

Colorado Anime Fest

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THE BULLOCK AWARD



Every year, COAF recognizes our staff with a variety of internal awards. Our top award is chosen by executive staff.

In 2017, we lost staffer **Ben Bullock** unexpectedly.

In his honor, we are renaming this elite honor to the **Bullock Award**.

Previous Winners:

2016: James Kirkham

2017: Joey Maestas

LETTER FROM THE CON CHAIR

Greetings COAF attendees, staff, friends, and family!

Thank you and welcome to Colorado Anime Fest's third year. We are excited to see you back if you're returning, and we are also thrilled to see you here if this is your first COAF.

There's a lot to enjoy at COAF 2018. We've kept all your favorite things from great guests, the premier Japanese cultural track of the region, the original anime bar, crazy and loud Taiko drummers, Colorado's only manga library and more! And we've added new favorites like COAF Character Encounters: Speed Q&A, a new take on the popular 'ask a character' and speed dating-type panels.

We here at Colorado Anime Fest always strive to be the most friendly, fun, and enjoyable convention, from our programming to our staff. If you see any of us around, please feel free to ask us if you have a question, or just want to say hi! This is your convention, and we certainly can't thank you enough for your support.

I'd also like to personally take this moment to recognize and dedicate this year's convention to the staffer we lost last year. DJ Bullock was a key reason why COAF was so successful from our very first year. I have no doubt he is with us in spirit this weekend. We'll never, ever forget him and will be raising money for musical education charity Youth on Record in his honor this year. Here's to you, Ben!

Corey Wood
Convention Chair



Corey Wood with COAF fan-favorite guest Kieran Strange.

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).

CONVENTION HOURS

Anime Bar (Telluride B)

Friday: 6:30 PM – 11:30 PM
Saturday: 6:30 PM – 11:30 PM
Sunday: CLOSED

Artists' Alley (Colo. Prefunction)

Friday: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Individual artists may run their tables earlier or later than the stated hours at their discretion.

Maid Café (Vail)

Friday: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM
Saturday: 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM
5:30 PM, 10:30 PM
Sunday: 12:30 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:30 PM

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 – 2:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Panelist Check-In Table (Next to Operations)

Friday: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Photo Shoots (Winter Park)

Friday: 3:00 PM – 12:00 AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
Sunday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Press

(Community Corner next to Operations)

Friday: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Programming - Panels

(Big Thompson, Platte River, Steamboat)

Friday: 3:15 PM – 2:00 AM
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Quiet Room (Breckenridge)

Friday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
Sunday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration (Hotel Lobby)

Thursday: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tabletop Gaming (Telluride A)

Friday: 12:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
Sunday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Vendors' Hall (Colo. Ballroom C-D)

Friday: 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Video Gaming (Aspen)

Friday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Video Room (Clear Creek)

Friday: 3:15 PM – 2:00 AM
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

RULES & POLICIES

Here at COAF, 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.
- * Use common sense when understanding the rules of behavior, personal interactions, and respect for both private and public property. 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 for resolution.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

COAF is dedicated to providing a harassment-free 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 convention participants in any form. Our decisions are final.

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.

PROPS

All props are to be checked in with CRT before they are allowed into the convention areas. CRT will peace bind any props. Props must be kept on the signee while on the convention floor at all times. If a prop is 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.

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Allowed items

Live steel props that are properly sheathed and peace bound are acceptable. If item cannot be bound 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.

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. Just ask.
- If you require 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 number of autographs allowed.
- Guests may also sign at vendor tables. Those are not official COAF signings and may require additional costs.

CAMERA AND MEDIA DEVICES

If you intend to charge attendees for photoshoots, we require you to purchase Credentialed Photographer Access. It's only fair: anyone financially profiting from our event and/or attendees must be accounted for via similar regulations as our vendors and artists. This credential will also grant you advance access and reserved seating to select cosplay events. We use proceeds from this to benefit the COAF cosplay community as a whole, including you! See the Press Table for more information.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ACCOMMODATIONS

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 and advanced seating assistance.
- Additional assistance as necessary and available.
- Large-print versions of the schedule (available at Registration and Con Ops).

The Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel has the following ADA accommodations:

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

We will allow advanced event seating for persons in need and one (1) assisting companion. Please ask the line attendant at the event door. 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. Request at least 15 minutes prior to panel start to ensure we can accommodate you.

Please remember it's not always easy for a busy staffer to know when assistance is needed. If a staffer asks for more details, it's better understand your situation and how we can be of assistance. Please help us help you!

GUESTS OF HONOR



AMANDA C. MILLER

Amanda C. Miller voices characters as varied as Cherche and Sully in Nintendo's Fire Emblem: Awakening to Kate Bishop/Hawkeye, and Junko Enoshima and Toko Fukawa in the Danganronpa video game series. You can also currently hear her as Sailor Jupiter, Viz dub of Sailor Moon and Sailor Moon Crystal; as Boruto Uzumaki, Boruto; Mikage, Durarara!!x2; Menchi, Hunter x Hunter; and as Ride, Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans. Other roles include Ibuki, Coppelion; Seiji Nomi and Megumi, Accel World; Takeru, Squid Girl, Hyperdimension Neptunia (as MAGES, Tamsoft, and C-Sha); Nine, BlazBlue: Chrono Phantasma; and Yulier, Sword Art Online. She also plays the character of Jade and is the creator, writer, and producer of the paranormal comedy mockumentary series Ghosts 'n Stuff Inc on YouTube.



