, Noble

Star Wars Parade
Calling all fans and cosplayers to witness this march of rebels, Imperialists, Jawas, and other Star Wars character favorites throughout the convention floor.
2:00 PM, Artist Alley

Autographs
Meet the 2022 Oklahoma Speculative Fiction Hall of Fame inductee Larry “Dr. Trek” Nemecek at his booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (1 hour)
2:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Paint & Take
Take a seat, grab a blank miniature figure and brush, and begin painting. You can take your mini home with you for free! Please, limit one mini/person. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma F

Sofie Says
With Sofie Says, you have 45 minutes to paint a miniature, but you have to do it as “Sofie Says.” You may have to stand up, or use only green, or paint the figure of the person to your left. There’s no telling what Sofie might say! Sofie happens at these times Saturday: 12 PM, 2 PM, and 4 PM. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma F

Intro to Artwork Matting
Whether you just bought a piece of art at the Art Show, or are an artist showing your artworks, this workshop’s for you. Blair pulls from over 30 years of matting and framing experience to go over the various ways to display the art and demonstrates how matting (and organization) are important in showing the art in the best light possible.
2:00 PM, University AB

Pirate Sing Along with Bad Bards and Beyond
Avast ye men, there be filking and sea shantying in the main hall! Join the gleewomen of the Bad Bards and Beyond for this jaunty hour of music and more.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Comic Book History 101
A (brief) history of the hundred years of comic books, from the Golden Age to the Modern Age. What’s worth reading today?
2:00 PM, Sooner A

Overcoming Imposter Syndrome
Imposter Syndrome is when an individual doubts their accomplishments and has a persistent fear of being exposed as a fraud. We who suffer from this believe we don’t deserve all that we have achieved. The panel will discuss ways to help get past perfectionism and insecurities. You don’t have to get it right the very first time … or the tenth!
2:00 PM, Sooner B

Writers Change the STEM World
Talk about “a wish to build a dream on”! From Edward Bellamy’s prediction of the credit card to Clarke’s projection of communications satellites, we survey how imagined tech in science fiction has influenced the world.
2:00 PM, Sooner B
Take One Comedy Coliseum
A competitive improv show where the audience and two teams divide up, to compete against each other for laughs and for comedy supremacy. The competitions will include things like lip sync battle, hot take, and a variety of improv games.
2:00 PM, University C

Summertime Stargazing
Come find out what constellations are up in the summer sky, and when the meteor showers happen. Plus, make and take a distance scale model of the solar system that will fit in your pocket. (Geared toward ages 8-12)
2:30 PM, Oklahoma A1

Fan Art vs. Original Art
While fan art is intended as a tribute to the original work, some creators and collectors are concerned. It’s use of an artists’ intellectual property by someone else—particularly when put out for sale. Where does homage end and plagiarism begin?
3:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Podcasting 101 with Red Six Podcast
Interactive workshop on recording and publishing a podcast. Learn which mics best suit your needs, what hosting services to use, and how to post it online. BYO equipment for usage tips and tricks, too. The ultimate beginner’s guide to podcasting! (1 hour. Limit 28 participants.)
3:00 PM, Crimson

Coloring & Kicking It
Bring your coloring book and colored pencils or markers, and join us for hang times hotel side. We’ll offer some tips and techniques for a cleaner or messier look while you relax and color.
3:00 PM, Interior Courtyard – Atrium

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I Want to Be a Gaming Journalist!
Video-game journalist Michael Mosley talks about how he got into the field, how others can get started, and the ups and downs to expect along the way for eager newcomers to the gaming industry.
3:00 PM, Noble

Autographs
Meet Cory J. Phillips before his next panel at the Take One Improv booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (30 minutes)
3:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Autographs
Meet Knightmage at his table in the Exhibitors Hall. (3 hours)
3:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

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3:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Social Media for Cosplayers
Whether it’s just a fun hobby or you’re looking to build your own cosplayer brand, social media is an integral part of the cosplaying experience! Join us as we discuss the best ways to use these tools, break down what they mean, and talk about which platforms best fit your cosplay style.
3:00 PM, Oklahomia G

Delightful Hericane K-pop & Idol Dancing Show
K-pop and idol dancing performances brought to you by Delightful Hericane and Aoi Kitsu!
3:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

RPG Adventure Writing
So you’ve decided to write a game module? Awesome! Game writers and developers share advice on how to write adventures, compensate when players derail the plot, and provide inspirational narrative elements to help players develop characters and engage in roleplaying.
3:00 PM, Sooner A

Fursuiting 101
A crash course in everything fursuiting related! From building the suit, suiting up for the first time, and how to move and perform in your suit! This panel is an all-ages panel focused on fursuiting and fur suit building.
3:00 PM, Sooner B

Fantasy Art Class Basics
Artist Mike Kennedy shares simple techniques for fantasy artwork construction, focusing on anatomy and concept design. (1 hour) Limit 12 participants.
3:00 PM, University AB
Poetry Readings & Open Mic
Two poems, or six minutes. Come share your poetry and listen to fellow poets in this open-mic forum reading session. Featuring readings from featured guest, Muriel Fahrion.
3:00 PM, University C

Being Kind To Our Fellow Creatives
It’s easy to become competitive with other creatives when you get opportunities that you’d like to have. It’s frustrating. Our panel talks about how important it is to be kind to each other and to be nice to your fans no matter what.
4:00 PM, Boomer A

Folk and Fantasy, Kith and Kin
Modern fantasy and urban fantasy often draw from oral and academic histories of folktales worldwide. How are these best incorporated into today’s stories? And what’s the line between appreciation and appropriation of these cultural myths in making new media mythologies?
4:00 PM, Boomer B

Scrivener Software 101 for Writers (Mac and Windows)
Frustrated with trying to manage your entire novel in Word? Us, too! Scrivener was the game changer we were looking for, but it’s not always easy getting started with a new application. We’ll give you an overview of Scrivener, how to get started using it, and show you some of the benefits, such as: the ability to segregate your novel by scene/chapter/section, how you can store your outline and research in one place, and how you can easily format for either trade or indie publishing with this amazing tool from Literature and History.
4:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Bernina OKC Makeshop: Simple Tote Bags
Come and make a small, simple tote bag. It will measure approximately 9” tall, 8” wide, and 3” deep, the perfect size for books and comics! See the BERNINA display in the Exhibitors Hall for examples. A kit with all the supplies needed is provided. This class is for beginner sewists. (2 hours. Limit 15 participants.)
4:00 PM, Crimson

Pokémon Go! Trade Event
Calling all trainers to meet at the fountain to catch ‘em all! If you do, then trade them all! Every trade gets an XL candy.
4:00 PM, Interior Courtyard - Fountain

Thanks, It Has Pockets!
Navigating the con floor without your essentials is unthinkable - but where does Superman carry his credit card? How does Spider-Man use a touchscreen? From zentai suits to heavy armor, you can learn simple ways to add functionality to any costume to make them work in the real world without compromising your style. (1 hour. Limit 14 participants.)
4:00 PM, JQH Boardroom

Author Readings
Authors read selections from their various works.
4:00 PM, Noble

Muggle Quidditch
Muggle Quidditch is a sport based on Quidditch, the fictional sport developed by British author J. K. Rowling in the Harry Potter series of children’s novels, as governed by the International Quidditch Association. As in the fictional sport, muggle quidditch has seven players on each team: 3 chasers, 2 beaters, 1 keeper, and 1 seeker. Muggle Quidditch has been adapted for play on the ground, with game play confined to a playing field comparable in size to an ice hockey rink. The sport is adapted using elements of rugby, dodge ball, tag, and lacrosse. Visit the game room for rules and to sign up.
4:00 PM, Oklahoma A

Autographs
Meet Beku.Cos and Remy Domino at their table in the Exhibitors Hall! Two personal collectibles signed/person max, please. (1 hour)
4:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Autographs
One-hour signings.
4:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Sophie Says
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4:00 PM, Oklahoma G

Cosplay for Fun or Cosplay FTW
Each cosplayer has their own reason(s). From scene-accurate builds, OCs, or first-time store-bought and found constructions, cosplay is art for everyone. Come learn the differences, share your own, maybe even learn something new!
4:00 PM, Oklahoma A

My Hero Academia VAs Q&A
Join voice actors Johnny Yong Bosch, Jamie Marchi, Cory J. Phillips, and J. Michael Tatum as they share their experiences and answer your fan questions about all things My Hero Academia! (45 minutes. Seating begins 4 PM.)
4:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Open Filk Jam
Calling all filkers to join in for this round-robin filk music jam session! Listeners very welcome, too.
4:00 PM, University C

3D Printing for Gaming
Printing and Gaming: Making custom character figures, game scenery, and tabletop RPG accessories. In this session, panelists focus on 3D-printing techniques for miniatures and dice containers, particularly: file design, recommended materials, and planning production time for printing, smoothing, and painting.
4:00 PM, Sooner A

Closed Captioning
My Hero Academia
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4:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

The Hero’s New Reality
The Hero’s Journey, one of the most appealing narrative structures, takes a person from the ordinary to extraordinary then back again. How do these steps define a hero? How do our encounters with fictional heroes shape our worldviews when we face similar challenges IRL?
4:00 PM, Sooner A

Popped Culture
When crunch is the norm and everyone’s disposable, how does this affect pop culture and media? Examine burnout and its effects on our society. What’s the specific take?
5:00 PM, Boomer A
Art Imitating Life, Imitating...
Since the earliest times, we have experienced the world and shared that experience by creating works of art. New ideas emerge from creative expression. Examine this symbiotic journey, as how art eventually becomes reality and vice versa.
5:00 PM, Boomer B

Minis Painting Workshop: Skincare Routine — Blending and Shading Techniques for Skin Tones (Intermediate)
This is an intermediate-level class. This class will concentrate on how to blend your paints to get smooth transitions on your models. We will particularly be focusing blending on cloth and other accessories such as bags and boots. This will be a hands-on lecture-style class, meaning you’ll be getting information while painting your mini! (3 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee.)
5:00 PM, Bedlam 2

Welcome to Larry’s Trekland Briefing Party!
Come sample Portal 47 and hear about Larry’s Trekland Treks location-site tours—visit with P47ers, try for door prizes, get sign-up gifts! Perfect time to vent or ply Dr. Trek with your questions, too.
5:00 PM, Interior Courtyard – Atrium

Let’s Make a Tail!
Stumped on how to add that extra pizzazz to your costume? Want to get started on fursuit making? Let’s start with something fun! Let’s make a tail! Instructional panel on how to make tails for cosplay and fursuit use. We will be building a small tail together, but panel will go over multiple sizes and types. (1.5 hours) Limit 14 participants.
5:00 PM, JQH Boardroom

Author Readings
Authors read selections from their various works.
5:00 PM, Noble

Autographs
Meet Johnny Yong Bosch at his booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (2 hours)
5:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Autographs
Meet Cory and the Take One Improv crew at their booth in the Exhibitors Hall. (2 hours)
5:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Autographs
One-hour signings.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma E – Con Store

Speed Painting Competition
In our Speed Paint Competition, competitors each have 45 minutes to complete a figure provided. How detailed can you get? Winners can move on to further competition with prizes awarded in the final round. Times are 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, and 5 PM Final Round on Saturday. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma F

Create an OC Cosplay
Want to join the cosplay craze, but can’t find the right character that fits your personality? Create your own original character! Pick a name, develop your story, and design your costume. The options are limitless! Panelists discuss designing an OC cosplay concept.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma G

Extended Q&A with Jamie Marchi and J. Michael Tatum
Join Michael and Jamie for this SoonerCon exclusive Q&A session as they talk more about their VA roles, share about expanding their current projects, and spill all the hot tea with fans.
5:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Build the Droids You’re Looking For
Can’t find the droids you’re looking for? Build ‘em! With the introduction of DIY electronics such as Arduinos and Raspberry Pis, building robots has never been easier. Beginner’s kits have made these projects cheaper and easier than ever for engineers of all ages.
5:00 PM, Sooner A

Radio Play Open Casting & Rehearsal
Say, do you want to be a radio star? This is your chance! Join us for the auditions and rehearsal for “Hero Resources.” Our featured audio-theater presentation will take place during the Costume Contest. Or just drop in and learn about what goes into an audio production. We have a variety of parts open!
5:00 PM, Sooner B

Nerf Gaming
Bring your favorite foam-dart blaster and join the fun. Visit the game room for full rules. Didn’t bring your blaster? Don’t worry! A wide selection of blasters (with darts) are available in the Charity Store. Charity sales and donations benefit Bridges of Norman.
5:30 PM, Oklahoma A

Autographs
Meet Cory at his table in the Exhibitors Hall. (2 hours)
6:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Autographs
Meet J. Michael Tatum at his table in the Exhibitors Hall. (1 hour)
6:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Art/Charity Auction
Come bid high and often at the art and charity live auctions!
6:00 PM, University C

Miniatures Painting Competition Judging (Closed to the Public)
Miniatures painting judges will deliberate in this closed judging session. Contest participants are invited to attend the Miniatures Painting Competition Open Feedback session at 9:30pm to review their scores.
6:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Literary Beers
Join panelists in the hotel lounge for lively conversation. BYO beverages, please.
7:00 PM, Interior Courtyard – Atrium

Costume Contest Lineup
All SoonerCon Masquerade Costume Contest participants (age 13+ division) report to Oklahoma A ballroom for placement and lineup assignments.
7:00 PM, Oklahoma A
Costume Contest
SoonerCon's 30th annual Masquerade Contest! Sponsored by Bernina OKC, TNT Cosplay Supply, OKC Fabric Market, and One Stop Anime.
8:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Karaoke
Join Elijah Farmer for late-night karaoke. (2.5 hours)
9:00 PM, Sooner B

Generic Radio Workshop Radio Play:
Hero Resources
Look! Up on the stage! Is it a podcast? Is it performance art? It's a radio play! A world without superheroes faces a monster attack. Hero Resources is tasked with forming an elite team. What could possibly go wrong? (Performance during the SoonerCon Masquerade Costume Contest judging intermission.)
9:15 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Miniatures Painting Competition Open Feedback Sessions
Contest participants are invited to attend this open feedback session to review their scores.
9:30 PM, Bedlam 1

Intermission with Take One Improv
Take One Improv entertains with dynamic, laugh-'til-your-belly-hurts improv comedy scenes during the SoonerCon Masquerade Costume Contest judging intermission.
9:30 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Filk & Bardic Circle
Open Filk in the round. Come share songs, lyrics, and enjoy listening to filk-music favorites.
10:00 PM, Boomer A

Late Night Artists Chat Vol. 2
This is a chance for artists and fans to meet in a relaxed setting to talk all things art! Ask questions, share ideas, and socialize. (Hotel side)
10:00 PM, Crimson

SoonerCon After Dark: Nerdles with Terre Rouge Burlesque
Terre Rouge Burlesque performers Bessie Bouté, Padme Peaches, Quinn Dixie, and emcee Jim Shorts delight SoonerCon audience members with nerdy, titillating burlesque. (Must be age 18+ w/ID to participate in this exclusive late-night function).
10:30 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Sooner Homes
Originally about 30 square miles, the present Sherwood Forest “National Nature Reserve” is now down to one-fifth that size. The English wood, legendary home to Robin Hood and his Merry Men, lies almost in the center of England on all four axes. One tree, the roughly thousand-year-old Major Oak, is reputed to have been Robin’s hideout. The last 200 years have required scaffolding to uphold its spreading arms. Cloned saplings have been sent throughout the world for planting.

SUNDAY
Koffeeklatch
Join panelists in the hotel breakfast area for morning networking and conversation. BYO coffee, please.
9:00 AM, Interior Courtyard - Fountain

Cartoons & Cereal
Wake up conventioners, it’s time for vintage cartoons and cereal to get your con day started (with prizes)! Open to all ages, first come, first served while supplies last. (2 hours)
9:00 AM, Hotel Suite 204

Reimagining the Hero’s Journey for SF
What does a good hero story look like today in spec fic? High tech, low tech, otherworldly and fantastic settings aside, how has the hero’s journey changed in 2022? What stories need telling now? What’s it mean to be a hero, anyway?
10:00 AM, Boomer A

I Will NEVER Make That Again
#neveragain: Artists, costumers, crafters and makers share ugly truths about the toughest creation they’ve ever made, and how it shaped their work going forward. Pics or it didn’t happen!
10:00 AM, Boomer B

Minis Workshop: Gussied Up — Painting Faces & Hair (Intermediate)
This is an intermediate-level class. This class will focus on techniques to use while painting facial features. This class will give methods to paint the smaller, but important, details of the face such as eyes. This class will also address ways to blend and highlight hair of the miniature as well. This will be a hands-on lecture-style class, meaning you’ll be getting information while painting your mini! (3 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee.)
10:00 AM, Bedlam 1

Clay Sculpting Make & Take
Using air-dry clay, learn sculpting techniques from master potter Peri Charlidu to make your own unique piece. (2 hours. Limit 10 participants. $15 fee.)
10:00 AM, Bedlam 2

Amigurumi Basics for Beginners
For the absolute beginner! Ever see a super-cute amigurumi and want to make one? Well, now you can. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of crochet, yarn types, and hooks, as well as learn how to read a basic amigurumi pattern. Then, make a basic amigurumi pattern. (1 hour. Limit 28 participants. $5 fee.)
10:00 AM, Crimson

Build a Tiara
Join Sara Felix in a tiara-making workshop. Follow along, or make it your own. She will show you the basic techniques to make a gorgeous tiara fit for any fae prince or princess. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $20 fee.)
10:00 AM, JQH Boardroom

Fairy Build-a-Tale
Kids choose raw components from a list of story elements to assemble their own Heroic Journey. (Adults welcome too. Limit 14 participants.)
10:00 AM, Noble

Nerf Gaming
Bring your favorite foam-dart blaster and join the fun. Visit the game room for full rules. Didn’t bring your blaster? Don’t worry! A wide selection of blasters (with darts) are available in the Charity Store. Charity sales and donations benefit Bridges of Norman.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma A
Open Coloring & Empathy Exhibit for Kids
SoonerCon kids coloring area and hands-on empathy exhibit by Heroic Inner Kids org. Runs hourly in the Kids area during SoonerCon’s daytime programming hours.
10:00 AM, Oklahoma A

**Program Summaries**

**Psy-Cosplay**
What are the social and mental-health benefits of cosplay? We discuss the psychology behind character development and various sociological elements of cosplay, emphasizing why we choose to be someone or something else.
*10:00 AM, Oklahoma G*

**Serial Star Wars**
Perhaps Star Wars was always destined for TV. In such an expansive universe of media tie-ins, why not? First The Mandalorian, then, uh, The Book of Boba Fett, then Obi-Wan Kenobi, then Andor. Are the possibilities truly endless, or will we need more feature films to sate our cravings for the onscreen stories from a galaxy far, far away?
*10:00 AM, Sooner A*

**Cursed Talismans and Good Luck Charms**
From “The Monkey’s Paw” to rabbits’ feet—four-leaf clovers to horseshoes (up or down?)—consider the odd notion that an object can convey supernatural influence for good or ill. Don’t pass this rune!
*10:00 AM, Sooner B*

**Kitchen Dancing and Morning Meditations with Muriel Fahrion**
Let’s dance on it! Join artist, poet, creator and Instagram dance sensation Muriel Fahrion to bust some moves and clear your head space in this judgment-free joy zone.
*10:00 AM, University C*

**How to Turn Fandom into Your Job**
There’s money to be made in being a geek artist/maker/writer etc., if you can turn your passion into your profession. Join our panelists as they discuss tips, tricks, and how-tos on how to turn your interests into income.
*11:00 AM, Boomer B*

**You Mean Star Trek Star Maps Are Kinda Real?**
Join “Dr. Trek” Larry Nemecek, the author of Star Trek: Stellar Cartography (2013/2018) and a Trek star-mapper since 1976, for more than you ever realized: How much of Star Trek’s stellar layout is based on real science? Where does everything go? And does anyone working or playing on Star Trek really pay attention?
*11:00 AM, Boomer B*

**Designing Book Covers with Chaz Kemp**
Grab your laptop, iPad, or notebook and join award-winning artist and illustrator Chaz Kemp to learn how to design a book cover. Chaz will help you understand WHY certain elements are important so you can get started ASAP on your book-cover project. For artists and authors. (1 hour. Limit 28 participants.)
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*11:00 AM, Interior Courtyard - Atrium*

**Making Your Audiobook a Reality**
We discuss the production of an audiobook, from rights acquisition to casting, production, recording, proofing, and format delivery. (Limit 11 participants.)
*11:00 AM, Noble*

**Muggle Quidditch**
Muggle Quidditch is a sport based on Quidditch, the fictional sport developed by British author J. K. Rowling in the Harry Potter series of children’s novels, as governed by the International Quidditch Association. As in the fictional sport, muggle quidditch has seven players on each team: 3 chasers, 2 beaters, 1 keeper, and 1 seeker. Muggle Quidditch has been adapted for play on the ground, with game play confined to a playing field comparable in size to an ice hockey rink. The sport is adapted using elements of rugby, dodge ball, tag, and lacrosse. Visit the game room for rules and to sign up.
*11:00 AM, Oklahoma G*
Program Summaries

SoonerCon’s annual Kids Costume Contest on the main stage (ages 5-12), featuring costumes imagined and made by younglings. Participants can preregister online or onsite Friday and Saturday during registration hours at the Costuming Info Table. Sign-ups are first come, first served with a cap of 30 participants. Prizes sponsored by Bernina of OKC.

