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## AN HOUR WITH MATT WAGNER

25 years of Grendel. Matt Wagner talks about his experiences in comic art.

Matt Wagner

Sunday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Palo Verde II

## ANIME DANCE: "TURNING JAPANESE"

Here's the event you otaku have been waiting for! Dance the night away in your own Tokyo paradise in our Japanese-themed dance!

Greg Ayres

Saturday 8:30PM - 11:30PM Apache Room

## ANIME SCAVENGER HUNT

Bring your friends and join the Anime Scavenger Hunt! We'll give you a list of items around the convention. Hunt them down and win prizes!

Saturday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Boardroom

## ART AUCTION

Art Auction with Host Matt Wagner

Matt Wagner

Saturday 3:00PM - 5:00PM Palo Verde II and III

## ART CONTESTS

The Art Institute of Phoenix presents art contests

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Boardroom

## ART MEETS NEEDLE: SEWING CARTOONS INTO LIFE

Join Cosplay Zone as they show you how to analyze a character for cosplay. Before buying fabric, buttons, thread, or zippers, they will show you how to deconstruct a character to make the most accurate costumes possible.

Cosplay Zone

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:50PM Apache Room

## AZCBA PRESENTS: COMICS THE AZ WAY

Local creators and comics professionals talk about the state of comics in Arizona

Arizona Comic Book Association, Hi-Fi Colour Design, Dave Beaty

Friday 7:30 PM - 8:20PM Palo Verde I

## BASICS OF CARTOONING

Cut into the craft of cartooning. Shannon Eric Denton shares his secrets and teaches you how to ink your way to better cartooning

Shannon Eric Denton

Saturday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Palo Verde I

## BOOM! COMICS

Editor in Chief Mark Waid and Artist Tony Parker talk about current projects at Boom! Studios

Mark Waid, Tony Parker

Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Palo Verde I

## BUILDING VECTOR BEASTIES

Steam Crow Demo

Watch Daniel M. Davis illustrate a fresh monster, just like from his books "Caught Creatures", "KlawBerry", and "After Halloween", using Adobe Illustrator and a mouse. Ask questions, learn secret techniques, and listen to Daniel ramble on about monster abduction. There will be a drawing for a free monster print, for those attending.

Daniel M. Davis

Saturday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Boardroom

## BURIED TREASURES

Panda Cubed digs deep into the book cases and hunts in the back of their closet to find older or over looked anime that many fans forgot about. If you're looking for something new while you wait for the next volume to come out of your favorite show, this panel is for you.

Panda Cubed

Friday 7:30PM - 8:20PM Apache Room

## CHARACTER DRAWING AND DESIGN WORKSHOP

Join Svetlana Chmakova, the artist of Tokyopop's DramaCon, to learn how to design and draw characters! This workshop will teach you to refine your characters for manga or comic art!

Svetlana Chmakova

Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Palo Verde III

## COLORING THE HI FI WAY

Brian Miller and Hi-Fi Comics present this instructional panel on comic book coloring technologies and techniques

Hi-Fi Colour Design, Brian and Kristy Miller

Saturday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Apache Room

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## COMIC BOOK TRIVIA SHOWDOWN

Heroes in Jeopardy! Test your knowledge of Comic Book Lore at the Comic Book Trivia Showdown.

Friday 7:30PM - 8:20PM Palo Verde II  
Saturday 8:00PM - 8:50PM Palo Verde II  
Mark Waid, Lee Whiteside

## COSPLAY DODGEBALL

A fun event that is exactly as it sounds! Cosplay is optional, but encouraged. Bring your friends, form a team and have fun!

Cosplay Zone  
Saturday 1:00 PM - 3:00PM PCC field

## COSPLAY ZONE MEET AND GREET

Find out how Cosplay Zone was created and what drives them to create such an amazing stage show.

Cosplay Zone  
Saturday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Palo Verde I

## COSPLAY ZONE PRESENTS FMA: BEYOND WORLDS (PART 1)

Edward & Alphonse have built themselves a time machine. Landing them in the future instead of the past, they find themselves in the middle of an anime convention! Surrounded by freaks who seem to believe Edward and Alphonse are just 'good cosplayers' they must manage to dodge fangirls with large bags, cameras and so much worse! The first exciting installment will take you from laughter to tears as the Elrics battle a whole new set of problems!

Cosplay Zone  
Sunday 4:00 PM Palo Verde Suite

## CREATE AN ANIMATION FLIPBOOK

Bestselling illustrator James Owen teaches you the basics of animation and how to create a cartoon that fits in your pocket.

James Owen  
Saturday 11:00AM - 11:50 Gazebo

## CREATE YOUR OWN PIRATE MAP

Come and let James and Jeremy Owen teach you how to map your treasures and keep your secrets hidden.

James Owen, Jeremy Owen  
Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM PCC field Outside

## CREATE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO/VILLAIN

Jon Lewis (Revenge of the Shadow King/Rise of the Black Wolf) will teach you how to create Heroes or Villains of your very own.

Jon Lewis  
Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50AM Cholla

## CREATING FANTASTIC WORLDS

James Owen, Mike Bullock, Derek Benz, Jeff Mariotte and Mike Kunkel talk about bringing dream worlds to life.

Mike Bullock, Mike Kunkel, Derek Benz, James Owen, Jeff Mariotte  
Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50AM Apache Room

## CREATING WEBCOMICS WITH FREE ONLINE TOOLS

Learn how to create your own webcomics using free online drawing programs. Artists will demonstrate different techniques for creating online comics.

Dreamco  
Saturday 4:00PM - 4:50PM Boardroom  
Sunday 3:00PM - 3:50PM Boardroom

## CREATURE DRAWING

Create Gruesome Beasties and Creepy Creatures with Jon Lewis, Derek Benz and Daniel M. Davis.

