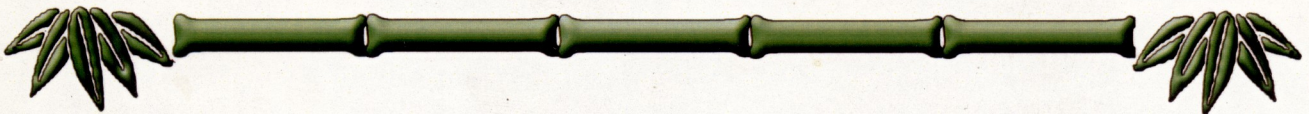


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Welcome to AniZona 2! by Chairman David M. Hungerford III

We're back. Last year, there were those who thought we couldn't do it at all. This year, there were those who thought we couldn't do it again. We've had our share of changes and growing pains behind the scenes, but here it is Easter weekend again and here we are having AniZona again. Our organizing committee and staff have put in countless hours making the convention happen and now is when it all pays off. (I'd take it as a personal favor if, when you encounter something you really like, you make a point to thank the person in charge of whatever that is.) We've got a great set of guests lined up, our panel programming is more extensive and offers more choices, the cosplay contest is bigger, and we're running dances on both Friday and Saturday nights. Most important, there are more fans here for you to meet, hang out with, and make friends with. Wander around, attend panels, watch anime, game, talk (politely!) to the Guests, and have a good time. (If you find yourself at loose ends at any point during the convention, consider volunteering for a few hours. You'll help the convention, you'll meet some interesting people, and you'll get to see some of what goes on behind the scenes. Plus, four hours of volunteering gets you a meal in Staff Lounge.)

If you were here last year, we're glad to have you back. If you are new here, we hope you'll like what we've done.

Who We Are

Some folks have the idea that AniZona is owned and run by a shadowy cabal who are getting rich off your hard-earned money. In fact, AniZona Anime Convention, Inc. is an IRS-recognized 501(c)7 non-profit social organization. Our explicit purpose is to encourage social interaction among anime fans (rather than to make money), and we think running a convention is a pretty good way to do that. The "non-profit" thing extends to the people in charge, too: **every last one of us, from the Board of Directors on down, is an unpaid volunteer.** Period.

Also, AniZona is set up as a membership corporation. By virtue of having a membership in AniZona 2, you will, as of sometime next month, have a one-year full membership in the organization itself. We have open corporate membership meetings every month, and we encourage our members to show up and take part. If you're interested, we've got copies of our Bylaws available at the Registration table or on our web site.

Corporate Membership Meetings

All meetings are at 4pm, on the second Sunday of each month, in the Community Rooms at Bookmans. They alternate between Bookmans Central Phoenix and Bookmans Mesa.

Mesa meeting dates: May 14th, July 9th, September 10th, November 12th

Central Phoenix meeting dates: June 11th, August 13th, October 8th, December 10th

Volunteer!

AniZonas are run by volunteers and this year's con is no exception. Come by our table near Registration and sign up for a stint or two. We'll have some special prizes for some lucky volunteers.

If you have a specific area you'd like to volunteer for, just let us know when you stop by and we'll do our best to accommodate your preferences. Otherwise, there will be a list of convention areas that need help. Simply pick your area and go when they need you. We'll have a form for you to keep to keep track of your time so that you get the proper credit. Help make this year's AniZona a better convention. Lend a hand and become part of the success!



Weapons Policy

Horseplay with weapons WILL NOT be tolerated!

No real or realistic firearms are allowed.

Violation of this policy may result in revocation of membership and removal from the convention and convention venue.

An Arizona Concealed Carry permit does not exempt convention members from this rule.

Firearms include but are not limited to the following:

- * Handguns
- * Long guns / shotguns
- * Tasers / stun guns
- * Air guns
- * Any prop or device designed or intended to fire a projectile

Firearms that have been altered to prevent firing (i.e. de-commissioned firearms) are also prohibited.

Real or simulated explosive devices are prohibited.

Bows and Crossbows are permitted as part of costuming but arrows, bolts, quarrels, or any other projectile designed to be fired from a bow or crossbow, are not permitted. Crossbows cannot be carried in a cocked position.

Non-realistic firearms may be permitted.

Convention Security is the final authority on whether or not a particular weapon is non-realistic. If you are unsure about your weapon please check with security before taking it into any convention area.

Bladed weapons such as swords and knives are permitted provided they are kept in a hard sheath and peace-bonded. Any attendee carrying a peace-bonded blade will need to carry or wear the blade in a safe manner. Unsheathed or non-peace-bonded bladed weapons are not permitted at any time. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of both the Head of Security and the Cosplay Director to allow unsheathed bladed weapons during official Cosplay presentations if it is determined that it is SAFE to do so. This must be arranged prior to the Cosplay event.

Novelty or prop blades that are soft and not edged such as a foam sword may be carried without a sheath or being peace-bonded but still must be carried in a safe manner. Any prop that resembles a bladed weapon and is made out of a hard substance such as plastic or wood will be considered a bladed weapon unless Security specifically decides otherwise. Martial arts practice swords will be treated as if they were edged metal weapons. They must be peace-bonded and in a sheath at all times.

Props and objects such as staves or walking sticks, that could be considered weapons are permissible provided

they are carried in a safe manner.

The Head of Security is the final judge concerning classification of a weapon and if it may be carried by the attendee.

If you are not sure - ask Security.

All determinations will be made at the convention. There will be no exceptions to this policy

All weapons and weapon-like props must be approved and peace-bonded by Security located in the Convention Office.

Weapons and weapon-like props that have not been approved and peace-bonded officially by Convention Security may not be carried on site. They must be kept in your room or vehicle for the duration of the convention.

There will be designated times and photo areas where you may be photographed displaying weapons such as swords without having the blade sheathed and secured. Outside of those times and designated places do not display your weapon.