11:00 AM, Oklahoma HIJ

**Kids Costume Contest**

Grab Your Tea & Slippers: Why Cozy Video Games Are Taking Over

Let’s get comfy and discuss why cozy, wholesome games are an upcoming force in the industry, share examples of our favorites, and discuss why we shouldn’t hide the fact that we want kinder, gentler titles to enjoy!

11:00 AM, Sooner A

**Groupthink, Misinformation, Moral Panics, and More**

Survey the behavior of those caught up in societal panics. Examples are the Red Scare, (fictional) child-abuse rings, Satanic panic and D&D, mad gassers, and such. Must a group define itself by defining and condemning an Other, even if the Other ain’t there?

11:00 AM, Sooner B

**Building Better Futures**

How to use Design and Foresight tools to build plausible futures for writing, games, movies, cosplay, and more. Professional futurist Tim Morgan aka Everyday Futurist guides this introductory session on future-minded thinking. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants.)

11:00 AM, Bedlam 2

**Podcasting 102 with Red Six Podcast**

Welcome to Podcasting 102. This workshop will discuss post-production editing tools for beginners to make your podcast sound like a professional recording. Join the Red Six Podcast as they use editing software to remove room noise, balance audio spikes, and more to improve the audio quality of your podcast. (1 hour. Limit 28 participants.)

11:00 AM, Crimson

**Wry Wit for Writers: Humorous Fiction**

Tips and techniques for writing humorous fiction. Incorporating humor is more than sarcasm, snark, and a few jokes. Timing, focus, placement, tone, motivation, plot impact and character arcs, reader’s perceptions, and how much fun you’re having writing—all impact the humor of a story...

11:00 AM, Boomer A

**Commission Work: The Joys, Pitfalls and Just Plain Weirdness!**

Seasoned artists share their tips to make commission transactions smoother or less painful as you’re getting started in the art business. Learn how to place an order so both the artist and the buyer end up happy.

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**Getting into Character: Putting the “Play” in Cosplay**

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**Entertaining the Climate Crisis**

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11:00 AM, University C

**Stuffed Animal Make & Take : Design Your Own**

Come design and create your own simple stuffed animal. Hand sewing required. Design, hand sew, and stuff your own plushie! Children under 7 should be accompanied by an adult. (1 hour. Limit 14 participants. $15 fee.)

11:00 AM, JQH Boardroom

**Author Readings**

Authors read selections from their various works.

11:00 AM, Noble

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11:00 AM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

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One-hour signings.

11:00 AM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

**Paint & Take**

Take a seat, grab a blank miniature figure and brush, and begin painting. You can take your mini home with you for free! Please, limit one mini/person. Game room sponsored by Streamlabs. Miniatures sponsored by Reaper Minis.

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**Villain Scavenger Hunt**
Villains have invaded SoonerCon! It's up to you to stop them! Help the heroes defeat the villains by finding their locations through the convention center.
12:30 PM, Oklahoma A1

**Fortnite Dance Break!**
Feel like you got a #1 Victory Royale? Come emote your way into a fun Fortnite Dance Break!
12:30 PM, Oklahoma A2

**Take One Con-Quest**
Come along and join the show of a lifetime as Take One Improv takes con-goers into a world of fun with a variety of improv games, stand-up, dramatic readings of internet nonsense, lip-sync showdowns, and see beloved movies and television shows re-cast with characters that definitely don’t belong. Join us for a randomly wild ride! Note: this panel is rated PG-13.
12:30 PM, Oklahoma HJJ

**“I Love You.” “I Know”: Romance in SF & Anime**
Talk about the iconic sci-fi, fantasy and anime onscreen love interests that gave us squeeee.
1:00 PM, Boomer A

**How the Little Dragon Got So Big in Art**
Dragons in early art tended to be smaller than a horse. Today’s dragons are mighty and massive. What caused dragon inflation? An open discussion about the size discrepancies of dragons in art.
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The Future of Art In the Digital Age
With point-and-click applications and the ability to download any image in the world, how will art evolve in the future? What are the primary differences between traditional media and digital artwork that collectors are looking for? Can digital art be considered fine art? Award-winning artist guest of honor Elizabeth Leggett shares her thoughts. And she wants to hear from you!
2:00 PM, Crimson

How to Register Your Copyright
While a work is copyrighted from the moment of creation, only by registering your copyright can you seek damages for an infringement. Attorney, author, and editor Julia S. Mandala will walk you through the registration process, explain the meaning of legal terms used on the copyright-registration website, and answer your questions. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $10 fee.)
2:00 PM, Bedlam 1

Body Art 102: Detailing Techniques
As any cosplayer can tell you, everything is in the details. Once you put down your base makeup layer, what's next? This class will go over products and techniques to take your character to the next level. Learn how to get that superhero musculature, how to give yourself dimension and texture, and how to make an inhuman character look more authentic. Class will include body paint, powders, and airbrush techniques. (2 hours. Limit 14 participants. $10 fee.)
2:00 PM, Bedlam 2

Bernina OKC Makeshop: Simple Tote Bags
Come and make a small, simple tote bag. It will measure approximately 9” tall, 8” wide, and 3” deep, the perfect size for books and comics! See the BERNINA display in the Exhibitors Hall for examples. A kit with all the supplies needed is provided. This class is for beginner sewists. (2 hours. Limit 15 participants.)
2:00 PM, Crimson

Kids Jedi Training
Is the Force with you? Do you have what it takes to become a Jedi? Make your own lightsaber, duel with Jedi masters, and practice your target skills.
- Lightsaber Making: Kids will receive a pool-noodle lightsaber to decorate and customize.
- Lightsaber Duels: Jedi Masters will teach the Padawans how to duel.
- Nerf Herding: Kids will face various Star Wars characters and, get target practice with Nerf blasters.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma A

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2:00 PM, Oklahoma E-Autograph Area

Cosplanning
Planning for Cosplayers! Make your next cosplay endeavor a surefire success with a quick course on Cosplay Planning. We'll go over setting your budget, managing your time, picking your materials, and more.
2:00 PM, Oklahoma G

EBA Comedy’s Cosplay Combat
Join EBA in the fights of the century as cosplayers from our own audience roll their own fates and fight in mock combat. Will the dice be in their favor?
2:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Start Your Own Podcast
You want your own podcast, but where do you start? Learn from established indie podcasters about gear, episode planning, hosting, recording, editing, and building a regular listening audience. Let’s begin!
2:00 PM, Sooner A

Your Own Away Mission: Star Trek Location Sites
We love the stages and the sets of Star Trek—but those are under lock and key ... or even long gone. But hey, away-team wannabe—did you know there’s plenty of Star Trek out there you can visit on your own? Let “Dr. Trek” Larry Nemecek, host of Trekland Treks, take you on a virtual tour of just a few of the iconic L.A.-area locations used across the generations of Treks—and even how some sites have shifted, like Starfleet Academy and Chateau Picard.
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Who’s that Pokémon?
Funny folks with various levels of Pokémon knowledge guess the silhouettes or make stuff up! Can you guess who’s that Pokémon? Panelist and audience participation encouraged!
3:00 PM, Boomer A

Teach An Artist New Tricks!
What’s new in technique or medium? What art kludges have you discovered? We all have our favorite medium, tools, and tricks. Let’s get together and share some ideas!
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Team members Safeguard, Cvidia the Cruel, and Ms. Information for pics and exclusive Kickstarter print signings at the Con Store in the Exhibitors Hall. (1 Hour)
3:00 PM, Oklahoma E - Con Store

Costuming and Cosplay for Body Positivity
As the saying goes, if you want a Slave Leia bikini body, just put on a Slave Leia bikini. Cosplay is not fashion gatekeeping. Panelists share their experiences and tips for maintaining body positivity. Let’s talk about body positivity and why it matters for creativity and wellness in cosplay.
3:00 PM, Oklahoma G

Effective Communication in Cyberspace
How you communicate can be just as important as what you are saying. This is especially true in an online setting. Our inclusion near and far in various Star Trek properties.
3:00 PM, Sooner B

Breaking into the Acting Biz
This is an introduction to finding the right tools and connections for aspiring actors. We also offer advice on how to find an agent, what to look for in headshots, demo reels, and voice reels. We’ll cover where to find classes and ways to avoid getting scammed, as well as locations to find work based on experience and network with others pursuing the same goal.
3:00 PM, University C

Closing Ceremonies
4:00 PM, Oklahoma HIJ

Biodiversity in ST: Discovery: Why It STILL Matters in Trek
How does “Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations” play out? Whales working alongside the crew? Humans with multiple lifetimes of experiences? Discuss inclusion near and far in various Star Trek properties.
3:00 PM, Sooner B

GUEST BIOGRAPHIES

OKLAHOMA GARRISON OF THE 501ST LEGION
The 501st Legion is an all-volunteer organization formed for the express purpose of bringing together costume enthusiasts under a collective identity within which to operate. The 501st Legion seeks to promote interest in Star Wars through the building and wearing of quality costumes, and to facilitate the use of these costumes for Star Wars-related events as well as contributions to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work.
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AALIM DANCE ACADEMY
Aalim Dance Academy provides entertainment throughout Oklahoma with their creative traditional and fusion belly-dance shows. Aalim’s dancers include national and international award-winning soloists and groups. Aalim has been a leader in belly-dance performance and instruction in Oklahoma City since 1997.

MARK ALFRED
This guy is a big pain who wants to rewrite everything and everybody. Don’t let him near your panels.