CASSANDRA LEE MORRIS

Cassandra Lee Morris is an American voice actor who has brought characters to life for video games, anime and animation. Some of her roles include Leafa, Sword Art Online; Morgana, Persona 5; Operator 60, NeiR:Automata; Kyubey, Madoka Magica; Nami, League of Legends; Taiga, Toradora! and Edea Lee, Bravely Default. She is also the voice of Frankie Stein in Monster High and she plays Lexi in CONfessionals. Other recent credits include Atra, Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans, Sayaka, Your Name; Saki in Durarara!!; Nee and Usamaru, Blue Exorcist; Ritsuo in K-On!; Julia, Fire Emblem Heroes; Lin, Xenoblade Chronicles X; Sophie, Tales of Graces F; Leifang, Dead or Alive 5; Nana in God Eater. She is also an award-winning audiobook narrator.



DAVID VINCENT

David Vincent is an award-winning voice actor/director based in Los Angeles. He's given voice to hundreds of animations, anime and video games, as well as guest star appearances on TV shows. David can currently be heard as the narrator in JoJo's Bizarre Adventure and as Phinks in Hunter x Hunter on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. He is beloved for his portrayal of Grimmjow in Bleach. He recently starred as the talking sailor uniform Senketsu on Kill la Kill. David also stars in the People's Choice Award-winning video game Super Smash Bros. as Robin from Fire Emblem. Super Smash Bros. won favorite video game at the 42nd annual Peoples' Choice Awards. David is co-founder of Unlocked: the Anime and Pop Culture Streaming Network (www.unlockedofficial.com).

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ERICA LINDBECK

Erica Lindbeck is a North Carolina native who has spent the last decade training in theatre, film, improvisation and voice acting. She is thrilled to play the roles of Mordred in Fate/Apocrypha, Dr. Jane Foster in Avengers: Secret Wars, Windblade in Transformers: RID Combiner Force, Celica in Fire Emblem Echoes, Menat in Street Fighter V, Futaba Sakura in Persona 5, Magilou in Tales of Berseria, Taliyah & Zoe in League of Legends, Kaori Miyazono in Your Lie in April, Anaru in Anohana, Eli Ayase in Love Live! School Idol Project, Jericho in The Seven Deadly Sins, and Ema Skye in Ace Attorney 6 to name a few. She has also provided the voice of Barbie for numerous projects and features.



JOEL McDONALD

Voice actor Joel McDonald is Head of Production for Voiceover and Narration at Gearbox and a former ADR director of Funimation, including Space Dandy, Assassination Classroom, One Piece, Initial D, Sgt. Frog, Deadman Wonderland, One Piece: Film Z, and more. He acts, too! He's Dilandau in the new Vision of Escaflowne; Phichit, Yuri!!! on ICE; Meow, Space Dandy; Brief, Panty and Stocking; Poland, Hetalia; and Takumi, Initial D. You may also have heard him in Borderlands 2 as Captain Flynt, Smite as Mercury, Tales of Xillia 2 as Chronos, Walking Dead: Survival Instinct as Deputy Lee, and as Aoi Tokura in the web comic Rainy Cocoa. Joel adapted projects like DBZ: Kai, Claymore, Hunter x Hunter, Seven Deadly Sins and Fate/Stay Night. He's nice. Come say hi.



Last year's guests tried to spell out COAF. Points for effort!

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GREGGO'S GAME SHOWS

Greggo has been producing and hosting game shows at anime conventions since 1999, when he premiered Anime Match Game at Project A-Kon in Dallas. Since then, Greggo has done anime-themed versions of several classic game shows, created a few games of his own, and even had an original project that very nearly turned into an actual television show on Anime Network. These days Greggo is concentrating on perfecting his craft and making game shows available for conventions everywhere, bringing his rapier wit and friendly personality with him wherever he goes. You can see some of Greggo's past game show efforts on his YouTube page: www.youtube.com/gregdasgo.



KIERAN STRANGE +



Kieran Strange is a powerful performer and self-published author. His first novel is M/M sci-fi thriller *Black Tie: Book 1 of the Sparrow Archives*. Musically, he blends pop sensibilities, dynamic guitars, and high-energy rock into his geeky British pop-punk. Standing firmly as a voice for the different and discarded, it was during COAF 2016 that Kieran decided to change his pronouns from “she” to “he” following a long struggle with his transgender identity. Some causes he fights to support include LGBTQ+/SAGA issues and rights, feminism, autism awareness, racial equality, refugee and immigrant rights, many forms of mental health and suicide awareness, and more. Kieran has joined forces with Dave Kitsberg and will release a new album in 2018 as WE ARE THE CHAOS!



SAMURAI DAN & JILLIAN

Dan Cogan, a.k.a. “Samurai Dan” and his wife, Jillian are the acknowledged masters of marital... er, MARTIAL mayhem. In addition to their high-energy, mostly safe stage shows (where razor sharp blades and barbs fly) the couple teaches historical and hysterical panels on the way of the warrior. Offering a wide range of lectures and interactive workshops, Dan and his lethal love Jillian are guaranteed to provide con attendees fun and fulfillment. Due to a supreme lack of filter, Dan also performs standup comedy, and lives to embarrass his wife onstage, in censored and uncensored settings. A storyteller at heart, Dan is finishing his third horror novel, and offers insights into the creative process with panels for the aspiring writer as well.

MAIN EVENTS (COLORADO A-B)

Opening Ceremonies

Welcome to COAF 2018! We'll kick off our third year with special performances by **One World Taiko**, as well as **Kieran Strange** and **WE ARE THE CHAOS** guitarist Dave Kitsberg. Plus, meet the guests, learn more about our charity auction and see what surprises await to delight you.

AMV Contest

This year, our judges had the difficult task of paring down 100 AMV entries to bring you only the best videos for our contest. With submissions varying from cool to crazy, hilarious to heartbreaking, the videos in our contest span the musical and emotional gamut.

Categories include Positivity, Intensity, Drama, Romance, Comedy, and Trailers. Vote for your favorite video in each category and for the best overall during one of two showings: **Friday at 6:30 PM or Saturday at 3:00 PM.**

Winning videos will be announced at Closing Ceremonies.

