

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **Minami Con 2017**

March 3-5, 2017  
Novotel Hotel Southampton  
South Hampton, England  
<http://www.minamicon.org.uk/>

Anime and cosplay convention includes costuming related programming, a cosplay photo shoot, a cosplay parade, a masquerade, and an "Iron Cosplay" competition.

### **VancouFur 2017**

March 9-12, 2017  
Executive Hotel and Conference Center  
Burnaby BC. Canada  
<http://www.vancoufur.org>

VancouFur, Vancouver's first furry convention, is in its third year, striving to educate as well as entertain in the fields of arts, crafts, culture and other aspects of the furry fandom. Includes a costume parade.

### **WonderCon 2017**

March 31-April 2, 2017  
Anaheim Convention Center  
Anaheim, California USA  
<http://www.comic-con.org/wca/>

The biggest stars in the comics world come to Anaheim. Masquerade attracted 2,400 people, 28 entries, and 62 costumes.

### **Monsterpalooza**

April 7-9, 2017  
Pasadena Convention Center  
Pasadena, California USA  
<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/>

The premier convention on the art of the monster. Includes numerous sessions on monster making and

prothetic makeup techniques for costumers.

### **Norwescon 40**

April 13-16, 2017  
SeaTac Washington Doubletree Hotel  
Seattle, Washington USA  
<http://www.norwescon.org/>

Pacific Northwest's premier sci-fi and fantasy convention. Single-pattern contest and masquerade.

### **Swancon 42**

April 13-17 2017  
Metro Hotel Perth  
South Perth, Australia  
<https://2017.swancon.com.au/>

Australia's longest running Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Speculative Fiction Convention and is the premiere event in Perth for fans of all forms of media.

### **Costume-Con 35**

April 20-24 2017  
Hilton Mississauga Meadowvale,  
Mississauga, Ontario Canada  
<http://www.costumecon34.com>

The premier costuming convention of the year features panels, classes, historical and sci-fi/fantasy masquerades, a future fashion folio design contest and other costuming related activities.

### **Gaslight Gathering 7**

May 12-14,, 2017  
Four Points Sheraton  
San Diego, California USA  
<http://www.gaslightgathering.org/>

Southern California's first dedicated Steampunk & Victoriana Convention, features many costuming events, and a Steampunk Grand Tea.

### **Baycon 2017**

May 26-29, 2017  
San Mateo Marriott San Francisco Airport  
San Mateo, California USA  
<http://www.baycon.org/>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with costume panels, and a Masquerade.

### **Anime North 2017**

May 26-28, 2017  
Toronto Congress Center  
Toronto, Ontario CA  
<http://www.animenorth.com/>

One of the 10 biggest anime conventions, includes anime/manga costuming events, plus both skit and costume Masquerades.

### **Balticon 51**

May 2017  
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel  
Baltimore, Maryland USA  
<http://balticon.org/wp50/>

Guests include George R. R. Martin. Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, hall costume contest, and a one of the oldest masquerade balls on the U.S. east coast.

### **Westercon 70**

July 1-4, 2017  
Tempe Mission Palms  
Tempe, Arizona USA  
<http://westercon70.org>

This venerable sci-fi convention features a full costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks, and staged masquerades and other costuming events.

### **Comic-Con International 2017**

July 20-23, 2017



San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California USA  
<http://www.comic-con.org/ccli/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,00 attendees. Masquerade attracted over 10,000 people, 40+ entrants, and 150+ costumes, with presentation, workmanship, and industry awards. If it isn't sold out yet, get your tickets and hotel *now!*

### **Costume College 2017**

July 27-31, 2017  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, California USA  
<http://www.costumecollege.net/>

Five-day educational conference on costuming and clothing, produced by Costumer's Guild West. Didn't inherit tickets? Try anyway: you might get lucky!

### **Worldcon 75**

August 9-13, 2017  
Messukeskus, Helsinki, Finland  
<http://www.worldcon.fi>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. Costuming-related panels and events.

### **DragonCon**

September 1-4, 2017  
Atlanta, Georgia USA  
<http://www.dragoncon.org/>

Multi-media popular culture convention on sci-fi, fantasy, gaming, and comics. Features costuming track, and a plethora of costuming contests.

### **Archon 41**

September 9 – October 1, 2017  
#38 Gateway Center Drive  
Collinsville, Illinois USA  
<http://www.archonstl.org/>

This sci-fi and fantasy convention returns to Collinsville with a full costume masquerade and costume related panels.

### **Convolution 2017**

October 6-9, 2017  
San Ramon Marriott  
San Ramon California USA  
<http://con-volution.com/>

Annual three-day science fiction, fantasy, and media convention featuring guests, performers and vendors from a speculative fiction. Includes costuming related panels and masquerade costume competition.

## **Ongoing Events**

### **Bay Area English Regency Society (BAERS)**

Various San Francisco Bay Area locations  
Numerous dance parties – see their schedule  
<http://www.baers.org/>

Early 19<sup>th</sup> c. English Regency with dances from English Country tradition. Second-Friday dance parties, and fancy-dress balls throughout the year. Period dress admired but not required.

### **Gaskell Occasional Dance Society**

Scottish Rite Tempe  
Oakland, California USA  
<http://www.gaskellball.com/>

Victorian Ballroom dances with live music, and a fancy Victorian dress ball. Semi-formal clothing required. Period formal dress of the 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> century admired but not required.

### **Greater Bay Area Costumers' Guild (GBACG)**

Various San Francisco Bay locations  
Many themed events – see their schedule  
<http://www.gbacg.org/>

For recreational costumers in the SF Bay Area. Activities include workshops, costume salons, a costuming academy and many costumed events.

### **National Civil War Association (NCWA)**

Various Northern California locations  
Many re-enactment and educational events – see their schedule <http://www.ncwa.org/>

The NCWA presents living history for the public in many forms, including military and civilian encampments, battles, and lectures.

### **Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild (PenWAG)**

Campbell Community Center  
Campbell, California USA  
Second Saturday of each month  
<http://www.penwag.org/>

Members embellish garments with machine and hand appliqué, patchwork, fabric painting and dyeing, stenciling and stamping, machine and hand embroidery, beading, and more.

### **Period Events and Entertainment Society (PEERS)**

Masonic Lodge of San Mateo,  
San Mateo, California USA  
Ongoing monthly period dance events

Sponsors events, classes, and living history perform <http://www.peers.org/mances>. Activities include historic dance, drama, music, literature and costume. Period dress admired but not required

## **Editors Note**

Send calendar or ongoing costume-related events to [vc@siwcostumers.org](mailto:vc@siwcostumers.org). Include event name, location, dates, URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities.