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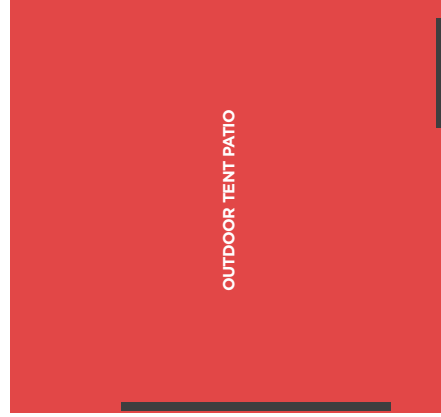
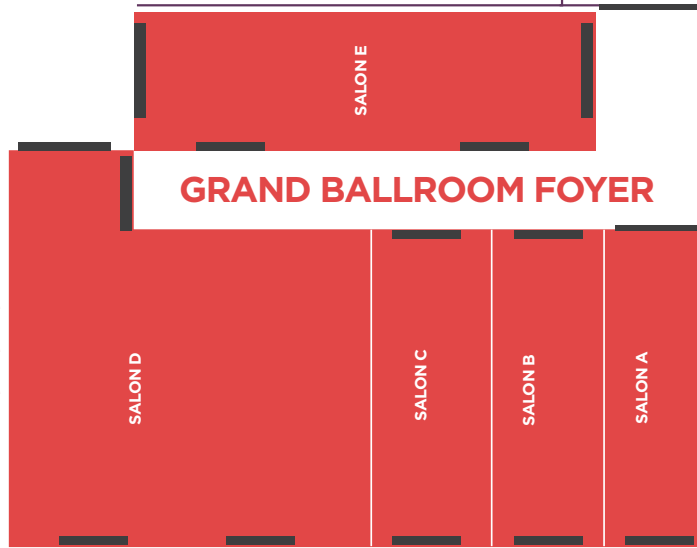
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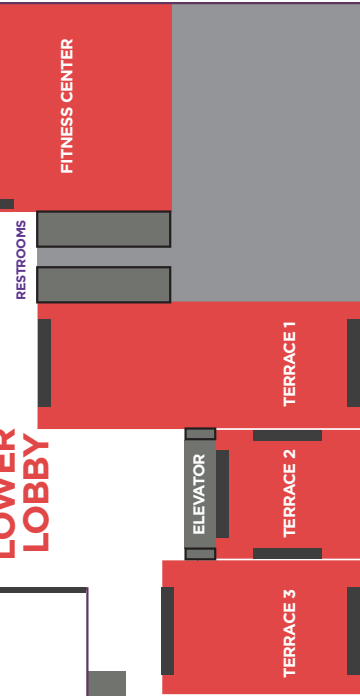


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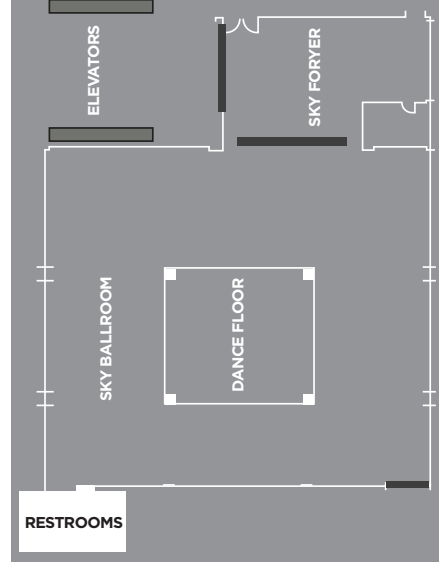
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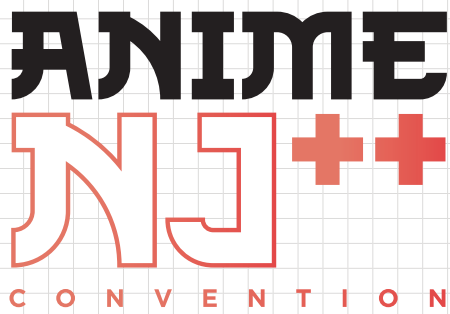


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WELCOME TO ANIMENJ++ 2025

Welcome back, **AnimeNJ++** family—and a huge welcome to all our first-time attendees! Whether you've been with us since the very beginning or you're just stepping through our doors for the first time, we're so excited to have you here. This is our third year running, and every time we gather, the energy, creativity, and love for anime just keeps growing stronger. You've helped turn **AnimeNJ** into something truly special, and we can't wait to share another unforgettable weekend together.

This year, we've packed the schedule with more of everything you love—panels, cosplay, live shows, incredible guests, gaming, and of course, all the merch you can possibly fit in your bag. Dive in, explore, and don't be afraid to make some new friends along the way. Anime conventions are all about community, and you never know who you'll bump into—maybe even your new cosplay partner or favorite artist!

Most of all, **AnimeNJ** is about celebrating you, the fans. You bring the passion, the energy, and the creativity that make this con come alive. To our returning attendees, thank you for being the heartbeat of this event—we missed you! And to our newcomers, welcome home. Get ready for an amazing weekend of anime, memories, and fun. Let's make year three the best one yet!

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ANIMENJ++ POLICIES

To ensure a safe, fun and inclusive convention environment for all our attendees, please adhere to our policies. Any repeat violations after a first warning will result in expulsion from the event by a convention staff member.

HARASSMENT

If you feel harassed or witness harassment, please report it to a staff member immediately. This sort of behavior is not tolerated at AnimeNJ++. If you are unable to find a Staff member to assist you, go to the information registration desk. Please refrain from taking matters into your own hands (such as personally confronting the aggressor or posting on social media).

AGE RESTRICTIONS

ID Check by a staff member is required for the issue of an 18+ wristband that is required for entry into any areas where adult-oriented materials are on display or for sale.