Costume and Cosplay Contest

Creativity is on display as talented creators show off their skills on Saturday night. Separated into Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Master categories, attendees in costume will be competing for the top prizes as well as the coveted Audience Choice award. Following the costume entries, cosplayers will compete by performing cosplay skits. **During halftime, don't miss performances by Sakura Chorus Mile High and Kirei Cosplay Café.**

COAF Character Encounters: Speed Q&A

At Colorado Anime Fest, we're trying something different by putting our own spin on the popular "ask a character" panels. Instead of getting to ask just a few characters from one show some questions, you'll have a chance to chat with characters from many different anime all in one afternoon in a "speed dating" format. We'll divide attendees into groups, and each group will have a few minutes to chat with each character. When the bell rings, each group will meet a new character. We'll continue to rotate until everyone has had a chance to meet all the characters.

If you're interested in participating as a character in costume, come visit us at the Panelist Check-In Table near Operations on Friday or Saturday. Everyone who participates as a character will receive a thank-you gift from the con.

Cosplay Chess

Swords and fists will fly as your cosplayers dressed as your favorite characters duke it out on a giant chessboard controlled by two chess masters on the main stage, **Sunday at 10:00 AM.**

Charity Auction

From one-of-a-kind anime cels and production sketches to wall scrolls, figures and prints signed by the casts of popular anime and video games, our auction has something for everyone. Join us as we raise money for Denver-based musical education and youth empowerment charity **Youth on Record!** Hosted by **Kieran Strange** and COAF Charity Head Jackie.

Closing Ceremonies

Kieran Strange and **WE ARE THE CHAOS** guitarist Dave Kitsberg emcee the end of COAF 2018. Plus, we'll enjoy a performance by **One World Taiko**, announce AMV winners and charity numbers, and say goodbye to our guests. Stick around for a special announcement about Colorado Anime Fest 2019, you won't want to miss it!

Colorado Anime Fest Feedback Session

Every year after Closing Ceremonies, join COAF executive staff as you talk and we listen. We're eager to hear your feedback—good or bad—and answer your questions. Tell us about something that made your con experience special, or let us know why something at the con was a major bummer for you. By sharing your feedback, you can help improve future conventions.

GUEST & INDUSTRY PANELS

FRIDAY

BlazBlue / Kill la Kill Voices with David Vincent

Ask David Vincent your burning questions about the popular video game series BlazBlue or the wildly successful anime series Kill la Kill.

Cards Against Humanity with Samurai Dan and Jillian (18+)

Prepare to be offended... er, entertained! Late night fun at its finest, the Cards Against Humanity panel will take you where you have never been before... unless you're really, really demented! Samurai Jillian hosts this popular Apples to Apples spin-off, where the otaku play the cards, and the guests judge the warped-ness of the answers and pick the winners. **This panel will take place in Steamboat, where autograph sessions are held, starting at 11:45 PM.**

Greggo Presents: The Pokémon Game Show: Aloha Version

Four players battle each other in a test of knowledge about all things Pokémon! Answering questions correctly gives them control of our game board where they will face all sorts of challenges! The winner has a shot at becoming immortalized as Champion of the con! About 90% of the questions will come from the first three generations of Pokémon games... be there at the beginning of the panel if you want a chance to play!

How to Book a Gig with Joel McDonald

Learn the tricks that are sure to get you a gig in the world of VO. You can be trained and talented and still blow your big chance. Now's the time to learn how to audition, how to impress, and how to get work as a voice actor.

Kieran Strange and WE ARE THE CHAOS Live Concert

Prepare yourself for a Kieran Strange performance like you've never seen before. The talented artist, dynamic performer, passionate activist, and totally huge dork Kieran is joined by DAVE KITSBERG on guitar (Time Crash, Lemon Demon, Random Gibberish, The Spooky Bards), ALEX AUGUST on bass (The Spooky Bards, Arc Impulse), and TOPH "紫電 SHIDEN" LAWRENCE on drums (currently performing with prominent video-game cover warriors Bitforce in Texas).

Persona 5 with Erica Lindbeck and Cassandra Lee Morris

Join the voices of Morgana and Futaba for a COAF-exclusive Q&A.

Project Cosplay: A Game Show for the Creatively Insane with Kieran Strange

Kieran's popular panel returns! Teams will compete to build and model items based on themes. As you work, Kieran and other hosts will treat you to a panel of cosplay knowledge, random Britishisms and Canadianisms, musicality, and total and utter randomness. After this, we'll "light up" the "catwalk" for a runway show of epic cardboard proportions. All right, MacGuyvers... make it work!

SATURDAY

Alamo Drafthouse Presents: Mainstream Acceptance of Anime

Join Alamo Drafthouse Denver's general manager Walter Chaw and creative manager Steve Bessette as they discuss how video games, serialized streaming, and Hollywood adaptations have brought anime into the mainstream.

Greggo's Game Shows: Chain Reaction with Amanda, Cassandra, David, and Joel

It's the fun and challenging game show where one word leads to another! You and two celebrity partners try to solve a chain of words! If your team pulls through, you get to play for some nice bonus prizes in the "Instant Reaction" round!

Greggo's Game Shows: Scrabble

It's the crossword game you've played all your life, but never quite like this! Solve crossword clues based on your knowledge of anime, video game and cultural fandom! Here's a warning: dad jokes aplenty!

Learn the Business of Voice Acting with David Vincent

It's called Show "Business" for a reason! David Vincent shares important insider tips and advice for beginning a career in entertainment and voiceover. And most importantly... how to treat your entertainment career as a business and have fun too.