ALICE-OF-HEARTS
Alice-of-Hearts (Alice) has been cosplaying for the over a decade now and has been half of Jovial Hearts Cosplay for 8 years. Jovial Hearts is known for dresses and the love of bringing something special to every character they cosplay. They have gained many skills from working with many different people and settings. With their make-up skills and love for the supernatural, Hearts can often be found cosplaying more magical costumes. Alice is also a witchcraft enthusiast and reads Oracle cards and participates in other divining practices.
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JULIE BARRETT
Julie Barrett is a writer, photographer, and maker of interesting things from Plano, TX. She is also a founding member of the Generic Radio Workshop and sells photography and art through SteamCat.net. Julie writes short stories, radio plays, and whatever else helps pay the bills. (She hates those bills.) Find her at Stately Barrett Manor.
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BLAIR BARTLETT - ALTERNATE REALITIES STUDIO
Blair has been doing art in one form or another most of his life, starting with photography in the 4th grade. Over the years he has added 3-D computer art and polymer clay sculpting to his repertoire. His work has appeared in various convention art shows since 2012, as well as participating as a panelist. Blair does his own matting, and photographs both his and his wife Mitzi’s sculptures. He and his lovely wife of 30+ years live in Colorado with their feline overlords Koda and Sparo.
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MITZI BARTLETT
Mitzi Bartlett has been working primarily in polymer clay for twenty years, creating small sculptures of whimsy and fantasy, with a sprinkling of other genres that spark her interest and imagination.
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JERRY BENNETT
Jerry Bennett is a full-time comic-book artist, illustrator, and art director currently drawing Glamorella’s Daughter with co-creator Charles J. Martin for Literati Press Comics, and writing and illustrating his own graphic novels.

He was the 2018-19 Paseo Arts Association Artist in Residence at the historic Skirvin Hilton, teaching the comic-art process and creating gallery comic art. He recently finished as the 2021-22 Artist in Residence at the University of Science and Arts in Oklahoma, where he taught illustration and mentored advanced students.

Jerry is the Illustrator Coordinator for the Oklahoma/Arkansas region of the Society of Children’s Books Writers and Illustrators.

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BUCK BERLIN
Buck Berlin is the owner of New World Comics in Oklahoma City. In addition to being a small-business owner, he is a comic writer, media producer, and one of the nation’s top-tier foam-smiths. Buck breathes a lot of chemicals in from costume-making. If he looks lost, please help him to where he needs to go.

www.facebook.com/newworldcomicsoke

AARON BOSSIG
“Is the Meaning of Life really 42? Does anything unreal exist?” Norman local Aaron Bossig asks these questions (and more!) on The Hungry Trilobyte Podcast.
The result of a strange experiment involving a young boy, a stack of MST3K tapes, and a steady supply of microwave burritos, Aaron looks for ways in which fandom has made the real world better. While this skill cannot technically be considered a superpower, it has not stopped him from cape-shopping on a regular basis.
In addition to his podcast, Aaron has also been a contributor on TrekMovie.com as well as RiffTrax.
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BESSIE BOUTTÉ, TERRE ROUGE BURLESQUE
Costumer, producer, and prolific performer by night—innovative business executive by day—this girl is the definition of “Do Both.” A native of OKC, she started her performance career in New Orleans. She has headlined and performed in shows across the country and internationally.
As the “Madame of OKC Burlesque,” she founded and produced Oklahoma City’s only Vintage Live Jazz and Burlesque Review, Terre Rouge Speakeasy Burlesque, as well as Oklahoma’s first Nerdsque production, WEIRDlesque at the historic Tower Theatre, among various other unique concepts. With Terre Rouge Burlesque, Bessie has cultivated a robust local scene by providing space for over 60 unique artists to grow and thrive.

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KEN BROWN (MACE KENDU)
Retired from the US Army, Ken began his cosplay career at his son’s birthday party in 2009. He’s created for himself and his youngest, “Cosplay Buddy.” He’s a member of the Rebel Legion, the 501st, the Dark Empire, the Saber Legion, and Superhero School. He appears for charity work, fundraisers, and other morale events.
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BROOK BULLOCK
Brook Bullock is a founding member of the Red Dirt Dnd Podcast where he first portrayed Mak ren Stoneshaper, the young Dwarf sorcerer. To be a productive member of society, Brook has taught English for over 25 years and has been an Advanced Placement Consultant for the College Board since 1997.

Brook started playing D&D with the 980s Red Box (Mentzer Edition) and moved into AD&D 1e & 2e, but then took a break to during the 1990s “to be an adult.” However, some of his closest, lifelong friends from those gaming days still get together from scattered locations across the country to roll dice. One of those marathon weekends introduced Brook to D&D 3rd Edition, and he was hooked once again.

When not spending time in Ovathir, Groyhawk, Golaron, or the sci-fi reaches of outer space, Brook enjoys outdoor activities right here on Earth with his wife and family, riding his motorcycle, and, of course, reading into the wee hours of the night.

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CAP’N ED
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CAROUSEL COSTUMES
Carousel Costumes has been into costuming since childhood. She began cosplaying about 20 years ago when she made a Trek uniform for her first convention. She joined JediOKC in 2009 and an obsession was born. She currently has 70 costumes in her collection. Star Wars is a favorite, especially Padmé Amidala. Carousel Costumes has won 2 best-in-show awards and many 1st-places at various cosplay contests. She loves to cosplay for a cause more than anything.

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DAVID CARRICO
David Carrico’s professional writing career began in 2004 when Eric Flint purchased several of his stories and subsequently published them in The Granville Gazette magazine, dedicated to the best-selling 1632 series. A die-hard alternate-history aficionado, David is a frequent contributor and collaborator in the 1632 series, including co-authoring with Eric Flint the novel 1636: The Devil’s Opera, published in 2013, an Amazon Editor’s Choice book. David and Eric also collaborated on the Dragon Award finalist novel The Span of Empire, published in 2016, part of the popular Jao Empire series.

In addition, David has written a number of science fiction and fantasy novels and numerous shorter works, frequently putting twists on traditional memes and tropes—like the light-hearted epic fantasy Dragon Wizard trilogy, and the forthcoming novel The Blood Is the Life, which describes “What happens when a good Jewish boy grows fangs?”

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PERI CHARLFU

Peri Charlfu is a Colorado artist who has been active in the arts community for many years. He participates in around 50 art shows a year and has been Artist Guest of Honor at over a dozen conventions, including SoonerCon 26 in 2017. He is currently the Primus for the Convention Artists Guild. His art work includes handthrown, painted, and carved pottery done in finish themes as well as charcoal and pencil work, sculpture, and painting.

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TIM CHESSMORE

Tim Chessmore is a 3-D artist with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Oklahoma State University in 1990, specializing in Jewelry and Small Sculpture. He was employed as a graphic designer with Coca-Cola for 23 years and currently owns a t-shirt printing shop in McCloud, OK. He metallsmiths and makes wood signs out of his home workshop in Bethel Acres, OK.

Tim has been active in the sci-fi community since 1990 and nominated for the Chesley Award (Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists) Finalist [1991] for a 3-D piece, Elements of Time. Tim has also done two book covers for Yard Dog Press, That’s All Folks! by J. F. Gonzalez, and Dracula’s Lawyer by Julia Mandala. Both are available in the Exhibitors Hall at the Yard Dog Table.


CHARLES DANE CLARK

Charlie has watched scary movies between theater seats with one eye closed; checked out Jules Verne books over the objections of a librarian who felt he wasn’t old enough; bought his first Superman comic at age 11 for 10 cents; and watched Star Trek and Batman during their initial runs on TV. His first girlfriend was Wendy from Disney’s Peter Pan, and last year married Barbi, Wendy’s real-life incarnation. They share a home 20 minutes from Lake Texoma

In 5th grade Charlie started a neighborhood newspaper (it had one edition). He went on to write and edit 28 years for a daily newspaper, along the way launching two tribal newspapers. He was twice named best entertainment writer by the AP, and is a recipient of the Governor’s Art Award for Media. He worked as Writer in Residence for the State Arts Council, and served on a grants panel for the NEA in Washington, DC. He produced and hosted Inside Native America at Tulsa’s Channel 6, and worked in film (The Outsiders and Last of the Mohicans, among others). He now writes press releases for America’s third-largest tribe, and freelances.

ROSEMAYE CLEMENT-MOORE

Rosemary Clement is a woman of many names, but she’s best known as Rosemary Clement-Moore, author of supernatural mystery and adventure novels like Texas Gothic, Spirit and Dust, and the one sitting on her editor’s desk right now. Loves dogs, journals, coffee with cream, and tea with sugar. Occupation: author and blue-pencil badass. Ambition: amateur detective. Hobbies: reading, knitting, time-traveling, and organizing things.

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JOSHUA COOK

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Joshua started sculpting with recycled metal, wood, and whatever else he could get his hands on in 2012, while studying art at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. Since then he has exhibited at shows and festivals locally and in other states. The subject matter of his sculptures is primarily animals (particularly insects), but mystical creatures and even plants make an appearance. Joshua creates his sculptures without welding, instead using glues, epoxies, tension, and bolts. They are then hand painted to mimic the subject’s natural coloring, but with a metallic twist.

Joshua has also been playing tabletop wargames, and painting miniatures for them, since he was seven (he is now 29), and is in the middle of Dming his third multi-year long D&D 5e campaign.

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RACHEL COUCH

Rachel has worked for Bernina of OKC since 2008 and has been sewing since 2000. She enjoys making and designing bags and quilts with embroidery elements, with fandoms in mind. Some of her favorite fandoms are Doctor Who, Pokemon, Disney, and Tamora Pierce’s universes.

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JOSHUA COUGHLIN

Joshua Coughlin is a lover of all 80s and 90s pop culture. He has a vast collection of action figures, physical media, and collectibles from that radical era, and will talk to you for hours about why Ralston’s Batman Returns cereal is the be-all and end-all of sugar cereals—or how Kenner committed the biggest business blunder of all time by not making action figures for The Running Man.

He makes a triumphant return to SoonerCon this year, bringing back his popular Cartoons and Cereal room, where you can join him for a bowl of sugary awesomeness while watching Saturday-morning classics from the two best decades in American history!

