

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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.

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Silicon Valley Comic Con

April 6-8, 2018
McEnery Convention Center
San Jose, California USA
<http://www.svcomiccon.com/>

Where entertainment and our electronic worlds intersect. Includes a cosplay contest.

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 71

July 4-8, 2018
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.

CONvergence 20

July 5-8, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Bloomington Minnesota USA

<http://www.convergence-con.org/>

Costuming and cosplay are a corner stone of this convention, includes costuming and couture fashion show and a masquerade costume contest

Comic-Con International 2017

July 19-22, 2018

San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California USA

<http://www.comic-con.org/cci/>

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 2018

July 26-30, 2018

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 76

August 16-20, 2017

McEnery Convention Center
San Jose, California USA

<https://www.worldcon76.org/>

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

DragonCon

October 30 – September 34, 2018

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

October 12-14, 2018

Gateway Convention Center / Double Tree Hotel
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.

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 19th 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 19th- 21st 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. Include event name, location, dates, URL, and brief description highlighting costume-related activities.