General Policies

We want everyone to have fun and enjoy AniZona. Use common sense and think before you do something. Actions that will get you in trouble in the real world are likely to get you in trouble at AniZona. Remember, the state of Arizona does have laws concerning alcohol consumption, use of illegal substances, and public nudity.

Ask someone before you take pictures. Most Cosplayers like to have pictures taken while they are in costume but it is common courtesy to ask first.

Do not block walkways and stairwells while taking pictures. If staging a group photo please limit your photography to designated photo areas.

Photography and videography are not permitted in the art show.

Guests of Honor and other convention programming participants are at the convention so that you may interact with them. Be polite. You may speak with them during panels and autograph sessions and as they make their way about the convention. Please do not follow them into the bathroom or go to their room at 3:00AM. Please respect the Guests' privacy.

Your badge shows that you are a member of convention. It must be worn and displayed so that it is easily seen and readable at all times. The only exception is while you are on stage participating in the Cosplay Contest; A badge is required to access all convention programming and function space. Please ensure your badge is always visible. Badges may not be shared with or loaned to anyone.

The badge remains the property of the convention until the close of the convention and your membership is revocable for cause at any time.

Glomping can be fun but the more vigorous forms can be dangerous. Do not glomp strangers. If you are glomping a

friend warn them beforehand. Be aware of others around you. Someone other than your intended glompee could be injured if you glomp in a crowded area. Remember, glomping could be perceived by some as assault.

Signs that could be interpreted as soliciting are not permitted. Signs of a non-soliciting nature that are part of a costume are permitted. The Head of Security is the final arbiter concerning the appropriateness of all signs

The popularity of some panels and events may result in large numbers of attendees waiting to get into a particular venue location. If you find yourself in a large group waiting to enter a panel or other event please do the following:

- * Form a single file line.
- * Do not enter the area until the area is opened for the event by the door sitters or other designated staff. Observe areas designated for handicapped seating or reserved for convention participants.

Please enjoy the Vendors Room but remember shoplifters may be prosecuted at the discretion of the vendor

For Your Safety

The convention is not responsible for your personal safety or well-being. AniZona is not responsible for minors left on site without a parent or guardian. The only person who can ensure your safety is yourself.

It is suggested that you:

- * Use common sense. If a person or a situation feels wrong to you, it probably is.
- * Don't give out personal information.
- * Don't go into someone's hotel room unless you know and trust the person.
- * Don't go alone into isolated areas or with someone you don't know.
- * Keep in groups with your friends.
- * Don't leave the convention venue without first telling your friends where you are planning on going, with whom, and when you will be back.
- * Carry a cell phone.

Services for Persons with Disabilities

The hotel is mostly accessible. Accessible routes will be marked on the pocket program map.

Service Animals are welcome throughout the convention.

If you need accommodations with the hotel rooms, please contact the hotel directly to discuss your needs with them.

Attendees using wheelchairs or who are unable to stand for extended periods of time may reserve seating accommodations at the information desk until 30 minutes prior to the panel/program in question. Attendees using seating accommodations may be accompanied by one companion.

Seating is first come, first serve. Those who have reserved seats will be asked to meet at a designated place 30 minutes prior to the panel/program. Late arrival may result in the reserved spot being given away.

If you need assistance, ask a security staff person or the information desk to contact Disabled Services.

Photo Shoots

While AniZona encourages attendees to arrange get-togethers and opportunities to socialize, we ask that photo shoots obey general convention policies, even when in public areas of the hotel not reserved solely for the convention. To ensure that photo shoots avoid problems with the hotel's policies and convention security, please register your photo shoot with the convention office if you expect more than 25 people.

1. The weapons policy applies to all areas of the hotel, including outside. If photo shoots wish to remove peacebonding and have weapons displayed for photographs, regardless of size, they must register no later than the day before the shoot. A security staff person will need to be present.
2. Outside (non-hotel) food cannot be consumed on the hotel's property, except inside the Con Suite or in personal rooms.
3. Do not create fire hazards by congregating in areas where your group will block walkways or exits.
4. If hotel staff request that you move, do so immediately.
5. If convention staff request that you move, do so immediately.

Room Party Policies

If you are planning a room party, please stop by the Security Office and fill out a party registration form. Room Parties are not required to be registered but you are encouraged to do so. Registered parties that generate noise complaints will be handled primarily by Convention Security, and we will act as a buffer between you and Hotel Security. Non-registered parties that generate noise complaints will be handled primarily by Hotel Security. In such cases the Convention will not act as a buffer, nor will we intervene if the hotel chooses to shut down your party. This does not mean that registered parties can be excessively rowdy and avoid being shut down - the Convention reserves the right to withdraw convention recognition and turn the problem over to Hotel Security should the situation warrant.

Please register your party by 5:00pm of the day of the party.

You must be both a convention member and a registered guest at the Embassy Suites North to register your room party.

If you are concerned with your safety or the safety of another please contact the Security Office in Suite #2001, a Security Team member, or any AniZona Committee or Staff member.

Convention Areas and Hours

VENDOR ROOM

Salons A-E

AniZona's vendor room is once again packed with your favorite things: plushies, pins, and Pocky! Make sure to stop by and peruse. This is just a partial list of the shops.

Planet Neo
Helen's Asian Fashion
Atomic Comics
Anime Palace
AnimeEd

Come in often and have fun!

Friday 12 PM to 8 PM
Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM
Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM

No bootlegs are permitted for sale!!!

REGISTRATION

Lobby

Thursday: 5PM - 9PM - Pre-reg only
Friday: 10AM - 9PM
Saturday: 9AM - 9PM
Sunday: 9AM - 3PM
After hours registration available in room 3051

Pre-reg badges can be picked up at any time during Registration hours. Please remember to keep track of your badge during the convention. If you lose it, you will need to pay the full current price to replace it. A \$25 charge will be assessed to all returned checks.

Registration will also be taking pre-registration for AniZona 3 starting Saturday, with a special at-con only discount to be announced.

VIDEO ROOMS

Suites A and B

Room 1 opens Thursday at 5pm, Room 2 Friday at 1pm. Open until the convention ends.

Great classics like Devil Hunter Yohko, Tenchi Muyo, and Dirty Pair. Anime from all genres--from explosive action to heart warming drama to zany comedy. New shows as well. ADV, Funimation, Bandai, and Rightstuff unveil their newest acquisitions at Anizona 2. Sit back and relax as we show you what this convention is all about.

Anime is not the only amazing entertainment product Japan has to offer. We gladly introduce you to the world of Japanese Live Action. We've got cience fiction greats such as Kamen Rider and the Super Sentai series--known in the US as "Power Rangers". See how it's done in its original form! We will also showcase live action adaptations of your favorite anime such as Gokusen and Great Teacher Onizuka .

Some shows may require viewer discretion due to live violence and mild sexual situations.

CON SUITE

Room 3005

Hours (subject to change)

Thursday: 7pm - Midnight
Friday: 10am - 1am
Saturday: 10am - 1am
Sunday: 10am - close

Need a place to get away from it all for a moment and to recharge? Then Con Suite is the answer to your needs! AniZona's Con Suite will be providing free snacks and drinks to all members, as well as providing a place to relax and meet fellow AniZona attendees!

A friendly reminder from the Con Suite Staff:
Con Suite is not meant to be a substitute for a hotel room nor a green room. We ask that attendees do not sleep overnight in the Con Suite or use it as a cosplay dressing room.

ART SHOW / ART ALLEY

Art Show-Room 3003

Hours

Friday: Noon - 8pm
Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Art Alley-Outside Vendor Room

Hours

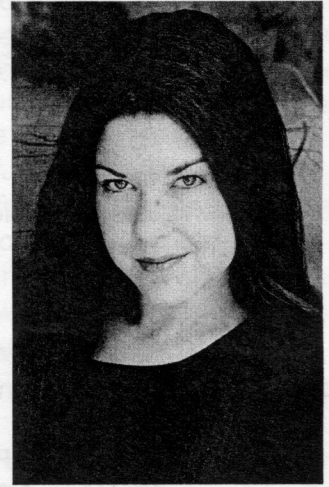
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On behalf of the participating artists, the Art Show exhibits and makes available for purchase original artworks of the Anime Genre with undertones of science fiction / fantasy and other applicable subjects. Artists offer works in various media, both 2-dimentional (sketches, pen-and-ink drawings, paintings, etc.) and 3-dimensional (sculpture, crafts, etc.) for display and sale though silent auction.

Guests of Honor

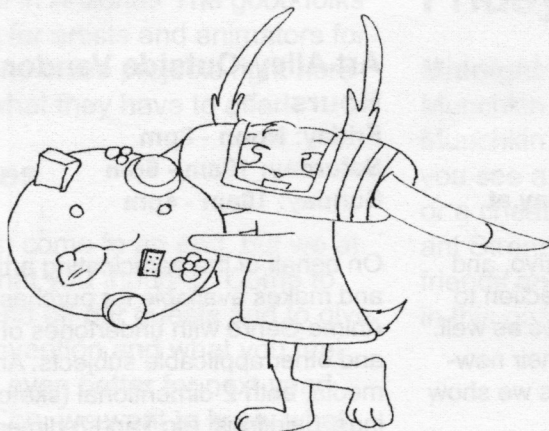
Colleen Clinkenbeard

Colleen Clinkenbeard is a voice actress and director with Funimation Productions. She got her start as Éclair in *Kiddy Grade* and has since voiced Rachel in *Case Closed*, Oleander in *Lupin III: Dead or Alive*, Mary in *Lupin III: Farewell to Nostradamus*, and currently Misako in *Kodocha* and Rose and Hawkeye in *Fullmetal Alchemist*. She has also been featured in *Dragon Ball GT*, *Yu Yu Hakusho*, and *Spiral*, as well as the video games *Fullmetal Alchemist*, *Spike Out*, and *Blood Rayne II*. Her voice directing credits include *Kiddy Grade*, and currently *Fullmetal Alchemist*, *Kodocha*, and *Sakura Taisen: École de Paris*. Colleen is also a scriptwriter for series such as *Fullmetal Alchemist*, *Kodocha*, and *Samurai 7*.



Sonny Strait

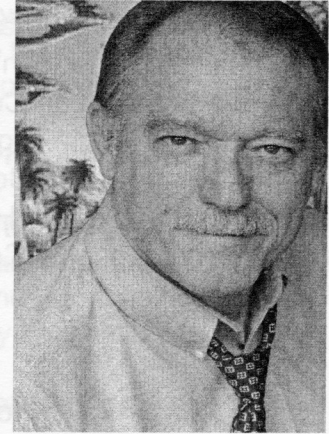
Hero to millions of confused children Sonny was once worshiped as a distant cousin to Wakka Wakka Wakka, the Hawaiian god of polite laughter. He now uses his powers strange to enhance the geek arts...all of the geek arts. As a voice actor, director, writer and illustrator there is not one geek genre that has not been warped by his taint. Most notably he was the voice of Dragonball Z's Krillin, Full Metal Alchemist's Hughes and the original Toonami Tom for the Cartoon Network but he has also worked as a writer and director for many favored anime productions including Dragonball, Lupin III, Case Closed, Kodacha and Kiddy Grade. His efforts have also been witnessed as a comic book artist for DC Comic's Elfquest series and he's even illustrated PVP card games. Currently he portrays Seiji on Moonphase and is under contract to write and draw three manga-styled graphic novels for Tokyopop. If you are geek country, unmarred by his campaign, know that you are so next!



