



SEKAICON

2025 PROGRAM GUIDE



A NOTE FROM SEKAI GUILD

Dear Sekai Community,

We are so excited to welcome you to the inaugural Sekaicon! Since Sekai Guild's creation, we have been focused on creating a safe and inclusive space for everyone, with a focus on appreciation and education of other cultures. We are proud to make this goal come to life through Sekaicon this weekend.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have worked with us to make this event a reality. This event would not be possible without the support of our vendors, independent artists, our partner conventions, and other members of the industry. We are also eternally grateful for all of our volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to put on an outstanding show. To our attendees, we are grateful for your support, your trust, and your community.

We look forward to stepping into the world for the first time with all of you by our sides.

Sincerely,
The Sekai Guild Board of Directors



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Sekai Guild's founding members:

Hippie Del Garbino
Sophia Legrand
Meitreyia Mayako
Cody Marcum
Erin Reinhard
Kirsten Reinhard

Cable Rigsby
Rae Rigsby
Michi Stines
Greg Stines
Jeff Stines

Thank you to our Amazing Artists!

Volunteer Badge, Guest Badge - Ann Faris (Pocketbee)
Weekend Badge, Guidebook Cover, Lanyards: Victoria Douglas (blackbit.exe)
Single-Day and Dealer Badge Design: Jin Shim (belli-buttons)
Program Guide: Erin Reinhard

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Sekai Guild strives to keep all our programming as accessible as possible, as everyone deserves the chance to enjoy the amazing world of Anime, Manga, Music, and Pop Culture.

Our accessibility services desk is located directly next to registration. Please visit to request assistance if we can create a more equitable experience for you.

Examples of services we provide include:

- Priority seating
- Wayfinding assistance
- Sensory kits
- ASL interpretation upon request
- Alternate solutions to waiting in lines
- Other accommodations upon request

If you have any questions, concerns or requests, please visit the accessibility desk next to registration, or email accessibility@sekaiguild.org.

NOTES TO REMEMBER

Cosplay is NOT Consent—Sekai Guild does not tolerate harassment of any kind at our events. Do not touch cosplayers without their explicit consent, and if you would like a photo with or of another attendee, always ask for permission first.

Be kind and respectful—we love and appreciate our community and the positivity you all bring to each day we spend at a Sekai event. Please continue to be kind and respectful to yourself, others around you, guests, volunteers, hotel staff, and our beautiful venue!

Take care of yourself and your friends—follow our three S's! Sleep, shower, sustenance! You should be getting plenty of each throughout the event. We know there are so many exciting things to do and see, but please keep safe and healthy while enjoying the event!

DO GOOD—WIN PRIZES

Starting a new convention is hard and expensive! Want to help make our next convention even more amazing while having the chance to win incredible prizes including a 2 night midweek stay at Ravenwood Castle? Stop by the Sekaicon Merchandise Booth to buy tickets! Still need more chances to win cool things? Go to the Extra Life Booth for more raffle opportunities to support Nationwide Children's Hospital!

SPECIAL GUESTS



KRISTEN MCGUIRE

VOICE ACTOR

Kristen McGuire is a professional voice actor, artist, ADR director and script adapter with over 350 credits across anime and video games.

She is most well known for her work as the playable character Kachina in the Natlan region of Genshin Impact, Gemma in Monster Hunter Wilds, Milim Nava in the anime That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime, Akane Kurokawa in Oshi No Ko, Young Vash in TRIGUN STAMPEDE. Isabel Magnolia in Attack on Titan, Ruri in Dr. Stone, Tatami Nakagame in My Hero Academia, Yu in Fire Force, Senko in The Helpful Fox Senko-san, Hinano Kurahashi in Assassination Classroom, Mukuro in Date A Live, Vueko in Made in Abyss, Alice Lendrott in Duke of

Death and His Maid and many more!

She has also provided voices for several video games, including Pirlilika in Disgaea 7,

Biscuit and Rouge in Nikke: Goddess of Victory, Thor in Aether Gazer, Flora in Tiny Tina's Wonderlands, Aeval in Genshin Impact, Fee in Fire Emblem Heroes, and others.

