

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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/ccli/>

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 42

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.

Anime USA

Oct 19-21 2018

Washington Wardman Park Marriott
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

FaerieCon 2018

November 9-11, 2018

Delta Baltimore 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.

Windycon 45

November 9-11, 2018

Westin Yorktown
Lombard, Illinois USA

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

Chicago's oldest sci-fi convention has a literary theme. Programming covers a wide range of topics from astrophysics, to costuming techniques, to pop culture. The conference includes hall costuming and a costume masquerade. With Costume Guest of Honor is Kevin Roche and Toastmaster Andy Trembley.

Philcon 2018

November 16-18, 2018

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 17 – December 23, 2018

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.

Loscon 44

November 24-26, 2017
LAX Marriott Hotel
Los Angeles, California USA
<http://loscon.org/44/>

Los Angeles science-fiction.convention includes both adult and young adult programming, and a full masquerade for all skill levels that follows the ICG Guidelines run by Dorothy O'Hare.

RustyCon 33

January 12-14 2019
Seattle AirPort Marriott,
Seattle, Washington USA
<http://www.rustycon.com>

Science fiction and fantasy convention has multi-track programming, a dealer's room, an art show, and a hospitality room. Includes Costuming..

Further Confusion 2019

January 17-21 2019
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 2019

January 17-20 2019
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 2019

February 15-17, 2019
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 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)

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

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.