HOTEL

The Hilton Hotel reserves the right to remove any guest or convention attendee that fails to comply with its own rules and regulations. Please respect and make yourself aware of any applicable Hilton policies. We must respect and share the hotel's common space with the rest of the hotel's guests so please be kind, considerate and courteous.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Hilton is a 100% smoke free establishment and as such bans the use of any tobacco product including the use of regular cigarettes, vapes, or chewing tobacco. Hotel rules and New Jersey state laws apply to the possession and use of all other substances.

PHOTOGRAPHY/ FILMING

Attendees and participants of AnimeNJ++ grant permission to be photographed or recorded by AnimeNJ++ team members, partners, and exhibitors. By entering the event, you grant AnimeNJ++, its partners, and exhibitors permission to use any such images or footage for archival or promotional purposes without compensation or acknowledgement. Photography and video taping are not permitted in the Merchant Hall. All photographers who bring a professional grade camera MUST check in to Ops.

WEAPONS

All exhibitors must follow our cosplay weapons policy. Prop firearms are only allowed if they cannot be mistaken for real weapons. If it looks like a real gun, it can't be brought into AnimeNJ++ and the hotel premises. Realistic prop guns with brightly colored caps are also not permitted. This includes all cap guns, airsoft guns, or BB guns. Prop weapons are allowed at AnimeNJ++ only if they are constructed of cardboard, foam, or of a similar safe, light material. All plastic and wooden prop weapons must be reviewed and approved by our security team. No metal, sharp, or blunt weapons are permitted, including items such as bokken and baseball bats.

A movie poster for 'Garo: Taiga'. The background is a fiery red and orange landscape. In the center, a large, stylized white Japanese character '牙' (Garō) is prominent. To its right, the word 'TAIGA' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below these, the text 'GARO TAIGA' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. On the right side of the poster, a young man (Keita Amemiya) is shown from the waist up, wearing a white, ornate, and somewhat tattered armor. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. He is holding a sword with a red and gold hilt. The overall tone is dramatic and intense.

牙 TAIGA

《GARO》TAIGA

NORTH AMERICAN MOVIE PREMIERE!

LOCATION: SKY BALLROOM

TAIGA (live action/ 102mins.)

AnimeNJ++ proudly presents the World/ North American premiere of Keita Amemiya's TAIGA!

In Garo's 20th-anniversary feature film, a young Makai Knight named Saejima Taiga inherits the legendary Golden Armor and must face the rising menace of the Horror Jado, who has stolen a powerful artifact known as the "Compass" that holds the souls of four sacred beasts. With the help of the Makai Guide Fuki, Taiga sets out to retrieve the device, protect humanity, and prove himself as a worthy Garo.

GUEST OF HONOR



KEITA AMEMIYA

Keita Amemiya is a visionary Japanese director, screenwriter, character designer, and creator best known for his work in the tokusatsu, science-fiction, and fantasy genres. Originally from Urayasu in Chiba Prefecture, Amemiya first gained recognition with films like *Zeiram* (1991) and *Mirai Ninja* (1988), and went on to direct iconic entries such as *Kamen Rider ZO* and *Kamen Rider J*.

He is perhaps most famous for creating the *Garo* franchise in 2005, a series which showcases his signature style: dark fantasy blended with strong creature and suit design, moody atmospherics, and an emphasis on mythic storytelling and visual spectacle. Whether directing, writing, or designing characters, his work consistently pushes the boundaries of what tokusatsu can look and feel like.

Beyond TV and film, Amemiya has also made his mark in video games, contributing character designs, art direction, and monster/demon designs for a variety of titles. His artistic flair extends through every medium he touches, earning him a reputation among fans as one of the most creative and influential names in speculative Japanese genre entertainment.

PERFORMANCE GUEST



SAWA PERFORMS AT ANIMENJ++ 2025!

Known by her stage names SAWA and Nadia, she is a Japanese singer-songwriter recognized for her contributions to *The World Ends with You*, *K-On! The Movie*, and *Final Fantasy Type-0*. She has lent her voice and lyrics to various tracks, weaving emotional depth into stories through songs like “Twister” and “Hybrid” (for the game *The World Ends with You*), while bringing positive vibes through rhythm game soundtracks like “X-plan” and “Dragontail Butterfly” (for *GuitarFreaks & DrumMania*).

INDUSTRY GUESTS

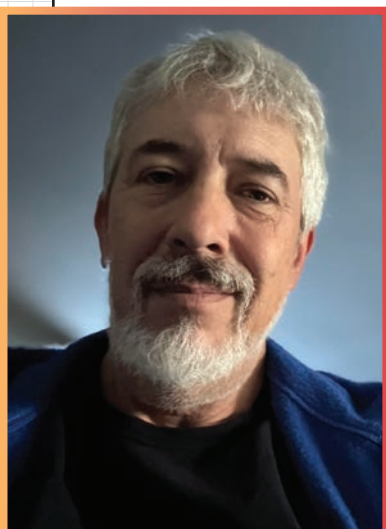


SEAN CHIPLOCK

Long before Sean Chiplock understood what voiceover was, he was already practicing the craft without even realizing it. Growing up in the prime era of Nintendo 64 and similar consoles/games that featured expressive characters but no voices, he and his younger brother would often “mock-dub” entire games as they played, assigning roles and portraying a plethora of different vocal archetypes to enhance their gaming experience. Now, many years later, Sean adds an ever-growing resume of professional performances to his (continuing) hobby of voicing the voiceless in his spare time. Springboarding off a fulfilling victory at BangZoom!“AX Idol” voiceover

competition in 2009, Sean finished up his education at Western Michigan University until 2012 before moving out shortly afterwards to develop himself further in California.

From there, his dedication to self-improvement - alongside several years of patient progress - combined with his passion for the craft to expand his portfolio farther than he ever thought possible. His current most notable accomplishment includes becoming the voices of Revali, Teba, and Deku Tree in Nintendo’s critically acclaimed hit *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*, but it is far from his only success; projects like *Re:Zero* (Subaru Natsuki), *Genshin Impact* (Diluc), *Guilty Gear -STRIVE-* (Ky Kiske), *Tokyo Revengers* (Ken “Draken” Ryuguji), *Trails of Cold Steel* (Rean Schwarzer), and *Persona 5* (Mishima Yuuki) can also be found on his resume. He is now represented by SBV Talent, and has been cast in commercial advertisements and social-media videos for Disney, Mattel, ABC Family, and more. Perhaps unsurprisingly, his love of gaming never left, and Sean also maintains a casual streaming community on Twitch. In addition to regularly sharing his love for series like *Mega Man Battle Network*, *Etrian Odyssey*, and pretty much every dungeon crawler or *Monster Collection* game on the market, the “mock dub” days of his youth are often now real-time live-dubs of many of the games he plays -sometimes with community members also involved!



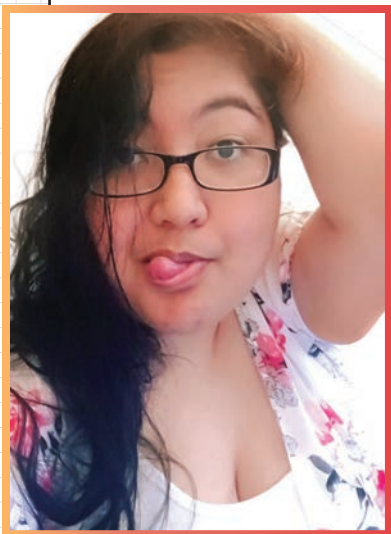
NEIL KAPLAN

It is said that in anime, a voice actor is successful when the fans discuss and debate whether or not their performance is as good - or better- than the original language V.A. If that is true, then the legions of fans around the globe who do exactly that about Neil Kaplan's performance as the iconic anime villain, Madara Uchiha, in the global hit series "NARUTO: SHIPPÛDEN" tells us a lot.

That being said, Neil Kaplan is nevertheless possibly best known around the world for having provided the voice for quintessential hero; Optimus Prime on 2001's "TRANSFORMERS: ROBOTS IN DISGUISE".

On the opposite end of the spectrum of good and evil lies Neil's award winning portrayal of galactic Emperor Zarkon, on Dreamworks Animation's spectacular "VOLTRON: LEGENDARY DEFENDER".

Anime fans all over the English speaking world are eagerly anticipating his performance as the mysterious St. Figarland Garling on the global hit "ONE PIECE". Previously anime fans loved Neil as Hawkmon (as well as ALL of his digi-volutions) and a variety of other characters on "DIGIMON", as Dozle Zabi in "MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM", as Genryūsai Shigekuni Yamamoto, Tetsuzaemon Iba, Dordoni Alessandro Del Socaccio, Robert Acutrone and others on the legendary series, "BLEACH" as well as its follow up, "THOUSAND YEAR BLOOD WAR". Conversely, anime fans across the English speaking world continue to love him/love to hate him as Madara Uchiha, 'Serious' Tobi, and The Masked Man on "NARUTO: SHIPPÛDEN". Among his diverse anime credits is cult favorite "ATTACK ON TITAN" featuring him as General Theo Magath, he was Capricorn El Cid on the gorgeous "SAINT SAIYA: THE LOST CANVAS", Robson Zuccoli on "LUPIN III". Other anime titles include, "ONE PIECE", "CODE GEASS", "GREAT PRETENDER", "LEVIUS", the feature films "PROMARE" in which he played the enforcer, Vulcan Haestus, "ERNEST & CELESTINE: A TRIP TO GIBBERITIA", "MARS EXPRESS", and more. He was also featured prominently on a trio of Marvel Anime series, as Tony Stark's primary nemesis on "IRON MAN", a council elder on "BLADE", and Magneto on "MARVEL DISK WARS: THE AVENGERS".



MICHAELA LAWS

“There’s a million stories left for me to write...” A Chicago-based voice talent and storyteller directing and producing video games and animation, Michaela is a 33-year-old mixed-race demiwoman. Growing up as the eldest child of two military veterans, she learned how to create stories and make characters come to life with her voice in both singing and acting. Immediately after college, Michaela became a freelance indie game developer, content creator, and successful voice actor. She has produced many visual novel games and audio-dramas such as Seduce Me the Otome, Remember Remember, and Ruffled. Michaela has also been blessed enough to work with multiple directors and projects like CatFace’s MyStreet series, Dread Central, MediaBlasters, and others as a voice talent. She continues to offer her services to projects as a director and voice actor to this day.



P.M. SEYMOUR

“The Dingus Jack of All Trades, P.M. Seymour, Voice Actor, YouTube Personality, Digital Artist, Musician and Writer. You’ve likely heard his voice sneak into projects like Makina-San, Chu-Bra, Evelogia, Genshin Impact, Honkai Star Rail, Final Examination Kujira, And Spooky Month, Or seen his artwork of very elf coded characters across the web. Or perhaps some late night definitely not intoxicated Tumblr readings on YouTube. Whatever the case may be, he’s snuck into your ears for the past decade or so, and hopefully for the better.”



ALEX MAI

Alex Mai is a professional voice actor, writer and improviser who voice acts for various anime and videogames. You may have heard him as Prometheus in One Piece, Manga Fukidashi in My Hero Academia, or Akane Aoi in Toilet-bound Hanako.



KAYLEIGH SIMS

Kayleigh Sims--better known as @TemptyVA-- is a cat mom turned voice actress with a goal to do a bit of everything. Any role, big or small, she can do it all! She's a voice actress with six years of experience, lending her voice to everything from short animated loops all the way up to video games and official anime dubs.



YARA NAIKA

Yara is a professional voice artist, as well as a casting, ADR director and script consultant for Media Blasters Inc. Some of her notable credits include- Mari in Vampire Vixen (Itadaki Seieki Kon), Fuzzy Lips (Furueru Kuchibiru Mafuyu), Kanojo x Kanojo x Kanojo, Yoshie in Rise of the Machine Girls and Saori in Ladies vs Butlers.

AUTOGRAPH SESSION RULES

1. Guests may charge for signatures, selfies, or prints at their autograph tables.
2. You are allowed only ONE item to sign per guest. If you have more than one item, please return to the back of the line for each additional item.
3. Bootleg items are not allowed in the autograph lines. Ask a Staff member if you're not sure about a specific item.
4. Do not touch, kiss, or otherwise maul the guests! You may not offer the guests gifts, food, or anything else. You may be removed from the convention if you do so.

COSPLAY GUESTS

DUSKE

Host & Cosplay Guest



Beginning their cosplay journey through music and theater, Duske has a passion for performance, prop building, and bringing all kinds of characters to life! With an eclectic lineup of cosplays, Duske is proud to represent their lbgtqia+ community in the cosplay world and loves the confidence and self-love that cosplay brings to them and others. An avid supporter of promoting acceptance of all types of cosplays, and equality and accessibility in the cosplay and con world, Duske loves to chat with anyone who wants to begin their cosplay journey or who wants to take their builds to the next level. Along with cosplay and foamsmithing, Duske is an avid stilt performer, bringing characters, dance and song to new heights! Make sure to stop by their table, say “Hi”, take a pic or 3, and talk about any and all things cosplay!

Pronouns: she/they

Instagram: @duske2dawne

WHITE RABBIT COSPLAYS

Cosplay Guest & Judge



White Rabbit Cosplays is a multi award winning cosplayer who has been going down the rabbit hole of the con floor for over 20 years. An introvert from Central Jersey, she has been educating, judging, and running workshops for over 10 years in the tri state area. She is trained in historical sewing techniques, pattern drafting, corsetry, embroidery, and beading. White Rabbit takes her love of historical garments and uses them to inspire her cosplay fandoms original designs. Everything from her Pyramid Head ball gown to Rococco Lady Loki, if there is a way to add ruffles and sparkle, she will do so. Inspired by her favorite artist, Dave McKean, White Rabbit holds herself to the highest standards and uses cosplay to help push her to mastering her skills. Adding texture, mixed patterns, and elements to help elevate a costume to the next level. She believes that the special touches are what make a costume truly special.

Pronouns: she/her/banshee/imp/overall chaos

Instagram: @white_rabbit_cosplays



SHANNON NOELLE

Cosplay Guest & Judge

Shannon Noelle is a master level cosplayer from the Philadelphia area with a keen eye for detail. Each cosplay she's created has acted as a stepping stone towards learning and mastering new skills including but not limited to: sewing, LEDs, foam armor, 3D printing, wig styling and much more. Through cosplay, she's had the honor of working with various companies including Blizzard Entertainment, ATARI, and GFUEL Energy, just to name a few. Shannon prides herself on being 100% self-taught through her journey and loves sharing her knowledge with others!

Pronouns: she/her/they

Instagram: @s_noelle_cosplay



FIFI'S COSPLAY

Cosplay Guest & Judge

Fifi's cosplay is an NJ based Master-level cosplayer, who's been cosplaying for 13 years. She has shown her talent multiple times at the NYCC Cosplay Crown Championship, won major awards and showcased her skills on many platforms.

She draws inspiration from anime and specializes in creating fabric-based, anime-inspired costumes. She's also skilled in wig styling, 3D printing, foam prop making, and airbrushing

Besides costume making, she is a huge fan of Genshin Impact who loves playing and cosplaying from the game.

Pronouns: she/her

Instagram: @fifiscosplay



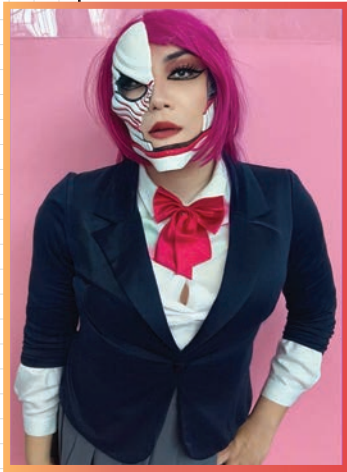
HAILIUM WORKSHOP

Head of Cosplay

Jack is a hispanic cosplayer and huge ally to the LGBTQIA+ community with a spawn (kid) who is two-spirit. He began his cosplay journey with his spawn and has been cosplaying for a decade. An actual rocket scientist by trade and a foamsmith by heart, he spends his free time thinking about and crafting cosplays. He is an advocate of acceptance and equality in the cosplay and con community, and loves helping anyone who wants to get into cosplay, or challenge themselves further. He particularly enjoys building screen-accurate cosplays on stilts, and large props.

Pronouns: he/him

Instagram: @hailiumworkshop



THE SUCCUBUSTS DRAGON

Cosplay Content Creator

Hi everyone! Anime NJ is one of my favorite cons and I am so excited to come back this year and make new memories!

I hope to see all of you there and if you see me, please say hi! You know I love taking photos, and creating reels, so let's create some together! XOXOXO

Pronouns: she/her

Instagram: @thesuccubustsdragon



KEROBITS

Cosplay Content Creator

Kerobits is a New Jersey native who loves cosplaying cartoon, video game, and anime characters. Starting her journey in 2013, Kerobits has slowly evolved into her own style and energy when it comes to her cosplays. Staying true to herself, she loves incorporating Afrocentric features into her cosplays. She can't wait to keep sharing her cosplays with the world, in hope to inspire others to cosplay their own way! Outside of cosplay, Kerobits is also an avid gamer, dancer, and streamer.

Pronouns: she/her

Instagram: @its.kerobits



NANAAKAONASIS

Cosplay Content Creator

Living by the motto, "stay positive," Nana Agyemang is a content creator and cosplayer who channels his unique personality into everything he does, including his passions for fitness and fun. He expresses himself through cosplay, which allows him to embody different characters and spread happiness, joy, and excitement to others.

Nana is dedicated to inspiring people to embrace their own authenticity and uniqueness. Through his vibrant interactions and energetic content, he encourages a positive and active lifestyle. His enthusiasm and dedication make him a standout creator in the anime community.

Pronouns: he/him

Instagram: @nanaakaonasis

COSPLAY EVENTS

MASQUERADE

SATURDAY, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: SKY BALLROOM, MAIN EVENTS

When it comes to cosplay competitions, the Masquerade is the big show! Pre-registered contestants will compete on the main stage in Craftsmanship, Performance or both! The Craftsmanship contest is where contestants present homemade costumes to our judges, and walk on stage during the Masquerade. The Performance contest is where contestants perform in short skits before an audience. The Masquerade is Saturday evening and awards for both the Craftsmanship and Performance categories are awarded then. Come watch as cosplayers perform and take home \$1,000 in cash prizes!

**ANY COSPLAY RELATED QUESTIONS? NEED SOME COSPLAY REPAIRS?
STOP BY OUR COSPLAY HQ TABLE ALL WEEKEND!**

MASQUERADE SPONSORS

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No matter what your grind looks like — gamer, artist, athlete, student, creator — G FUEL's got your back! Packed with antioxidants, vitamins, and zero sugar, our energy formulas are built to boost focus and performance without the crash. Whatever your hustle, G FUEL helps you level up and crush it!



Arda Wigs is a US based supplier of wigs for cosplay, fashion, and drag. We supply over 100+ styles, 100+ blended colors, and your favorite character wigs. Your one-stop cosplay and synthetic wig shop! LGBT owned and operated. www.arda-wigs.com



A cosplay family supplying the cosplay community out of NYC. www.maskeddad.com

MAID CAFE + AFTER HOURS



Welcome to Heavenly Maid Café! Experience enchanting maid performances, delicious treats, delightful service and our special Moe magic. Step into our world of joy and let us create unforgettable moments for you!

FRIDAY	Session 1	1:00-2:00 PM
	Session 2	2:30-3:30 PM
	Session 3	4:30-5:30 PM
	Session 4	6:00-7:00 PM
SATURDAY	Session 1	11:00 AM-12:00 PM
	Session 2	12:30-1:30 PM
	Session 3	3:00-4:00 PM
	Session 4	4:30-5:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MAID GLOW PARTY
WHEN: SATURDAY NIGHT LOCATION: SALON E

MERCHANT HALL

LOCATION: SALON B,C,D, LOWER LEVEL

FRIDAY 12 PM - 7 PM | SATURDAY 10 AM - 6 PM | SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

WELCOME TO ANIMENJ++ EXHIBITOR HALL!

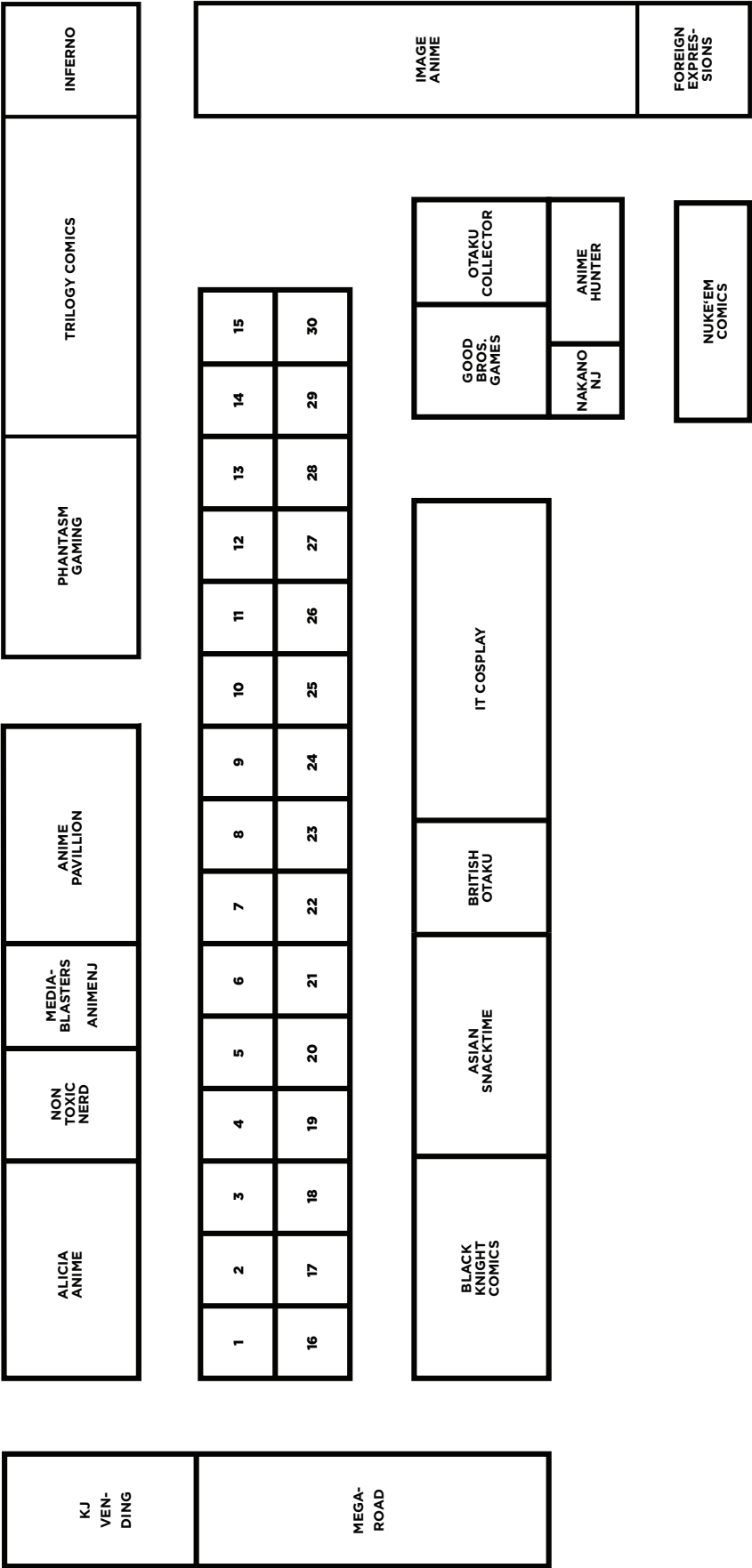
We are pleased to present a huge selection of vendors specializing in merchandise from all the various genres focused at the shows. Here, you will be able to purchase a Kamen Rider figure and a few booths away get your Pokemon packs and even snag a lightsaber! We hope the fans can find whatever cool items they're looking for at AnimeNJ++!

THEFT POLICY

Stealing is treated no differently from stealing anywhere else in NJ: the police will be called, charges will be pressed, and you will be escorted from the premises. You will sorely regret it.

If you are unsure where to pay for an item, **DO NOT** pick the item up and wander around looking for a cashier. Please find the cashier/vendor first, then show them the item you wish to purchase. Please keep your receipts with you and paid items in their bags while shopping in the Exhibitors Hall. Please refrain from showing friends and other attendees your purchases until you are outside of the Merchant Hall.

FLOOR MAP



VENDORS

NUKE'EM COMICS	PHANTASMCOMICS.COM
BLACK KNIGHT ANIME	BKCOMICS.COM
ANIME PAVILION	ANIMEPAVILION.COM
BRITISH OTAKU	BRITISH-OTAKU-109274.SQUARE.SITE
IT COSPLAY	INSTAGRAM.COM/ITCOSPLAYANIME
OTAKU COLLECTION	OATKUCOLLECTION.US
MEGA ROAD COLLECTIBLES	MEGAROAD.COM
ASIAN SNACKTIME	ASIANSNACKSTIME.COM
IMAGE ANIME	IMAGEANIME.COM
GOOD NEIGHBORS BROTHERS	
ALICIA'S ANIME AND VIDEO GAMES	
PHANTASM GAMING	
FOREIGN EXPRESSIONS	
KJ VENDING	
TRILOGY COMICS	
ART BY QUINTON X NONTOXIC NERDCULTURE	ARTBYQUINTON.COM
COLLECTOR'S INFERNO	
ANIME HUNTER	
NAKANO NJ	

18+ VENDORS

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ARTISTS

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3	MCPIPPYPANTS	MCPIPPYPANTS.CARRD.CO
4	STUDIO AYU	STUDIOAYU.COM
5	CLAIRE APRICOT ILLUSTRATIONS	INPRNT.COM/GALLERY/CLAIREAPRICOT
6	MOCHIIKOY	MOCHIIKOY.COM/STORE
7	SHUSHU'S LITTLE STUDIO SHOP	SHUSHUSLSS.BIGCARTEL.COM
8	PM_ANIMATION	LINKTR.EE/PM_ANIMATION
9	CIDERHOOTS	CIDERHOOTS.CARRD.CO
10	A VALLEY OF STARS STUDIO	
11	ANIMEINKART	
12	CREATIONSBYLYSSETTE	
13	FIRESTIA	
14	GARBO GUTS	
15	DRESSY DEER ART	
16	CRYSTAL CARBUNCLE	INSTAGRAM.COM/CRYSTALCARBUNCLE
17	GET IN A TIZZY!	
18	JIADOESART	LINKTR.EE/JIADOESART
19	KIYOTORYO	
20	STRAWBERRY NIGHTMARE	
21	PEACHI SEAS	
22	PINFLUENTIAL CO.	
23	PIXEL DUST (FKA VIAL PRINCE)	
24	RELEMENOPY	
25	SINSIN ART STUFF	
26	SLEEPLESSARTPUNK	
27	C. DEMARCO	CDEMARCOSTUDIO.ETSY.COM
28	POCKET TOKU	ETSY.COM/SHOP/POCKETTOKU
29	SQUISHATORE	
30	KURAPIXEL	

VIDEO GAMING

No anime convention is complete without video games running at all hours and a super smash brothers tournament going on! AnimeNJ++ have brought in Origins of Play Gaming Entertainment to satisfy all your gaming needs!

LOCATION: TERRACE ONE, LOWER LEVEL

FRIDAY 10 AM - 10 PM | SATURDAY 10 AM - 10 PM | SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

Gaming will be available throughout the weekend featuring PS4, Xbox One, Ninetendo.

Freeplay is also available all weekend of new and old games.

TOURNAMENTS WITH PRIZES:

FRIDAY	Guilty Gear Strive	2 PM
SATURDAY	Super Smash Ultimate	12 PM
	Street Fighter 6	4 PM
SUNDAY	Tekken 8	12 PM

RULES:

1. Attendees can bring beverages into the room as long as they are in a closed container with a lid.
2. No roughhousing.
3. Do not damage or abuse games, systems and peripherals.
4. No unattended children under the age of 13 will be admitted.
5. No outside games or systems are allowed.
6. You may bring your own controller or joystick.
7. Stealing from us or your fellow attendee will not be tolerated. If caught, you will be expelled.
8. No whining.
9. Do not leave your personal belongings unwatched.
10. No sleeping.
11. Do not change the settings on the games.
12. Respect each other's personal space.

TABLETOP GAMING



A place for card game players to meet, play, and trade with each other. We have decided to take a deep dive into Pokemon, One Piece TCG, and Hololive OCG. We have brought in Gotcha Gacha to host TCG Tournaments and Side Events again this year with prizes!

LOCATION: TERRACE ONE, LOWER LEVEL

FRIDAY 12 PM - 7 PM | SATURDAY 10 AM - 8 PM | SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

TCG TOURNAMENTS

Players must bring their own legal decks to participate.

STANDARD FORMAT OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

Participants must have an AnimeNJ++ event admission pass to participate. Players must bring their own standard legal decks to participate. Tournaments will be using standard format rules. All games will be swiss cut, three rounds, best of one, into a possible top cut. The top cut will be a best of three, single elimination bracket. Prizes will be determined by numbers of participants distributed to top cut.

FRIDAY	Hololive Standard Format Tournament	11 AM
	One Piece Standard Format Tournament	2 PM
	Pokemon Standard Format Tournament	5 PM
SATURDAY	Pokemon Standard Format Tournament	11 AM
	One Piece Standard Format Tournament	2 PM
	Hololive Standard Format Tournament	5 PM
SUNDAY	Pokemon Standard Format Tournament	11 AM
	One Piece Standard Format Tournament	11 AM
	Hololive Standard Format Tournament	11 AM

EVERYDAY EVENTS

FREE TO PLAY AND LEARN TO PLAY

Free to Play and Learn to Play Event - Participants interested in learning how to play Pokemon TCG, One Piece TCG, or Hololive TCG can ask anytime at the judge table during operating hours. Demonstration decks will be provided and used to teach Pokemon TCG, and Standard decks will be used for One Piece TCG and Hololive TCG.

CAR DISPLAYS

We are **Ita.Lifestyles**. An anime inspired, Veteran Owned, Brand Company that designs products towards individuals who share our love for Anime and Car Culture. Our specialty is in the art of Itasha Design (Anime Designed Vehicle Wraps) where we walk clients through our process of getting their own Itasha Design created by our in-house Design Team and installed onto their own vehicle. Come visit our Team! Where we will be more than happy to talk about our culture and love of anime as well as all the stories we've compiled since the company was created back in 2021. You can also take a look at our merch and represent what it means to be inspired. We look forward to seeing you!



@DIMPLEZ_SMOLZ'S UMARU SUZUKI CAPPUCCINO

Smolz is a bonafide 1995 JDM Suzuki Cappuccino! She's a RWD 3 Cylinder Turbo Convertible. Inspired by the Gulf-Style Livery, she is a little race car with Umaru touches. Matching the smol yet fiesty energy of Umaru, she is a peppy coupe with her big wing, cat wheels, and loud induction noises. From Custom Umaru gauges, to matching Momo steering-wheel, to a peppy EA21R engine, she's cute, proper, but has a little bite!

@XTREK_LUNA'S SAILOR MOON SUBARU CROSS-TREK

Luna is a 2019 Subaru Crosstrek that was built in remembrance of a loved one who loved Sailor Moon. The design is inspired by Sailor Moon with a hint of Subaru Rally. The car has been modified with both form and function in mind with help from family and friends. From lift-kits and roof lights, to one-off custom and JDM parts, Luna's build has been driven through river, mud, and sand, while still catching eyes on the pavement.

@IMPACTBLUE_S80'S GENSHIN IMPACT TOYOTA

This Corolla Hatchback is sponsored by Genshin Impact and features the character Ganyu. The car is built for modern day Rally-spec, boasting Sparco rims, Toyo All Terrain Tyres, A GT Wing, custom side exit exhaust, mudflaps and light, a semi-stripped interior, bucket seat, rapid repair and spare tyre kits. This car is capable both on and off the road thanks to the many rally and off road adjustments done to the engine and platform.



@KEVINPASI'S HATSUNE MIKU SCION FR-S

This 2013 Scion FRS features a Good Smile Racing inspired Itasha. Featuring 2015 Hatsune Miku Racing Designs, the car has been built to resemble the Goodsmile Racing GT Project. From its aggressive wing and splitter, to its lowered stance on Option Lab Wheels, the car is built to look like a race car for the streets. This car is driven by the owner of Ita.Lifestyles and it's what introduced him into the Itasha design business.

@TURVTHEPURV'S JOLLIBEES TOYOTA GT86

Serving horsepower with extra gravy! This 2016 FRS is reppin' Filipino pride with an Itasha wrap featuring Ate Jolly, an original character that's a Jollibee employee.

This car is ready to drift straight outta the drive-thru and into your anime loving puso (heart). Tara, kain na tayo! ("Come, let's all eat!") Playful. Friendly. Pinoy.

@THESLOWROLLA'S TOYOTA COROLLA

This 2018 Corolla is inspired by the Black Limited Toyota AE86, of which there were only 400 ever made in Japan, bringing old school roots to the modern day Corolla. Built from the ground up from the suspension, complete bolt on modifications, weight reduction, to engine tuning. This is not your average daily driver grocery getter, take it to the streets, up twisty mountain roads, and even autocross.

@THAT_NIISAN_Z'S 350Z

This Nissan Z is inspired by the Japanese Z police-cars. It's built for drifting and makes every attempt to attend events to show off its skills.

RULES:

1. Attendees can bring beverages into the room as long as they are in a closed container with a lid.
2. No roughhousing.
3. Do not leave your personal belongings unwatched.
4. No sleeping.
5. Respect each other's personal space.

MAIN EVENTS PROGRAMMING & PANEL ROOMS

FRIDAY

FRIDAY				
	SKY BALLROOM	PANEL 1	PANEL 2	PANEL 3
9:00 AM				
9:30 AM				
10:00 AM				
10:30 AM			1998: The Year that Would Shape the Future of Anime	The Wonderful World of JRPGs
11:00 AM				
11:30 AM				In Defense of The Adventure Zone: Graduation
12:00 PM		Opening Ceremonies		
12:30 PM		What's New from Media Blasters	Navigating Cons as a Neurodivergent Cosplayer	The Rise, Melancholy, and Disappearance of Haruhi Suzumiya
1:00 PM				
1:30 PM		Unraveling JoJo: A Beginner's Guide to JoJo's Bizarre Adventure	Cons, Cosplay, and Scrapbooking (workshop)	The History of Anime Opening/Closing Themes
2:00 PM				
2:30 PM			The Throwdown presented by the Cosplay Dance Off	Let's Make an Anime Screenplay
3:00 PM		Alex Mai: Anime Voice Acting and ADR Direction		
3:30 PM				15 Years of Love Live: Where to Start?
4:00 PM		Neil Kaplan Q&A	Project Sekai: The Ranking	Unlicensed Anime: We're Waiting...
4:30 PM				
5:00 PM		From Fan to Featured: Sean Chiplock	J-pop/Vocaloid Random Dance	The Best Anime Movies You Haven't Seen
5:30 PM				
6:00 PM		Anime Jeopardy	Japanese Pro Wrestling	Anime Armaments and 'Toon Tactics
6:30 PM				
7:00 PM	SAWA concert/Q&A	Eva, Escaflowne, Bebop, & More: Anime in the 90s	Anime-Theme Improv Workshop	
7:30 PM				
8:00 PM				
8:30 PM	Kamen Rider ZO/J screening and Keita Amemiya Q&A			
9:00 PM		18+ Guest Panel: The Indie Hustle and Hentai Voice Work	Model Building Workshop	Gnosia: The Looping Gameshow
9:30 PM				
10:00 PM		Panties, Peacemakers, and Love Nectar (18+)		
10:30 PM				
11:00 PM		Blood Bath and Beyond (18+)	Danganronpa Late Night Mock Trials (18+)	
11:30 PM				
12:00 AM				Totally Subversive 'Toons
12:30 AM			Japanese Music Videos After Dark (18+)	
1:00 AM				

