

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **Anime USA**

December 8-10 2017  
Washington Marriott Wardman Park  
Washington D.C. USA  
<http://www.animeusa.org/>

Started by fans in 2004, this convention promotes Japanese arts and popular culture. Includes a Masquerade/cosplay competition, hall cosplay, and a hall cosplay contest

### **Further Confusion 2018**

January 11-15 2018  
San Jose Convention Center,  
San Jose Marriott, and San Jose Hilton  
San Jose, California USA  
<http://www.furtherconfusion.org/>

Further Confusion is one of the world's largest anthropomorphic (or "furry") conventions. It features eminent guests, educational panels, and world-class costuming, including a masquerade.

### **RustyCon 33**

January 13-15 2017  
Seattle AirPort Marriott,  
Seattle, Washington USA  
<http://www.rustycon.com>

Science fiction and fantasy convention has multi-track programming, a dealer's room, an art show, and a hospitality room. Includes Costuming Guest of Honor, prop-maker Bill Doran of Punished Props.

### **Arisia 2018**

January 12-15 2018  
Westin Waterfront Boston Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts USA  
<http://www.arisia.org/>

New England's largest and most diverse sci-fi and fantasy convention. Many costuming events including a Masquerade.

### **Gallifrey One 2018**

February 16-18, 2018  
Marriott Los Angeles Airport  
Los Angeles, California USA  
<http://www.gallifreyone.com/>

All things Dr. Who are at this annual convention that hosts stars from the series, along with many costuming events including hall costuming and a costume masquerade.

### **Estrella War XXXIII**

February 20-26, 2018  
Schnepf Farms  
Queen Creek, AZ USA  
<http://estrellawar.org>

Put on by the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), attendees dress in the clothing and armor of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and have the opportunity to take part in activities that feature middle ages style tournaments, arts exhibits, classes, workshops, dancing, feasts, and more.

### **Minami Con 2018**

March 9-11, 2018  
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, and a masquerade,.

### **VancouFur 2018**

March 8-11, 2018  
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 2018**

March 23-25, 2018  
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.

### **Gaslight Gathering 8**

April 6-8, 2018  
Handley Hotel  
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.

### **Monsterpalooza**

April 13-15, 2018  
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 41**

March 29 - April 1, 2017  
SeaTac Washington Doubletree Hotel  
Seattle, Washington USA  
<http://www.norwescon.org/>



Pacific Northwest's premier sci-fi and fantasy convention. Features single-pattern contest and a full masquerade.

### **Swancon 42**

March 28 – April 1 2018

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 36**

May 11-14 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Diego,

Mission Valley, California USA

<http://cc36sandiego.org>

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.

### **Baycon 2018**

May 25-28, 2018

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 2018**

May 26-27, 2018

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 52**

May 25-28, 2018

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

Baltimore, Maryland USA

<http://balticon.org/wp52/>

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

Hyatt Regency in the Denver Tech Center

Denver, Colorado USA

<http://westercon71.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.

## 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 Temple

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)**

Elks Lodge of Alameda,

Alameda, California USA

Many themed events – see their schedule

<http://peersdance.org>

Sponsors events, classes, and living history performances. 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.