

COLORADO ANIME FEST!

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LETTER FROM THE CON CHAIR

Greetings Everyone!

Denver, Colorado. The home of the Rockies, Casa Bonita, and now, Colorado Anime Fest. I am excited to be able to bring another anime convention to Denver, one that you can call your own. Without you the attendees supporting us in our first year endeavor, I wouldn't be able to write this letter to you today, and for that I thank you. Enough of me blabbing, on to talking about the fun stuff!

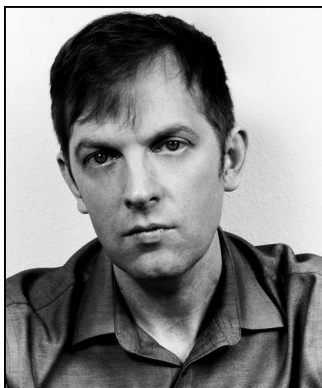
Here at Colorado Anime Fest We have all the con favorites and staples, such as a vendor hall, cosplay contest, Saturday night rave and more! Welcoming us into our first year is all of your wonderful guests, Matt Mercer, Marisha Ray, Chris Patton, Chris Sabat, Cristina Vee, Greg Wicker, and Kieran Strange! We have some awesome events you should check out such as our manga library, maid cafe, Anime bar (for those of you who are 21+) and much more!

I want to extend my sincerest of thanks to the amazing staff who help put this convention together. Running an convention isn't easy, and especially a first year con, this was no exception to that rule. Without their dedication, head work, and enthusiasm, Colorado Anime Fest would not exist. I would also like to thank our families, for putting up with us crazy staff, our industry partners, sponsors, and first and foremost, you, the attendee.

Let me be the first, to welcome you to Colorado Anime Fest 2016!
Now, get out there and HAVE FUN!!!

Corey Wood
Convention Chair

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CHRIS PATTON

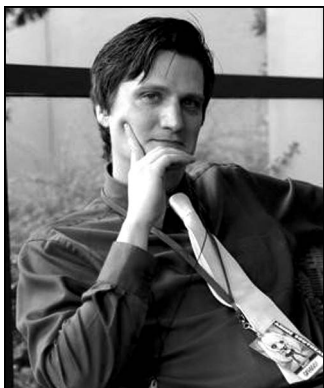


CRISTINA VEE

Chris Patton has been voice acting for seventeen years, including over 220 anime titles for FUNimation, ADV, Sentai Filmworks, and Okratron 5000, including Black Bullet (Rentaro), Akame Ga Kill (Run), Hamatora (Moral), Soul Eater (Asura), Full Metal Panic (Sousuke), Fullmetal Alchemist (Greed), Ghost Stories (Hajime), The World God Only Knows (Keima), Kids on the Slope (Kaoru), Welcome to the NHK (Sato), Guyver (Sho, Guver), Nerima Daikon Brothers (Ichiro), Princess Tutu (Fakir) and Pokemon XY (Sanpei). Chris has also voiced over 120 audiobooks and recently appeared as Leon Czolgosz in Stephen Sondheim's Assassins, plus directed the regional/Houston premiere of Green Day's rock musical American Idiot. He's excited to return to Denver and bring "Shares Too Much" out of retirement for an exclusive Colorado encore.

Cristina Vee is a voice actress from Los Angeles, CA. Since getting her first large anime roles in 2007, Cristina has voiced over 100 characters in both animation and video games. She was recently announced as the new voice of Sailor Mars in her favorite show, Sailor Moon! Anime fans also know her as Mio Akiyama in K-On, Alisa Bosconovitch in Tekken: Blood Vengeance, Homura Akemi in Puella Magi Madoka Magica, Morgiana in Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic, the eleven Honoka sisters in Netflix's Knights of Sidonia, Cubone (and others) in Pokemon Origins, Hawk from The Seven Deadly Sins and Riruka Dokugamine in Bleach. She also voices nickolodeon's Ladybug from Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir. She makes appearances in Sword Art Online, Kill la Kill, Fate/Zero, Doraemon, Accel World and Squid Girl.

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GREGGO



KIERAN STRANGE

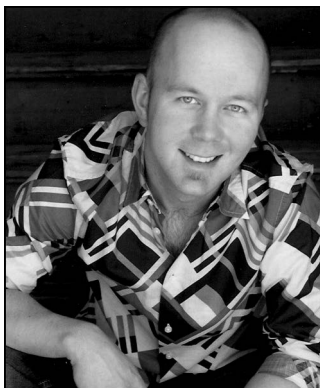
Greggo (from Greggo's Game Shows) has been producing game shows for anime conventions across North America since 1999! Known for his parodies of some of the more famous game shows in television history (including Match Game, Press Your Luck, Pyramid and The Price is Right), Greggo has also developed original shows and will always be focused on bringing entertaining and interactive fun wherever he goes.

Kieran Strange is a quirky and powerful young genderfluid artist, who blends pop sensibilities, dynamic guitars, and high-energy live shows into her own brand of British pop-punk. Hot on the heels of her past releases - *Adamantine Heart* (2012) and *Last Hero Standing* (2015), Kieran is currently working on several brand new singles and videos for the 2016 con season! Along with Tasty Peach Studios, she's one of the minds and voices behind *KonekoYO!*, as well as the founder of *The Kaleidoscope Project*, a safe space to educate, inspire, and support LGBTQ+ geeks and their allies. She passionately pushes her friends and fans (*#Strangers*) to believe in themselves and broaden their minds to a higher level of understanding for issues that include LGBTQ+ rights, feminism, autism awareness, racial equality, anti-bullying, and many other forms of mental health and suicide awareness.

