

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar of Events

### **Westercon 70**

July 1-4, 2017  
Tempe Mission Palms  
Tempe, Arizona USA  
<http://westercon70.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.

### **Comic-Con International 2017**

July 20-23, 2017  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California USA  
<http://www.comic-con.org/cci/>

World's largest comic book convention with over 125,000 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 2017**

July 27-31, 2017  
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 75**

August 9-13, 2017  
Messukeskus, Helsinki, Finland  
<http://www.worldcon.fi>

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

and events.

### **Comic Con Palm Springs**

August 25-27  
Palm Springs Convention Center  
Palm Springs, California USA  
<http://comicconpalmsprings.com>

Comic books, costuming and guest stars are on the agenda in this multi-genre convention in the desert resort city of Palm Springs. Events include a costume masquerade with adult and kids costume contest events with spectacular prizes.

### **SacAnime**

September 1-3, 2017  
Sacramento Convention Center  
Sacramento, California, USA  
<http://www.sacanime.com>

Pop culture with an anime twist. Programming includes costume masquerade, cosplay parade, cosplay gatherings, and a geek fashion show.

### **DragonCon**

September 1-4, 2017  
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**

September 9 – October 1, 2017  
#38 Gateway Center Drive  
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.

### **Convolution 2017**

October 6-9, 2017  
San Ramon Marriott  
San Ramon California USA  
<http://con-volution.com/>

Annual three-day science fiction, fantasy, and media convention featuring guests, performers and vendors from a speculative fiction. Includes costuming related panels and masquerade costume competition.

### **FaerieCon 2017**

November 3-5, 2017  
Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn  
Hunt Valley, Maryland USA  
<http://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.

### **Philcon 2016**

November 10-12, 2017  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey USA  
<http://www.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.

### **Great Dickens Christmas Faire**

November 18 – December 17, 2017  
Cow Palace Exhibition Hall  
San Francisco, California USA  
<http://www.dickensfair.com/>

Living history re-creation of Christmas in Dickens' 1860's London. See web site for costuming opportunities. Runs 4 weekends.

## **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.

## **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.

## 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)**

Masonic Lodge of San Mateo,  
San Mateo, California USA  
Ongoing monthly period dance events

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, vacuforming, cutting, and machining classes.

## **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.