

Short Subjects

Costuming at BlizzCon 2010

Leigons of World of Warcraft costumers turn out for the BlizzCon 2010 convention.

Blizzard Entertainment held its annual convention, BlizzCon, on October 22nd and 23rd in Anaheim, California. Over 20,000 fans were in attendance. There was also a “virtual event” where fans could attend via the Internet.



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See TechRepublic's [photo gallery](#) for many more photos of gamers in costume, and their [Geekend](#) blog for more coverage of the convention.

Out of this World SpaceSuits

A Smithsonian Institution book shows real and concept spacesuits in the Air and Space Museum



Highlighting the pressure suits created during the years leading up to the lunar missions and beyond, *Spacesuits* features dramatic photographs of the Smithsonian's collection, as well as never-before-published historical images of spacesuit development and testing

—range-of-motion studies, for example, in which researchers wore spacesuits while playing baseball and football.

The book also includes a group of advanced spacesuits, which, though never used on a mission, are in many respects the most exciting suits ever created. *Spacesuits* provides a behind-the-scenes look at the history of these remarkable creations, including some that have never before been publicly displayed. Order *Spacesuits* from the [Smithsonian Institution Store](#).

“Tron Guy” Banned from Seeing Movie in Costume

A well-known Internet celebrity prevented from seeing the latest installment of the Tron franchise in costume.

Jay Maynard is known to many across the Web as “The Tron Guy.” Maynard became an instant celebrity because of his [web site](#), documenting how he created a version of a costume from *Tron*, complete with elaborate lighting effects. He originally

built the costume for the Penguincon 2004 masquerade.

With the long-awaited release of the sequel, *Tron: Legacy*, you'd think that movie theaters would welcome Maynard to a showing of the movie, especially during a weak holiday movie season.

However, when he attempted to attend a showing in his now famous costume, the management at one Minnesota theater refused to admit him. According to Maynard, the theater “adamantly” insisted that he would not be let into the theater if he wore his Tron suit.

The Internet is still buzzing about the incident, and geeks from Minnesota have



Photo courtesy Jay Maynard.

even [posted apologies](#) to Maynard. In fact [Geek.com](#) blogger John Brownlee has gone so far as to say that, “this is one theater internet nerds should boycott...”

Theatrical Makeup Design Course on DVD

Four-disc set includes basic techniques that costumers can use to enhance their masquerade or hall costume presentation.



Costumer and theatrical instructor Tara Maginnis recently released a four-DVD interactive course on theatrical makeup. Widely known in the costuming community for her [Costumes.org](#) web site, she is also a former theater professor who is now a costume design specialist at Diablo Valley College in California.

Maginnis uses herself as a model, and the demonstrations are directed straight in to the camera. Chapter menus allow viewers to jump to specific points in the lesson, making it easier to review the material. In addition to the building blocks of makeup design, the discs include corrective makeup, aging, hyper-feminine/drag, facial hair, cross-gender, nose/tooth wax, cuts and bruises, kabuki, and animal makeup.

The series is available through Amazon, or directly from the [Theatrical Design](#) web site, which also links to streaming clips from the course.