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MARISHA RAY



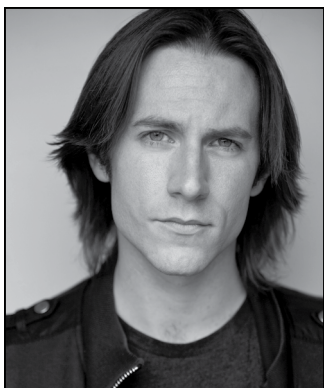
CHRISTOPHER R. SABAT

Marisha Ray (actor, host, writer, producer) has often been described as a geek girl, game enthusiast, uber-nerd and pretty much any other variant. You can see her work on such shows as Keyleth (Critical Role), Batgirl: Spoiled (Batgirl/ Stephanie Brown), Super Power Beat Down (Host), School of Thrones (Mellisandre), Proxy: A Slenderman Story (Jess), Walk of Shame (Not a Working Girl). You can hear her voice in Persona Q and Persona Arena Ultimax (Margaret), WarMachine Tactics (Haley, Deneghra, Feora, various) and Akihabra's Trip (various). Marisha has worked with such networks as Spike TV, Hallmark Channel and MTV. She is also an avid video gamer, who, at the age of three, could beat anyone in a round of Mario Bros., including her father. She carries this love for video gaming into much of her hosting, comedy and writing career.

Christopher R. Sabat has lived on a diet of Senzu Beans for nearly 15 years. As the voice director for Dragonball Z as well as the actor behind Vegeta, Piccolo, Yamcha, Mr. Popo, Kami, Jeice, Recoome, Korin, Burter, Shenron, Zarbon, Guru, Porunga, and countless others, you could possibly say he is the voice of Dragonball Z. Christopher currently owns Okratron 5000, a game audio and voice-over production studio in Dallas, Texas. He has also loaned his voice to countless other roles in the anime and videogame world including Alex Luis Armstrong in Fullmetal Alchemist, Roronoa Zoro in One Piece, Ayame Sohma in Fruits Basket, Saiga Tatsumi in Speed Grapher, Kurogane in Tsubasa Chronicles, Daisuke Jigen in Lupin III, Garland in Dissidia: Final Fantasy, Rundas in Metroid Prime 3: Corruption, Alex D in Deus Ex: Invisible War, and both Captain Smiley and Star in Comic Jumper.

**appearing Friday and Saturday only*

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MATTHEW MERCER

Iron Man/Tony Stark in Iron Man: Rise of Technovore and Avengers Confidential: Black Widow & Punisher, Walter in Shin Megami Tensei IV, Leon in Rune Factory 4, Tygra in Cartoon Network's Thundercats, Reapmon/Beelzemon in Digimon Fusion, and many other projects. Matthew is also known for his on-camera and production work, such as DMing Critical Role (airs Thursdays on twitch.tv's Geek & Sundry). He can also be found portraying the villainous Necromancer Szorlok in the upcoming fantasy film series Mythica.



Matthew Mercer is a Los Angeles-based actor/voice actor known primarily for his roles in animation and video games. His extensive training in theater, improv, and being a life-long hardcore gamer helped prepare him for such projects and characters as Leon Kennedy in Resident Evil 6 and Resident Evil: Damnation, Captain Levi in Attack on Titan, Trey in Final Fantasy Type-0, Kanji Tatsumi in Persona 4 Arena Ultimax & Persona Q, Jotaro Kujo in JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: Stardust Crusaders, Aikuro Mikisugi in Kill la Kill, Seijiuro Kikuoka in Sword Art Online II, Prince Demande in Sailor Moon R, Kiritsugu Emiya in Fate/Zero, Human Male Player in Destiny, Anarky in Batman: Arkham Origins, Alvin in Tales of Xillia & Tales of Xillia 2, Shukuro Tsukishima in Bleach, Chrom in Fire Emblem: Awakening, Sinbad in Magi, Kuroh Yatogami in K, Rexxar, Nefarian, and Ragnaros in Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft, Rehgar in Heroes of the Storm, Kilrogg & Rexxar in World of Warcraft: Warlords of Draenor,

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FRIDAY

I can't believe I make a living being a Magical Girl!

There's more to breaking into the voice acting industry than just having a cool voice. And becoming a vocal powerhouse can be even tougher. Join Cristina Vee to discuss what it takes to voice characters like Rei Hino (Sailor Moon), Nanoha Takamachi (Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha), Mio Akiyama (K-On!) and more!

Greggo's Game Shows: Anime Definition

Two teams attempt to solve punny word puzzles. In a team's turn, they give the other team a letter they hope isn't in the puzzle, and if successful take a letter that they hope is in the puzzle. Finding a letter gives that team a guess at the puzzle, and solving the puzzle wins the game.

Kieran Strange In Concert

She's been compared to Tank Girl, Tony Stark, Ramona Flowers, and Haruko Haruhara. She's Kieran Strange, a quirky and powerful young artist blending pop sensibilities, dynamic guitars, and high-energy live shows into her own brand of British pop-punk.

Q&A with Chris Patton

You know him as Fullmetal Alchemist (Greed), Black Bullet (Rentaro), Akame Ga Kill (Run), Hamatora (Moral), Soul Eater (Asura), Full Metal Panic (Sousuke), The World God Only Knows (Keima), Kids on the Slope (Kaoru), Welcome to the NHK (Sato), Princess Tutu (Fakir), Pokemon XY (Sanpei) and more!

SATURDAY

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Littleton presents: Animation as Medium not Genre

Join General Manager Walter Chaw and Creative Manager Steve Bessette for a lively discussion on prejudice and how the majority of Americans believe animated films are only for children. We'll talk about how we plan to dispel some of that extreme ignorance when we do Belladonna of Sadness in a few months. We'll also talk about Grave of the Fireflies, which is one of the best films ever made in any medium.

Chris Patton Shares Too Much (18+)

The (in)famous Denver-born late-night panel where attendees are allowed to ask Chris Patton literally anything. He will answer with complete honesty and openness.

Critical Role, RPGs and the Tabletop Renaissance!

Come join DM Matthew Mercer and Marisha Ray (Keyleth) for a panel discussion on the Dungeons & Dragons Twitch show Critical Role, the wonderful, growing community of tabletop geeks, and all other facets of gamer life!

Dubbing Anime: It's Not Just For Handsomes

Learn the fascinating and oftentimes made-up secrets of dubbing anime with Christopher Sabat in an infor-

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mative, provocative, interactive, tasty panel. Do you think what you have what it takes to be a dub actor? Are you handsome? It doesn't matter! Show up and find out why 5 out of 4 doctors recommend this panel. Does anyone ever read these descriptions? I guess you do!

Greggo's Game Shows: Anime Jeopardy!

Three contestants compete in the classic answer-with-a-question trivia game for a shot at nice prizes. Must attend Tryouts to compete.

Greggo's Game Shows: Anime Password

(featuring Matthew Mercer and Kieran Strange)

Two teams of one contestant and one celebrity guest attempt to convey secret passwords to each other. The passwords become part of a puzzle that the team must then solve to win the game! Must attend Tryouts to compete.

How to Kick Ass and Take Names with Marisha Ray

Come join in on this lighthearted Q&A on what it's like on my side of the industry.

The Kaleidoscope Project LGBTQ+ Panel

LGBTQ+ issues, nerd culture, and the convention scene have been likely partners for many years now. Kieran Strange and a panel of LGBTQ+ identifying hosts will guide a thoughtful, tolerant discussion on queer characters and themes, safety and inclusion at conventions, and how we have learned to use various fan works to express and explore our own genders and sexualities.

Q&A With Cristina Vee

Meet the voice behind some of the most kickass girls in anime, Cristina Vee.

SUNDAY

Combat for the Camera

Marisha Ray gives you a crash course on stunt fighting, and filming techniques. Learn industry tips and tricks for making those punches sell on screen!

Greggo's Game Shows: Anime Farkle

Two contestants face each other attempting to answer multiple-choice trivia questions in an effort to take control of our six dice screens, where every roll is a gamble.

How to Get Into Voice Acting

A panel for any aspiring voiceover talent to ask Chris Patton whatever they want about the art, craft and business of voiceover.

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Project Cosplay

As you know in crafting, one day you are IN the zone, and the next day you are OUT. But whatever zone you happen to be in today, we expect you to bring the best you've got for our judges! Project Cosplay is a brand new game show pitting pre-organized teams of local cosplayers (and sometimes guests!) against one another to create the best item whilst restricting them in time, theme, and hilarious everyday materials. And while the team crafting is underway, hosts Kieran Strange (geeky pop-punk musician) and Cay Fletcher (owner/ editor of conventioning.org) will treat our audience to a Cosplay 101 discussion panel before lighting up the catwalk for a runway show of... epic... cardboard... proportions. All right, Designers - make it work!

Q&A with Matthew Mercer and Cristina Vee

The frequent co-stars answer questions on Sailor Moon, Magi, Kill la Kill and more.

JAPANESE CULTURE PANEL TRACK

We're honored and excited to bring you the following panels focused on Japan's culture and history, presented by the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival.

The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival was started in 2001 to bring together Denver's diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and educate the public about our many cultures. The 16th Annual CDBF will be held July 30-31 at Sloan's Lake Park, featuring over 100 performances on five stages including a hip-hop stage, two Taste of Asia food courts, an Asian Marketplace and of course, two full days of exciting Dragon Boat Races! Plus, don't miss the Two Days of Anime Tent presented by Colorado Anime Fest.



SATURDAY

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival

Festival Executive Director **Erin Yoshimura** will talk about the history and future of the event, including a new Colorado Dragon Asian Film Festival this May.

Consulate General of Japan at Denver

The current Consul General of Japan at Denver, Makoto Ito, and his staff are representatives of the Japanese government in Colorado (they also cover nearby states). Their focus is to assist Japanese tourists in Colorado and Americans learn more about Japan. The consular staff will be on hand at COAF to show some of the options of travel to Japan, and the beauty and history of the country.

JAPANESE CULTURE PANEL TRACK

Denver Buddhist Temple Aikido

Aikido is a Japanese self-defensive martial art. Aikido uses the force of the attacker to neutralize the attack. Aikido has origins in Jujitsu, a form of hand to hand fighting. DBT Aikido teaches the competitive style of Tomiki Aikido. Classes are in Downtown Denver at the Buddhist Temple Gym on the corner of 20th and Lawrence. Children's classes are also offered.

Denver Buddhist Temple Judo

Judo, "The Gentle Way" is a martial art with roots in the ancient art of the Samurai, Jujitsu. Judo emphasizes the use of leverage rather than the use of strength to overcome an attack. It is practiced worldwide for recreation, for self-defense and as an Olympic sport. The Denver Buddhist Temple Judo Dojo began teaching The Gentle Way in 1953 and practices at 1947 Lawrence Street at the Denver Buddhist Temple in Sakura Square.

Japan America Society of Colorado

The Japan America Society of Colorado promotes mutual understanding between the people of Japan and Colorado at a grass roots level. The organization promotes cultural and business ties between Colorado and Japan, with year-round programs, presentations about Japan and an annual Japanese-language Speaking competition, the Japan Cup. If you're interested in Japan, you need to know about JASC!

JET Program

The JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program sponsors young people from countries around the world including the U.S. to live and teach their home country's language in Japan. Some JET teachers are stationed in big cosmopolitan cities like Tokyo, but they can also be sent to small rural towns where they may be the only non-Japanese member of the community. No matter where they go, JET alumni have wonderful stories to tell. Come hear some of them!

SUNDAY

"Being Japanese American"

COAF Culture Coordinator **Gil Asakawa** is a longtime journalist and author, blogger and commentator on Japan, Japanese American and Asian American issues. He's the author of "Being Japanese American" and he'll read from his book, talk about his dual life growing up in Japan and coming to the US when he was a kid, and how traveling to Japan has enriched his life in recent years

Minoru Yasui Tribute Project

In these times of a fractured society and emotional anti-immigrant attitudes driven by fear and ignorance, it's worth celebrating the life of Minoru Yasui, who was a foundation of Denver's civil rights scene for many years. He was one of three men who fought the incarceration of Japanese American during World War II all the way to the Supreme Court, and after the war he resettled in Denver and was the longtime director of the city's Commission on Community Relations (now Denver's Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships). He's credited with preventing rioting in Denver during the fiery summers of the 1960s civil rights era by building strong relationships with the African American community. Last year, he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. This year, his family is celebrating the centennial of his birth with a documentary (we'll show an excerpt) and a play, and has formed the Coalition for an Inclusive Colorado, helping to plan a series of events that remind Coloradans about what happened to Japanese Americans and building bridges with the Muslim community.

Takayama Sister City Program

The Takayama Sister Cities Program is one of the most robust of the many relations around the globe sponsored by Denver Sister Cities International. The Takayama group hosts Japanese exchange students and adult visitors every year. They also send groups of students and adults to Takayama, a small beautiful city in the "Japanese Alps." Takayama Sister Cities holds various events throughout the year. Let Executive Director Steve Comtocks show you some of the great memories from past trips to Takayama, and tell you about opportunities to go on an upcoming exchange trip!

ATTENDEE PANELS

FRIDAY

AMV Contest

Anime Music Videos are a fun, creative twist on music videos. Come watch the show and vote for your favorites from around the world. Categories include Upbeat/Dance Music, Intensity, Instrumental Music, Random Amusement, and Trailers. There will also be an audience-determined Best of Show winner, and the possibility for a Judge's Choice, and Honorable Mention.

AMV Game Show

Like anime? Think you watch a lot of anime? Think you know more than most about anime? Then come to the AMV Game Show! Watch AMVs and win prizes.

Anime Burlesque (18+)

An anime-themed performance by Le Cabaret Beauté.

Anime Scene It?

Anime Scene It is a fan-made game show set up for 4 teams of 4 players to answer 3 rounds of anime questions. Join us for audience participation, prizes, and a lot of fun! While some questions are knowledge-based, anyone can play this family-friendly game.

Anime Scene IT! 18+

This is a game for the adults with questions from anime we can't use in our family-friendly version. If you're 18+, come join us for some unforgettable fun.

Asian Ball-Jointed Dolls

Asian Ball-Jointed Dolls (BJDs) are customizable, poseable works of art you can play with or display. Most BJDs have an anime aesthetic and some are even based on specific characters! Come learn about the history of ball-jointed dolls, the different artists who design them and customization. If you collect BJDs, please bring them to show off!

Cards Against Humanity (18+)

(Presented by HorseDeer)

You all know what that is, right? If not.... you'll have to Google it. It's too inappropriate to explain here. With that said, we're gonna play Cards Against Humanity. Why? Because we can. And because it's evil and revolting and anti-social and totally effing crazy and everything we love.

EVA vs. BTTF

Neon Genesis Evangelion and Back to the Future both take place in 2015, but which predicted the future more accurately? This panel looks at the technical,

physical and cultural aspects of both and relates it to our own world. Who will win the battle of future tech predicted long before 2015? Come and find out.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Cosplay But Were Afraid To Ask

From pre-stage jitters, to selecting materials, to building a cosplay portfolio and resume, the cosplay world can be intimidating. Our seasoned cosplay panel will answer questions and guide some hands-on activities, plus throw in a bit of fun, all in a come-as-you-are environment.

Hayao Miyazaki:

His Movies, His Life, His Message

Hayao Miyazaki, of Studio Ghibli, is possibly the greatest anime creator, writer, director, and animator of all time. His films include Nausicaa, My Neighbor Totoro, Spirited Away, Princess Mononoke, Ponyo and more. Come learn about how his experience growing up during WWII influenced the pacifist, feminist, and environmentalist themes in his films, as well as his influence in American animation such as Pixar and details on the Ghibli Museum and other Ghibli projects.

Iron Cosplay

(Presented by HorseDeer)

Ever heard of Iron Chef? Us too, but we've already got a cooking show. So forget that. Instead, we will supply a volume of random 'ingredients', and you will use them to create the best cosplay imaginable given only the things we supply you. Show off your creative prowess and prove yourself as the best cosplayer under the most dire of circumstances to win!

Opening Ceremonies

Join COAF staff and Mistress of Ceremonies Marisha Ray as we kick off the very first Colorado Anime Fest!

Takashi Miike and Japanese Cult Cinema

Known now for his mainstream films such as 13 Assassins, Takashi Miike is a cult director at heart. His films take an absurdist view of Japan with over-the-top violent action, ridiculous adult humor, social commentary and psychological horror. We will talk about this director's early films, new mainstream success, and view trailers and clips from his immense collection of works.

Tokyo on a Budget

Are you planning a trip to Tokyo for the first time? Come learn about ways to get the cheapest flights, accommodations, transport, entertainment, and other tips on how to enjoy Tokyo on a budget!

Unofficial Elder Scrolls Panel

Discussion of the Bethesda game series Elder Scrolls. This panel covers the history of Bethesda, development of the games, the world in the games and how society in the game world functions.

Will You Be My Nemesis?

(Presented by HorseDeer)

The Dating Game has always been a fun game, especially when it is at a con. Then again, love gets stale. Why not have a good old fashioned rivalry instead? We are thus submitting a call for heroes to come forth and find their perfect nemesis. After this game, you'll be wondering, how did heroes ever find their villains before HorseDeer?

World of Fallout

History of the world in the video game series Fallout. This panel explains the strange world Fallout is in, technology in the game world and society and history of the development of the game through the ages.

Yay Happy Fun Time Super Japanese Game Show!

(Presented by HorseDeer)

We don't know what will happen at this game show. What we do know is people WIN. Come and compete for an uncertain future by doing uncertain activities directed by uncertain characters. Just make sure you bring a sense of humor, because you surely won't survive by your wits alone. In fact, your wits are useless in this game, so leave them behind. So do you have what it takes to be a winner?

Yummy Yaoi Yummy Yuri Game Show (18+)

(Presented by HorseDeer)

Do you know your stuff? Do you think you got what it takes? Do you think you can win? Come and play the Yummy Yaoi Yummy Yuri game show and help your team win. Prizes and fun for all!

SATURDAY

Ainu: the Native Peoples of Japan

The Ainu are the native people of Japan. Come and learn about the Ainu and their way of life, how they lived and their role in modern day society in Japan.

AMV Contest Replay

Missed the AMV contest? Catch the show again!

Anime Improv (Presented by SHOE)

Join us on stage to play Improv games with themes and scenes from anime, manga, and gaming. Come learn games, win prizes and act in character!

Anime Then to Now

This is an information panel that looks at how anime has changed over the last 50+ years. From art style, voice acting, major themes and more, see how the

level of violence has changed over the years.

Charity Poker Tournament

Join us for a game of Texas hold'em for a good cause. We'll have room for 36 participants. There is a \$5 minimum donation and a \$10 suggested donation. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Rocky Mountain ALS Association.

Costume & Cosplay Contest

The quintessential staple, COAF style. Hosted by Mari-sha Ray and featuring guest judge Kieran Strange.

Cosplay After Hours (18+) - Sexuality & Gender Identity in Japanese Pop Culture

This 18+ cosplay event is the first of its kind in Colorado. Bring your cosplay creations that are not typically allowed on the convention floor and join us for games, a mini-contest, and an open discussion on some of the themes of gender, sexual attraction, power play, and where it all fits in modern Japanese culture.

DanganRonpa: Hope vs Despair!

Celestia Ludenberg and Kyoko Kirigiri invite you to Hope's Peak Academy's first ever conference! In this panel, you will be able to do a Q&A with the Ultimates, followed by a game of Truth or Dare! All are welcome to come!

Drawing with Panda ~ Adult Edition (18+)

This 18+panel will cover the basics (and some detailed) ways of drawing all characters and creatures (including furies) in their sexual states. You will learn to draw both male and female features of all creatures, and the difference between correct and wrong placements with two or more beings. We will also cover proper shading and size of characters. Bring your questions!

Great Graphic Novels!

Come hang with industry professional Josh Wilson as he shares the newest list of amazing selections from the American Library Association's 'Top 10 Graphic Novels for Teens' and Texas Library Association's 'Texas Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List.' With a highly interactive Q&A and review session, find out about what's hot in graphic novels from a member of the only recognized graphic novel committee in the nation!

Haiku: Japanese Poetry

Haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry which captures the essence of a moment in a few short lines. Come learn about haiku and reflect on your con experience by writing your own!

HorseDeer Murder Mystery Pub

(Presented by HorseDeer)

Everyone loves a good mystery, but how good are you at solving one? Here is your chance to test your skills

at deduction. There is a murder that happen in the local pub and it's up to you to solve before the murderer strikes again. Look at the clues, talk to the pub patrons and solve the mystery as a great detective that you are. Prizes, fun, actors and interaction for all.

Japanese Mythology

The research and joy of Japanese mythology, from the down and gritty of the research field to the fun of anime. We will look at Princess Mononoke, Ponyo, Inuyasha and every series currently playing in the US and Japan.

Mahou Shoujo (Magical Girl) From Then to Now

Come see this fun and magical tour through the history of being a Mahou Shoujo in anime to what it is today. We will look at the past of some of the first magical girls in anime to see how they have transformed today.

Rave

Join DJ Bullock and crew for a fun, all-ages rave at no additional cost. Must have a valid Saturday or weekend membership and hall dress/cosplay rules still apply.

Sleepover with the Muse! (Love Live)

Join the Mu's for a fun-filled slumber party! There will be dancing, truth or dare, candy and so many more fun activities!

The Colorado Geekdom - Colorado is the Nerdiest State

A discussion of geek culture in Colorado. Ranging from our thriving anime scene, to DnD scene, to startups and communities, it's a full exploration of what it means to be a nerd in Colorado. Presented by Coloradorks.

The Late Shoe (18+) (Presented by SHOE)

A comedic show with games and entertainment to remind us how bizarre, dark and interesting being a anime fan can be. The audience guides the show with its suggestions. o.O (18+)

The Nuclear Bombing of Hiroshima

At the end of WWII, the United States dropped two nuclear bombs on Japan. Come learn about the bombing of Hiroshima, the reasons it happened and the ongoing impacts of radiation.

SUNDAY

AMV Wake Up

The very best AMVs from the internet to wake up to! Come on in, sit down, and enjoy some good old-fashioned fun.

Are You Smarter Than A Vocaloid?

A vocaloid game panel featuring Head's Up, Pic-tionary and other Trivia, based on the Japanese vocaloids, songs and character items for all ages.

AMV Contest Winners

Watch a replay of the winners, and find out which videos won in COAF's first AMV contest.

Closing Ceremonies

That time when we say goodbye to our first convention. Hosted by Marisha Ray.

Colorado Anime Fest Feedback Session

We're ready and willing to hear your comments, concerns and questions. Come tell us how we can make next year even better.

Coming to a Con Near You

COAF is proud to be part of the bigger convention community. Join conrunners from around the state (and region) as they tell you about their next convention!

Cosplay Chess

If you've never been part of Cosplay Chess, now is your chance! Join us as a competitor, an observer, or even a chess piece and find out why this has become such a popular event at conventions nationwide. If you have not already done so prior to the con, you can apply at the Cosplay sign-in table on either Friday evening or prior to 4pm on Saturday.

Drawing with Panda - Beginner's Guide

You will learn the necessities for drawing male and female characters, children, and various creatures like common animals, exotic animals, and furrries. You'll also learn how to use different computer programs such as Photoshop, Paint Tool SAI, and ClipArt Studio, including how to make a basic drawing come to life through the line art and simple shading. You can also ask question about how to draw certain those things you struggle with the most.

Skirts in Cosplay: Beyond the Circle

Translating the clothing of our favorite characters into reality requires a lot of thought, planning and pattern shopping. This panel will cover the many skirt silhouettes that you can use to make your costumes as accurate as possible, moving beyond the basic circle and into the world of gores, A-lines, pencils, and more.

Where Weird Gets Weirder

This panel takes a look at the world through the eyes of a socially awkward, neurotic comedian, while discovering ways to deal with and embrace social anxieties and personal insecurities through comedy.

CONVENTION HOURS

Anime Bar (Telluride B)

Friday, 5:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Saturday, 5:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Artists' Alley (Colorado Prefunction)

Friday, 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Individual artists may run their tables earlier or later than the stated hours at their discretion.

Maid Cafe (Vail)

Friday, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

10:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Saturday, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

10:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday, Closed

Manga Library (Snowmass)

Friday, 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Operations (Boulder Creek)

Thursday, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, 8:00 AM – Sunday, 6:00 PM

(open 24 hours throughout con)

Panelist Green Room (Winter Park)

Friday, 1:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Photoshoots (Durango)

Friday, 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Programming

Opening Ceremonies (Colorado Ballroom AB)

Friday, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Panels (Colorado Ballroom AB, Big Thompson, Platte River)

Friday, 3:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Closing Ceremonies (Colorado Ballroom AB)

Sunday, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Registration (Hotel Lobby)

Thursday, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

(Boulder Creek)

Friday, Noon – 8:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Silent Auction (Breckenridge)

Friday, Noon – 10:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

(Moves to just outside Colorado Ballroom AB)

Tabletop Gaming (Telluride A)

Friday, Noon – 2:00 AM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Vendor Hall (Colorado Ballroom CD)

Friday, 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

(VIP access at 1:30 PM)

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

(VIP access at 9:30 AM)

Sunday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

(VIP access at 9:30 AM)

Video Gaming (Aspen)

Friday, Noon – 2:00 AM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

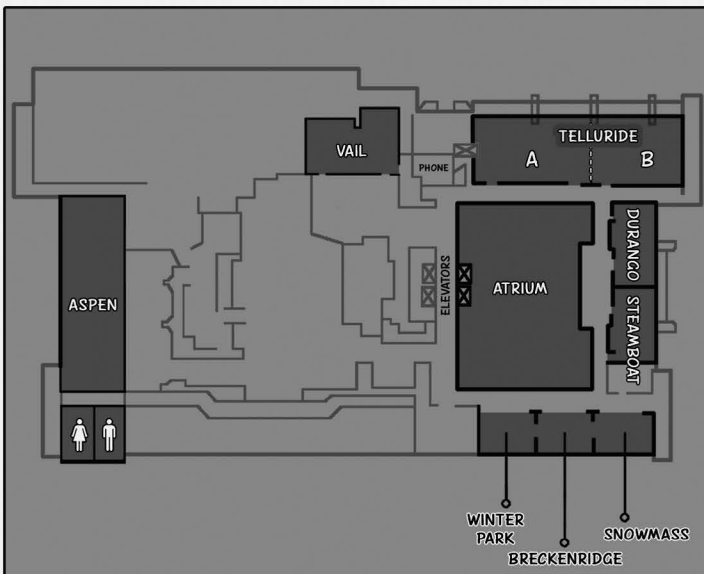
Video Room (Clear Creek)

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Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

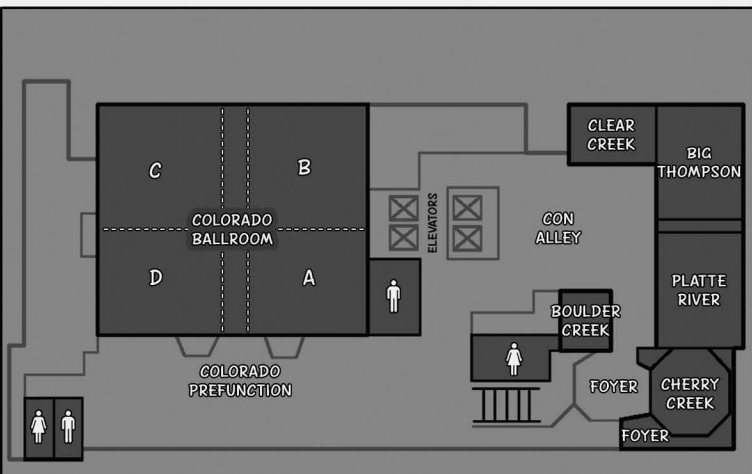
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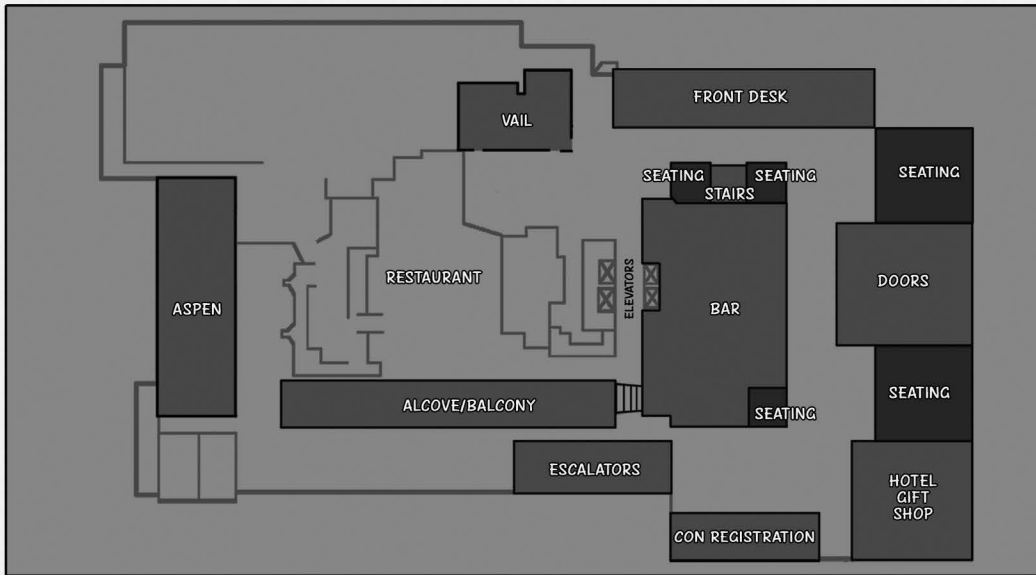
- Aspen Video Gaming
- Breckenridge Silent Auction
- Durango Photoshoots
- Snowmass Manga Library
- Steamboat Multi-Function Autographs
- Telluride A Tabletop Gaming
- Telluride B Anime Bar
- Vail Maid Cafe
- Vail Maid Cafe
- Break Station Check-in
- Winter Park .. Panelist Green Room

BALLROOM LEVEL

- Big Thompson Panel 1
- Boulder Creek Operations
- Cherry Creek/Foyer... Cosplay
- Clear Creek Video
- Colorado AB Main Events
- Colorado CD Vendor Hall
- Colorado Artists' Alley
- Prefunction
- Platte River Panel 2



MAIN LEVEL



NAME THAT RAM!

COAF would like your help to name our big horn sheep! The mascot art was designed and created by Tasty Peach Studios and we'd love to give the cute little guy a name. You can submit your idea for a name by tweeting us (@COAnimeFest) with the hashtag #COAFBigHorn during con. We'll announce the winning name at closing ceremonies!



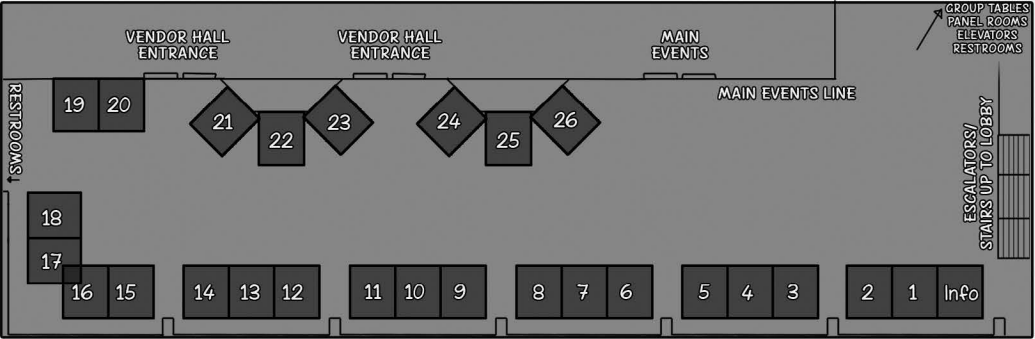
VENDOR HALL

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| 1. Aardvark Tees | 19, 20. Hobbyfan.com |
| 2. Exotic Lenses | 21. Generations Of Art |
| 4, 5. Tasty Peach Studios | 22-24. Eagle Anime |
| 6. SteamAged | 25, 26. Bowendragon1 |
| 7, 8. Toys Logic | 27, 28. Cosplay MooMoo |
| 9. Gaijin USA | 29, 30. Rainy Day Anime |
| 10, 11. YES ANIME | 31. Rebecca Feiner |
| 12. First Frame Studios | 32. Boss Stage Arcade |
| 13-15. Nani?Wear | 33-35. Pawstar |
| 16. Asian Culture & Entertainment | 36-39. 168 Dragon Trading |
| 18. Alpine Anime | 40-42. Anime Stuff Store |

ARTISTS' ALLEY

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| 1. DinosaurMermaid | 14. Speaker on the Wall Studios |
| 2. Atomic Pixies | 15. Wings, Charms & Things |
| 3. Crystal McDowell &
Laurissa Hughes | 16. Snickerdoots |
| 4. Visi Colors | 17. Itsumo Kawaii |
| 5. Microcomet Illustrations | 18. ChaoStudios |
| 6. Panda Kitty Studios | 19. Kenzichi |
| 7. KaiJu | 20. Startled Star |
| 8. Microcomet Illustrations | 21. Sugar Arcade &
Rhymes With Beat |
| 9. Curiosity Craft Shop | 22. Ameiga Art |
| 10. The Art Of Monica Benik | 23. Rio Burton Illustration |
| 11. Galaxy | 24. Bliгер Studios |
| 12. Nova Dog Creations | 25. Nhicam & Nancysaurus |
| 13. Papaya Badger | 26. Filthy Commissions &
The Floppy Bunny |



CONVENTION RULES & POLICIES

At COAF, our main goal is that you have fun! We don't want to be a con all about rules and don't want to have any more than necessary. You can help by following these simple policies to ensure everyone has an enjoyable convention.

- **Always** wear your badges visibly and hang on to them at all times while on the convention floor.
- Have questions? Ask at Ops or speak to Convention Response Team (CRT) staffers.

AUTOGRAPHS

- All COAF guests will sign at scheduled sessions.
- **The first autograph at a scheduled COAF autograph session is always free with your valid convention membership. Guests may sell optional prints, and/or charge for multiple autographs, photos or recordings to help keep the line manageable. Every guest is different, so don't be afraid to ask.**
- If you require special accommodations while waiting in line, please ask the line attendants. COAF is committed to equal, accessible access for all.
- Staff may impose limits on the amount of autographs allowed.
- Guests may also sign at vendor tables. Those are not official COAF signings and may require additional costs.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ACCOMMODATIONS

Here at Colorado Anime Fest, our goal is for all attendees to have a fun, accessible weekend. If you require assistance for you or a loved one, please ask a staff member or inquire at Con Ops.

Some of the services we're prepared to provide:

- Line assistance
- Advanced seating assistance
- Additional assistance as is necessary and available.

The Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel has the following ADA accommodations:

- Wheelchairs, elevators, ADA-accessible bathrooms.
- Service animals are permitted within the hotel and convention grounds

We will allow advanced event seating for persons in need as well as one assisting companion. To utilize this assistance, please ask the line attendant at the event door. Assisting companions must have a valid convention badge. All ADA persons and their companions must be of age to enter 18+ panels. This is first-come first-serve and based on room capacities. You must request at least 15 minutes prior to panel start to ensure we can accommodate you.

We understand the complexities of what may constitute special needs, but please remember it's not always easy for a busy staffer to realize when assistance is needed. If a staffer asks for more details, it's to better understand your situation and how we can be of assistance. Please help us help you!

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

COAF is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age or religion. Harassment includes, but is not limited to: abusive verbal comments; sexual images in public spaces; deliberate intimidation or stalking; unwanted photography/recording; being disruptive; inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; encouraging any of the above. Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. If they fail to do so, we retain the right to take action, such as warning the offender or expulsion without refund. If someone makes you or anyone else feel unsafe or unwelcome, please report it as soon as possible to any staff member or Con Ops. We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form. Our decisions are final.

CONVENTION POLICIES

CODE OF CONDUCT

Attendees must use common sense when understanding the rules of behavior, personal interactions, and respect for both private and public property. Behavior that is considered harassing or offensive will not be tolerated. Attendees, staff and other persons finding themselves in a situation where they feel their safety is at risk should locate the nearest security or staff member and they will be treated with the utmost urgency and expeditious manner to resolve that concern.

CAMERA AND MEDIA DEVICES

Inappropriate conduct with any camera (video or photo) will be grounds for removal of convention privileges, up to and including badge revocation without a refund. This includes selfie sticks, and Google Glasses within areas that they are not permitted.

VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

We want to ensure all attendees have a good time within the convention grounds. Because of this we will strive to be lenient in our policies and allow as much freedom as possible. However, for the safety and security of public and private citizens within the convention grounds, we will have a 3-tiered system for violations.

- First offense is a single warning to either correct or discontinue the improper actions/ behavior.
- Second offense is a full suspension of the prop privileges.
- Third and final offense will result in having badges pulled and all attendee privileges revoked.

We reserve the right to modify or escalate the consequences at our discretion, based on the individual circumstances of any given incident.

HALL COSPLAY & PROPS

COSPLAY

Per hotel policy; no shirt, no shoes, no service. In general, no 'pink bits' or 'pointy bits' should be showing OR depicted on your cosplay. We recommend tan-colored tape. ;) Your costume should not be an adult-level PG-13 or rated R level.

No costumes depicting official government agencies such as American law enforcement nor current military uniforms are allowed.

Larger or bulky costumes within the convention and hotel must be able to fit through a standard doorway (36 inches) to ensure fire safety rules. If a costume grants poor visibility or ventilation, we request that the cosplayer keeps a handler available to escort him/her.

No costume props may cause smoke, odor or fog. If you want such a device for the cosplay competition, please speak with staff in advance and we will decide the device's appropriateness.

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PROP RULES

All props are to be checked in with CRT before they are allowed into the convention areas. CRT will peace bind any props. All registered props must be kept on the signee while on the convention floor at all times. If a prop should be loaned or shared with another attendee, both parties are responsible for the prop and both will be held accountable for any misconduct.

Violation of peace binding may result in immediate loss of prop privileges. It is the responsibility of the attendee to bring any prop back to security to re-bind if necessary.

Banned items

- Anything illegal in the state of Colorado or the United States.
- Any live steel weapons that do not have a sheath. "Live Steel" is any metal that can or does hold an edge.
- No projectile or firearms of any kind.
- If security deems a prop dangerous or harmful in any way, it will be banned from the grounds. This will be determined on a case by case basis.
- Metal items used for costumes are not allowed to have sharp or pointed edges that could cause injury to oneself or others.

ALLOWED ITEMS & PROPS

Live steel props that are properly sheathed and peace bound are acceptable. If item cannot be bound in any way to prevent it from being drawn, it will not be allowed. Nerf or airsoft guns that have a non-removable orange safety tip and do not look remotely real will be allowed, following the conditions that the trigger mechanism will be peace bound and all ammunition is emptied from the device. Any blunt or wood props will be evaluated to determine if they will cause any risk. Any large items such as baseball bats, wooden swords, frying pans, etc. may be allowed conditionally. Any functional ammunition (real); such as arrows, must have tips removed and be zip-tied to their quiver or casing.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Interested in earning your way to a free day and/or weekend membership for this year or next? Our day to day volunteer signups work on a tiered rewards system. We offer a minimum 4 hour shift and staff perk options are available for 10+ shifts. We're flexible and happy to help you get what you want to have fun at con, based on the amount of hours you work.

- 4-6 hours: same-day badge
- 8 hours: next day badge or next year badge
- 10+ hours: next day badge or next year badge; access to staff perks

To learn more and sign up for your preferred blocks, visit Volunteer department headquarters outside of Boulder Creek (COAF's Con Operations and Lost & Found).

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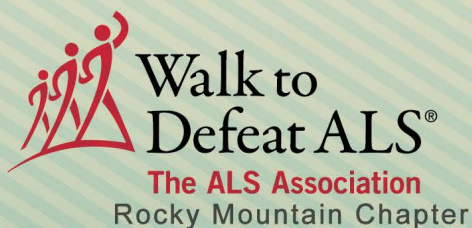


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Here at Colorado Anime Fest, we're a family. For our inaugural charity beneficiary, we're pleased to announce we're honoring the family of one of our own.

If you saw the #COAF2016 table out and about this past year, you met our Community Outreach Department Head, Revae. Our chosen charity this year will be Walk to Defeat ALS - Rocky Mountain Chapter in honor of Revae and her late mother Rita, who passed away from this dreadful "Lou Gehrig's disease" earlier this year.

Help us honor Revae's mom all weekend long. We have a silent auction with rare and autographed goods in Breckenridge (Atrium level) and a charity poker tournament in Durango at 7pm Saturday. 100% of all money raised from charity programming will go straight to The ALS Association Rocky Mountain Chapter, who will also have a table on the lower level convention floor.

Thanks for your support of this outstanding organization!

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