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Cover Art by Elaine Kao
Winner of the ViGuy Art Contest - Judge’s Choice

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Program at a Glance

10:00 am	Exhibits and Food Court Opens
10:00 am—12:00 (Room 4)	Cosplay Pre-Judging
10:30 am—5:00 pm Games Room	Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament <i>Cash Prizes to be won as well as the glory of superiority</i>
10:30 am—5:00 pm Games Room	Board Game Tournament <i>“Tiny Epic Tourny”</i>
12:00 pm Media Centre	Kids Cosplay Meet Up For all kids to get their pictures taken and have some fun
12:15—1:00 pm Charlie White Theatre	PANEL—Behind the Lens: Working in TV & Film Joshua Allison: Costumer, Yvett Andre: Art Director, Terry Lewis: Set Decorator, and William Robson: Assistant Director
1:00 pm Memorial Fountain	Spider-Verse Meet Up <i>Calling all webslingers in the multi-verse to come together!</i>
1:15—2:00 pm Charlie White Theatre	PANEL - A Mixed Pallet With artists Ken Steacy, Renee Nault & Taran Fiddler
2:15—3:45 Charlie White Theatre	PANEL—Into the Spider-Verse with Nick Kondo Artist/Senior Animator Sony Pictures Imageworks
4:00—4:45 Charlie White Theatre	PANELS—Blue Crew at Van Isle Con 2 Blue Rangers—Blake Foster: Power Rangers Turbo and Michael Copon: Power Rangers Time Force
5:00 pm Memorial Fountain	General Cosplay Meet Up <i>A coming together of all cosplay for an epic photo shoot!</i>
6:00 pm to close Charlie White Theatre	Cosplay Show and Contest Live music by Pixelburn

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Food Court

Located behind the building on the patio.

Island Culinary: delicious homemade burgers, salmon, lamb, smokies & more

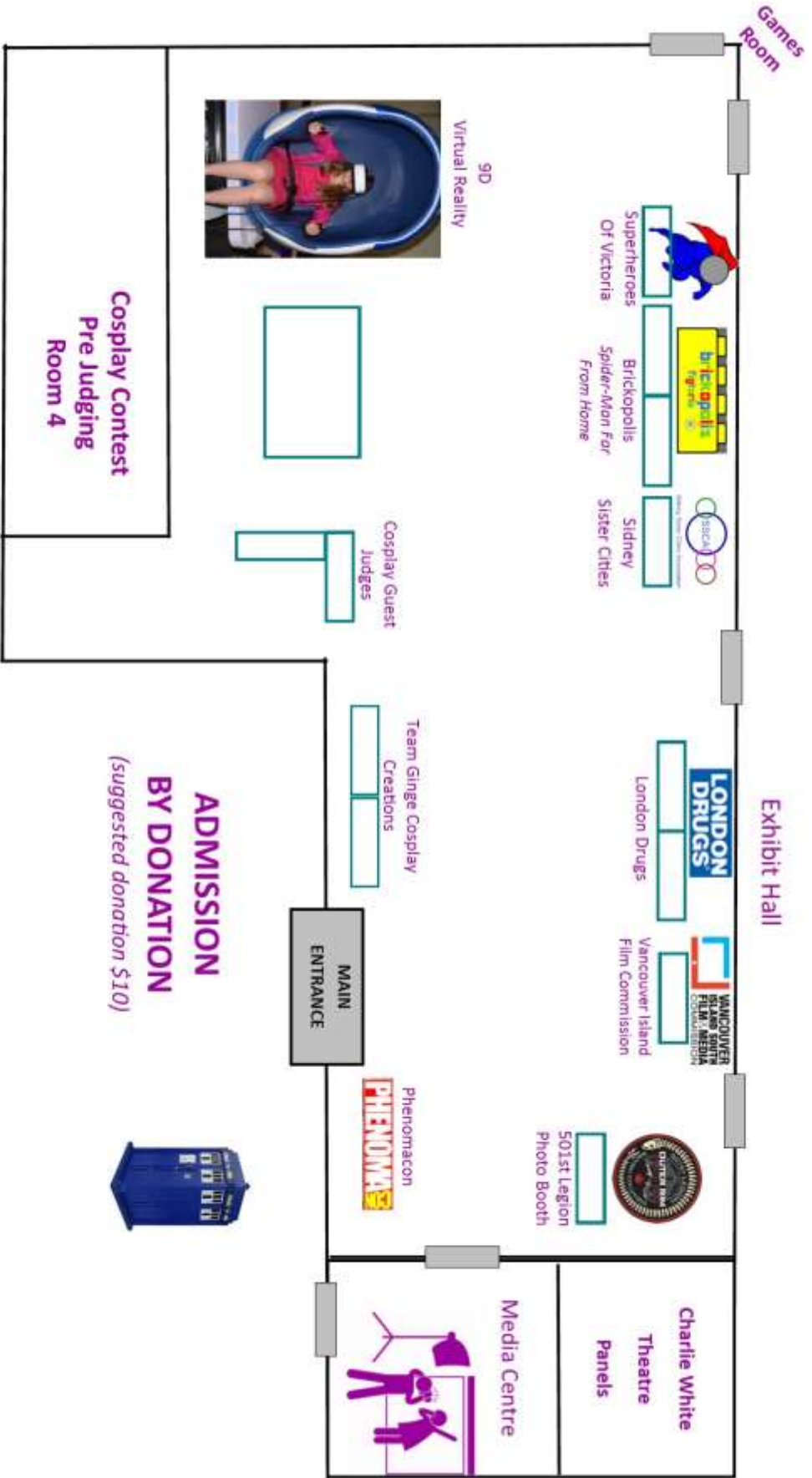
Mama Rosie's: the best Filipino food on the Island