GUEST & INDUSTRY PANELS

No Means No! Self-Defense for Anime Fans with Samurai Dan and Jillian

NO means NO! Saying it is good. Enforcing it is better. Women (and men) have a right to their own personal space and safety, and when unpleasantness occurs, it's nice to be able to protect oneself. Come learn easy, simple but very effective techniques from Samurai Dan's overenthusiastic partner Jillian that will make your con experiences safer and more enjoyable (for you, at least!).

So You Wanna Publish Your Book? with Kieran Strange and Kit Watson

Have you ever dreamed of launching your own writing? Join two successful indie writers to learn tricks of the self-publishing industry. Pop-punk musician and LGBTQ+ activist Kieran Strange will discuss the release of his debut M/M urban sci-fi thriller *BLACK TIE: Book One of the Sparrow Archives*. He's joined by manager and indie author Kit Watson, whose most recent release *PHOENIXCRY* (a reverse harem romance written under the alias KT Strange) debuted in the Top 600 books on Amazon and has five-star review ratings on both Goodreads and Amazon.

VA Auditions with Joel McDonald

Getting an audition for voiceover work can be really hard, but at Colorado Anime Fest, it's really easy! Come try your hand at creating a character and showing off your skills for Joel McDonald, professional voice actor, head of production for voiceover and narration at Gearbox, and former ADR director of *Funimation*. Don't let your big break pass you by!

Women in Anime & Video Games with Cassandra Lee Morris, Erica Lindbeck, and Amanda C. Miller

Meet the amazing women voice actors from your favorite anime and video games. Cassandra Lee Morris, Erica Lindbeck, and Amanda Miller will answer your questions about what it's like to be a woman in the industry. From voicing badass girls to tsunderes, creatures, and, yes, even boys—these women have some incredible stories to tell.

SUNDAY

Akita: National Treasure of Japan with Samurai Dan and Jillian

Come meet Kiba, the adorable star of *Samurai Dan's* entire act! Feed the puppy, pet the puppy, and take pictures of the puppy while Lady Jillian discusses the famous breed and hosts Q&A. Treats for Kiba provided.

David Vincent's Voice Acting Tryouts

Total audience participation! Show off your voice acting talent! You could win autographed posters and even a personal one-on-one Skype session with David Vincent himself with guidance to help launch your voice acting career! David will give insider tips and professional techniques for the world of voice acting, and will put your voice acting talent to the test! Prepare to participate in the most hilarious and informative panel of the weekend!

Greggo's Game Shows: Face Off

Five players participate in a visual quiz, answering questions based on faces seen on our giant game board. We eliminate a contestant each round until we get to the two competitors for our Final Face Off for a chance at the grand prize! Do you know your anime faces? This is the game for you!

Sailor Moon with Amanda C. Miller

Join Amanda Miller, voice of Sailor Jupiter in the Viz Media dub of *Sailor Moon*, as she talks about the iconic anime series.

Samurai Sword Class with Samurai Dan and Jillian

Not a boffer class! Real Samurai Sword moves and concepts taught by a professional swordsman to con-goers.

The Super-Duper LGBTQ+/SAGA Panel:

Allies Welcome! with Kieran Strange

LGBTQ+ issues, nerd culture, and the convention scene have been likely partners for many years now. Kieran's panel of queer- and ally-identifying hosts will guide a thoughtful, tolerant, and open-minded discussion on non-heteronormative characters and themes, safety and inclusion at conventions, and how we have possibly used fanworks to explore our own genders and sexualities. Just call us Queer Geeks Anonymous.

JAPANESE CULTURE 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 18th Annual CDBF will be held July 28-29 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 Anime Tent presented by Colorado Anime Fest.

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival / Colorado Dragon Film Festival

Sara Moore, executive director of Dragon 5280, the non-profit parent of both the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival and the Colorado Dragon Film Festival, will talk about the history and future of the event, including this summer's 18th annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, which will once again feature COAF's Anime Tent!

Japan America Society of Colorado

JASC is Denver's long-standing bridge between Colorado and Japan. The organization boasts 400 members spanning the Japanese community, business contacts, and educators working to create closer cultural and economic ties across the Pacific. JASC's Diek Eccles returns to COAF for the third year, giving an interactive lesson about Japan and Japanese culture using clothing, objects, and artifacts.

Japan Exchange and Teaching (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!

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Japanese American Association of Colorado

Calvin Hada and members of JAAC will talk about the history of the oldest organization of Japanese in the Denver area, which celebrated its 100th birthday last year. The organization is an important resource for Japanese and Japanese Americans in the area, and sponsors a fun community picnic that's free and open to all every summer.

Japanese Food in America: A Tasty History

Not so long ago, sushi was considered "gross" and "weird" by many Americans. Today, all kinds of sushi are available even at supermarkets, and many people eat sushi every week. Gil Asakawa will talk about the evolution of Japanese food in America, and discuss the next wave of Japanese cuisine now enjoying popularity in Denver: ramen (hint—a lot of the ramen available in the area sucks!).

On "Being Japanese American": A Reading and Personal Journey

Gil Asakawa talks about growing up in Japan as a military brat kid and moving to the US and embracing American pop culture. He'll read from his book, "Being Japanese American," and talk about the history of Japanese in the US.

One World Taiko

One World Taiko is a professional Japanese drum ensemble that incorporates dynamic movement and rhythmic grooves with heart-pounding percussion. Based in Denver, they have toured the world. One World Taiko will be performing during Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

JAPANESE CULTURE TRACK

Sakura Chorus Mile High

Sakura Chorus Mile High is a choir, singing in Japanese. Their debut in 2016 was during an event marking the fifth anniversary of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, tsunami, and Fukushima nuclear disaster. Since then, the group has performed at various community events including Denver's annual "Kohaku Uta Gassen" Japanese singing competition. Sakura Chorus Mile High will be performing during the halftime show at the Costume and Cosplay Contest.

Takayama Sister Cities

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 from Denver to Takayama, a small beautiful city in the "Japanese Alps." Takayama Sister Cities holds various events throughout the year. Let Steve Comstock and his volunteers show you some of the great memories from past trips to Takayama, and tell you about opportunities to go on an upcoming exchange trip!

The History of Japanese and Asians in the US

Gil Asakawa will discuss the history of Asians in America including immigration from Japan, and cover the trials and tribulations of being a minority of color in our country, leading to today's explosion of progress for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in pop culture from TV and movies to commercials.

The Tragedy of Japanese American Incarceration During WWII (Can It Happen Again?)

Gil Asakawa, the author of "Being Japanese American," explains the history of racism that led to the World War II incarceration of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry in American concentration camps, including Amache, the camp in southeast Colorado. And he'll pose a question: can this happen again, to Muslims or Latinos?



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FRIDAY

2D to Real Life: The Shaping of Cosplay

Take your cosplay beyond simple fabric sewing! Learn about a variety of materials and sewing techniques to bring the shape of your favorite characters off the screen or page and onto the con floor. Join Zenko.Akko Cosplay as they share the basics of creating shape and examples of making the impossible possible—from floating sleeves to giant fox tails, huge collars to crazy skirts. Bring your cosplay from 2D to real life!

Anime and Black Culture

Since the occupation of Japan after WWII, there have been many inroads between the culture of black Americans and that of the Japanese. The proliferation of hip hop and an increasingly globalized world has prompted a conversation between black arts and anime. And while it hasn't always been perfect (think Mr. Popo from DBZ), anime speaks to narratives of personal and spiritual empowerment that have long been a part of African diasporic folklore.

Anime Scene It

Get ready for a third year of everyone's favorite fan panel game show! Anime Scene It offers family-friendly entertainment. Sixteen players square off into four teams to duel it out over three rounds of anime knowledge. This game will leave you talking long after the con is over.

Anthropology of Hentai, Part 2: We're At It Again (18+)

This panel approaches hentai from an academic perspective, but adds in plenty of comedic value. This includes looking at hentai aesthetics through a professional visual culture lens, particularly when dissecting tropes like prescribed masculinity and a Japanese obsession with neotenic ideals. This panel will also feature a breakdown of Japanese history (particularly in the late Taisho period) that led to stylized animations overtaking recorded film in popularity.

Bing-OH! (18+)

Shojou, Shounen, and Swag... oh my! Bring all of your luck (and all of your friends!) to play many rounds of Bingo and you just may be lucky enough to take home some sexy new prizes... And even if you don't manage to get five in a row, your eyes will still be winning some "bare" prizes of their own. B, I, N, G... Oh!

Buddhist Symbolism in No Game No Life

This panel will examine Buddhist themes, concepts, and symbolism present in the anime No Game No Life. Explore how Buddhist thought can inform a viewing of the anime or a reading of the manga.

Colorado BJD Meetup

Meetup panel for ball jointed doll (BJD) collectors, hosted by COBJD. All are welcome!

Cospaws: Cosplay With 4 Paws

Cospaws (cosplay with four paws) is a cosplay group and non-profit for service animals and companion pets. Created by two service dog handlers, it educates the public about service dogs and disabilities within the cosplay community in a fun and entertaining way. In this panel, not only will you be able to meet the advocates (cosplaying service animals), you'll be able to win prizes during the pop quiz at the end of the panel.

Cosplay Your Way: Different Ways to Purchase Cosplay

There are so many ways to cosplay, whether you make, buy, or commission them. But what are the benefits to each approach? Come learn about the pros and cons of different methods of cosplay. And remember, there's no wrong way to cosplay!

Feet to Fins: Intro to Mermaid Cosplay

Take your cosplay underwater! If you've ever wanted to be a mermaid or merman, this is the panel for you. Learn the ins and outs of mermaiding, the challenges water adds to cosplay, and, most importantly, how to be SAFE!

From Anime to K-Dramas and Idols

From the opening songs to even the live adaptations of certain anime/manga, there's nothing this panel won't cover. Come see clips from some of your favorite K-drama scenes and compare K-pop idols to their possible anime doppelgangers.

Hentai Readings (18+)

Everyone loves a good hentai (unless, of course, you don't!) And you want to see all your favorite and enthralling hentai brought to life, right? Your crazy friends at HorseDeer have gathered some of the most entertaining hentai mangas they could find and they'll be the voices of the characters. Witness some charming (horrifying?)...

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(cont'd) hentai manga slideshows, that will be read, interpreted, or even... ummm... "translated." (Contains yaoi, yuri, and hentai content.)

Horror and Anime (18+)

Explore the different sub-genres of horror—slasher, psychological, etc.—and the popular anime that belong to them.

Matsumoto's Futuristic Myth

After seven decades, mangaka Leiji Matsumoto, creator of Captain Harlock, Space Battleship Yamato, and many other iconic titles, is more popular than ever. By blending of genres, from fairy tales to space operas, Matsumoto has created his own mythology. This panel will explore the "Leijiverse" as modern myth.

Modern and Ancient Witchcraft Meets Fullmetal Alchemist (18+)

How does Fullmetal Alchemist relate to modern and ancient witchcraft? Many of the symbols and alchemy in Fullmetal represent real symbology from Greek and Celtic history. These symbols are used today to celebrate modern and ancient Pagan and Wiccan rituals. This panel will explain the art of tarot cards, crystal work, spell casting, and potion-making throughout Fullmetal Alchemist and compare it to the way witchcraft is used today. Everyone will have the chance to participate in a drum circle and Pagan ritual, as well as make their own potion and feel the power of crystal healing.

Murder Mystery Pub

Everyone loves a good mystery, but how good are you at solving one? Well here's your chance to test your skills at deduction. There's a murder in the local pub and it's up to you to catch the murderer before they strike again. Look at the clues, talk to the pub patrons, and solve the mystery like the great detective that you are. (Prizes, fun, and interaction for all.)

Pick Your Fighter: RWBY Edition!

Venture into the world of remnant to help your favorite RWBY characters win a turn based fight! Choose between team RWBY, JNPR, the villains, and the supporting characters. Guide them to victory with sheer wit and luck. Along with all the action, you have the chance to win RWBY-related gifts hand-picked by the cast!

Prop and Costume Lighting

Take your props and costumes from good to WOW! Learn about adding LEDs and other lighting to your pieces to take it to the next level. This panel will cover as much as possible, from simple individual LEDs up to programmable strings for extraordinary effects.

Reading and Understanding Commercial Patterns

Have you purchased a commercial pattern and found yourself confused on the directions, measurements, or just how to fold and store a pattern after use? Spend an hour learning how to decipher the information on commercial patterns and start whipping out cosplays with ease.

Roast My Waifu/Husbando (18+)

The minds behind the acclaimed "Roast My Waifu/Husbando!!" panels are back, improved and better than ever! Join the panelists as they ridicule your most cherished imaginary significant others. Dakis and plushies are highly encouraged!

The Late Shoe (18+)

Presented by Super Happy Otaku Entertainment, the audience-guided Late Shoe will present a variety showcase of staged games proving just how bizarre it is to be an anime fan.

Under Where? Under There! (18+)

That's right, UNDERWEAR!! Talk about different undergarments and how they can enhance (or UNDERmine) your cosplay!

SATURDAY

Advanced Painting Techniques

Come learn the fine art of advanced painting techniques. Learn how to go beyond spray cans and brush paints! Airbrushing, automotive paints, shading, layered weathering, and maybe more!

An Otaku's Guide to Shinto and Buddhism

Just as Western religion and mythology informs Western popular culture in a variety of ways, Shinto and Buddhist belief systems and thoughts inform anime and video games produced in Japan. This panel will provide a brief overview of the two major belief systems in Japan and cover their influence over Japanese popular culture.

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Closet Cosplay

"Closet Cosplay" —the art of transforming normal items into a cosplay. Short on time? Low on money? Just HATE sewing? Closet Cosplay is a great alternative to creating costumes from scratch. Come learn tips and tricks to turn your closet into your cosplay!

Convention Horror Stories

Come hear some of the cringiest, most horrifying stories about convention hijinks and shenanigans you'll ever be told... and share your own!

Cosplay Cabaret (18+)

Come be entertained by a night of cabaret with Denver's drag queens, burlesque performers, and performance artists! Dancing, singing, and games! Your entertainers will be performing as some of your favorite anime and video game characters, and there's a little something here for everyone. See you at the Cabaret Cosplay!

Elfquest Fan Panel

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Wendy and Richard Pini's Elfquest, one of the seminal independent comics and the first major American comic inspired by manga. With this four-decade-long epic storyline wrapping up in February, gather to celebrate Elfquest and its influence.

Finished, Not Perfect

Artists are always self-critical, sometimes to the point where they no longer make the pieces of art they love. How can you change that? Come find out.

Geeky Improv Games

Improv is at its best with fun people and cosplays involved. Join us and improvise games such as bus stop, ninja, etc.

Getting Into Character

Ever feel like your cosplay is missing something? Want to go the extra mile? Do you look up to cosplayers that act like the character, or make skits for YouTube? Come join Zekt Kai and Flicker and learn the secrets to slipping into character!

With lots of hands on games and activities to give you the experience you need! This is a safe space to explore and experiment. You may even win a prize!

Hentai Mad Libs (18+)

Lewd anime meets improv. Through audience participation, this panel builds a blind hentai script for two (or more) "lucky" audience members to voice out. Hilarity will ensue!

History of Hentai (18+)

Tentacles, loli, and jiggle-physics, oh my! Discuss the history and origins of the art of visual erotica in Japan, as well Japan's cultural and societal views of sex and sexuality.

Is it Trash or Treasure? (18+)

Join The Doug from the "Roast Your Waifu" panel as three series from a pre-chosen theme are put on the chopping block to see if they're worth their weight in gold or worth less than the words used to describe them. Then you'll get a chance to either defend their honor or proclaim your agreement.

Japanese Myth and Media

Japanese myths have an outsized influence on popular Japanese media, and this panel your primer to the world of Japanese mythology. It will cover common stories, themes, monsters, and creatures of Japanese mythology, with examples of their use in media.

K-Pop/J-Pop Random Dance Game

Come join in on an hour of great music and dancing by playing the Random Dance Game to some classic K-pop and J-pop hits! Listen to snippets of music back to back and if you know the dance, jump in! Everyone is invited to express their passion through movement and get some energy out!

Level Me Up! Turning Your Hobby Into a Business

Level me up! This panel will cover some of the things fledgling artists, prop-makers, professional cosplayers, and others need to know about starting their own business! With topics such as market research, the unique opportunities and challenges of turning your passion into a business, copyright issues, the steps to take when starting a business, and more. Learn how to successfully turn your hobby into a business!

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Livin' La Vida Broke-a: A Cheap Cosplayer's Guide

Let's face it, cosplay is hell expensive. Come gather some tips, tricks, and advice for the cosplayer living on a budget of hot glue and desperation. So get your coin jars and leave your wallets in your room because this panel will have you looking good and still leave you with enough money for that waifu figurine you've been eyeing.

Lunar Guard Bully Awareness Association

The LGBAA works to help support the community by teaching them the tools they can use to prevent the bullying of those who enjoy pop culture. Come learn how they strive to educate about bullying and preventative measures through communication, positive interactions, and understanding!

Murder Mystery Clue

Ever played the board game Clue? Ever wanted to solve a mystery? Welcome to Clue with an anime twist! Here you'll search for cards scavenger-hunt style to figure out who the murderer is, what weapon they used, and the purpose behind the murder. Enjoy a fun, exciting, adventurous time of searching for clues to discover the answer to the question: WHODUNNIT?

Telling a Story in Fabric: Choosing Materials, Patterns, and Techniques in Cosplay

What world does your character live in? What time period? How about the character's status, vibe, or personal goals? Tell it all with the materials, patterns, and techniques you choose for your cosplay! Join Zenko.Akko Cosplay as they walk through their processes for making these choices—from fabric types to historical references, sewing techniques to detailing. Bring your cosplay to life and let it tell a story!

The Darkside of the Spandex: The Evils of Sentai and Kamen Rider

Do you like Sentai and Kamen Rider? Do you like villains? If you answered yes to either of these, this is the panel for you! Come and listen to ramblings about the evil villains who battle spandex-wearing super heroes. See a variety of clips that revolve around several of the villains found in various Tokusatsu series such as the Neiji Rangers and Kamen Rider Ouja, while also having fun.

The Films of Akira Kurosawa

A discussion covering a selection of the cinematic works of acclaimed Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa.

Visual Novels, Eroge, and You! (18+)

What's a "nukige?" Come discuss visual novel terms and genres while diving into some good recommendations. This panel will also touch on how to support the visual novel industry. If you're new or interested in VNs, eroge, and dating sims, this is the panel for you!

Yay Happy Fun Time Super Japanese Game Show!

This panel is hard to describe because you never know what's going to happen with this game show. What can be said for certain is that 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.

You Don't Know Anime

For the second year running, this fan-made game show based after the popular game You Don't Know Jack runs four players through a round of 10 questions. Then players get switched up and go another round!

Yummy Yaoi, Yummy Yuri (18+)

Are you a pervert? If you answered "no," you're lying, so just succumb to temptation. Don't just talk the yaoi/yuri talk, walk the yaoi/yuri walk (or dance, or lick, or... corn... whatever comes up). This panel is filled with yaoi and yuri themed games, stories, jokes, and entertainment. So get ready and put on your dirtiest mind, and come play for the win at Yummy Yaoi Yummy Yuri.

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SUNDAY

AMV Wake Up

Come wake up to one hour of the hottest AMVs on the web. Guaranteed to wake you up and get you motivated to do the things! Brought to you by the group that makes Anime Scene It and You Don't Know Anime!

Bootlegs 101

COAF is passionate about supporting the anime industry. Come join a panel of experts to discuss how to spot, stop, and report unlicensed and unlawful merchandise. Wondering if something you own is legitimate? Bring it and ask! We'll also have examples to examine for clues.

Cosplay Photography: How Not to Break Your Legs

Posing for pictures can be one of the hardest parts of cosplay—in this panel, you'll learn the ins and outs, the dos and don'ts of posing, whether it be in a hallway or for a photoshoot.

Fate Lore Abridged: The Ridiculous Tale of Camelot

YouTube personality OtakuDaiKun takes you through the story of Artoria and Camelot as part of a comedic puppet show. The lore of Fate/Stay Night is conveyed through silly parody as a celebration of some of anime's most endearing characters.

Wigs: From the Basics to Modifications

Are you new to wigs or need a refresher course on basic wig information? How about knowing the basics, but want to step into more advanced styles? Spend the next 90 minutes learning everything from where to order and how to care, to how to cut, sew, and dye wig fibers! This panel will have a short break between the basics and advanced information for questions then another Q&A after the advance techniques for more questions.



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ANIME BAR (TELLURIDE B)



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Denver's original anime bar, featuring a custom drink menu designed around our Guests of Honor. Cash and credit cards are accepted. You must be 21+ to enter, so have your ID ready.

Late Saturday night, join **Kieran Strange** and **WE ARE THE CHAOS** for a bawdy British sing-a-long acoustic show!

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CHARITY

Last year, the Colorado convention community lost someone very special. **Ben Bullock** (known to the public as **DJ Bullock**) was a dedicated staff member of multiple conventions for nearly two decades. He was a part of COAF from the start, and the convention wouldn't be the success it is today without his quiet, selfless expertise. We'll never forget him and we strive every day to be an event he would've been proud of.

This year, in collaboration with the Bullock family, we've chosen our charity in his honor. Denver-based **Youth on Record** is a powerful example of what's possible when musicians and community leaders band together around a common cause: ensuring students graduate from high school. They believe that young people who are at-risk or written-off have the potential to turn their lives around. Youth on Record helps Colorado's underserved youth achieve their academic, artistic, and personal best by employing local, professional musical artists as their educators.

Check out our charity booth and charity auction for one-of-a-kind autographed keepsakes and frequent raffles. From rare anime production cels and sketches to signed wall scrolls and prints, you won't find items like these anywhere else.

The Charity Booth is located in the Vendors' Hall.
Charity Auction: Sunday March 25, 3:30 PM - Main Events



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Established in 2014, Kirei Cosplay Café is an Albuquerque-based cosplay group and cafe and we're excited to bring them back to host 11 all-ages sessions this weekend. With a different theme each day—Tokyo Mew Mew on Friday, Overwatch on Saturday, and Inuyasha on Sunday—there's something for everybody. (Or attend all three!)

Tickets are available for purchase at the Merchandise table (near Registration) in the hotel lobby. All sessions throughout the weekend are one hour long. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$15 per person. Get your tickets early, space is limited!

Session times:

Friday: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Saturday: 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM
5:30 PM, 10:30 PM

Sunday: 12:30 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:30 PM



MANGA LIBRARY (SNOWMASS)

The only manga library at a Colorado convention, our collection of nearly 600 volumes of manga has all your current favorites and all the favorites you didn't know you had yet. Check your bags on the way in, take a load off, grab some manga, and dive into another world.