Jon Lewis, Derek Benz, Daniel M. Davis  
Sunday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Palo Verde II

## CUSTOM TOYS

Learn how to create art on the 3D canvas. Experienced local artists share demonstrate customizing blank artistic figures and creating unique custom action figures and toys

Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Boardroom

## DRAWING WORKSHOP

Come watch four great artists demonstrate their unique drawing styles and techniques. They will talk a bit about their backgrounds and then it's off to the drawing boards!

Patrick Scherberger, Derek Benz, Jon Lewis, Ben Glendenning  
Saturday 4:00PM - 4:50PM PCC field Outside

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## FILM FESTIVAL

The Film Festival runs continuously with spectacular films and events. We have feature films, exclusives, premiere screenings and a wide range of genres. Check out the Film Festival schedule for details.

Jeremy Bulloch, Walter Koenig, Peter Mayhew, Tim Russ, Arizona Ghostbusters and more.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Theatre

## FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards presentation for film festival winners

Special guests

Sunday 4:40PM - 5:00PM Theatre

## GAME WAR BY ZEB COOK

Presented by The Art Institute of Phoenix

Have a love for games? Then come try your hand at the 60-Minute Game War. Can you create a playable, entertaining game in one hour or less? Come join David "Zeb" Cook as he explains how to unlock your creativity to make a game quick and dirty. After that, it's time to get your hands dirty and show your genius. Once you're done it's time to play and see who will win the great Cactus Comicon Game War!

Saturday 11:00AM - 11:50AM Cholla

## GIRL GAMER FINALS

Girls are gamers, too, and they're going to prove it in this all-out, girls-only, Russian roulette-style gaming tournament! Come check out the final contestants in this challenging competition!

Saturday 10:00PM - 11:50PM Palo Verde II

## GOTHIC LOLITA TEA PARTY

Join us for the Gothic Lolita Candyland Tea Party. There will be food, games, music and afterwards a group photoshoot, so stick around!

Sarcasm-hime, Kajijugal

Saturday 3:30 PM Gazebo

## GUYS V. GIRLS: A DRAWING WORKSHOP

Come watch as Amy Reeder Hadley demonstrates the difference between male and female on the page. Warning: drawings will occasionally show undetailed, Barbie-like nudity.

Amy Reeder Hadley

Saturday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Apache Room

## HOW TO SURVIVE AND SUCCEED AS A FULL-TIME ACTOR

Luci Christian will let you in on the secrets of becoming a full-time actor.

Luci Christian

Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Palo Verde I

## HULK SMASH!

Eisner award winner Jeph Loeb, writer of Batman, Superman, Spiderman and producer on Smallville, Lost and Heroes joins Ed McGuinness to talk about an upcoming storyline that has the Incredible Hulk seeing Red!

Jeph Loeb, Ed McGuinness

Saturday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Palo Verde II and III

## INALIENABLE Q+A WITH WALTER KOENIG

Legendary Walter Koenig, star of Star Trek and Babylon 5 presents a Q&A session on the film that he wrote and produced; "Inalienable" which stars many sci-fi actors including Marina Sirtis, Richard Hatch, Gary Graham and Erick Avari.

Walter Koenig

Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Theatre

## IRON COSPLAY ROUNDS 1 AND 2

What cosplay masterpiece can you create in just half an hour armed with only cardboard, scraps, duct tape, randomness, and your Imagination? The theme will be a surprise!

\*2 - 1 hour rounds

Saturday 12:00PM - 1:50PM Gazebo

## JEDI VS. SITH TRAINING

Choose your path wisely young Padawan. Train with the elite 501st to serve the Empire and the Dark Side or find a Jedi Master to educate you in the ways of the Force

501st Star Wars Imperial costuming group, Rebel Legion

Saturday 11:00AM - 1:00PM PCC field Outside

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## J-FASHION PANEL

Japan's street fashion is some of the most extreme in the world. Join us to learn what's hot and what's not in the land of the sun.

Saturday 7:00PM - 7:50PM Palo Verde II and III

## J-FASHION SHOW

An introduction to the vibrant Japanese street culture will be followed by models showing off the styles worn in the streets of Tokyo's hottest fashion districts.

Saturday 6:00PM - 7:00PM Palo Verde II and III

## JPOP AND JROCK

Panda Cubed showcases what's hot in the world of Jpop and Jrock. Don't expect to see the same old usual bands that grace the top ten.

Panda Cubed  
Friday 6:30PM - 7:20PM Apache Room

## LIZARD'S LEG AND OWLET'S WING

Zombies invade your kitchen! MORE BRAN!!! Simple kitchen items you can use to help create incredible zombies

David Ayres  
Friday 6:30PM - 7:20PM Palo Verde III

## MAKEUP 101

This is an up-close primer on makeup for all and stage cosplay, including a demonstration of different techniques and makeup types.

Sarcasm hime  
Saturday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Boardroom

## MANGA ARTIST Q+A

Ever wondered what it takes to become a manga artist? Tokyopop artists Svetlana Chmakova, Amy Reeder Hadley, and Armand Villavert will tell you how to do it!

Svetlana Chmakova, Amy Reeder Hadley, Armand Villavert  
Sunday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Palo Verde I

## MANGA SHOWDOWN

You think you can draw? Prove it! This contest gives you an hour to draw a picture, but there's a catch! You'll have to incorporate a secret theme in your drawing! The best pictures win awesome prizes!

Friday 6:30PM - 7:20PM Palo Verde I

## MASQUERADE

Masquerade and Costume Contest with celebrity judges

Sarcasm-hime, Kajjugal, 501st, Cosplay Zone  
Sunday 5:00PM Palo Verde Suite

## MASQUERADE DOS AND DON'TS

We'll break down the basics of a great presentation, teach you how to maximize your impact onstage, and warn against common mistakes that can cost you points with the judges

Sarcasm-hime, Kajjugal  
Saturday 9:00 PM - 9:50PM Palo Verde II

## MASQUERADE PRE-JUDGING

Masquerade Pre-Judging

Sarcasm-hime, Kajjugal  
Sunday 1:00PM - 5:00PM Apache Room

## McFARLANE TOYS

Meet Jin Han, Toy concept artist for McFarlane toys.

Jin Han of McFarlane toys  
Saturday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Apache Room

## MEET GREG AYRES

Find out all about Greg Ayres, the popular voice actor! He'll talk about how he broke into voice acting, landed his favorite roles, and became a favorite at anime conventions all over the country.

Greg Ayres  
Saturday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Theater

## MIDNIGHT MIRAGE - "FEARLESS"

Midnight Mirage takes you into the exciting world of Initial D and drifting. Learn about the team's AE86 and Sil80. They will also present a video with special guests, the team, inside team footage, and more! Ages 13 and over, please.

Midnight Mirage  
Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:50PM Apache Room

## MIDNIGHT MIRAGE - "INERTIA"

Take a look at Midnight Mirage's Initial D replica AE86 and Sil80. The drift team will be on-hand to answer questions and show off their cars while cosplaying as the characters from Initial D!

Midnight Mirage  
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:50PM PCC field Outside  
Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50PM PCC field Outside

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## MINISKIRT ARMY

Welcome to the Miniskirt Army! We are the loyal followers of Travis Willingham. Come and hear our story on our rise to full flame glory.

Saturday 11:00PM - 11:50PM Palo Verde I

## MEET LUCI CHRISTIAN

Find out all about Luci Christian, the popular voice actor! Luci will talk about starting out in the business, what her life is like as a voice actor, and which roles she's loved the most

Luci Christian  
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:50PM Palo Verde I

## MEET MICHELLE RUFF

Find out all about Michelle Ruff, the popular voice actress! With acting credits from anime to cartoons, commercials to video games, Michelle is truly a well-rounded actress! You won't want to miss this!

Michelle Ruff  
Saturday 5:00PM - 5:50PM Apache Room

## MEET SVETLANA

Svetlana Chmakova, the creator of Tokyopop's Dramacon, talks about her life as a manga artist! She'll tell you about her published work and answer your questions.

Svetlana Chmakova  
Saturday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Palo Verde I

## MUSIC VIDEO CONTEST

Contestants from around the world have submitted fan-made music videos for this contest! Come check out their anime, movie, and video game music videos and vote for your favorites to win!

Greg Ayres  
Sunday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Theater

## NARUTO NINJA ACADEMY

Master the Ninja skills you need to become Hokage of the Leaf Village

Mike Stinson and the Phoenix Quest Center  
Sunday 1:00PM - 3:00PM PCC field Outside

## NETHERBEAST INCORPORATED

A quirky twist on the vampire tale, set in modern day corporate America. Employees of Berm-Tech Industries, Inc. have kept the family secret for

a long time. For years it has been business as usual, until the top vampire in charge contracts a dreaded disease and invites the first humans to work in the office in more than a century. Soon the new employees discover that some of their associates are not what they appear to be, especially the dead one in the cubicle with a wooden stake through his heart.

Starring Darrell Hammond(SNL), Judd Nelson(Breakfast Club/ Suddenly Susan), Dave Foley(Kids in the Hall/News Radio), Jason Mewes(Clerks 1&2/Jay and Silent Bob Strikes Back), Steve Burns(Blue Clues), Amy Davidson(8 Simple Rules) and Robert Wagner(AustinPowers/Hart to Hart)  
Saturday 7:10PM - 9:00PM Theatre

## NINJA SKILLS FOR DRAWING CHARACTERS BY RYAN CODY

Presented by The Art Institute of Phoenix

Learn tips and techniques for character creation and design. This hands-on workshop will cover what makes a good character, how to incorporate elements, environments and character traits. Examples of good and poor character design will be reviewed. Plus, a real-time character design challenge with prizes will be included.

\*Attendees need to bring basic drawing supplies.

Ryan Cody  
Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Apache Room

## PCC KARAOKE CLUB

Love to sing? Like to sing? Just want to sing? Then come join us at PCC's Karaoke Club! Every voice welcome. We have a variety of songs: anime, JRock, video games and cartoon themes. Let's raise the roof!

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Cholla

## PCC PODCAST KICKOFF

Podcasters Presentation

Friday 10:30PM - 11:20PM Palo Verde I  
Saturday 11:00PM - 11:50PM Cholla

## PCC PRESENTS ED MCGUINNESS

Q&A with Ed McGuinness

Ed McGuinness  
Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Palo Verde II

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<b>FRIDAY</b>								
6:30 - 7:20PM	Manga Showdown	Southwest Quick Draw Showdown	Lizard's Leg and Owllet's Wing	Film Festival Opening Night Presentation	Karaoke Club	Art Contests <b>AI</b>	Jpop and Jrock	
7:30 - 8:20PM	AZCBA Presents: "Comics the AZ Way"	Comic Book Trivia Contest	The Rocky Horror Picture Show Experience				Buried Treasures	
8:30 - 9:20PM	Zombie Survival Skills						THEM Anime Reviews	
9:30 - 10:20PM	Tube Talk	Zombie Beauty Pageant					Collins College Presents <b>COLLINS COLLEGE</b> <small>FOR FUTURE ANIMATION</small>	
10:30 - 11:20PM	Podcast Kickoff						Surviving the Apocalypse	