Donut Delights: fresh, sweet mini donuts



Check out Sidney: Don't see what you want in the food court? Take a short walk into downtown Sidney for a wide variety of restaurants, cafes and coffee shops.

Attractions Hall



Exhibitors

Artists Alley

7. Annely So
8. Kumo & Yura
9. The Amazon Chronical
10. Lungless
11. Honey Sips
12. Hangman Comics
13. Sun Khamunaki
14. Grumpy Cartoonist
15. Scarlett Art
16. Karen Gillmore
17. Whitney Gardner
18. Rock Paper Cynic
19. Starberry
20. Bryce Knudtson
21. MAOMAODRAWS
22. Jeremy Simser
23. Rachel Smith
24. Dino & Panda
25. B. Brophy / A.D. Greenlees

Guest Artists

46. Comosun College Students
47. Ken Steacy
48. Taran Fiddler
49. Renee Nault

Exhibitors

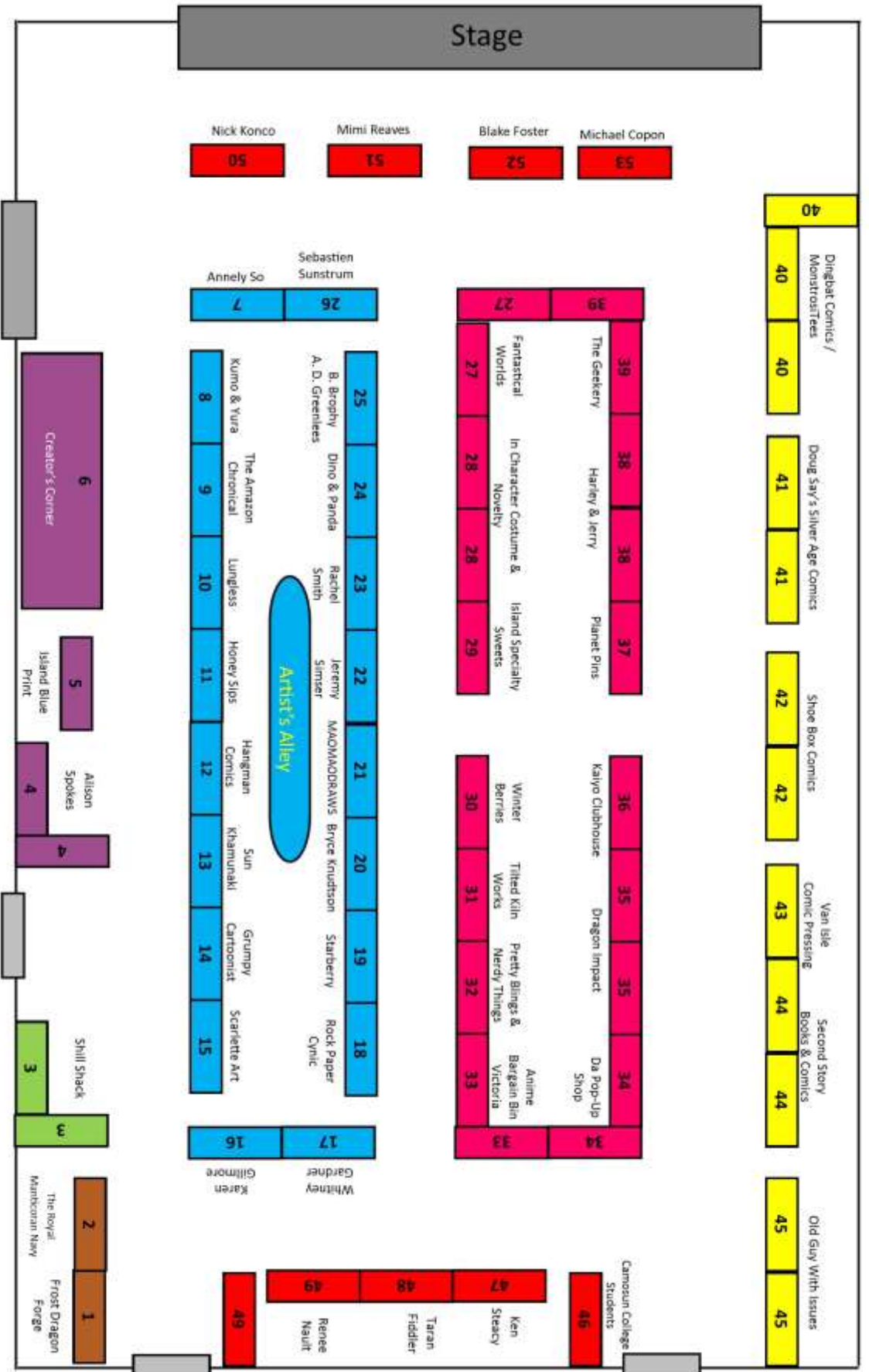
27. Fantastical Worlds
28. In Character Costume & Novelty
29. Island Specialty Sweets
30. Winter Berries
31. Tilted Kiln Works
32. Pretty Blings & Nerdy Things
33. Anime Bargain Bin Victoria
34. Da Pop-Up Shop
35. Dragon Impact
36. Kaiyo Clubhouse
37. Planet Pins
38. Harley & Jerry
39. The Geekery
40. Dingbat Comics / MonstrosiTees
41. Doug Say's Silver Age Comics
42. Shoe Box Comics
43. Van Isle Comic Pressing
44. Second Story Books & Comics
45. Old Guy With Issues

Special Guests

50. Nick Kondo
51. Mimi Reaves
52. Blake Foster
53. Michael Copon



Exhibit Hall



Panel - Behind the Lens

12:15 - 1:00 pm Charlie White Theatre

Have you ever thought about working in the film or TV industry? Or, do you just love television and movies, and want to know more about how your favourite shows are made. Here is your chance to find out about the many and varied careers available and what goes on behind the lens. Our 4 guest panelists will share their experience and expertise with you and you will have a chance to interact with all of them after the panel.



Joshua Allison
Costumer

Joshua has been working as a costumer in film and TV since 2016. During this time, he has worked on numerous TV shows and films including the upcoming Apple original series "See", starring Jason Momoa. He has also costumed for shows such as Arrow, Supergirl, Travelers, Charmed, The 100, Riverdale, and Once Upon a Time, to name just a few.



Yvette André
Art Director

Yvette has a 25-year career in International Museum Exhibit Design and Fabrication, and holds a Visual Arts diploma. In addition to her love of the arts, she is a passionate Martial Artist and business owner/head instructor of Sixth Sense Self Defense. Her Recent film credits include Limetown and the popular Riverdale.



Terry Lewis
Set Decorator

Terry is a 30 year veteran of the West Coast film industry.