Guests of Honor

Michael McConnohie

He was the original D in Streamline's Vampire Hunter D, created the role of Captain Harlock in the series of the same name, and was Shin in Fist of the North Star. He is the only actor from the original Generation 1 series Transformers: More Than Meets the Eye (Tracks and Cosmos) to also appear in the latter-day Robots in Disguise (Hot Shot and Ironhide), as well as being a writer and co-director on that series. His voice is heard in such award-winning games as Diablo (the Necromancer and Warriv), Warcraft III (Kel'Thuzad), Everquest Nights, Dynasty Warriors, Xenosaga I & II, and many, many more. He works internationally supervising foreign versions of such diverse films as Madagascar, Chicken Run, Shrek, Sinbad, Galaxy Quest, and the Pokémon movies. He has just written and directed the English version of the Russian fantasy film Night Watch (Nochnoi Dozor) coming soon from Fox Searchlight.



He continues to appear in anime series and features, from Rurouni Kenshin (as both Okina and Anji) to The Big O (Schwarzwald), from Robotech to Mobile Suit Gundam Argento Soma and Spirit of Wonder. Michael's on-camera credits include both television and films like Bike Squad, Frog-g-g! and Scream Bloody Murder.

Melodee M. Spevack

Melodee's extensive anime credits include multiple leads on Digimon (Lady Devimon, Birdramon, Garudamon, Crusadermon, others), Julia in Fist of the North Star, the evil Sword in Teknoman, and Commander Ines in Argento Soma. She was the voice of Mission Control in the classic Robotech and traces her anime origins as far back as Captain Harlock and Wicked City.

She has cast, directed, and performed in many interactives (Star Trek: 25th Anniversary, Star Trek: Judgement Rites [both with the classic cast members], Stonekeep, Normality [with Corey Feldman], Vampire: the Masquerade - Redemption, and Warcraft III among others).

Melodee has been heard in Enterprise, Starship Troopers, John Carpenter's Vampires, Dot.Hack, and Mortal Kombat. She was also many of the Amazon, Valkyrie and Banshee voices for the Hercules and Xena: Warrior Princess series.

Known in the ADR community as "Stunt Voice" for good reason, her stunt background brings action realism to her vocal performances that most actresses can't match. She was the voice double for Sigourney Weaver in Alien: Resurrection and Laura Dern in We Don't Live Here Anymore, and recently essayed an unseen but nasty Andorrian lieutenant in UPN's Enterprise. On-camera she has appeared in The Division, The Man Show, The Mask, Rescue 911, Critters III, and What Should You Do? and was featured in Disney's Princess Diaries II.



AniZona Artists Guests of Honor

Katie Bair

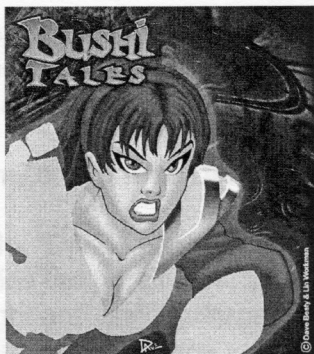
Katie Bair is probably best known as the insane creative genius behind Petting Zoo Wigs (the most popular cosplay wig studio in the WORLD!! BWA HA HAAAA..Ha haa... um. Yes...), but did you know she is also an accomplished American manga artist and writer? Yes, it's true! Besides her webmanga "Aesir Corp" (<http://www.aesircorp.net>), her published works include "Ninja High School: Hawaii" (Antarctic Press) and "Oasis Destiny" (Petting Zoo Books).

In addition to Guest of Honor duties, Katie Bair will be returning as a judge for our Cosplay Contest.



David Beaty

A former Memphian and avid martial artist, David has been a professional illustrator/ graphic designer since 1992. Some of his past clients include United Artist Pictures, Blockbuster Video, Clear Channel Communications and Warner Brothers. He co-created with Dean Zachary and Scott Clark the ground breaking comic book 'Stargodz'. He has also been an inker for many small press comic books (as well as 'ghosting' on some comic work for the big two). Currently his work can be seen in many Western Newspapers publications where he provides specialty graphics, editorial cartoons and the classified section comic strip, 'Captain Value'. He is a co-founder with Lin Workman of Pencil Neck Studios and is currently working on their new multi-media comic project, 'BushiTales'. David, now lives in Prescott Valley, AZ with his lovely wife Micah and their two cats Sato and Nermal.



Jodon Bellofatto

Although normally the silent partner in this dynamic duo, Jodon Bellofatto is no stranger to anime and gaming conventions. Besides running the managerial side of Katie's work, he is also the snarky comedy writer behind the Final Fantasy spoof advice column "Sir Digimus' Guide to the Weary Traveller", and Co-Writer and Art Slave on the "Aesir Corp" webmanga. When Jodon isn't busy ranting about the "torrid" state of otaku-dom, he's usually joined in a symbiotic relationship with his computer.



AniZona Programming and Events

THURSDAY --Pre-Registration Special!

Meet the Pros

Pre-registered attendees are cordially invited to the Guest of Honor reception on Thursday evening. Meet our Guests and Staff face-to-face before the convention even starts! (Happy hour will be on for those that are 21 and older. Kampai!!!)

The Bard's Movie Previews

A special treat for all of you who arrive a night early! Your host, Craig, will queue up and show exciting movie trailers for films coming to the Valley this summer and fall. Don't miss out on the free movie posters and other goodies!

Friday

Opening Ceremonies

Come and join the staff of AniZona as we kick off the convention! Meet our guests, and hear from the Chairman what this year has to offer.

David Beaty – Bushi Tales

Join the entire Bushi Tales team and get the lowdown on what's in store for the Bushi of Hachiman in 2006. This will feature a special presentation on the origin of Bushi Tales. Participants will include Local Guest of Honor David Beaty, Lin Workman, Micah Stewart and soundtrack composer, Joel "Nox" Gamble.

Katie Bair – Art for Profit

Whether you're an aspiring manga artist, a doll customizer, or just interested in making a little cash on the side to supplement your ramen diet, this crash course on self-promotion is sure to be a help. We'll cover topics such as creating a professional appearance, building an eye-catching portfolio, and effective low-budget marketing.

Nigiyakaza "Noisy Theatre"

Come and laugh as the Nigiyakaza crew lampoons some of the worst anime ever made. You never know what they'll say next!