# SATURDAY

11:00AM -11:50PM	Cosplay Zone Meet and Greet	Hulk Smash with Jeph Loeb and Ed McGuinness in Palo Verde II & III	4th Annual Film Festival Starts @ 10:15am	Game War by Zeb Cook <b>Ai</b>	Makeup 101	Guys VS Girls: A Drawing Workshop with Amy Reeder Hadley	Jedi V. Sith Training (Outside) 11-1pm Create Your Own Flipbook (Gazebo) Photobooth (Navajo Lounge)
12:00 -12:50PM	Voice Directions: Acting 101	Star Trek: Of Gods and Men With Walter Koenig and Tim Russ 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Meet Howard Chaykin	Karaoke Club	Art Contests <b>Ai</b>	Coloring the Hi Fi Way	Iron Cosplay Rounds 1 and 2 Gazebo 12:00pm - 1:50pm
1:00 -1:50PM	Meet Svetlana Chmakova	Star Trek: Of Gods and Men Q&A Session 1:30-2:30	Voice Actors Q&A Greg Ayres Michelle Ruff Luci Christian		Building Vector Beasties: Steam Crow Demo	Southwest Quick Draw Showdown	Cosplay Dodgeball Presented by Cosplay Zone PCC Outdoor Field 1:00pm - 3:00pm
2:00 -2:50PM	Basics of Cartooning		Meet & Greet Greg Ayres		Anime Scavenger Hunt	Mcfarlane Toys	
3:00 -3:50PM	Meet Luci Christian	2nd Annual Art Auction With Host Matt Wagner	Film Festival		Art Contests <b>Ai</b>	Art Meets Needle: Sewing Cartoons into Life	Midnight Mirage "Inertia" PCC Outdoor Field Gothic Lolita Tea Party Gazebo, Starts @ 3:30pm
4:00 -4:50PM	Collins College  COLLINS COLLEGE Your passion. Our profession.				Creating Web Comics with Free Online Tools	Midnight Mirage "Fearless"	Drawing Workshop PCC Outdoor Field

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5:00 - 5:50PM	Meet Mark Waid					Art Contests <b>Ai</b>	Meet Michelle Ruff	
6:00 - 6:50PM	Star Wars Q&A With Boba Fett & Chewbacca	J-Fashion Show Intro to vibrant Japanese fashion and culture					Visual Storytelling With Pat Scherberger & Micheal Golden	Ramen Warrior Ramen Eating Contest  Gazebo
7:00 - 7:50PM	Meet Mark Teixeira and Whilce Portacio	J-Fashion Panel Learn what's hot and what's not in Japan!		SPECIAL SCREENING "Netherbeast Incorporated" 7:10pm-9:00pm				
8:00 - 8:50PM	TBA	Comic Book Trivia Showdown with Mark Waid					Anime Dance: "Turning Japanese" 8:30pm-11:30pm	
9:00 - 9:50PM	Self Publishing Comics	Masquerade Dos and Don'ts	Tim Russ Performs	Film Festival				

# SATURDAY

10:00 -10:50PM	Your Anime Sucks and We'll Tell You Why	Girl Gamer Finals	Sci-Fi Trivia					
11:00 -11:50PM	Miniskirt Army			PCC Podcast				

# SUNDAY

11:00AM -11:50PM	Boom! Comics With Mark Waid & Tony Parker	Screen toning	Wigs and Footwear	Film Festival (Starts at 10:15AM)	Create Your Own Superhero or Villian	Custom Toys	Creating Fantastic Worlds	Midnight Mirage "Intertia"
12:00 -12:500PM	How to Survive and Succeed as a Full-time Actor	Meet Ed McGuinness	Character Drawing and Design Workshop	Inalienable Q&A with Walter Koenig	Karaoke Club	Webcomics for kids	Ninja Skills for Drawing Characters by Ryan Cody <b>AI</b>	PCC Outdoor Field
1:00 -1:50PM	Voice Acting with Michelle Ruff	An Hour With Matt Wagner	Sub Vs. Dub with Greg Ayres	Taking your Vision to the Screen		Art Contests	Masquerade Pre-Judging	Create your own Pirate Map
								PCC Outdoor Field
								Naruto Ninja Academy Presented by Phoenix Quest Center
								PCC Outdoor Field

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2:00 -2:50PM	Manga Artist Q&A Svetlana Chmakova Amy Reeder Hadley Armand Villavert	Creature Drawing	Meet Michael Golden	Music Video Contest				
3:00 -3:50PM				Star Trek: Of Gods and Men Screening		Creating Web Comics with Free Online Tools		
4:00PM -4:50PM		Cosplay Zone Presents Full Metal Alchemist: Beyond Worlds (Part 1)		Film Festival Awards Ceremony 4:40pm-5:00pm		Art Contests		
5:00 -5:50PM		Masquerade					PCC Wrap Up	

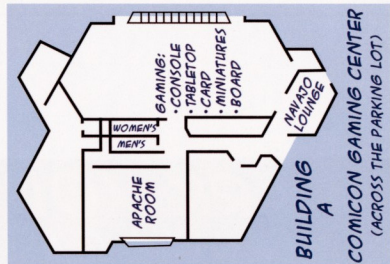
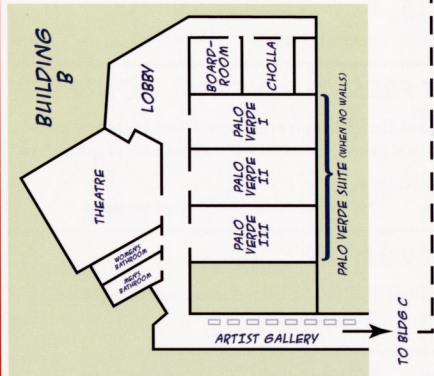
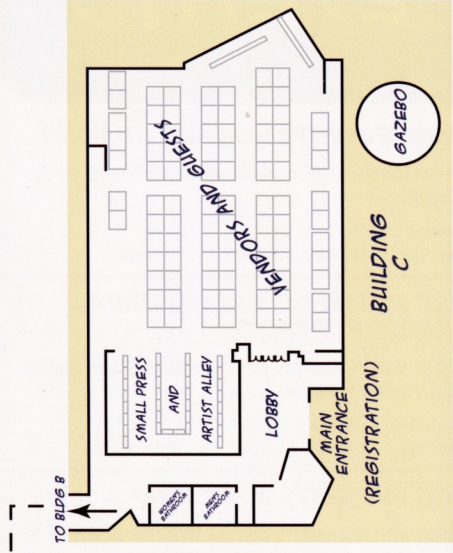
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## PCC PRESENTS HOWARD CHAYKIN