He has lent his skills to both big budget Hollywood blockbusters, and smaller TV productions. His credits include some of cinemas biggest pop culture films such as Deadpool 2, Star Trek 3, and the Planet of the Apes trilogy. His work in episodic television brought him 2 daytime Emmy nominations.



William Robson - Assistant Director

William holds a BBA in Marketing and has 4 years' experience working as a Conference Producer in places like Dubai. William is currently an Assistant Director of the hit TV series *The Chilling Adventure of Sabrina*.

Panel - A Mixed Palette

1:15 - 2:00 pm Charlie White Theatre

Three talented artists, with different styles, and at different stages in their careers will come together to share their experiences and stories working in the art world. Find out what it's like to collaborate with a writer the likes of Canada's famous author Margaret Atwood, or, work as a freelance artist. Learn from both industry veterans and up and coming creators.

This panel includes:

- ◆ Veteran comic book legend, Ken Steacy, who began his career in the 1970's and has several decades' experience working for some of the biggest comic book publishers in the industry.
- ◆ Renee Nault, Victoria's rising star who has just published the graphic novel rendition of Margaret Atwood's Handmaids Tale in collaboration with the great author herself.
- ◆ And up-and-coming freelance concept artist Taran Fiddler, with a style that is powerful and captivating.

This diverse cast of panelists will thrill the average art lover as well as engage and inspire artists who are working to get their careers started.



Ken Steacy
War Bears



Renee Nault
Handmaid's Tale



Taran Fiddler
Resurrected Creatuinary
Dragons!

Keynote - Into the Spider-Verse

2:15 - 3:45 pm Charlie White Theatre



Keynote Speaker - Nick Kondo

The Academy Award-Winning Spider-Man Into The Spider-Verse hit movie theatres in 2018 with a completely new style of animation that brought a comic book to life on the big screen.

Nick Kondo was one of the Artists and Senior Animator for the Sony Pictures Imageworks team that created many of the iconic scenes that became part of this groundbreaking animated feature film.

After working for 15 years in the Seattle-area video game industry in a number of capacities including animation, motion capture, storyboards, camera layout, concept art, marketing, and as a lecturer, Nick transitioned to feature film animation in 2017 with Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.

Join Nick as he walks through some of the techniques that gave the film its unique look from an animation perspective. He'll break down the process of creating some of his most memorable shots and share what it was like to be a part of the team that created the film that won the 2018 Academy Award for Best Animated Feature Film.

You will also have a chance to meet Nick in person at his guest table in the main exhibit hall.

Panel - Blue Crew at Van Isle Con

4:00 - 4:45 pm Charlie White Theatre

Power Rangers Unite!



Join special guests Michael Copon and Blake Foster as they discuss their personal experiences as one of the Blue Rangers from the hit Power Rangers Franchise.

Blake played Blue Ranger, Justin Stewart from 1997 to 1998. He made his debut for the show in the feature-film, *Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie* at the age of 12, making him the first and only pre-teen Power Ranger in history.

Michael played Blue Ranger, Lucas Kendall in *Power Rangers: Time Force* from 2001 to 2002.



ViGuy Art Contest - Judges Choice

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OPUS 131 by Elaine Kao

Elaine's entry "OPUS 131" is a digital painting that took approximately one week to complete. Elaine said that she learned a lot about digital painting through this project. She wanted her characters to collaborate with ViGuy and thought of a String Quartet. She named the piece after one of Beethoven's last string quartets which is considered a very difficult piece because it features 7 movements that are meant to be played with no breaks. Elaine thought that showing off ViGuy's musical side would add a new dimension to our hero.

Elaine Kao is an artist and art and music teacher from Victoria, British Columbia. Dino & Panda, along with their friend Lambie who are included in her piece, are her original characters that are featured in much of her artwork. She loves watercolour, acrylic and layered resin paintings, and building architectural models. She is also passionate about learning languages and aspires to become fluent in ten!

www.dinoandpanda.com



ViGuy Art Contest - Honourable Mention



1. Cursed Coast by Lungless (Arlen Hogarth): Arlen's piece is created with influences by Mike Mignola and Ashley Wood covers. He named it Cursed Coast to give it a pulp adventure comic vibe.
2. The Great Escape by Lawrence Denvir: Lawrence has incorporated so many aspect of Sidney into his piece! From the Sidney by the Sea sign to "Book Town" and the Ferry - it's all Sidney.
3. Le Petite Cosplay by Julien Pilon: Julien captured the spirit/enthusiasm of a child in Cosplay who's all decked out - but it's been a long day and they can't help but yawn. Maybe he needs a bit of a nap before he can keep going!

