

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Anime North 2011

May 27-29, 2011

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.

Phoenix Comic-Con 2011

May 26-29, 2011

Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency
Phoenix, Arizona USA

<http://www.phoenixcomiccon.com/>

Guests include Stan Lee and Billy Dee Williams (Star Wars) Numerous panels on costuming, makeup, effects, and cosplay, a costume doll contest, hall costume contest, and a masquerade ball.

Baycon 2011

May 27-30, 2011

Hayatt Santa Clara
Santa Clara, California USA

<http://baycon.org/2011>

The SF Bay Area's largest sci-fi and fantasy convention, with 2,000+ members. Includes costume panels, and a Masquerade.

FanimeCon 2011

May 27-30, 2011

San Jose Convention Center
San Jose, California USA

<http://www.fanime.com/>

One of the 10 biggest anime conventions, includes anime/manga costuming events, plus a costume Masquerade.

Philadelphia Comic-Con

June 17-19, 2011

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

<http://thecombatcon.com/>

This convention features comic and other movie industry events. Features many costumed events including masquerade.

CombatCon

June 24-26, 2011

Las Vegas, Nevada USA

<http://thecombatcon.com/>

This convention and training symposium for stage and screen martial artists and fight choreographers also features a costume contest and fashion show.

Westercon 65

July 1-4, 2011

Fairmont Hotel

San Jose, California USA

<http://www.westercon64.org/>

This venerable sci-fi convention features a full costume masquerade and numerous costuming-related panels and tracks.

Comic-Con International 2011

July 21-24, 2011

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, California USA

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

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,000 attendees. Masquerade attracted over 10,000 people, 43 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 2011

July 29-August 1, 2011

Warner Center Marriott

Woodland Hills, California USA

<http://www.costumecollege.org/>

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

Worldcon: Renovation

August 17-21, 2011

Reno-Sparks Convention Center

Reno, Nevada USA

<http://www.renovationsf.org/>

The catwalk style Masquerade is rivaled only by the Hugo Award Ceremony. This year's masquerade will be run by the dynamic duo of Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley.

CopperCon 31

September 2-5, 2011

Avondale, Arizona USA

<http://www.casfs.org/cucon/>

This regional sci-fi/fantasy convention features vampires, werewolves and daemons. A costume parade on Saturday night features prizes, and includes a Gothic Masked Ball.

DragonCon

September 2-5, 2011

Atlanta, Georgia USA

<http://www.renovationsf.org/>

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

Archon 35

September 30 – October 1, 2011

Doubletree Collinsville

St. Louis, Missouri USA

<http://www.archonstl.org/35/>

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

SteamCon III

October 14-16, 2011
Hyatt Regency Bellevue
Bellevue Washington USA
<http://www.steamcon.org/>

A 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea themed event .celebration and exploration of the briny deep as seen through the imaginative eyes of Victorian science fiction features costume events and a costume parade.

AlbaCon

October 21-30, 2011
Best Western Sovereign Hotel
Albany New York USA
<http://www.albacon.org/>

Weekend gathering of fans and creators of Fiction or Fantasy. Includes hall costuming and a fantasy dance and masquerade.

FaerieCon

November 4-6, 2011
Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn
Baltimore Maryland USA
<http://www.faeriecon.com/>

Celebrating the Magical Life, features the Good Faeries & Bad Faeries Masquerade Ball with a costume competition, hall costuming, and many faerie related costuming panels.

Anime USA

November 18-20, 2011
Hyatt Regency
Arlington Virginia 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

Philcon 2011

November 18-20, 2011
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA
<http://2011.philcon.org/>

Hosted by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, features author Cory Dockorow and artist Boris Vallejo, sci-fi costume panels, and a costume masquerade.

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.

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
<http://www.peers.org/>

Sponsors events, classes, and living history performances. Activities include historic dance, drama, music, literature and costume. Period dress admired but not required

Tech Shop

120 Independence Drive
Menlo Park, CA, USA
Ongoing classes monthly
<http://www.techshop.ws/>

Classes on the shop's computerized embroidery, industrial, and conventional sewing machines, and serger. Also molding, vaccuforming, cutting, and machining classes.

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.