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COURT’S COSPLAY
Court’s Cosplay is a queer gender-fluid, award-winning entertainer and cosplayer. They call themself a gender-defying dragon, whose favorite part of cosplay is being able to inhabit the character and put on a show. A full-time performer and cosplayer since late 2015, Court got their start in cosplay with Yu-Gi-Oh!, cosplaying, and dueling con-goers as Seto Kaiba. Since then, they have been seen at several conventions cosplay guesting, singing, doing comedy, and/or hosting one of their 30+ different panels. You might have seen them doing their thing at cons like A-Kon, MechaCon, PensaCon, Tokyo Oklahoma, Kilgore Geekend, and several others. Court loves telling stories and making people laugh or smile, and hopes to do so again at SoonerCon this year! facebook.com/courtscosplay
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CRAZY RED ARTIST
Crazy Red Artist has known that she wanted to be an artist since she was four years old. That was also when she was first introduced to DBZ, which began her love for anime. It wasn’t till 2009 that she first learned of anime conventions and began attending as a cosplayer and later as an artist.
While Gena attended college at Ringling Art and Design, she joined her college Muggle Quidditch team. They even competed in the World Cup. Since then she has run Quidditch at different events and has taught others how to play the fun and geeky sport.
She studied computer animation in college and has also worked as a visual-effects artist. Crazy Red Artist has been a freelance animator and concept artist since 2010, and has been an artist in Artist Alley since 2015. That same year was also when she started to Twitch stream as well.
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Michael Cross is the Morning Edition host for KOSU. He is also co-creator of Red Dirt DnD, an actual-play 5th edition Dungeons and Dragons podcast with music and sound effects like a classic radio show. He has been a lifelong geek since watching Star Wars in the movie theater with his dad in 1977.
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CAL CUSTARD
Cal is an Oklahoma-born award-winning costumer who has been creating costumes and attending fandom events since 2010. During the last 12 years, she has honed her skills in sewing to create more complex costumes, eventually transitioning to pursuit making and mascot performance. Through furry fandom, she has grown her craftsmanship skills. Besides making fursuits, Cal enjoys monster movies and spends way too much time playing Pokémon games. She is excited to join the SoonerCon lineup for 2022 to provide craftsmanship panels and have a ton of fun!
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J.R. DANIELS
Robert “J.R.” Daniels is a self-taught artist from Oklahoma city who started out as a science-fiction and fantasy art collector. In 1984 he took up airbrush painting under the tutorial of artist and actor David Lee Anderson. Over the following 18 years he participated in more than 500 art shows nationwide. Known for his painting in an hour panels, he was also a renowned auctioneer at conventions nationally. J.R. moved away from the convention life in 2000 to focus on mainstream art and family life. After his retirement he has returned full-time to painting. J.R.’s portfolio includes book and magazine illustration for authors such as Jack Vance, Harry Turtledove, Ursula K. LeGuin, Ian Watson, Bruce Sterling, and many more. He has done gaming art for TSR and Margaret Weis. J.R. is a member of OAAA, CPSA, and IAAA. He is currently based in North Gallery & Studios, located in Northpark Mall in Oklahoma City.
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SHERRI DEAN
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TYLER DEETZ (PORCELAIN VAHJEEN)
Tyler Deetz is assistant General Manager at Yokozuna in Chism Creek. He has been doing drag as Porcelain Vahjeen for six years. Other interests are art, plants, cars, and good bourbon. His first cosplay experience is bringing to life the evil and destruction of Covidia the Cruel for SoonerCon 30!
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PETE DIXON
Conceived after the airing of a Star Trek episode (original series), Pete grew up in Stillwater, OK, as a university brat. Though the Cowboy spirit is still in him, he now lives in the Pacific Northwest, and loves working in the Silicon Forest as a mechanical engineer. Pete’s passion for additive manufacturing has served him well in his main career, and also in his side hustle, Pete’s Custom 3-D prints. He mainly prints custom miniatures orders for the local populace in need of tabletop heroes and monsters for their D&D games, or prototype game pieces. He’s assisted in designing prototype parts for the board game After the Empire (now in its second print through Gamefound.) He has also printed more mundane items such as blow-mer couplers, tube clips, and heat-gun holsters for manufacturing companies in the PNW area. This weekend he’ll be running a miniatures wargame with resin-based and filament-based miniatures, among the injection-molded and metal-cast miniatures in his collection. Come see how close his printed miniatures come to the commercial versions! www.facebook.com/pete.g.dixon
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JAMES DOCK
James Dock is a prop builder, a mermaid wrangler, a joker, and a huuuuuge Science Fiction enthusiast. He knows way too much about things that don’t matter in the real world and he loves to share!

DR. PAISLEY
Murray. Dr. Paisley. Obi-Wan Chernobyl. Dances with Habaneros. Once again, SoonerCon will be blessed by the presence of the man who created “Klingon-Smurf Wrestling Slash,” and coined the phrase “Gang Pon Farr,” among his many dubious accomplishments. You will know him by his bleeding (as in your eyeball)-edge fashion sense; love of craft beer, whisk(e)y, and cigars; eclectic taste in music and literature; and puns.
Over a 40+ year fannish career, Murray has rubbed multiple zines served as production manager and contributor to the thrice-Hugo finalist review zine Tangent; designed two Worldcon souvenir books (Montréal and Kansas City) and a pair of World Fantasy Con books (oddly enough, Montréal and for 2023, Kansas City). He also chaired a convention. Once. (Sometimes he learns.)
Guest Biographies

Murray has a nigh-fetishistic interest in prime numbers, which he puts to good use at art and charity auctions, providing both entertainment and a learning experience for the audience. He resides in Kansas City, MO, with his wives Margene and Paula, and the obligatory cat, Yum! That’s her name, complete with the bang. Her brother was named Siegfried.

PHILLIP DRAYER DUNCAN
Phillip Drayer Duncan has written ten novels. His work has been published with Yard Dog Press, Pro Se Productions, Seventh Star Press, and Happy Omega Publishing.

Along with reading and writing like a madman, he enjoys kayakin’, canoerin’, fishin’, and pretty much anything nerd related. More than anything, he enjoys spending time with his ridiculously awesome friends and his wonderful family. During the warm months, his natural habitat includes the river or a campfire. In the colder season, he morphs into a hermit and may be spotted under a pile of books or video games. You might also catch him in the wild at a concert or a convention. His earliest books were acted out with action figures and scribbled into notebooks. Today he uses a computer like a real grown-up.

His greatest dream in life is to become a Jedi, but since that hasn’t happened yet, he focuses on writing.

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EBA COMEDY
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DANIEL ERICKSON
Dan Erickson is a performer in word, stage, poetry slam, and video. A science-fiction author and fan, always pressing the edges of the sexual frontier. Former head of sales for Xcentricities Corsets and Dragonspawn Craft Hall foundry, Dan has been in the arts and storytelling/performance world for the last 30 years. Author of eight books and counting, Dan

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EVERYDAY FUTURIST
Tim Morgan is an award-winning professional futurist who has worked with NASA Langley, Kimberly Clark, Ontario Institute of Cancer Research, and others. He is founder and lead futures researcher at the North Texas Foresight Institute. He is a member of the Association of Professional Futurists where he was a 2019 Emerging Fellow University of Houston Strategic Foresight Masters program.

His topics include student research on the future of Quantified Self in 2017 and his 2019 twelve-essay exploration of how technology will change modes of ownership by 2050.

Tim is also a life-long SF&F fan, dachshund dad, occasional competitive costumer-prop maker, a former con-runner, a self-identified Infovore, and irregular writer on all things future. He sometimes blogs as the Everyday Futurist.

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ELIJAH FARMER
Elijah Farmer is notable for being almost important. He is a founding member of the Oklahoma City Beard Club, a Renaissance-festival enthusiast, Technical Director for the Dust Bowl Dolls Burlesque Troupe, and lover of all things geek. Elijah can generally be found running sound and music at various places of ill repute around Oklahoma City, but this weekend he will be taking care of your karaoke needs at SoonerCon!

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SARA FELIX
Sara Felix is a Hugo Award-winning mixed-media artist working in inks and tiaras. She creates a weekly tiara for Tiara Tuesday and also hosts giveaways on the FB group Concallion. She is a two-time Hugo base designer and Lodestar award designer. She is the president of ASFA, the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists, and the head of publications for Chicon 8.

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SHAI FENWICK
Shai Fenwick was born in Trinidad and Tobago to two economists and has been involved in both politics and education since she was a toddler. She has copy-edited engineers in Houston; edited and written for a daily newspaper and a monthly state magazine; worked with hearing and visually impaired students on behavior modification; taught science and social studies; and worked with faculty, staff, and a diverse array of students, faculty and staff at the University of Oklahoma. Her history is multinational and multiethnic.

She has served on the board of the Oklahoma Coalition for Reproductive Justice; the steering committee for Take Root Conference on Red State Reproductive Justice; the board of the Future Society of Central Oklahoma;
J.H. FLEMING

J.H. Fleming is the author of *Music the Gathering: A Most Inconvenient Curse*, *The Queen of Moon and Shadow*, *The Queen of Blood and Madness: Rhythms of Magic*, and *Peter Pixie, Mayor of the Multiverse: The Black Wand*. Her work has appeared in anthologies by NewCon Press, Evil Girlfriend Media, Mocha Memoirs Press, Seventh Star Press, and Pro Se Productions, as well as *New Realm Magazine* and *Visionary Tongue* magazine. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Creative Writing from the University of Central Arkansas. She enjoys reading, playing video games, and learning other languages. She’d prefer to live in a library in the middle of a forest, and has so far collected fourteen hundred books toward that goal. Until then, she and her partner live just over the Arkansas-Missouri state line where they continue adding to their hoard.

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DARA FOGEL, PH.D.

Dara Fogel, Ph.D. watched the original broadcasts of *Star Trek* with her father as a wee lass, and has been attending cons since the age of nine. Her Orion Slave Girl costume won multiple contests back in the day, and she taught several Star Trek-costume won multiple contests back in the day, and she taught several Star Trek-curriculum courses at both the University of Oklahoma and the University of New Mexico. She was the first queen of the Norman Medieval Fair and is still an active volunteer; and was the founding director of the Santa Fe Renaissance Fair. She is the author of the bestselling Steampunk series the GrailChase Chronicles, which combines the unholy combination of speculative science, conspiracy theory, metaphysics, and romance. She has published academically and presented extensively on the philosophies of Star Trek, Steampunk, and Holographic Universe Theory. Her essay “Life in the Holodeck,” was included in Blackwell’s *The Ultimate Star Trek and Philosophy*, and in the forthcoming college textbook *Philosophy and Popular Culture*, due out this fall. She is delighted to be returning to SoonerCon.

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JAN S. GEPhARDT

Jan S. Gephardt is a science-fiction novelist, fantasy artist, publisher, and longtime fan from Kansas City. Her XK9 books feature a pack of uplifted police dogs. Look for her nationally-recognized paper sculpture in the Art Show. She and sister G. S. Norwood co-founded Weird Sisters Publishing LLC.

Jan’s books include a novel, *The Other Side of Fear*, and two novels so far of the XK9 “Bones” trilogy, *What’s Bred in the Bone* and *The Other Side of Fear*. All are set in her far-future science-fiction world. Her uplifted XK9s solve crimes and sniff out bad guys while seeking recognition for their own sapience. They live in a space station with humans and several other species in another star’s planetary system. Jan has exhibited her fantasy artwork at sf conventions since 1981. Since 2007 she’s developed a unique paper-sculpture technique. Her artwork also has been featured in regionally-exhibited one-person shows, and juried into mainstream national exhibitions all over the United States. She’s a member and former officer of the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists (ASFA).

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CLINTON GIRKIN
Clinton Girkin is a longtime member of the anime and AMV community, and has been watching anime since Pokémon aired in syndication. He's heavily involved in the anime community and was an officer at both the OU and OSU anime clubs. His YouTube channel, TheClintonGirkinShow, is where he posts anime music videos, one of his favorite hobbies.

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VANESSA GREEN
Vanessa is a self-taught creative, who coins herself a “scavenger cosplayer.” She visualizes unique versions of characters, and finds items from various sources to create elaborate, one-of-a-kind costumes, using minimal sewing and crafting techniques on a budget. She loves many fandoms, and finds a special joy in cosplaying as a way to connect with others to share their love of the same fandoms. She celebrates the many levels of creation and unique styles and problem-solving of others. She firmly believes that body positivity and self care create a better quality of life for oneself, and the others around them. Expressing herself through fashion and decor soothes her soul and encourages others to find positive ways to express themselves. A professional body artist of six years, she loves the endless possibilities that make up to serve to enhance the fantasy aspect of cosplay, as well as the joy her clients feel seeing their ideas and interests come to life as her living canvas.

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PHILLIP GRIMES
Phillip Grimes is a collector of various things Nerf and enjoyer of sci-fi and fantasy stories.

In his professional life, Phillip has worked in design and marketing since 2005. He has created artwork for practically every print production method including offset printing, digital printing, screen printing, vinyl signage, embroidery, laser etching, and large-format printing. He’s worked with over a dozen print-production houses throughout Oklahoma and developed ads for publications throughout the continental United States.

In addition to designing as The Creative Guy, Phillip is also the Director of Marketing for SoonerCon. Since 2011, he has designed the main marketing materials; overseen website redesigns; modernized multiple departments; and strengthened core community relationships. These efforts have heavily contributed to SoonerCon’s sustained growth—from less than 1,000 attendees to well over 3,000—on a very modest marketing budget. Phillip works directly with the communications team, social-media team, software-development team, and other creative professionals to make SoonerCon look better and function more efficiently each year.

In addition to running his business and making nerdy stuff happen in Central Oklahoma, Phillip teaches graphic design classes at Oklahoma City Community College.

Phillip lives with his beautiful wife Peng, his two cats, and several free-range goldfish.

CALEB HALDANE
Caleb Haldane is the co-host and sound engineer on the weekly comedy nerd-culture podcast Red Six to Golden Corral. Red Six brings comedic discussion to a variety of geek-culture topics like video games, movies, board games, comics, and (occasionally) slash fiction. By day, Caleb is a software engineer; by night, he is a connoisseur of pop/nerd culture including: Star Wars, Doctor Who, Stranger Things, Star Trek, and the like. He also enjoys tinkering with Arduino, IoT, and home automation.

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HALL OF FEMME
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Amber currently works for the Streamlabs team at Logitech. Streamlabs offers all-in-one platforms for live streamers and content creators to engage with viewers, monetize their broadcasts, and grow their channels. The company has helped creators earn $964 million since 2011 and raised $16.4 million for partnered charities. In her spare time, Amber serves on the Children’s Miracle Network Corporate Partners Board for Children’s Hospital Foundation. There, she leads Extra Life, a program that unites gamers to raise funds for the hospital. She also serves as Director of Communications for SoonerCon.

Her hobbies include miniature painting, Dungeons and Dragons, video games, curling up to a good anime or animated film, and cat cuddling.

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Carolyn melded two of her favorite genres—Steampunk and fantasy—into a series, Galesse’s Tale, set in the world of Ashelon, co-created with her husband, award-winning illustrator Chaz Kemp. She’s also authored several short stories and a sci-fi novelette.

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KIMBER
Kimber Chessmore is a past SoonerCon volunteer and former Board Member for FSCOK, but had to leave them both behind. She still reads a book a day. Watches as many SF&P movies as she can find. Enjoys talking to people about their hobbies, likes and dislikes. She’s looking forward to reacquaint herself with you and yours.

ASH KING
The creative mind behind Red Dirt DnD and the Ka’alBan Frontier setting. Ash has been playing D&D for the past 5 years, nearly since the beginning of 5e. They are heavily involved with the organized-play side of D&D in Oklahoma, and you can often find them helping with events such as SoonerCon and Extra Life as an Admin—or “Overlord,” as some have dubbed them. They’re the self-proclaimed “Trash Queen of the Underdark” and hope to one day take over writing Drow lore. When not running D&D games, Ash enjoys numerous creative pursuits, dabbling in just about everything from writing, to traditional art, to photography, to cosplay. They’re also trying to become the manager of their cat’s and dog’s Instagram career. In addition, you can find them reading tarot cards at local Oklahoma conventions as The Chaos Fox.

MIKE KIRK
Mike is a longtime avid gamer and painter. He is part owner of a game shop in the Oklahoma City area, and has written for Pinnacle Entertainment Group. Miniature painting is his passion, and he enjoys teaching painting. He’s worked closely with SoonerCon for years, and looks forward to continuing. Other interests are history and sports. He is also a proud US Navy veteran.

AOI KITSU
Aoi Kitsu is a nonbinary cosplayer from Oklahoma. They have been cosplayng since they were in middle school in 2014, and have been loving the hobby ever since! They have won multiple awards for their cosplay of Hawks from My Hero Academia. Their love of all things costume sprouted from their first love, Disney World. When not cosplaying, Aoi Kitsu is a part-time college student working towards their Bachelor’s degree in Psychology while also working at Disney World in Orlando, FL.

LA BLanke
La Blanke has been into all kinds of pop culture for as long as she can remember: memorizing Disney stories and songs from 45s, reading Tolkien in 4th grade, rushing home from school to watch Roboten and Battle of the Planets, watching Star Trek then staying up late on Sundays to watch Doctor Who, moving into the realms of Monty Python and Piers Anthony, and reading Wonder Woman and The Huntress comics. So many things too numerous to name! She loves it so much she volunteered to help teach Superhero School at New World Comics for 5 years. She is excited to continue the tradition of volunteering at SoonerCon!

THE LO-FI KY
An award-winning cosplayer, Ky got into the hobby in 2017 after moving to Oklahoma from Alaska. She has hosted panels and judged cosplay contests at events across the state of Oklahoma. Believing craftsmanship to be key, Ky has experience in sewing (both hand and machine), hand embroidery, resin casting, 3-D printing (plastic and resin), foam work, makeup, painting, weathering, and detailing. When she’s not working on cosplay, she can be found glued to her computer writing, creating digital art, or working in CSS and HTML/DOHTML coding. An avid gamer, Ky enjoys playing on the PC, the PS5, or the Nintendo Switch, predominantly playing games with a solid storyline—most recently Dying Light 2 and Unpacking. She reads on occasion and really likes snuggling her cat, Onix.

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Gwenna Laithland is normalizing modern parenting, one curse word at a time. She is a mom, content creator, author, and comedienne. Her wit, realism, and relatability have amassed a following of over 3m. She has been giving panels in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Kansas on topics varying from cosplay to gaming and everything in between. Lolla has been doing Extra Life, a 24-hour charity stream benefiting the Children’s Miracle Network, for seven years, and is active in cosplay charity events. She enjoys content creation in all forms and can be seen on Twitch, Hover, Instagram, and TikTok. Lolla has a Bachelor’s of Science from Oklahoma State University, was on the university’s Esports team, and was the Gamers of OSU social media manager. With her time at OSU and in OSU Esports, Lolla helped run numerous video-game tournaments and LAN parties.

LUNA REIGN COSPLAY
Luna Reign Cosplay is a veterinary assistant by day and a cosplayer by night! She debuted her first cosplay as Dr. Catherine Halsey at LexiCon in 2019. That first convention experience showed her the wonderful world of cosplay and all the different ways one could bring a character to life! From there she got to participate in her first panel hosted by Princess Pineapple at Oklahoma City’s Pop Culture Con in 2020. Luna Reign has appeared as a guest at Altus Pop Expo 2021 and 2022, Oklahoma City’s Pop Culture Con 2021, and Raging Contagion 2021. Her skill are in cosplay modeling, sewing, and some foam work. When not cosplaying she is either working, hanging out with friends, or at home with her kittens.

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MADI
Madi_HatterCosplay is a newer cosplayer to the Oklahoma scene, mostly working with upcycling, recycling and thrifting cosplays, as well as disneybounds. Working on her Fashion Marketing degree to combine her love of cosplay and fashion with a career, she is always willing to try new things and learn as much as possible to better herself and the cosplay community. When she’s not working on cosplay or school she is dancing in a few cover groups to either Love Live! or K-pop.
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Alex has always been compelled by art in its many forms and applications. She grew up in the small city of Elkhart, IN, pursuing a Bachelor’s degree at the Indiana University of South Bend. She focused mainly on 2-D drawing and oil painting until moving to Oklahoma City in 2015 and discovering the LGS “Game Headquarters.” It was there that she was exposed to the world of RPG gaming, board games (other than Monopoly and Life), and most importantly, the fine art of miniature painting.

Painting miniatures has become her truest artistic passion. Fascinated with working at a minuscule scale, she enjoys the challenge of free-handing intricate detail such as hair, jewels, and fabric. This contribution to the physical aspect of tabletop gaming inspires her to perfect her skill by pushing boundaries, experimenting with new effects, and ultimately, making the game as exciting and immersive as possible.

Some of Alex’s miniature painting accomplishments include:
SoonerCon 28 Miniatures Painting: Best of Show
SoonerCon 27 Miniatures Painting: Small Figure: 1st Place
ReaperCon 2019 MSP Open: Silver Medal

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With more than ten years of working as an online film critic and producing content as an independent creator and corporate marketer, Masters continues to explore new ways to create compelling conversations related to pop culture through emerging new media.

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Mrs. Fae has been in the cosplay community for about 15 years and costuming in general for well over 20 years. She has a love for costuming, vintage and historical clothing, and make up. She became a costumer to further her goals in the cosplay and pinup communities.

She received her first machine at age 16 and taught herself to sew. She has placed and won awards in both cosplay and pinup competitions, and has been featured in magazines, news articles, and online. Her work has been used in commercials.

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Robert’s love of science fiction began at an early age. His earliest memories of sci-fi are from peeking around the corner after bedtime to covertly watch the “too adult” _Star Trek_ original series. Later, he developed a fondness and appreciation for Arthurian legend, and ravenously read many a book on the subject, as well as all related works of literature he could check out from his school library. Then came the fateful day in 1997 when his father took him to stand in line in for a film titled _Star Wars: A New Hope_. The rest, as they say, is history.

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Kathleen M. O’Brien began sewing at age 4, learning traditional techniques from her mother and grandmother. She collects and studies vintage clothing to decipher mysteries of drape and fit in previous eras. Her costumes include both original designs and reproductions, utilizing many historical techniques. She enjoys sharing these skills and her collection, and has published e-books on vintage garments and topics for writers.

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**ROBERT MULLENS**

Robert Mullens is a professional engineer. He has been a volunteer, professional historical reenactor, fantasy interactor, costumer, and cosplayer since 1999. As owner of FoxMoon Productions, he served as performance director, producer, and performer for appearances at medieval fairs, renaissance festivals, and anime/science-fiction conventions in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Arkansas.

Robert’s love of science fiction began at an early age. His earliest memories of sci-fi are from peeking around the corner after bedtime to covertly watch the “too adult” _Star Trek_ original series. Later, he developed a fondness and appreciation for Arthurian legend, and ravenously read many a book on the subject, as well as all related works of literature he could check out from his school library. Then came the fateful day in 1997 when his father took him to stand in line in for a film titled _Star Wars: A New Hope_. The rest, as they say, is history.

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Paula Helm Murray’s stories have appeared in _Sword and Sorceress IV and VIII, Spells of Wonder, Marion Zimmer Bradley’s Fantasy Magazine_, and _Eldritch Tales_. By day a H.R.-benefits wizard, by night she is working on a variety of writing and jewelry projects. She lives in Kansas City with her spice, Jim and Margene, and the obligatory small army of soft toys. Oh, and the cats.

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MIMIC RAE
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RAIVA
Raiva Cosplay started in 2017 after a single build of a prototype lightsaber. 14 costumes later, many are still a work in progress. Balancing work, school, mom-life, and cosplay is challenging for her, but in the end, the smiles make it all worth it.

LESLIE RAYMOND
Leslie has been sewing for 40(!)-ish years, performing and costinguming for the Medieval Fair of Norman since 2005, and working at Bernina OKC for 13 years. Her primary costingum is costinguming, mostly Medieval and a little on the motley side. She was raised by sci-fi & fantasy lovers who helped warp her towards an early love of Dr. Who, Stars - both Trek and Wars, as well as early fears of Daleks and Cylons. Ultimately this led her to fill her life with similarly strange folks who like to gather together dressed in funny outfits.

REDDIRT3D
RedDirt3D, a veteran-owned and Oklahoma-based company, has been serving the Oklahoma cosplay community for the last five years, providing quality, yet affordable solutions to cosplayers. Able to print in a variety of materials ranging from rigid to flexible, RedDirt3D has provided cosplayers across the United States with the final touch necessary to complete their costume.

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TAKE ONE IMPROV
Take One was created in 2007 when Cory J. Phillips refused to stop improvising just because school was ending. Since then he has recruited a team based not just on talent, but on passion, interests, and pursuits. Take One is a community of collaborators eager to work on one another’s projects instead of focusing solely on one individual.

Whether the project is a Doctor Who fan series, improvised anime dub, sketch comedies based on a videogame series, or even a feature-length film, Take One Productions is intent on making dreams and creative ideas a reality. Though well-versed in both short- and long-form improvisation, Take One has focused on developing a dynamic short-form show featuring unique and energetic games that find the funny in fandom.

Take One players make each show a celebration of weirdness and absurdity with audience-engaging games and extensive nerd knowledge. This diverse and frenetic play has allowed Take One Improv to grow from doing free local shows to being booked to packed rooms at conventions nationwide. They’ve developed a loyal fan base that is as enthusiastic and quirky as the members of Take One themselves.

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TALL CHICK COSPLAY
Tall Chick Cosplay has been in love with costuming from the time they were a teenager. What started as an obsession with theater and working at the yearly Renaissance Festival opened into the world of cosplay around 2008. Since then Tall Chick has worked hard putting together character cosplays from all genres. They have been working on their sewing, crafting, and prop skills with great results. Charity work is very near and dear to them and they are a member of several local organizations. Seeing the expansion of cosplayers from all walks of life is exhilarating. Welcoming new and returning cosplayers is always a joy. If you see them around SoonerCon please say “Hi!”

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TATTEDSITH COSPLAY
TattedSith has been cosplayng since early 2019. Since then he has won several judges-choice awards, 1st place in the Novice Class Cosplay contest at Tulkon, and 2nd place in his first Masters Class Cosplay contest this past year at OkiCon. He has emceed a few shows for Oklahoma City’s Pop Culture Con events and aspires to do more. He is most known for his OC (Original Character) Sith Lord as well as his Pyramid Head cosplays. He has several big builds in the works currently as well. He also has a YouTube channel for gaming. Aside from cosplaying, he is an aspiring voice actor, writes his own songs, and on top of it all has started his own charity, “Funds For Small Heroes.” It focuses on raising funds for the local children’s hospital in Tulsa to help pay for medical equipment, treatments, bills, and expenses.

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Linda has cosplayed about 25 characters. Her Kitana cosplay was featured on the cover of CosplayZine’s May 2021 issue, and her photography appears inside that issue.

Linda has participated in New World Comic’s “Superhero School” as the characters of Jubilee and Jolt. Linda is excited to expand more in her cosplay and cosplay photography.

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Wedel has published over 35 books, mostly in the adult horror genre, but he’s also written for the young adult, children, Western, and thriller markets. He’s dabbled in other genres using pseudonyms. His non-fiction writing includes how-to articles for writers, literary criticism, and hundreds of articles for print newspapers and online sites.
In 2004 Wedel earned a Master's degree in Liberal Studies, creative writing emphasis, from the University of Oklahoma. He earned a Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1999, and graduated from Enid High School in 1984. He currently lives in Midwest City, Oklahoma, with his dog Bear and cat Cleo.

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FALIN SALUTE
Each year we note the passing of influential creators, performers, and institutions.

American actor Clarence Williams III (June 4, 2021) appeared in the films Tales from the Hood, I’m Gonna Git You Sucka, The Twilight Zone, and others. On TV he visited Twin Peaks and ST:DS9, but his biggest pop-culture splash was 1968-1973, as undercover cop Linc Hayes in The Mod Squad.

Ned Beatty (June 13, 2021) appeared in Network, Back to School, and over 100 other TV and film roles. His most (in)famous were in Deliverance and as Luthor’s dimwitted henchman Otis in Superman: The Movie and Superman II.

Writer-director John Dixon Paragon (April 3, 2021) played Jambi the Genie and voiced Pretri the Pteroactyl on Pee-Wee’s Playhouse.

Frank Bonner (June 16, 2021) appeared on many TV shows and in a few films. He was most noted as Herb Tarleek 1978-82, on WKRP in Cincinnati.

Actress Joanne Linville (June 20, 2021) guested on genre shows like Alfred Hitchcock Presents, The Twilight Zone, and Charlie’s Angels. She tried to seduce Spock (logically) as the Romulan Commander in 1968’s “The Enterprise Incident.”

Born in OKC, director John Langley (June 26, 2021) produced several TV shows, most famously creating COPs.

Not only did Richard Donner (July 5, 2021) direct Superman: The Movie and the best parts of Superman II, other genre directing gigs included TV’s The Man from U.N.C.L.E., Kojak, The Wild, Wild West, and The Twilight Zone. Films included The Goonies and The Omen. His company produced TV’s Tales from the Crypt and some X-Men films. Verisimilitude!

Oklahoma fiddler Byron Berline (July 10, 2021) recorded with Manhattan Transfer, the Doobies, the Eagles, Willie Nelson, and many more. After burning down in 2019, Berline’s Guthrie fiddle shop Double Stop reopened later that year.

Actor-comedian Jackie Mason (July 24, 2021) won several Emmys, and was a common sight on Ed Sullivan. He voiced Rabbi Krustofsky in 10 episodes of The Simpsons.

Actress Markie Post (August 7, 2021) starred on the TV shows Hearts Afire, The Fall Guy, and Night Court, along with many genre guest spots.

Dennis “Dee T” Thomas (August 7, 2021) was a founder of Kool & the Gang. Their music appeared in several films including Rocky, Undercover Brother, and Pulp Fiction.

Don Everly (August 21, 2021) was the last surviving Everly Brother. He and Phil had 35 top 100 singles, and were among the first acts in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. They’re 33 on Rolling Stone’s list of top 100 greatest artists of all time.

Producer-writer Fred Ladd (August 3, 2021) is noted for introducing many foreign properties to US audiences, such as Pinocchio in Outer Space, Giganator, and Astro Boy.

Actor Eddie Paskey (August 17, 2021) famously talked back to Kirk in TOS’s “This Side of Paradise,” avowing mutinous intentions. His character, Lt. Leslie, appeared in more episodes than Sulu or Chekov, starting with the second pilot. As a different character he drove the truck which killed Edith Keeler. And was Scotty’s hand model when Doohan’s missing digit would be noticeable.
Author-Illustrator Jill Murphy (August 18, 2021) is most known for her picture books about an elephant family (the Large Family) and the book series about the Worst Witch.

Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts (August 24, 2021) rode the kit from 1963 onward. It took awhile before he got paid for the gig, which blossomed into a world-changing career. He was nicknamed “the Wembley Whammer” by Jagger.

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Canuck comedian and writer Norm McDonald (September 14, 2021) stirred some freeforaw in 1998 for his relentless O.J. Simpson cracks on SNL’s Weekend Update; he was fired soon after. He appeared in films and three seasons of The Norm Show on ABC.

OKC radio DJ David Kelso, aka “Kelso in the Morning” (September 14, 2021) worked for KRKO and KOMA for more than three decades. He also taught media writing at OU.

Toy designer Reuben Klamer (September 14, 2021) invented the Game of Life for Milton Bradley and the Man from U.N.C.L.E. gun for Ideal. He also designed the phaser rifle used in the Trek pilot “Where No Man Has Gone Before.”

Gavan O’Herlihy (September 15, 2021) played Chuck Cunningham in Happy Days; the heroic Airk Thaugbar in Willow; and the pathetic Brad in Superman III.

British inventor Sir Clive Sinclair (September 16, 2021) founded an electronics company which produced the first slimline calculator. He was a leader in England’s PC world and helped establish its video-game industry. One of his later inventions was the A-Bike, which could be folded into a handbag.