ViGuy Art Contest - People's Choice




There Is No Glory In Lives Lost by Heidi Roberts

Artist's Statement:

This photo takes place as ViGuy leaves the scene of a hard won battle. He is soaked to the bone and even his blood seems to shiver with cold as he leaves the battlefield. He is grim. Though most of the world is celebrating his triumph, he sees the fight for what it is. He sees the earth broken open, rain falling down like the skies are weeping. He sees the homes that were destroyed, the families that will have nowhere to spend the night. But most of all he truly understands that despite the win- there is no glory in lives lost- Even when the victims are villains.

This painting took me longer than anything I've drawn to date. There was something about portraying him with complexity that really ate at me. I loved his bright colors and how he always seemed almost bubbly in photos- jumping/ grinning/ like he knew the world was a dark place but didn't want to show it. The ViGuy that I illustrated is still this same character but I wanted to showcase the feelings behind this change. I picture this battle taking place maybe early on- when he was still coming into himself and learning who he would like to be. I pictured this as an epiphany- a hero who realizes that winning is not always what it's cracked up to be. I really wanted to portray the turmoil inside of him as he walks away from what everyone else considers a victory but for the first time he just can't seem to feel triumph. I wanted to show him changing as he walks home in the dark.



You can see all of the fantastic entries for the ViGuy Art Contest in the display cases outside the main exhibit hall.

Special Guests

Michael Copon



Michael is a multi-talented performer, model and producer who has starred in dozens of TV shows and movies. Some of his movie credits include:

- ◆ Dystopia (TV series in production) - Nicholai
- ◆ The Scorpion King: Rise of the Akkadian - lead role of Mathayus
- ◆ Bring It On: In It to Win It - Penn
- ◆ One Tree Hill - the irrepressible Felix Taggaro
- ◆ Power Rangers Time Force - Blue Ranger Lucas Kendall

Fun Fact: Michael is an accomplished singer! In 2005, he won But Can They Sing? A show which pitted celebrity actors and models in a singing competition.

Blake Foster



Blake is an actor and martial arts master. He holds a black belt and is a three-time martial arts state champion. Some of his credit include:

- ◆ The Brady Bunch in the White House - Peter Brady
- ◆ Kids World - Mitchell
- ◆ Walker, Texas Ranger - Joey Williams
- ◆ Power Rangers in Space (TV Series) Casper Meets Wendy - Josh Jackson
- ◆ Power Rangers Turbo (TV Series)
- ◆ Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie Justin Stewart / Blue Turbo Ranger

Fun Fact: Blake was cast as the Blue Ranger at the age of 12 making him the youngest, and only pre-teen Power Ranger in the history of the franchise.

Special Guests

Nick Kondo



Nick is an artist and senior animator at Sony Pictures Imageworks Studio. He was one of the team that worked on the Oscar winning Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse. Prior to working in film he had a 15 year career in video games. Some of his other credits include:

- ◆ Currently working on The Mitchells vs. the Machines (2020)
- ◆ The Angry Birds Movie 2 (post production)
- ◆ The Lord of the Rings: War in the North (video game)

Fun Fact: The iconic few seconds scene from Spider-Verse where the Spider Gang are hiding from Miles' roommate, took 2 months to complete.

Renee Nault



Renee Nault is an accomplished artist whose ethereal illustrations and watercolours have captured the attention of Canada's famous author Margaret Atwood. Renee has collaborated with Atwood to produce the graphic novel adaptation of the author's renowned Handmaids Tale. Some of her other work includes:

- ◆ Sandpipers - art & writing
- ◆ Zebra - art
- ◆ Witchling

www.reneenault.com

Special Guests

Mimi Reaves



The charming and delightful Mimi Reaves can transform herself from the lovable Mary Poppins, to the dazzling Bell from *Beauty and Beast* or even *Game of Thrones*'s Mother of Dragons, Daenerys Targaryen. As a model, professional seamstress and experienced cosplayer, Mimi builds all of her own costumes paying particular attention to the details of each. She is featured on many websites and has won several awards.