QUIET ROOM (BRECKENRIDGE)

With all the excitement of the convention, sometimes the thing you need the most is to get away from it all. There's no talking allowed in our quiet room, so it's the perfect place to go when you need to decompress.

PHOTO SHOOTS (WINTER PARK)

Need a place to meet up and take photos with your friends? Featuring two professional lighting and backdrop setups, our Photo Shoot room is waiting to help show off your cosplays. First-come first-served. COAF organizes group photoshoots and meetups ahead of time. Check the convention schedule for times and locations.

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Where else but the tabletop gaming room can you clear a haunted house or go insane trying, fight giant monsters in Tokyo with your own giant monster, build a train route from San Francisco to Miami by way of Chicago, trade your wood for your friend's sheep (or ruin a friendship when they won't accept), capture treasure from a sinking island, sink your friend's battleship, and pit your favorite anime characters against each other and argue your way to victory—all in one afternoon?

If you've got a badge, you've got a ticket to play some of the best tabletop games ever made. Our game room has so many to play, we can't list them all. Stop by and see for yourself! Plus, check the poster outside of the room for our Magic: The Gathering tournament schedule and gathering times for various card games.

VIDEO ROOM (CLEAR CREEK)

Watch a mix of dubbed and subtitled anime with your friends on the big screen, featuring full HD video and surround sound. We show a variety of titles, from the classics to new releases, so join us as we show the anime you love and the anime you're about to fall in love with.

And late each night, we put on something a little more comfortable and show hentai, so have your ID at the ready for some 18+ entertainment.



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VIDEO GAMING (ASPEN)

Last year, we partnered with **Boss Stage Arcade & Anime** and **Arcadency** to create a type of video game room new to Denver conventions by bringing over a dozen arcade machines to Colorado Anime Fest. This year, not only are they back, they've hit the turbo button and brought 18 arcade machines to COAF!

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT COAF 2018:

Consoles

Wii U, Xbox One, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, and PlayStation 3

Music Games

Dance Dance Revolution (EXTREME and SuperNOVA2), In the Groove, Pump It Up Prime, Jubeat (x2), Taiko No Tatsujin, Pop'n Music, Reflec Beat, and Project Diva Future Tone

Other Arcade Games

Steel Chronicle VICTROOPERS (x2), Puzzles and Dragons (x2), Left 4 Dead Arcade, House of the Dead, Aero Fighters, Fist of the North Star, and Neo Geo

All games in the VGR are free to play for anyone with a Colorado Anime Fest badge, so join us all weekend long for open play and tournaments (the tournament schedule is posted in the VGR) and get your game on!



ARTISTS' ALLEY (BALLROOM PREFUNCTION)

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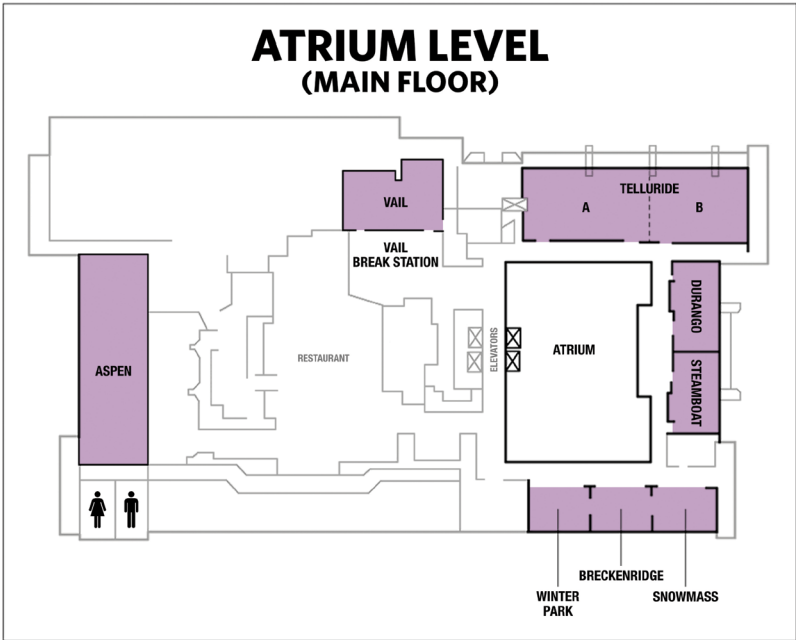
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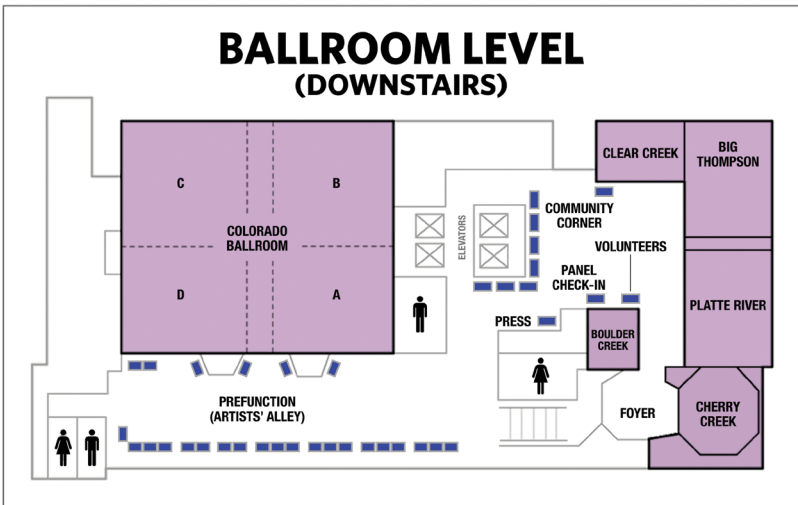
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