Actor Willie Garson (September 21, 2021) is best known for appearing in Sex and the City, the rebooted Hawaii Five-O, and Stargate SG-1.

Writer, filmmaker, and actor Melvin Van Peebles (September 21, 2021) made a splash with 1971’s exploitation film Sweet Sweetback’s Baadasssss Song. But his versatility earned him a Daytime Emmy for a CBS Schoolbreak Special, “The Day They Came to Arrest the Books.”

Actor Tommy Kirk (September 28, 2021) was famous for appearing in many teen beach-party films of the 1960s, and several Disney films, including Old Yeller and Swiss Family Robinson.

Writer Lou Antonelli (October 6, 2021) was a guest at SoonerCon 2009, SoonerCon 21 in 2012, and SoonerCons 24-28. He was also a journalist, the managing editor of the TX Clarksville Times.

JoAnna Cameron (October 15, 2021) acted on many shows like McMillan & Wife, Columbo, and The Amazing Spider-Man, but her biggest impact was as the first star TV superheroine, in her title role on The Secrets of Isis, 1975-1977.

OKC performer and pitchman Larry Bledsoe (October 15, 2021) was familiar for several commercials for Molly Murphy’s and others. He cohosted a bingo show on KWTV in the 1980s. “That’s incredible! No, that’s Southwest Ford!”

Writer, director, and voice actor Chris Ayres (October 18, 2021) acted for video games and much anime, including Dragon Ball Z. He was also a fight choreographer and involved in cosplay.

Composer-lyricist Leslie Bricusse (October 19, 2021) wrote lyrics for such songs as “Can You Read My Mind” from Superman: The Movie; “Goldfinger”; and “You Only Live Twice.” He worked on many films, including Victor Victoria; Stop the World—I Want to Get Off; Doctor Dolittle; and Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.

Actor Peter Scolari (October 22, 2021) is well-known for roles on TV’s Bosom Buddies and Newhart, for which latter role he won an Emmy.

Camille Saviola (October 28, 2021) acted in Addams Family Values and other TV and film. She’s most familiar to genre fans as Kai Opaka in four episodes of ST:DS9.

The acting career of Dean Stockwell (November 7, 2021) spanned more than 70 years including, Blue Velvet, Married to the Mob, and the hologrammatic Al Calavicci on Quantum Leap.

Moody Blues co-founder, drummer Graeme Edge (November 11, 2021), was inducted with them into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018, crowning a career encompassing millions of records sold, the invention of the concept album, and symphonic rock.

Tooth Fairy (Santa Clause), Babe Ruth (The Sandlot), and Sgt Ginzberg (WarGames) Art LaFleur (November 17, 2021) appeared in at least 150 more roles for film and TV.

Shutter artist Mick Rock (November 18, 2021) was “The Man Who Shot the Seventies” because of his iconic photos of stars like David Bowie, Queen, Blondie, Talking Heads, and many more. His album-covers photos include Lou Reed, the Stooges, Carly Simon, Cat Stevens, and the Ramones.

Lyricist-composer Stephen Sondheim (November 26, 2021) wrote for West Side Story, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, and many more. His wins include an Oscar, Grammys, Tonys, and a Pulitzer Prize.

Actor Eddie Mekka (November 27, 2021) was in many film and TV roles, but best remembered as Carmine Ragusa in 150 episodes of Laverne & Shirley.

After his discharge from the USAF, Mike Nesmith (December 10, 2021) got a guitar for Christmas and became a member of the Monkees. He was a founder of country rock and composed hits for other artists. He created a music-video TV show for Nickelodeon, PopClips, which became MTV when sold to Warner.

Les Emmerson (December 10, 2021) was guitarist and lead singer for the Five Man Electrical Band. He wrote the band’s smash “Signs.”

Anne Rice (December 11, 2021) resurrected vampires in pop culture, beginning with Interview with the Vampire. She wrote other vampire chronicles, historical novels, erotic novels, and novels about Jesus.

Henry Orenstein (December 14, 2021) survived the Holocaust to become a professional poker player and toymaker. He founded Topper Toys and later convinced Hasbro to rebrand a set of quick-change toys as Transformers. The rest is franchise history.

bell hooks (December 15, 2021) stirred pots and provoked thoughts with her writings on power, race, the sexes, and society, with a dozen books and a long teaching-speaking career. Among her works was the documentary BaadAsss Cinema. In 2020 she was named one of Time mag’s 100 Women of the Year.
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Sally Kellerman (February 24, 2022) was Hot Lips Houlihan in the film M*A*S*H and sang in 1973’s Last Horizon, but we’ll always remember her as silver-eyed Elizabeth Dehner in the second TOS pilot, “Where No Man Has Gone Before.”

Jazz trombonist and actor Conrad Janis (March 1, 2022) will be remembered by genre fans as the father of Mindy McConnell on Mork & Mindy.

Tim Considine (March 3, 2022) made a splash with 1950s-60s kids by his appearance in several Disney TV serials, including a role as one of The Hardy Boys.

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Football coach John Madden (December 28, 2021) created a second career as a sports broadcaster (12 Emmys). His trademark bluster and freehand onscreen diagramming brought a new level of pop-culture impact (and parodies). Beginning in 1988, his licensed video games, cumulatively titled Madden NFL, have sold over 130 million copies.

Composer Stephen J. Lawrence (December 30, 2021) won three Emmys for his music for The Betty White Show (300+ scores and songs) and Free to Be...You and Me. He also wrote for film and theatre.

The career of Betty White (December 31, 2021) looped from early TV to radio to TV again (with dozens of films between). She was notable and beloved for her roles in TV’s The Mary Tyler Moore Show and The Betty White Show, hitting her stride in the The Mary Tyler Moore Show TV’s 80s with Mama’s Family, and The Golden Girls, which enthroned her as America’s innocently naughty pop sweetheart.

Writer John J. Miller (January 5, 2022) wrote fiction in the Wild Cards universe and for the series’ GURPS. He was an authority on the Negro Baseball League and a Fellow of the Society for American Baseball Research.

ArmadaCon founder Willie Sirota (January 5, 2022) founded and chaired Solarcon 1 (1975), one of TX’s earliest science-fiction conventions. He was one of the founders of the Fandom Association of Central Texas. He was also a book collector and bookseller (Austin’s Adventures in Crime and Space Books).

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He appeared on F’Troop and Get Smart, but Peter Robbins (January 18, 2022) is forever loved as the wispy-washy original voice of Charlie Brown 1965-69. Good grief!

The Bar Out of Hell trilogy by Meat Loaf (January 20, 2022) showcased his power-rock singing, but he’s also dear to our transplanted hearts as both Dr. Scott and Eddie in the original 1973 cast of The Rocky Horror Show. He played Eddie only in the 1975 film.

Comedian-actor, game-show host, and blackmail victim Louie Anderson (January 21, 2022) also wrote four books, won an Emmy, and created the cartoon show Life with Louie, supposedly based on his childhood.

Actress Kathryn Kates (January 22, 2022) had recurring roles on Lizzie McGuire, Judging Amy, Orange Is the New Black, and Seinfeld.

Howard Hesseman (January 29, 2022) is best known for his co-starring roles on WKRP in Cincinnati (D) Johnny Fever, 1978-82 and One Day at a Time (Sam Royer, 1982-84).

Film director and SFX creator Douglas Trumbull (February 7, 2022) worked on 2001, Silent Running, CE3K, Blade Runner, and saved ST:TMP after the original FX team tanked. He invented the Showscan process for the 1983 Brainstorm, and fought to complete it after Natalie Wood’s death. His work is a pillar of late-20C film magic.

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OKC’s Brenda Williams (March 21, 2022) was an actor and director for Lyric Theatre, Pollard Theatre in Guthrie, and Carpenter Square Theatre. At the latter, she played in *The Rocky Horror Show* in 1986. She appeared in the last production at the now-demolished Stage Center.

Tulsa drummer Jim Karnstein (March 27, 2022) worked with Gary Lewis and the Playboys, David Gates, JJ Cale, and Leon Russell. He joked that his favorite gig was Cheech & Chong’s 1973 hit “Basketball Jones.”

1960s teen idol Bobby Rydell (April 5, 2022) sold many records and performed on numerous TV shows. He played Hugo Peabody in the 1963 musical *Bye Bye Birdie*.

In-your-face Gilbert Gottfried (April 12, 2022) began on *SNL*; he voiced the duck for AFLAC, and other roles on *The Fairly Odd Parents* and as Mister Mxyzptlk in several DCAU series. He hosted the entire run of USA Network’s Saturday *Up All Night*, 1989-1998.

Actor Robert Morse (April 20, 2022) won two Tonys and an Emmy. He appeared on Broadway, TV, as a voice actor (including Santa Claus for *Teen Titans Go!*), and 70+ episodes of *Mad Men* as Bertram Cooper.

Artist, activist, and Seminole Chief Enoch Kelly Haney (April 23, 2022) made a visible contribution to our state with his statue *The Guardian*, which stands watch atop the Oklahoma State Capitol, with a smaller replica inside to view up close.

David Livingston (April 28, 2022) scripted several genre shows in the 1960s-70s. He’s the credited scriptwriter for *ST:TMP*, and directed episodes of every Trek series except the original. He served several years in production on *ST:TNG*.

Artist and graphic designer Neal Adams (April 28, 2022) helped secure pensions (and creator bylines) for Siegel and Shuster in his work for creator rights. With Denny O’Neil, he helped DC Comics’ heroes achieve a new level of relevance in the early 1970s. His work for DC and Marvel kept readers breathless. Who can imagine such projects as *Superman vs. Muhammad Ali* without him?

Actress Joanna Barnes (April 29, 2022) had numerous TV and film roles, including a role in *Spartacus*, as Tarzan’s Jane in 1959, and in the 1961 and 1998 versions of *The Parent Trap*.

Industrial designer Peter Moore (April 29, 2022) impacted youth culture through his design work on the Air Jordan 1 and Nike’s Jumpman.

Singer Naomi Judd (April 30, 2022) succumbed to mental illness one day before her scheduled induction with daughter Wynonna into the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Judds earned five Grammys and over a dozen No. 1s for *Billboard* charts.

In 1985’s *The Care Bears Movie*, we learn that the Bears’ cloud home is called Care-a-Lot. On a mission to save the world from the uncaring work of Nicholas the would-be wizard, two Care Bears and two human children meet the Care Bear Cousins. The Cousins show the way through their own home, the Forest of Feelings. In a song written by Carole King, they share the realization that “Home is in your heart.”