Kristen is also an award-winning anime artist. She draws all of her own autograph prints and offers anime-style caricatures of attendees at conventions.

Anne Yatco is a Filipino American voice actor (and former forensic scientist).

She is most well-known as the English voice of Raiden Shogun in Genshin Impact, Nobara Kugisaki in Jujutsu Kaisen, and Sabine in Miraculous Ladybug.

Anime credits include Pompo the Cinephile, Vampire in the Garden, The Prince of Tennis, Platinum End, Blue Period, Sakugan, To Your Eternity, Beastars, Violet Evergarden: the Movie, The Hidden Dungeon Only I Can Enter, Godzilla Singular Point, Devilman Crybaby, and I've Been Killing Slimes for 300 Years.

Video game credits include Fire Emblem Heroes, Ghostwire: Tokyo, Shadowverse, Smite, Paladins, Naraka Bladepoint, Epic Seven, Onmyoji Arena, Guardian Tales, Wasteland 3, and Final Fantasy 7 Remake. Anne is also a Twitch Partner, and regularly streams Genshin Impact and other games.



ANNE YATCO

VOICE ACTOR

AUTOGRAPHS, PHOTOS & VIDEOS:

Autographs, photos and videos will be available in the Exhibitor Hall at the guests' discretion and subject to their schedule. Please keep an eye on official Sekaicon social media for updates regarding guest signing schedules and pricing.



RISS ZANFEI

INDUSTRY/VTUBER



Riss Zanfei is the lead artist and owner of Tasty Peach Studios, your favorite plush brand and is the voice and talent behind the Chimera Vtuber, Kaimeriss!

She has been creating art for Tasty Peach for 10+ years, and has loads of experience in how to make the dreams of creating merch come true! Riss and her team run Tasty Peach Studios, which began as a small shop on Etsy and has grown into a globally licensed brand with her plush and products available in Hot Topic, Disney and more!

Be sure to visit one of her panels to learn from her! She often speaks about plush design, manufacturing merch, running a small business as an artist or developing a Vtuber! Outside of the convention, you can check out her next stream at twitch.tv/kaimeriss

Oriana Peron is a dynamic drag performer from Bloomington, IN, who turned her love for cosplay into a captivating stage career. Since 2006, Oriana has combined her passion for anime, video games, and musical artistry into one-of-a-kind drag acts that have dazzled audiences across the country. Known for her quirky and fun performances, she's been featured in Crunchyroll, Anime News Network, and Watermark magazine. With a mission to create safe, engaging spaces and expand her anime-inspired drag shows internationally, Oriana continues to push the boundaries of performance art while spotlighting other talented nerdy performers.



ORIANA PERON

DRAG PERFORMER

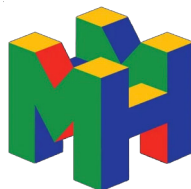


HAKC

COSPLAY GUEST

Hakc (They/Them) is a cosplayer with over 20 years of experience in the world of cosplay and conventions. Having come from the days before you could buy cosplays, they learned how to sew with a sewing machine from the 1960's and a whole heck of a lot of mistakes. Hakc has been competing since their second anime convention and is now a master level competitor, creating works of art in the name of hyperfixation. Most recently Hakc won Best in Show at Maturicon 2024, but has over a dozen craftsmanship based awards under their belt. They also make content on the internet, covering a wide variety of topics including cosplay drama, cosplay positivity, and cosplay related tutorials. They actively work to promote the ideas that cosplay is for everyone and bullying is cringe.

