

## Thank you for registering for Anime Milwaukee 2012's Masquerade!

### We are super excited to see your amazing cosplay!

Here are a few updates and pointers that you will need to know in order to have a fun and uncomplicated time at Anime Milwaukee! ☺

#### **TO PARTICIPATE:**

1. All participants **MUST** register/check in when you arrive at the convention, on **FRIDAY** or **SATURDAY** in order to make sure that your spot is reserved in the competition. If you do not check in after registering online, you will be disqualified. It is the same for registering – obviously, if you don't register, you can't participate!

*Location: Solomon Juneau, Hyatt Regency 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Time: Friday, 12:00-6:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm.*

2. If you are a **Walk-On** or part of a **Group Walk-On**, you/your group must be pre-judged by our lovely group of judges. This will be held on **SATURDAY MORNING**. *If you do not show up to be pre-judged, you/your group will be disqualified.* Please bring a photograph/picture (larger is better) as a reference for our judges for your cosplay. Also, please be in your/your group's full cosplay, as well as in character. It helps our judges to truly see how well in character you/your group can be.

*Location: Solomon Juneau, Hyatt Regency 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Time: 8:00 am-12:00 pm.*

3. **ALL PARTICIPANTS** (Walk-On, Group Walk-On, Skit) are **required** to attend a **Masquerade Training Session** Saturday afternoon *before* the Tech Rehearsal. We will explain the rules and proceedings of the Masquerade, as well as allow all of the participants to get a feel for the stage by walking the route you will take during the competition.

*Location: Main Programming. Time: 3:00-4:00 pm.*

4. If you are in a **Skit**, you/your group are **required** attend a Tech Rehearsal **SATURDAY AFTERNOON** to go over any audio or special needs your skit has with our skilled staff members. This is the time to figure out how the stage will work for your benefit so you can put on your best performance for the judges.

*Location: Main Programming. Time 4:00-5:00 pm.*

5. The Masquerade begins at 7:00 pm on **SATURDAY** evening. We ask that all participants be seated no later than 6:45 pm. There will be special seating reserved for all participants that our wonderful staff or volunteers will be happy to escort you to. We also ask that all participants

stay for the **ENTIRE** Masquerade, at which point after the Halftime Show the judges will announce the winners and hand out the awards.

*Location: Main Programming. Time: 6:45-10:00 pm.*

### **New Updates For The Masquerade!**

1. The **Exhibition** category: new this year to the Masquerade, we are having an Exhibition category. Tied into this category are any participants who bought their cosplay and did not modify at least 50% of it, along with any participants who only wish to show off their cosplay and not compete for any awards. We also ask that any participants who have already won an award at Anime Milwaukee for any cosplay whatsoever enter this category as well, if they are considering entering the same cosplay. Any participants in the Exhibition category will walk the stage and show off their cosplay during the Halftime Show of the Masquerade, rather than during the judging portion.

2. The **Chibi** category: This category is for our younger participants under the age of 12. For Group Walk-Ons and Skits, if 75% or more of your group/skit members are under 12 you will enter this category. Otherwise, you'll enter one of our other categories. We also ask that any participants who are too young to walk on by themselves be accompanied by a parent.

3. **Numbering System!** This year we are introducing something new – something that will assist the participants as well as those running the Masquerade with keeping people in line...literally. When you register/check in for the Masquerade, you will be receiving a colored and numbered token. **DON'T LOSE THIS!** This colored token denotes which category you are in (Walk-On, Group Walk-On, Skit) as well as in what order you will be going in during the Masquerade on Saturday night. This token **must** be brought with you to your pre-judging as proof of entrance to the Masquerade, as well as the Masquerade Training Session, Tech Rehearsal, and Masquerade on Saturday night. When you arrive to the Masquerade on Saturday night, you will be seating in the order in which your token denotes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us anytime at [masquerade@animemilwaukee.com](mailto:masquerade@animemilwaukee.com). Thank you!