Mimi is the co-founder of the Puttanesca Project, a photo documentation of the Baudelaire Orphans: theputtanescaproject.tumblr.com and the Jolly Holiday Cosplay: www.facebook.com/JollyHolidayCosplay

Ken Steacy



Ken Steacy is Victoria's own legendary comic book artist and writer. He is generous with both his time and knowledge as he shares his work and experience with fans at many local shows as well as internationally.

Ken began his career in comics in 1979. He has since chronicled the exploits of Astro Boy, Iron Man, Harry Potter, and Star Wars to name just a few. He has also collaborated with other writers and most recently completed work with Margaret Atwood on *War Bears*, a 3-issue miniseries published by Dark Horse Comics. The books are purely Canadian and feature fictional stories that

take place during real events that occurred during WWII in Canada.

Ken and his wife Joan co-founded the Comics & Graphic Novels program at Camosun College in Victoria.

Ken is the recipient of an Eisner and an Inkpot award and in 2009 was inducted into the Canadian Comic Book Hall of Fame, a lifetime achievement award for contributions to the industry.

Ask questions, get inspired, enjoy!

New this year in the Exhibit Hall! Stop by the Creator's Corner and watch a variety of super-talented artists at work.

Time	Artist	Medium
10:00 - 11:00 am	Ken Steacy	Marker
10:00 - 11:00 am	Rachel Smith	Acrylic
11:10 - 12:10 pm	Julien Pilon	Pen ink
11:30 - 12:45 pm	Chelsea Sundh	Watercolour
12:20 - 1:20 pm	Mimi Reaves	Embroidery
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Karen Gillmore	Acrylic Gouache
1:30 - 3:30 pm	Christa	SFX make-up
2:30 - 3:30 pm	B. Brophy	1 pg comic
3:45 - 4:45 pm	Joshua Allison & Rae Clarke	The Art of Destruction (costuming for film)
5:00 - 6:00 pm	A. D. Greenlees	Inking
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Elaine Kao	Acrylic



COPLAY MEET UPS

12:00 pm Kids Cosplay at the media banner

For all the kids who have dressed up as their favourite heroes or characters, the spotlight is on YOU!



1:00 pm Into the Spider-Verse Front Entrance

In honour of our keynote speaker, Nick Kondo, we are calling all webslingers from the multi-verse!

4:00 pm General Coplay Memorial Fountain

Coming to the show a little later? Don't fit into the other two categories? We want to see all your amazing work from anime to video games to high fantasy to podcasts.

Attractions



9D Virtual Reality Pods—Experience thrills like rollercoasters, flying, a scenic journey or a space adventure.



Used Victoria's Chill Lounge offers a great place to take a break. Complete with bean bag chairs and a retro Nintendo system,



Superheroes of Victoria props and photo booth



The Doctor is in—Travel through time with the life size T.A.R.D.I.S. designed and built by Holy Cow Communications.



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Jeni Lee Cosplay



Brad Hallok - BH Cosplay



AnyaPanda



**Murray Greissel
Foam Friction**

Cosplay Show & Contest

6:00 pm—Charlie White Theatre

\$1,000 in cash prizes!

An Epic Experience You Won't Want to Miss!

Live music by Pixelburn will provide background music that will add a powerful energy to the show!

Pixelburn is a live musical project that brings together five of the most talented geeks in Victoria's music scene. Assembled specifically for the 3rd Annual Van Isle Comic Con, Pixelburn will provide an epically masterful instrumental background for the Cosplay Contest, breathing life into a handful of well-known selections from movie and video game soundtracks.



2018 Masters



2018 Journeyman



2018 Novice

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- When you get your picture taken with Superheroes of Victoria
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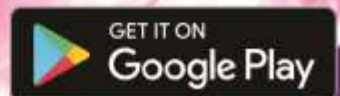


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VIGUY AND HIS FRIENDS

ViGuy is the official mascot and superhero for Van Isle Con. He was created by Josh Kully, Coordinator of the convention. This year, he is joined by his friends who have yet to be named. Stay tuned, keep following our social media and find out who they are.