Cosplay Wig Design: The Madness of Katie Bair

Join Katie Bair, as she takes you into the world of cosplay wigs. Prepare to laugh and learn, while she demonstrates all levels of techniques, and gets side-tracked with stories of wigs that went wrong. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own wigs for a rare chance to get on-the-spot styling tips.

Funimation – Moon Phase Actor/Director Review

Colleen Clickenbeard, the U.S. director of Moon Phase, and Sonny Strait, the voice of Seiji, will answer your questions and talk about this exciting new show brought to you by Funimation!

Anime Live Action Roleplaying

Are you a LARPer? Ever wanted to play a role as a favorite anime character? Sign up for AniZona's own Anime LARP and join the fun!

Michael McConnohie – Meet and Greet

Come and meet our guest of honor, Michael McConnohie and hear all about what he's done and where he's going. A veteran voice actor, Michael voiced the original D of Streamline Picture's U.S. release of Vampire Hunter D. He was also Captain Harlock in the series of the same name and Shin from Fist of the North Star. His work in the U.S. includes two incarnations of The Transformers (Tracks, Cosmos, Hotshot and Ironhide), as well as voice acting for video games such as Diablo II (Warriv and the Necromancer), Warcraft III (Kel'Thuzad and Uther), Dynasty Warriors, Xeno Saga 1 and 2, and many more!

Gameshow – The 100 Fire Challenge!

Join your host, Joe Sakamoto, for an exciting round of mini games and contests! You never know what insane tasks Joe will have prepared, so be ready for anything!

Joe Sakamoto – K-Pop, the New Wave

Most anime fans know about J-Pop, but what about their counterparts across the Sea of Japan? Join Joe as he talks about Korean Pop and showcases some of the more popular groups.

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Maia Elena Gray – Intro to Cosplay

Maia, AKA “NyuNyu”, talks about the history of cosplay, general tips and tricks for beginners new to cosplay, how to get started on a costume, resources in the Phoenix area and online, important DO’s and DON’T’s, and related social issues. If you are a cosplay novice, NyuNyu can help!

April Steenbaugh - Watch/Read Before You Write

April “Fireun” Steenbaugh talks about techniques that will help all of you aspiring fan fiction writers to effectively develop “three dimensional” characters with a focus on longer series. If you’re a writer, you don’t want to miss this!

Anime Music Video Contest

Your host, Ashuraryu, will present this years top AMVs and showcase some old favorites. Don’t miss your chance to vote for this years top AniZona AMV!

AniZona Dance Dance Party Revolution

Why “Dance Dance”? Because this year you get twice the party! Join us on Friday AND Saturday night and dance till you drop while DJ Rayray spins your favorite anime techno and dance mixes!

Saturday

April Steenburgh – AMVs, The Dinosaur Days

Ever wonder how AMVs got started? What did people edit with before Adobe Premiere or Vegas Video? How did fans get AMVs? April “Fireun” Steenburgh is ready to answer your questions about the origins of the AMV phenomenon.

AniZona’s Karaoke Society Karaoke Contest

Join your hosts, Elvy and DJ RayRay, as Karaoke contestants sing it out to see who can really rock the house! Come watch and listen to some of the best anime karaoke in the state!

David Beaty – Traditional Inking

Inking is the technique of translating pencil drawings to finished (or camera-ready) art. Join Guest of

Honor David Beaty and Lin Workman for a presentation and discussion of methods and materials for inking as well as how modern methods have changed the medium.

David Beaty – Manga Creation

Join Guest of Honor David Beaty, Lin Workman, Antone Wade and Adam Shaw for a discussion of the various methods of manga creation and production.

Cosplay Masquerade

Hit the lights! Queue the music! It’s time for AniZona’s best to strut their stuff in the 2006 Cosplay Masquerade! Come and check out this years awesome costumes and skits and see who the judges will pick as this year’s Best-of-Show! The Masquerade is always guaranteed to be one of the biggest events so make sure you arrive early to get a good seat. Seating starts early and is on a first come first serve basis.

Greg Weisman – U.S. vs Japan, Animation Production

Our guest of honor, Greg Weisman, shares his views on the differences in production between Japanese and American animation. A veteran producer and writer, Greg has worked on shows like W.I.T.C.H., Tail Spin, and of course, Gargoyles. He has also done production work for Dreamworks TV Animation. Don’t miss this chance to get the real deal on the animation industry in the U.S.!

Hide-san – Comics and More!

AniZona welcomes back comic artist and writer, Hide-san, to speak about his work and answer your questions about all things manga! Come join the fun!

Funimation – Sonny Strait Meet and Greet

Come on down and meet our special guest of honor, Sonny Strait. Sonny is the voice of Seiji in the English adaptation of Moon Phase. Past roles of his have included Krillan from Dragonball Z and Hughes from Full Metal Alchemist.

“So You Want To Be A Voice Actor”

Ever dream of being in one of your favorite shows?

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Often wondered what it takes to become a voice actor or actress? What is the industry really like? Well, AniZona has the answers! We've gathered a panel of five talented and experienced VAs from all over the country: Colleen Clickenbeard and Sonny Strait of Funimation along with Michael McConnohie and Melodee M. Spevack (Dot.Hack, Robotech and Witch Hunter Robin, and games Diablo II, Warcraft III and Mortal Kombat) and Greg Weisman (Ikki Tousen, 3x3 Eyes). Come and meet the professionals and find out what it takes to be voice talent in the U.S.A.!

Carlos Ross - T.H.E.M. Anime Review Panel

The Editor-in-Chief of one of the largest anime review sites on the internet joins us to talk about the anime review community. What makes a good review? What's the difference between synopsis sites like Anime on DVD and full review sites like Anime Jump? How can you voice your opinions on your favorite shows? Carlos can tell you all about it and more!

Joe Sakamoto – How to Run an Anime Fest

Joe Sakamoto has been running local anime fests in the valley for years now, but the fandom is growing and he wants to share his experience with you! If you or your club have ever thought about running a small event in your neighborhood, school, or town, Joe can help you with tips and suggestions based on his success running overnight events in Mesa and Tempe.

Joe Sakamoto – J-Pop Forever!

Not only is Joe a popular anime festival host and wicked gameshow inventor, he also has the lowdown on the J-Pop scene. Who's hot, who's not, and who to look for in the coming year. Come meet Joe and talk about current J-Pop trends and watch videos of up-and-coming and currently popular groups.

Arizona Shinkendo Exhibition

Everyone loves a good sword fight. The popularity of shows like Rurouni Kenshin and Samurai Champloo speak for themselves. Now come and see the real thing! Arizona Shinkendo will be performing katana sword forms, sparring and even demonstrate a live steel test cut! Don't miss this excellent martial arts demonstration by the professionals of Arizona Shinkendo!

Arizona Shinkendo Intro Lesson and Demo

Sign up with AZ Shinkendo at their table to receive a free intro lesson and demonstration on Saturday Night! The Sensei of AZ Shinkendo will be giving a free intro lesson to those who sign up and will repeat the sword form demonstrations performed earlier in the day (sorry, no live steel at the evening performance however).

Come and try it for yourself!

Melodee M. Spevack – Meet and Greet

Come and join our guest of honor, Melodee M. Spevack as she talks about her career as a voice actress and answers your questions. Melodee has had multiple lead roles in the popular anime, Digimon (Lady Devimon, Birdramon, Garudamon, and Crusadermon) as well as Julia in Fist of the North Star, the evil Sword in Teknoman, and Commander Ines in Argento Soma. Her U.S. work includes multiple voice roles in popular shows like Hercules, Xena: Warrior Princess, and Enterprise; as well as video games like Dot.Hack and Mortal Kombat.

Greg Weisman – Gargoyles

Guest of Honor, Greg Weisman is one of the creative heads for the extremely popular animated series, Gargoyles. Come and meet Greg as he talks about his work on Gargoyles and answers your questions.

Yaoi Panel

Attention all Yaoi fans, this is your chance at AniZona to get together and discuss your favorite characters and artists. Due to the adult nature of this genre, no attendees under 18 will be admitted, gomen!

Sunday

Anime Club Summit

Are you a member or staff for an anime club? This is your chance to meet with the staff and members of other clubs across the Valley, trade information, arrange to joint shows and events, or simply make new friends.

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April Steenburgh – “Be Kind To Your Betas”

Everyone needs proofreaders and constructive feedback on their writing, but not everyone really understands how to best utilize their Betas. April can help! In this block she'll explain how to best use your Betas to help you improve your writing.

David Beaty – Digital Inking and Coloring

Join guest of honor David Beaty and Lin Workman as they demonstrate how to use Freehand and Photoshop to create manga artwork. Methods covered will include traditional line art illustrations and digital painting.

Katie Bair – You are NOT your Anime Character

An uncensored Otaku's guide to Otaku: the good, the bad, the smelly, and what we can do to improve the public's perception of Anime fans. (Coz' face it, they're not laughing with you, they're laughing *at* you.)

Cosplay Meet and Greet

Come and meet the AniZona Cosplay staff and judges and hang out with your fellow cosplayers.

Lauren Sefchik/Anthony Grutta - Otaku University

Join the Directors of the Otaku University Anime Conference for a short Q&A panel about this event, coming up in Fall of 2007. Bring your questions, or come simply to learn more about this new event.

Jason Bustard/Anthony Grutta – Shapeless Productions

Shapeless Productions is a new full-service video production company here in Arizona. The good folks at Shapeless are looking for artists and animators for possible upcoming film and video projects right here in Arizona. Come hear what they have to offer!

Closing Ceremonies

Alas, all good things must come to an end, but we at AniZona want to know what you thought. Come to closing ceremonies to send off our guests and to give your feedback on the convention and what you feel could be done to make it even better for next year! This is Arizona's Anime Con, we want to know what you think!

Karaoke

Room 3037

Open Mic.

Welcome to the Karaoke Society. Prepare to let loose your reiatsu on unsuspecting ryoka and show off your stuff! Come to the karaoke room and sing your favorite anime/game/Japanese songs with us. Open mic will be open at 5pm Thursday and will run from 9am to 5am daily, except during the two karaoke contest slots (plus an hour prior to each for setup time). There will be a 'How to Prepare for a Karaoke Competition' panel in the karaoke room at 3pm on Saturday.

Karaoke Contest

Unleash your microphone's bankai during the karaoke contest where you will compete to prove once and for all who's the strongest. Sign-ups are still open. Please visit the Karaoke Society and sign up with the Captain or the on-duty Lieutenant on Thursday afternoon or Friday until 5pm. Everyone who pre-registered should check in and turn in their music during these times as well. The preliminary round will be held on Friday night at 6:30pm. Semis and finals will be held on Saturday in Main Programming from 11am to 1pm. All shinigami who make it to the semi-finals should check in at 10am.

Gaming

Rooms 2003, 2005, 2007

Gaming opens Thursday at 10pm and runs 24 hours to the end of con on Sunday.

Friday

Midnight Munchkin

Munchkin . . . well, you already know how to play Munchkin. Go down in the dungeon. Kill everything you see and take the treasure. Be a dwarf, or a cleric, or a cheating elven wizard with the Pantyhose of Giant Strength and the Staff of Napalm! Backstab your friends and steal their stuff. First one to Level 20 wins in this game of Free For All Epic Munchkin!

AniZona Gaming Events

Frag

Frag is a computer game without a computer. It's a "first-person shooter" on a tabletop; up to six can play. Move your fighter and frag your foes; draw cards for weapons, armor, and gadgets; move through the blood spatters to restore your own health! If you die, you respawn and come back shooting! Outlast your opponents in this 5 life Ironman survivor tournament. Entry will be "open" throughout the con, just like on a real server, so feel free to drop in when you can.

Chez Games

Chez Geek is the game of apartment life. Will your roommates drive you crazy . . . or will you drive them crazy first? Illustrated by John Kovalic, this won the Origins Award for Best Traditional Card Game in 2000. Battle to see who the biggest Slacker really is.

Duel of the Consoles!

The duel of the consoles returns to Anizona for its second year! This year, form a group of up to four players and battle for the coveted title of Master of the Consoles. Each round will be a surprise console and game, with a given objective. Teams will race to complete these objectives, being awarded points for thoroughness and speed. At the end of Saturday evening, the final four teams will be announced. These four teams will battle it out for the title and prizes that only a master can hold! Are you ready to challenge any console from the Nintendo to the Xbox? Can you handle games ranging from Contra to Halo? Bring your best game! Registration opens 5 AM Friday and runs until 5 AM Saturday. The duel begins at 9 AM Saturday. Finals will be held at 9 AM Sunday.

Halo and Halo 2

A top eight Halo tournament followed by a double elimination final round await those who seek to flex their FPS prowess. Come early for Halo 1 or late for Halo 2, but be ready for some fierce competition.

Guitar Heroes

Do you have what it takes to be a Guitar Hero? We will be holding a point-based single elimination tournament of Harmonix's latest and best rhythm game. Each round, contestants will select one song. They play their song, the opponents song, and a song chosen by our judges. The person with the most points combined on all three advances, while the other has to live with the ignominy of gigs at the local country western bar.

Super Smash Brothers Melee

A double elimination ladder tournament with random levels and staff selected items. All characters, stages, and items will be available.

Soul Calibur 3

A double elimination ladder tournament to determine who has the bragging rights once and for all as AniZona's Soul Calibur 3 Champion!

Saturday

SPANC

Life is good when you're a Space Pirate Amazon Ninja Catgirl. Enjoy a life of larceny and mayhem as you embark on one Caper after another. Pick up Toys (and the occasional Poolboy), grab more Fame than anyone else, and watch your tail . . . because the other catgirls want what you've got!

GURPS Powers

With GURPS, you can be anyone you want -- an elf hero fighting for the forces of good, a shadowy femme fatale on a deep-cover mission, a futuristic swashbuckler carving up foes with a force sword in his hand and a beautiful woman by his side . . . or literally anything else! GURPS has been the premiere universal roleplaying game for almost two decades. The new Fourth Edition makes it even better! GURPS Powers is the ultimate book for the ultimate characters! Here's everything you need to create every kind of amazing, off-the-chart superhero you can imagine . . . as well as amazing wizards, wuxia fighters, shamans who command spirits . . . even gods! The adventure will set up to twelve players against the arch villain Silencio! Can you defeat him before his doomsday satellite blankets the earth in harmful microwave radiation? Either bring a 300 point character, generate one on site, or play with a pre-made superhero!

Early Morning DDR Saturday 03:00-07:00 , Sunday 03:00-07:00

Rise and shine with the gaming crew with a li'l DDR first thing in the morning. We will be hosting a series of spontaneous tournaments and mini-games involving everyone's favorite Konami game on Saturday and Sunday morning to help you get the juices flowing and get ready for the convention ahead! Wake up and get a little exercise to prepare you for the coming day.

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Atlas Demos

Surprise Atlas Demos? We have some of Atlas' newest and best games. We will be letting you try them out with a chance at winning your own copy or cool Atlas swag. No entry fee, no commitment, just come and give these great games a try.

Taiko Drum Master

Step right up and bang the drum. This great and unique bemaniam game comes direct to us from Japan. Taiko drums, an Asian treat are faithfully reproduced on the console with an authentic taiko drum controller and popular Japanese tunes.

BESM Tri-Stat

Feel the power of the Open Gaming License as Ninjakitty takes you through two thrill packed Big Eyes Small Mouth Adventures. First, from 6 PM to 9 PM play the new BESM 3rd edition. Then, from 9 PM to Midnight, play the old BESM 2nd edition. Whichever system you prefer, Ninjakitty is here to see you have a game.

Sunday

Midnight Madness

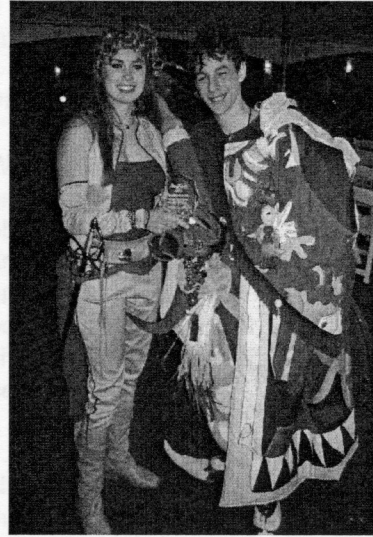
Demonstrations of some of Steve Jackson's best games. No knowledge required, just bring a healthy love of fun games. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

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Cosplay & Masquerade



We want to give a warm hoorah! for all of the entries for last year's Masquerade. You all did splendidly and we look forward to seeing more great creations from last year's, this year's, and future years' participants. Last year, Best in Show went to a set of stunning costumes worn by Travis

and Ariana as Celi and Gogo from Final Fantasy XI (pictured above)

Cosplay wants to give an exciting welcome back to last year judges Katie Bair and Randall Whitlock! They will be accompanied this year by another great judge, Becky Brines. All Masquerade entrants are given a personal session with these judges to ensure their comfort and privacy. For a chance to meet and talk to our fabulous judges be sure to attend the meet and greet Sunday morning.

The Masquerade this year will have halftime and ending performances. Our halftime event will be a group of talented people showing you an act known as "Para-Para". These are fun dance moves using your hands and body motion that are very popular in Japan. Our final act will be a performance by Chii, a well-known cosplayer in the Phoenix area.

This year we've added a "Cosplayer Repair Station," where those in costumes who have an unexpected problem with their outfit can hopefully mend their costume and continue on with their day. The schedule for this will be posted on the door of the Cosplay room and is expected to be open on and off all weekend.

Masquerade on-site registration hours

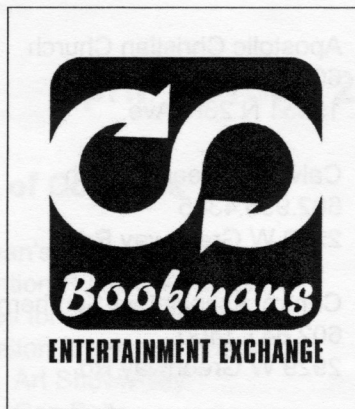
Thursday: 7pm-10pm

Friday: 10am-10pm

Be sure to sign in at the Cosplay room to find out your judging and line-up times.

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AniZona would like to send out a heartfelt thanks to Grace United Methodist Church for providing weekly space for our committee and staff meetings.

A BIG thank you to DJ Rayray, Raymond Abril III for volunteering his services and equipment. Visit his site at hardcoredreamer.com or cyberglow.net

Many, many thanks to those wacky folks at T.H.E.M. You may be ASU's science-fiction club, but you provided the backbone to AniZona.

Thank you to the seasoned Con Runners of C.A.S.F.S. for your help, guidance, and the loan of many items.

Southwest Costumers' Guild for supporting the Masquerade.

Thank you to the numerous staff, committee members, and volunteers who worked so hard to make AniZona 2 happen.

Thank you to our Chairman David M. Hungerford III, even though we all wanted to kill you half the time.

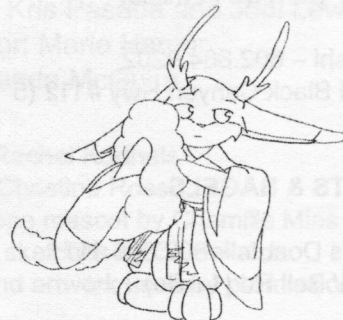
Thank you to all of our Guests of Honor and panelists who took time out of their busy schedules to come be with us this weekend!

Thanks to our wonderful Jackalope artists, Rachel, Rini, and Kyo.

Thanks to LepreCon Inc for the loan of many items vital to conrunning.

Also to Williams Express for the great deal on printing.

Most Importantly:
THANK YOU ARIZONA ANIME FANS! This is your convention!



As a courtesy to AniZona attendees, here is a small list of nearby restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies and churches having Easter services for your convenience and reference.

CHEAP EATS

Amelio's Pizza and Wings –
602.246.7777
1726 W. Bell Rd. (1.5 miles away)

Lenny's Burger Shop – 602.978.8959
13616 N. 35th Ave Ste 1 (1.5 miles
away)

Sonic Drive In – 602.870.2947
9606 N 19th Ave (1 mile)

Wendy's – 602.548.2217
2640 W Thunderbird Rd (1 mile)

McDonalds – 602.938.4388
2845 W Thunderbird Rd (1 mile)

Jack in the Box – 602.938.8340
3512 W Thunderbird Rd (1.5 miles)

Taco Bell - 602.863.2778
2660 W Thunderbird Rd (1 mile)

Arby's - 602.942.6819
3348 W Bell Rd (1.5 miles)

KFC - 602.938.5010
3550 W Thunderbird Rd (2 miles)

BARS & GRILLS

Cheers Pub – 602.439.8353
5915 W Bell Rd (4 miles)

Applebee's - 602.789.9449
2720 W Bell Rd (1 mile)

JAPANESE / SUSHI

Kyoto Bowl – 602.788.9888
3202 E Greenway Rd (5 miles)

Sushi Q – 602.943.2899
8841 N 19th Ave (4 miles)

Mr. Sushi – 602.864.9202
8041 N Black Canyon Hwy #112 (5
miles)

DONUTS & BAGELS

Lamar's Donuts – 602.896.1171
2340 W Bell Rd (1 mile)

Bagel Gourmet – 602.942.7786
16845 N 29th Ave #3 (1.3 mile)

SUBS AND SANDWICHES

Subway - 602.942.9900
1859 W Greenway Rd (less than 1
miile)

Quiznos - 602.993.1951
2340 W Bell Rd (1 mile)

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Valley Of The Sun Pharmacy -
602.896.0454 15600 N Black Canyon
Hwy (less than 1 mile)

Albertsons - 602.866.1910
1849 W Greenway Rd (less than 1
mile)

Sav-On Drugs - 602.942.4093
1911 W Thunderbird Rd (1.2 miles)

Walgreens 4965 W Bell Rd (near SE
corner of 51st Ave. and Bell), 602-843-
2305

Emergency Vet

Emergency Animal Clinic, PLC - 602-
995-3757
2260 W. Glendale Ave (NE corner of
Glendale and 23rd Ave.)

Emergency Health Care

Advanced Urgent Care, 2423 W.
Dunlap Ave (SE corner of Dunlap and
25th Ave.) 602-216-6862 M-F 8-8,
Sa-Su 8-4

John C. Lincoln Hospital -- Deer Valley
19829 N. 27th Ave (17 and the 101)
623-879-6100

CHURCHES

All churches listed are less than 2
miles from the convention center

Church Of The Living Spirit (NSAC)
623.581.5544
2510 W Greenway Rd

Apostolic Christian Church
602.993.5884
15651 N 23rd Ave

Calvary Korean Church
602.995.4385
2929 W Greenway Rd

Central Association-Southern
602.841.1400
2929 W Greenway Rd

First Indian Baptist Church
602.993.9629
2929 W Greenway Rd

Northwest Fellowship (Pentecostal)
602.866.2701
15441 N 22nd Ave

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3220 W Greenway Rd

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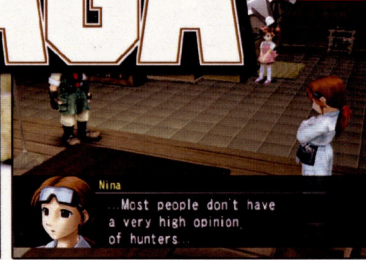
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