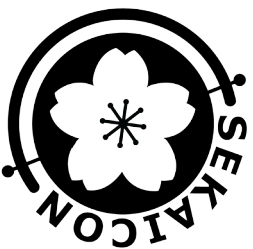
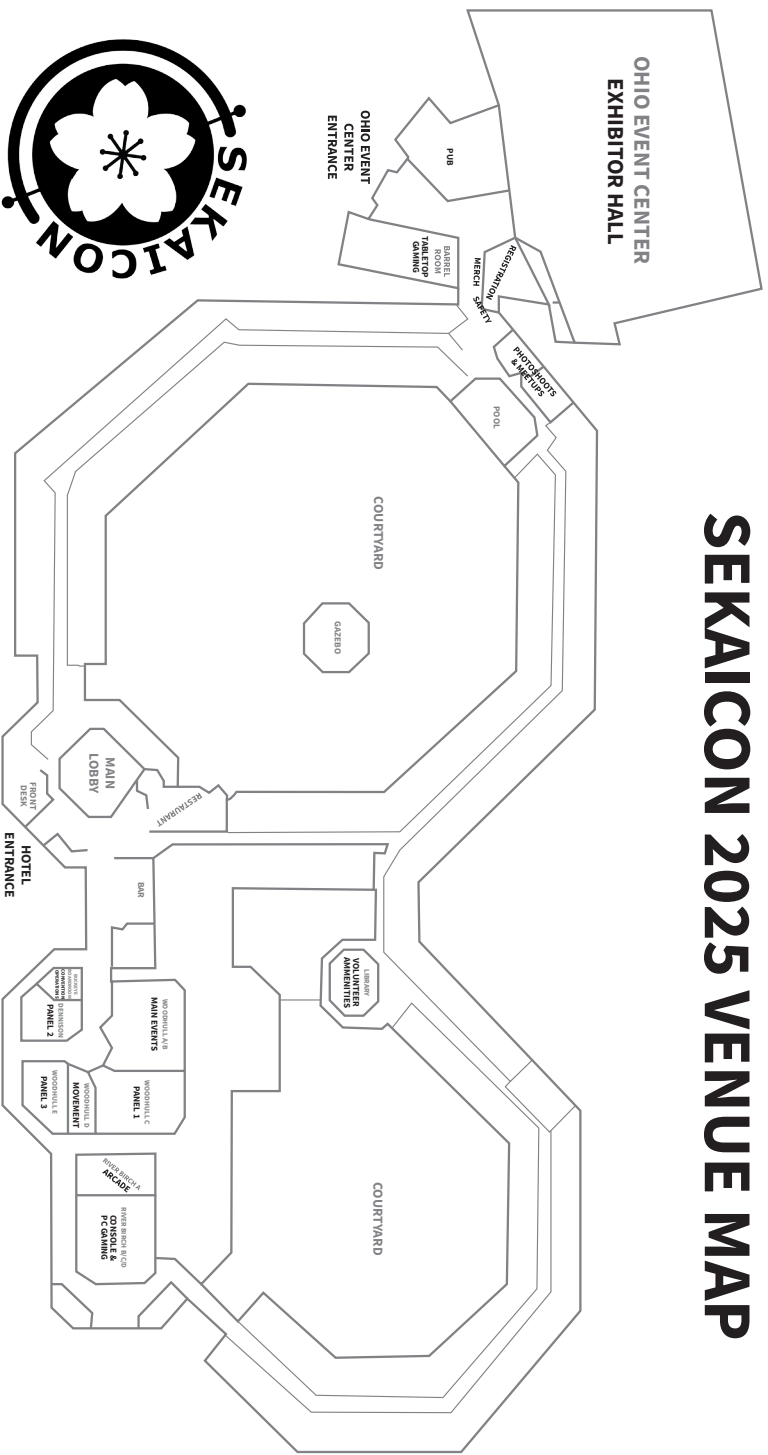
MASTER HAND is the electrifying Nintendo-themed nerdcore nu-metal band! Here to leve up your music experience! With lyrics about gaming and nerd culture, Master Hand delivers an experience that will hit harder than a blue shell in Mario Kart!



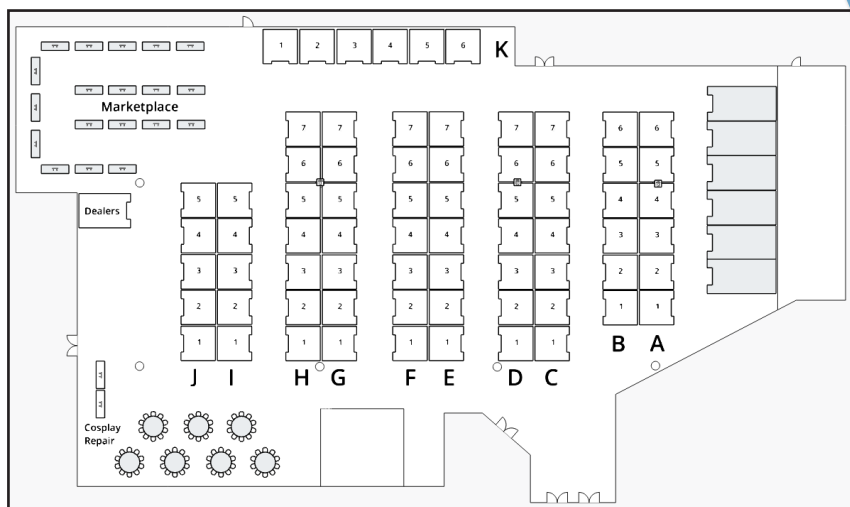
MASTER HAND

MUSICAL GUEST

SEKAICON 2025 VENUE MAP



EXHIBITOR HALL



A1-B1 – Utopia Toys
 A2-A3 – Stylin Boxes
 A4-A5 – Loading Crew Crafts
 A6-B6 – Closet Geek LLC
 B2-B3 – Sakura's Blossoms
 B4 – KityCrylics
 B5 – Ohio Kimono, LLC
 C1 – CasualKilljoy
 C2 – Idol Research Club
 C3 – Grilled Purple Snakes
 C4 – Triple D Prints
 C5-C6 – Daisuki Pop
 C7-D7 – Anime Pavillion
 D1 – STL Ocarina
 D2 – Feeling Artsy
 D3 – The FizzeePop Shop
 D4 – Home Circle Media, LLC
 D5 – Fractured Fox
 D6 – Groundchuck's Comics
 and Toys

E1 – Geeky Endeavors
 E2-3 – TomoCreations
 E4 – Brygoat
 E5 – Puffyheart
 E6 – Dark Woods
 Apothecary LLC
 E7 – Bao Bae Snacks Dab
 Icy Treats and Bread
 F1 – Manifested Dreams
 F2 – Liara's Craft Studio
 F3 – Bunbun Creates
 F4 – Dany Cat Designs
 F5 – SUPER-REFLEX
 F6 – Uni & Umi
 F7 – Ms. Kitty's Closet
 G1 – Mushabear
 G2 – Sunshine Stitching
 G3 – Angel Balms
 G4 – TD Cloud
 G5 – Kopi Kandiko
 G6 – Arty Alex Creations
 G7 – Heartel Design

H1 – Lucky Cat
 H2 – Pop Twilight
 H3 – Fuwa Fuwa Felting
 H4 – Emibirdee
 H5 – BearLeeCreatives/
 BluandRedwires
 H6 – CleverFox00
 H7 – GlitchBat
 I1 – Quisteen
 I2 – Einsu
 I3 – Lycorisfeather
 I4 – Otaku Scrunchie
 I5 – Windy Woods
 J1 – Scare-o-line
 J2 – Aloha Dayton
 J3 – Beeftopia
 J4 – Mintimeli
 J5 – Bed Bound and
 Beyond

Row K

Extra Life

Matsuricon

Anime Crossroads

Isshoco

Exhibitor Hall:

Friday 1:00pm - 8:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Cosplay Repair:

Friday 2:00pm - 8:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Sunday 11:00am - 2:00pm

FEATURED PROGRAMMING

Main Events & Panel Hours:

Friday 4:00pm - 1:00am

Saturday 10:00am - 1:00am

Sunday 10:00am - 3:00pm

18+ and 21+ Programming
REQUIRES valid photo ID.
No exceptions.

MAIN EVENTS:

K-Pop & J-Pop Dance Competition presented by Fantoche

The K-Pop/J-Pop Dance Competition is a high energy event where ambitious dancers compete for a chance to call themselves the best cover dancer of Sekaicon! Hosted by Fantoche Cover Crew, this competition is a celebration of the love of K-Pop and J-Pop idols and choreography. Cheer, scream, or sing along from your seat while watching talented local dancers bust a move on our stage. Let's bring the concert atmosphere to Sekaicon—lightsticks welcome!

Oriana Peron's Drag Race

Do you have what it takes to be a Drag Superstar? Come experience and partake in the Original Cosplay Drag Race created by America's Premiere Cosplay Drag Queen Oriana Peron, Drag King co-host Verna Vendetta, and local guest Drag Superstars! Attendee contestants engage in fun and silly games to compete for this year's title! No experience needed, just show up and volunteer to compete, everyone is welcome. Or, sit back and watch the antics. The quirky competition events are intermixed with professional Drag performances for all ages.

Oriana Peron's Drag Show

Get ready for The Original Cosplay Drag Show starring Oriana Peron and featuring some of the hottest Drag Cosplay talents, including local stars! Oriana has brought some wild and exciting queer entertainment for you, so come and enjoy the show. All ages, gender identities, sexualities, and humans are welcome to enjoy this award-winning lineup that's been thrilling convention attendees across the USA since 2012. The winner of the Drag Race competition gets to perform!

Master Hand Concert

MASTER HAND is the electrifying Nintendo-themed nerdcore nu-metal band! Here to level up your music experience! With lyrics about gaming and nerd culture, Master Hand delivers an experience that will hit harder than a blue shell in Mario Kart!

SekaiSpin with Big Sana

Dance the night away with remixes of anime, j-pop, and k-pop beats!

COSPLAY COMPETITION

Come support our talented craftsmen and performers at the Masquerade. These competitors are ready sing, dance, and pose their hearts out for your applause and the judges' awards.

COSPLAY JUDGES:



NEKOYASHA

We welcome NekoYasha to our performance judge panel. A true convention and cosplay veteran, as they have been active in the community since 2003. They started doing performance skits in 2006 and retiring in 2013 after successfully winning a best in show award. Now giving back to the community, NekoYasha talks about fun ways to use spandex and stretch fabric, uplifting the black cosplay community, and giving insights to how cosplay completions work. When not cosplaying, you can find them geeking out over wrestling, king of the hill and talk your ear off about the Type-Moon universe.

DONNA PEDACI

Donna has over 40 year of sewing experience and specializes in couture sewing, traditional tailoring and historical costuming. She started cosplaying in 2012 and began competing in 2019, winning several top awards at cons in the Ohio area including Maturicon. You can also see her work as a Costume Technician at various theaters in the Cleveland area. Favorite cosplays are Sylvia Sherwood/The Handler from SpyXFamily, Cordelia Gallo from Gosick and a 1920s version of Black Canary



AKAKIOGA

Akakioga is an internationally recognized, self taught craftsmanship focused cosplayer. Throughout her years cosplaying and learning new skills, her main focuses became sewing, embroidery, EVA foam armor building, and creating unique wigs! With over 10 years of experience, Akakioga has become a staple within the community for both her drive to help teach, uplift, and keep the love of the cosplay craft alive. Akakioga is also a huge advocate for people of color in the cosplay world. By using her social media platforms to spread positive representation, she aspires to raise awareness and bring more inclusivity into the cosplay community!

KHEMICAL COSPLAY

Khematic Cosplay (Kier; they/them) has been competing in craftsmanship since 2012 and performance since 2015; gathering a variety of awards over the years. They are also the leader of Fantoche Cover Crew- a Kpop inspired dance and vocal team with an all-over love of music and performing. Kier comes from an 18 year background in vocal music performance with a side of audio engineering and theatre. They are incredibly excited to be judging performance at Sekaicon and cannot wait to see what attendees bring to the stage!



CLOVER

Clover is a cosplayer and performer from Detroit, MI that has been cosplaying and participating in idol activities for over ten years. One of her most recent accomplishments is the opportunity to represent the USA at Cosplay World Masters 2025 in Portugal. She is passionate about bringing the characters and stories that inspire her to life through a multitude of media, including needlework, stage performance, and cinema. Clover is also a founding member of the Chocolate Idol Network (CIN), a group dedicated to increasing the visibility and uplifting black idols within the international idol community. In the little down time that Clover has, she enjoys searching for husbandos in Harvest Moon, loving her fur babies Johnny and Bruno, tending to her garden, and cruising in the Miata.