MAIN EVENTS PROGRAMMING & PANEL ROOMS

SATURDAY				
	SKY BALLROOM	PANEL 1	PANEL 2	PANEL 3
9:00 AM			Whisper of the Heart: A Masterpiece Turns 30	Con Safety and Etiquette
9:30 AM				
10:00 AM		Inspirational/Uplifting Moments in Anime	iDOLiSH7: Male Idols	
10:30 AM			Rosaceae	
11:00 AM		Heroes and Villains with Neil Kaplan		Listen to My Song: An Introduction to Symphogear
11:30 AM			Japanese Indie Music	
12:00 PM	Staff Only - Masquerade			Mental Health and Bullying
12:30 PM		Sean Chiplock Q&A	MemeOut: Meme Dance Party	
1:00 PM	Masquerade Rehearsal (participants only)	Metal Heart, Metal Soul: Rise of Metal Hero Franchise		Kawaii Screams and Alt Idol Dreams: Girls Band Revolution
1:30 PM			Just Say YES!! Pop Culture Improv 101 with Ally.art3	
2:00 PM				
2:30 PM		Alex Mai Q&A	The Many, Many Works of Amemiya	Beyblade Tournament
3:00 PM				
3:30 PM	Masquerade		Is King of the Hill an Anime?	
4:00 PM				Can He Beat Goku Tho?
4:30 PM			Werewolf	
5:00 PM		Price is Right tryouts/tech		Rhythm Gaming in the 90s and 2000s
5:30 PM				
6:00 PM		The Price is Right: Anime Edition	Love Live Random Dance	That Was An Anime Video Game?
6:30 PM				
7:00 PM				Spot the Reference
7:30 PM	SAWA concert/Q&A		Urban Force Lightsaber Training	
8:00 PM		MLP Infection AU: Ethics of Horror (18+)		Ship Girls, Mecha Musume, Moe and Military Hardware
8:30 PM			Project Sekai Kahoot	
9:00 PM	GARO: Taiga screening/ Keita Amemiya Q&A	So, is it a Gooner Game? (Love and Deepspace)		Persona 3 and Death Anxiety
9:30 PM			Vocaloid Dance Party	
10:00 PM		18+ Guest Panel: Most Unusual Voice Acting Roles		You Can't Do That on Japanese TV (18+)
10:30 PM			Convention Stories	
11:00 PM		HMMVs and Why You Need More Hentai (18+)		Twenty-Five Years of Bad Anime, Bad!!
11:30 PM			Danganrompa: Mock Class Trials!	
12:00 AM		AnimExperts Live (18+)		
12:30 AM				

MAIN EVENTS PROGRAMMING & PANEL ROOMS

SUNDAY

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	SKY BALLROOM	PANEL 1	PANEL 2	PANEL 3	MAID CAFÉ
9:00 AM		Video Game Streaming 101			J-Pop/Vocaloid Random Dance
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	IdolFest	Alex Mai Q&A	Japan Travel for 2026 and Beyond: From Dream to Departure		Cosplay on a Budget: Don't Break the Bank!
10:30 AM					
11:00 AM				Anime, Your History	
11:30 AM			Sean Chiplock Q&A		
12:00 PM			Blame it on Toku		
12:30 PM		Retro Magical Girl Games			Cosplay on a Budget
1:00 PM	Character Design Q&A with Keita Amemiya		Hidden Gems: A Look at Raven Software		
1:30 PM		Stone Ocean & Female Representation in JoJo			Record of Lodoss War: 35 Years of Dungeons & Dragons
2:00 PM			2025 Manga Recommendations		
2:30 PM		Americanized Anime 3: The Live Actioning			Zeiram, from A to Z
3:00 PM	Just Dance! at AnimeNJ++		Pokemon Kahoot		
3:30 PM		Neil Kaplan Q&A			Giant Robots at Work
4:00 PM			Hakaider		
4:30 PM		Beyond Utena: The World of Ikuhara			Frozen Ambition: A Deep Dive into DOGSRED
5:00 PM			Nadia: Secret of Blue Water		
5:30 PM		Closing Ceremonies and Feedback			

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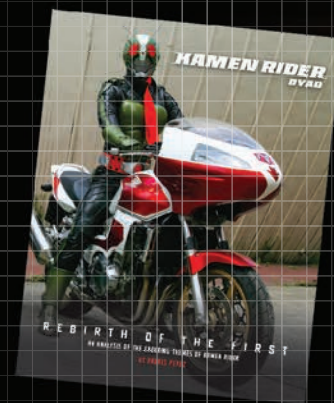
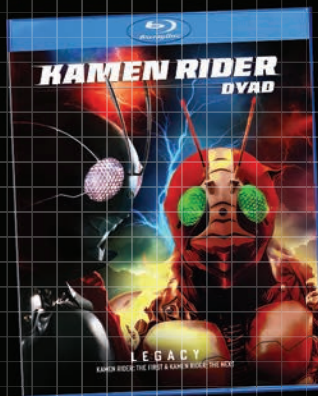
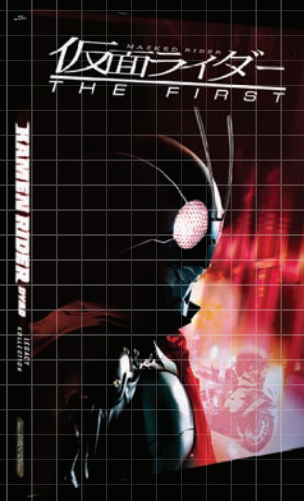
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