Meet legendary Comic Book artist Howard Chaykin

Howard Chaykin

Saturday 12:00AM - 12:50PM Theatre

## PCC PRESENTS MARK TEXEIRA, WHILCE PORTACIO

Q&A with legendary comics artists Mark Texeira and Whilce Portacio

Mark Texeira, Whilce Portacio

Saturday 7:00PM - 7:50PM Palo Verde I

## PCC PRESENTS MARK WAID

Q&A with legendary comics writer and editor in chief of Boom! Studios Mark Waid

Mark Waid

Saturday 5:00PM - 5:50PM Palo Verde I

## PCC PRESENTS MICHAEL GOLDEN

Michael Golden is frequently cited by many professional comic book artists as a central influence.

Michael Golden

Sunday 2:00PM - 2:50PM Palo Verde III

## PCC WRAP UP

Your final chance to rub elbows with our spectacular comics guests

To be announced

Sunday 5:00PM - 5:50PM Apache Room

## PHOTOBOOTH

The photo booth is a great place for cosplayers to get amazing photos of their costumes. Best of all, the photo shoot is completely free to Phoenix Comicon attendees! Photos will be distributed online directly following the convention.

Gary Millard

Runs all day Saturday and Sunday Navajo Lounge\*

## RAMEN WARRIOR

For one day only, people from near and far will gather to show who is THE Ramen Warrior Champ, only using chopsticks and their wits. Can you handle it? Who will be the next Ramen Warrior? Will it be you?

Saturday 6:00PM - 6:50PM Gazebo

## SCI FI TRIVIA

Jeopardy style Sci Fi Trivia

Lee Whiteside

Saturday 10:00PM - 11:50PM Palo Verde III

## SCREENTONING

Would you like to learn more about the art of screentoning? Tokyopop and Vertigo artist Amy Reeder Hadley has all your answers with plenty of visuals and program demonstrations.

Amy Reeder Hadley

Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Palo Verde II

## SELF PUBLISHING COMICS

An informative presentation on publishing your own comic books.

Jonnie Allan, Dave Beaty, Lin Workman

Saturday 9:00 PM - 9:50PM Palo Verde I

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## **SOUTHWEST QUICK DRAW SHOWDOWN**

All right pardners, these are the Big Guns. The fastest draws from across the country come face to face in this sketch competition. See the winning sketches in the Art Auction at 3:00.

Tony Parker, Jon Lewis, Ben Glendenning, Tess Fowler, Daniel M. Davis, James Owen, Madame M, Patrick Scherberger, Ryan Cody  
Friday 6:30PM - 7:20PM Palo Verde II

David Finch, Michael Golden, Mark Texeira, Whilce Portacio, Tony Parker, Ben Glendenning, Mike Kunkel  
Saturday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Apache Room

## **STAR TREK: OF GODS AND MEN Q+A**

Join Walter Koenig, Tim Russ and Sky Conway (Producer) as they answer questions about the making of the film, uniting for the first time an all star cast from Star Trek: The Original Series to Star Trek: Enterprise. Discover how the film that carries Gene Roddenberry's legacy into the 21st century finally became a reality.

Walter Koenig, Tim Russ, Sky Conway  
Saturday 1:30PM - 2:20PM Palo Verde II and III

## **STAR TREK: OF GODS AND MEN SCREENING**

Walter Koenig (Chekov) and Tim Russ (Tuvok) present Parts One and Two of the much anticipated mini series that will take original series' fans on one last mission, boldly going "Where no one has gone before." You don't want to miss it on the big screen!

Walter Koenig, Tim Russ  
Saturday 12:30PM - 1:30PM Palo Verde II and III  
Sunday 3:00PM - 3:50PM Theater

## **STAR WARS Q+A WITH BOBA FETT AND CHEWBACCA**

Meet the original Boba Fett himself; Jeremy Bulloch and Peter Mayhew everyone's favorite Wookiee

Jeremy Bulloch, Peter Mayhew  
Saturday 6:00PM - 6:50PM Palo Verde I

## **SUB VS. DUB**

The age old discussion rages on. No matter which side of the argument you stand, there always seems to be a heated debate. From one-time dub hater to full time dub-actor, Greg Ayres has been on both sides of the issue. Come to this very light hearted debate about both sides of the issue.

Greg Ayres  
Sunday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Palo Verde III

## **SURVIVING THE APOCALYPSE: WHY TOKYO GETS DESTROYED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING**

Akira. Neon Genesis Evangelion. X. For better or worse, numerous anime titles have discussed the apocalypse, something indelibly etched in the Japanese psyche. But unlike the US, where we spent years under the threat of nuclear war, Japan is the only nation to have actually experienced it firsthand -- and that's not the only time their culture has been changed so dramatically. Find out how a nation survived three apocalypses in less than a century, and how its effects continue through the Japanese popular culture of the present day.

Friday 10:30PM - 11:20PM Apache Room

## **TAKING YOUR VISION TO THE SCREEN**

If you've ever had an idea that you dreamed of taking to television or the big screen, this event is for you. These creators have all taken their visions to the screen and will share their experiences on the journey.

James Owen, Jon Lewis, Derek Benz, Shannon Eric Denton, Mike Kunkel, Andy Rodriguez-McCradic and Joel Cranson  
Sunday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Theatre

## **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW EXPERIENCE: COME AS YOU ARE!**

An overview of the enduring ROCKY HORROR phenomenon, Presented by Matteo Yenkala of Come As You Are Entertainment, archivist and historian of all things ROCKY-related in Arizona and producer for all Valley ROCKY performances since 1999.

Matteo Yenkala  
Friday 7:30PM - 8:20PM Palo Verde III

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# EVENTS

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## THEM ANIME REVIEWS

Since 1996, THEM Anime has been on the internet giving reviews for the latest and greatest anime, as well as lesser-known classics. After eleven years, they've learned a thing or two about animation and the culture behind it.

Friday 8:30 PM - 9:20PM Apache Room

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## TIM RUSS PERFORMS

Tim Russ: singing Pop, Rock & Blues

Tim Russ  
Saturday 9:00PM - 9:50PM Palo Verde III

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## TUBE TALK

Find out about what's coming up on the small screen including new seasons of Torchwood, Doctor Who, and Jericho, and more.

Lee Whiteside  
Friday 9:30PM - 10:20PM Palo Verde I

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## VISUAL STORYTELLING

Patrick Scherberger and Michael Golden talk about the dynamics of presenting a narrative in sequential art form

Pat Scherberger, Michael Golden  
Saturday 6:00PM - 6:50PM Apache Room

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## VOICE ACTING WITH MICHELLE RUFF

Join Michelle Ruff, voice actress, for a workshop that will turn you into a voice actor! Michelle will give you advice and exercises to help you become the next big voice actor!

Michelle Ruff  
Sunday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Palo Verde I

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## VOICE ACTORS Q+A

Join Michelle Ruff, Luci Christian, and Greg Ayers as they tell you about their lives as voice actors. They'll also answer questions and give advice!

Greg Ayers, Michelle Ruff, Luci Christian  
Saturday 1:00PM - 1:50PM Theater

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## VOICE DIRECTIONS: ACTING 101

(Beginners Acting & Voice Class)

Experience a live dubbing session with YOU behind the microphone! Plus, get tips from experienced voice actors that you can use in a voice acting career.

Cosplay Zone  
Saturday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Palo Verde I

## WEBCOMICS FOR KIDS

Learn how to create your own webcomics using free online drawing programs. Artists will demonstrate different techniques for creating online comics.

Dreamco  
Sunday 12:00PM - 12:50PM Boardroom

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## WIGS + FOOTWEAR

A great costume can be made even better with the right hair and shoes, while inappropriate footwear can instantly bring down even a well-made costume. Learn how to style and modify wigs to defy gravity, and make custom boot-covers!

Sarcasm-hime  
Sunday 11:00AM - 11:50PM Palo Verde III

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## YOUR ANIME SUCKS AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHY

You may think your anime is super awesome but Panda Cubed will be here to tell you why it sucks. Join Panda Cubed in an interactive fan panel where we all make fun of the shows we love. Expect many laughs and heavy sarcasm.

Panda Cubed  
Saturday 10:00PM - 10:50PM Palo Verde I

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## ZOMBIE BEAUTY PAGEANT

Zombie Beauty Pageant

Arthur Suydam, Mark Greenawalt, Madame M, Arizona Ghostbusters, David Ayres  
Friday 9:30PM - 11:50PM Palo Verde II and III

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## ZOMBIE SURVIVAL SKILLS

How will you fare in the zombie apocalypse? Come and listen to the AZ Ghostbusters and Z.C.O.R.E. as they prepare you for fighting and surviving zombies

Z.C.O.R.E. and the Arizona Ghostbusters  
Friday 8:30PM - 9:20PM Palo Verde I

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# GUESTS

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## ANIME GUESTS

### Maral Agnerian

Award Winning Cosplayer Sarcasm-hime

### Yamila Abraham

Yaoi Press Publisher

### Greg Ayres

Voice actor Saiyuki, Beck

### Svetlana Chmakova

Creator and artist Tokyopop's Dramacon

### Luci Christian

Voice actor Azumanga Daoih, Fullmetal Alchemist

### Cosplay Zone

Award-Winning theatrical cosplay group

### Amy Reeder Hadley

Creator Tokyopop's Fool's Gold

### Dawn McKecknie

Award winning Cosplayer Kaijugal

### Midnight Mirage

Cosplay drift team known for Initial D replica cars

### Michelle Ruff

voice actor Bleach, Chobits

### Armand Villavert Jr

Artist Tokyopop's Zap!

## AUTHORS

### Derek Benz

Writer "Revenge of the Shadow King"

### PJ Haarsma

Writer The Software

### J.S. Lewis

Writer "Revenge of the Shadow King"

### Madame M

Author and illustrator Creepy Little Bedtime Stories

### Jeff Mariotte

Writer Buffy, Angel, Conan, 30 Days of Night

### James Owen

Writer and illustrator "Here, There be Dragons", Starchilds

## COMIC GUESTS

### Sal Abbinanti

Creator Atomika

### Jonnie Allan

Creator and artist Stykman

### Dave Beaty

Creator and artist Bushi Tales

### Christian Beranek

Co-creator Dracula Vs. King Arthur

### Mike Bullock

Creator and writer Lions, Tigers, Bears

### Howard Chaykin

Legendary artist and writer American Flagg!, Blackhawk

### Ryan Cody

Artist Viper s Villains

### Clayton Crain

Artist Ghost Rider, Sensational Spider-man

### Steve Crompton

Carnal Comics publisher

### Daniel Davis

Creator Caught Creatures, KlawBerry

### Shannon Denton

Actionopolis books, Spawn, Star Wars

### David Finch

Ultimate X-Men, Avengers, Moon Knight

### Jay Fotos

Illustrator/colorist Death Dealer, Spawn

### Tess Fowler

Artist Topp's cards Shrek the Third, Hellboy

### Michael Golden

Artist The 'Nam, Dr. Strange, Iron Man

### Raven Gregory

Creator and Writer The Gift, Grim Fairy Tales

### Jim Han

McFarlane Toys concept artist

### Tom Hodges

Star Wars artist

### Mike Kunkel

Creator Herobear and the Kid

### Jeph Loeb

Producer Heroes, and writer Smallville, and Lost.

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Artist Superman/Batman, Wolverine, Hulk

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Artist Spectacular Spider-Man, Spawn

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Artist and illustrator Conan, Warhammer, Starship Troopers

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Artist Wetworks, Punisher, X-Factor, Uncanny X-Men

### Brian Pulido

Creator and writer Lady Death

### Tone Rodriguez

Artist Violent Messiahs, Snake Plisskin

### Don Rosa

Artist and writer Disney's Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck

### Steve Rude

Creator Nexus and The Moth, artist Batman, Superman

### Patrick Scherberger

Marvel Adventures Spider-Man

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## Arthur Suydam

Marvel Zombies cover artist

## Mark Texeira

Artist Ghost Rider, Wolverine

## Joe and Tim Vigil

Creators and artists Faust, The Killing

## Matt Wagner

Creator and artist Grendel, artist Batman

## Mark Waid

Writer Kingdom Come, Fantastic Four, Brave and Bold

## Dan Wickline

Writer 30 Days of Night: Dead Space, The Phantom

## Renee Witterstaetter

Editor, colorist Avengers, Captain America

## Lin Workman

Artist Bushi Tales

## MEDIA GUESTS

### David Ayres

Makeup EFX artist: Close Encounters of Third Kind, Halloween

### Jeremy Bulloch

Actor Boba Fett Star Wars movies

### Lou Ferrigno

Actor Incredible Hulk, King of Queens TV shows

### Walter Koenig

Actor Pavol Chekov Star Trek movies

### Peter Mayhew

Actor Chewbacca Star Wars movies

### Noel Neill

Actress Lois Lane Superman TV show

### Tim Russ

Actor Tuvok Star Trek: Voyagers, Samantha Who?

### Wil Wheaton

Actor Wesley in Star Trek: Next Generation

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# FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

TIME      FILM / EVENT

## **FRIDAY**

- 6:30 PM      Introduction w/trailers (30 mins)
- 7:00 PM      "Return of the Ghostbusters" (84 mins)
- 8:30 PM      Star Wars shorts program (85 mins)
- 9:55 PM      "Star Trek vs. Batman, with "The Visitor" (48 mins)
- 10:45 PM     "Unexciting Adventures of Unemployed Skeletor"  
and "John Phillip Sousa Gets a Haircut" (64 mins)

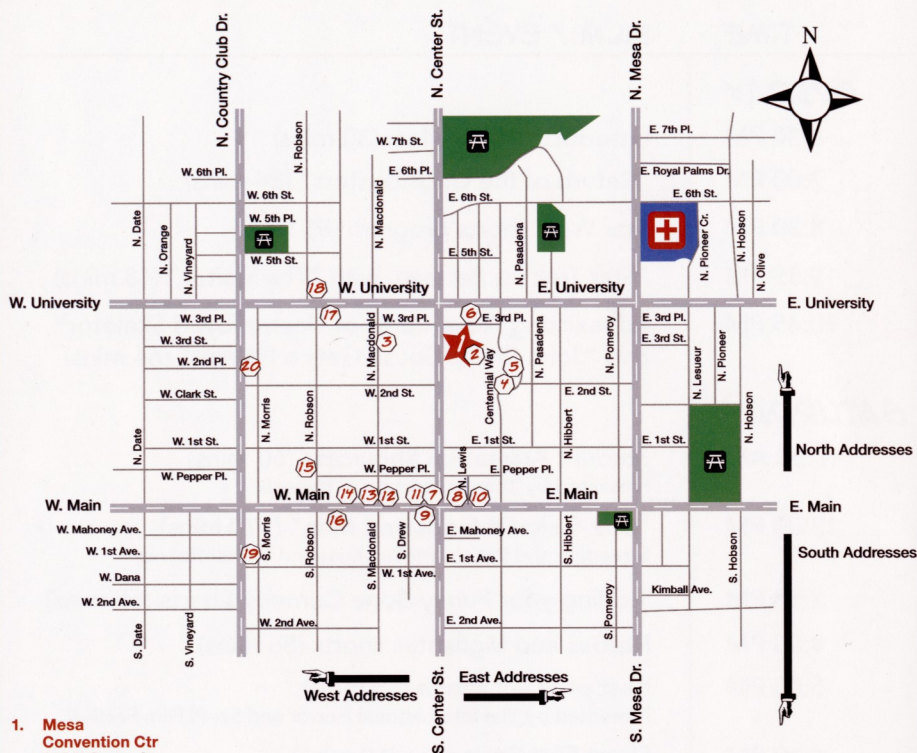
## **SATURDAY**

- 10:30 AM     Student Animation Showcase (60 mins)  
Presented by The Art Institute of Phoenix
- 12:30 PM     "Star Trek: Of Gods and Men" (110 mins)  
Screening and Panel with Tim Russ and Walter Koenig
- 2:50 PM      Tickling your Funny Bone Comedy Shorts (65 mins)
- 4:00 PM      Heroes and Vigilantes shorts (56 mins)
- 5:00 PM      Best of Sci-Fi shorts (65 mins)  
Presented by The International Horror and Sci-Fi Film Festival
- 6:10 PM      Short Film Showcase (60 mins)  
Presented by The Art Institute of Phoenix
- 7:10 PM      "Netherbeast Incorporated" followed by Q&A
- 9:00 PM      Best of Horror shorts (88 mins)  
Presented by The International Horror and Sci-Fi Film Festival
- 10:35 PM     Acts of Villainy Shorts Program (75 mins)

## **SUNDAY**

- 10:15 AM     Trailer presentation with FREE lottery For Prizes
- 12:00 PM     "Inalienable" panel with Walter Koenig
- 1:00 PM      "Taking your vision to the screen" panel
- 2:00 PM      Anime Music Videos
- 3:00 PM      "Star Trek: Of Gods and Men" (90 mins)  
with intro by Tim Russ and Walter Koenig
- 4:40 PM      Film Festival Award Presentation (20 mins)
- 5:00 PM      "Versus" feature film preview and panel
- 6:00 PM      "The Crow: Purgatory" (70 mins)