CONSOLE & PC GAMING

CONSOLE & PC GAMING HOURS:

Friday 4pm-1am

Saturday 10am-1am

Sunday 10am-3pm

PC Gaming Tournament Schedule

Friday 5:00pm - Overwatch 2 1v1s

Friday 10:00pm - ARAM Free Agent/Teams

Saturday 2:00pm - LoL Arena

Saturday 10:00pm - Marvel Rival 5v5s

**NO OPEN FOOD OR BEVERAGES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE
PC/CONSOLE GAMING AREAS**

In partnership with our friends at Maturicon, the console gaming room will be open for free play all day! Stop by to relax and play or test your skills by competing in one of our tournaments, including MarioKart 8 (hosted by special guest Mankalor), Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, and more!



Console Gaming Tournament Schedule

Friday 7:00pm - Street Fighter V

Saturday 11:00am - Super Smash Bros Ultimate

Saturday 5:00pm - Mario Kart 8 brought to you by Mankalor

Saturday 10:00pm - Mystery

Sunday 12:00pm - Flash Tournament

Mankalor is a Mario Kart & Nintendo content creator! He competes in and organizes Mario Kart LAN tournaments around the US. Yes, his hat makes a squeaky noise!



MANKALOR

CONTENT CREATOR

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE GAMES FROM
CONSOLES—TO CHANGE GAMES, PLEASE ASK
A VOLUNTEER FOR ASSISTANCE**

TABLETOP GAMING

TABLETOP GAMING HOURS:

Friday 12:00pm - 2:00am

Saturday 10:00am - 2:00am

Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Tabletop Gaming Tournament Schedule

(Sign up at Tabletop in the Barrel Room)

Friday

3:00pm – Lorcana Mini-Challenge

3:00pm – BOOP! (A 3-round tiered tournament)

6:00pm – MTG Powercube

9:00pm – MTG Commander “I’m here to have fun!”
(Experienced, non cEDH)

Saturday:

12:00pm – MTG Powercube

3:00pm – MTG Commander “I’m here to have fun!”
(Experienced, non cEDH)

6:30pm – Extra Life Charity Fundraising MTG (\$30/buy)

9:00pm – Lorcana Mini-Challenge

Special Events

Friday

6:30pm – Rubber Duckies – The RPG

Saturday

11:00am – RPG: Everyday Heroes

1:00pm – Learn to play Mahjong

6:00pm – Everyday Heroes

6:30pm – Tea Dueling

Board Game Library

Open during hours of operation, last checkout at 1:00am.

Must have a valid government issued ID to check out games from the library.

Scan the QR Code to see the full list of available games.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hours of Operation

Registration

Friday 12:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday 8:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

Exhibit Hall

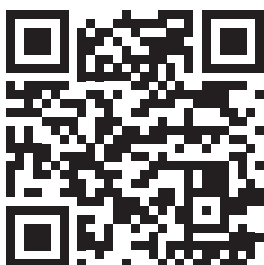
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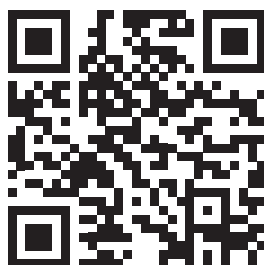
Friday 4:00pm - 1:00am
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Sunday 10:00am - 3:00pm

Gaming Rooms

Friday 12:00pm - 2:00am
Saturday 10:00am - 2:00am
Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm



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For Safety Concerns

Please find a volunteer (identifiable by a badge and lanyard that say "Volunteer") to request assistance and/or stop by our Safety Team Headquarters directly next to the registration desk.

The Ribbon Game

Badge ribbons are a fun way to meet others and talk about shared interests! Find attendees with ribbons, earn official Sekaicon ribbons, attend panels/events where ribbons can be earned and have fun collecting!