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# GAMING SCHEDULE

TIME GAME

## CONSOLE GAMING

### SATURDAY

12:00pm - 1:30pm Street Fighter II HD Remix  
12:00pm - 1:30pm Melty Blood: Act Cadenza v. B  
1:30pm - 3:00pm Guilty Gear Accent Core  
1:30pm - 3:00pm Street Fighter III 3rd Strike  
2:00pm - 3:30pm Typing of the Dead  
3:00pm - 7:30pm Halo 3  
6:30pm - 10:00pm Super Smash Bros. Melee

### SUNDAY

11:00am - 2:00pm Guitar Hero 3 (Hard)  
11:00am - 2:00pm Guitar Hero 3 (Expert)  
11:00am - 12:00pm Super Puzzle Fighter  
11:00am - 12:30pm Soul Calibur III  
12:00pm - 2:00pm Naruto 4  
12:00pm - 2:30pm DDR Supernova (Japanese mix)  
12:30pm - 2:00pm Marvel vs. Capcom 2  
2:00pm - 4:00pm Tekken 5  
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## WIZKIDS GAMING

### SATURDAY

10:30 AM Halo ActionClix - Pre-Lan Tournament - Red vs Blue (#731949) - v Unrestricted  
10:30 AM HeroClix - Qualifier for Arizona Championship (#731958) - v Unrestricted  
11:30 AM MechWarrior - Unrestricted Event (#731929) - w Unrestricted  
11:30 AM Star Wars - Time to See - I Think (#731946) - v Constructed  
2:30 PM HeroClix - Last Chance Qualifier for AZ Championship (#731959) - v Unrestricted  
2:30 PM Mech Warrior - Solaris VII - King of the Ring (#731943) - v Unrestricted

### SATURDAY

11:00 AM Halo ActionClix - WHO is the BEST!!!! (#731969) - v Unrestricted  
11:30 AM MechWarrior - Constructed Event (#731930) - w Constructed  
12:00 PM Star Wars - War of the Worlds!!! (#731972) - v Unrestricted  
12:30PM HeroClix - Unrestricted Event - AZ Championship (#731928) - w Unrestricted  
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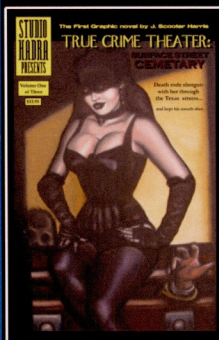
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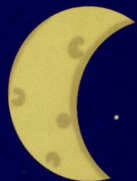
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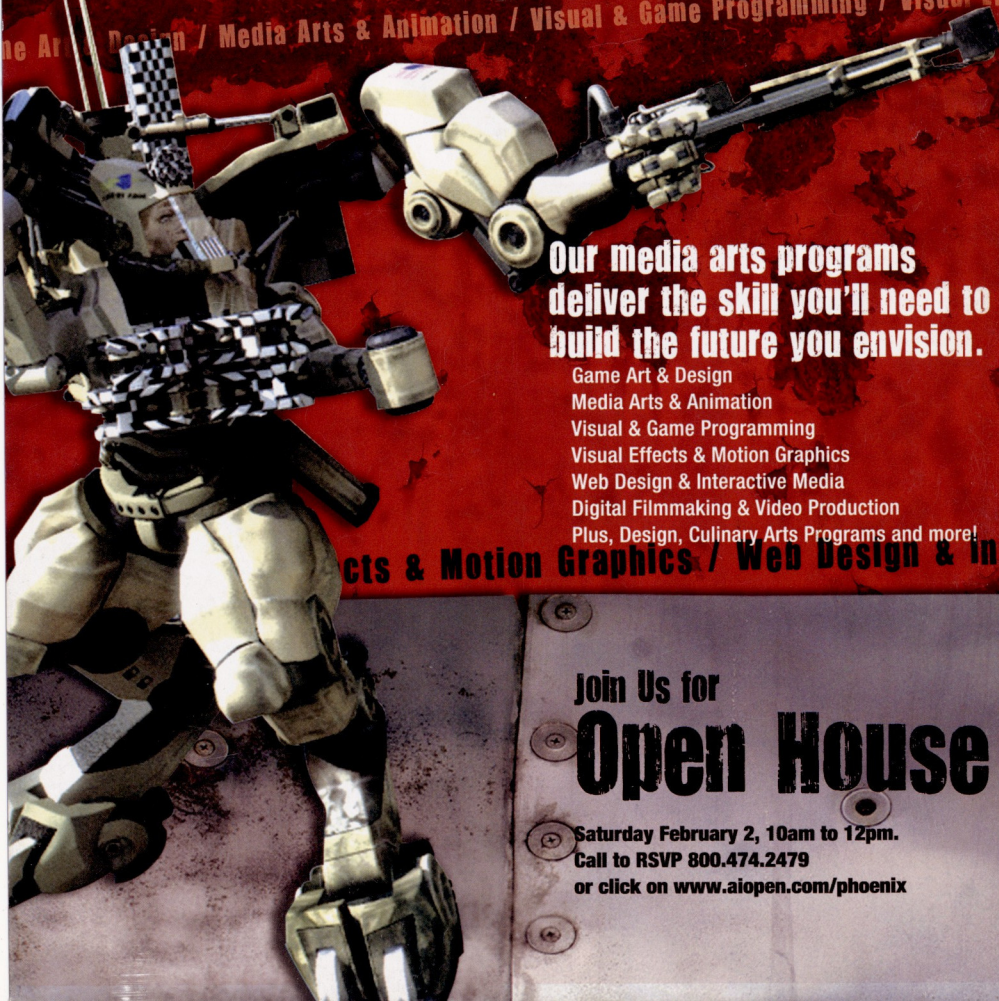
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