



FLAME CON

2026

Program

Saturday Aug. 15th

12:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Sunday Aug. 16th

12:00 PM- 6:00 PM

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Saturday Schedule

12:30 Discover New Games: The Queer RPG Library, Shane Cherry Board Game Library, and Queer Indie Video Games Showcase
Gaymer Lounge

Play Board Games with the Brooklyn Public Library
Gaymer Lounge

Drop-in Gaming
Gaymer Lounge

1:00 Smash Bros Boot Camp w/ Johto Jonny
Gaymer Lounge

RPG: Star Trek
Gaymer Lounge

RPG: Sleepaway
Gaymer Lounge

Gayme Chaynger: A Very Special Episode
Room B

Knight Life: Exploring and Crafting Queer Knight Tales
The Main Stage, presented by ViiV Healthcare

The Art of Drag Transformation: How makeup can be used to bring characters to life!
Room E

Corsetry 101: For Drag, Cosplay, and Fashion
Workshop 2

1:30 Our Queer Stories
Room A

Comics Reading Comics
Room D

Royals vs. Rivals - Heated Rivalry and Red, White & Royal Blue Meetup
Workshop 1

Q&A with Queer Vox: Navigating the Voiceover Industry and Troubleshooting Auditions
Mentorship

2:00 RPG: Escape From the City of Dreams
Gaymer Lounge

Meet & Greet with Alice in Cosplayland (PearlPeony)
Cosplay Corner

2:15 What if We Were Gay and Both Dolls: Monstrous Play and Queerness
Room B

CEREBRO Presents: Did You Hear About Mimi Green?
The Main Stage, presented by ViiV Healthcare

Comix Action
Room E

The Art of Coming Out: A Creative Writing Workshop
Workshop 2

Signing with Cait Jacobs; Taylor Grothe, and Kallie Emblidge
Signing Tables

FIREBALL

THE OFFICIAL FLAMECON AFTERPARTY



The Fireball is the official Flame Con 21+ after party, featuring drag performances, burlesque, amazing light dancing acts, and more!

FlameCon.org | [@flamecon](https://twitter.com/flamecon)

Saturday
August 15
7p-10p

Red Eye NY
355 W 41st St.
New York, NY

Scan for Tickets:



Saturday Schedule

2:30 **10 Minute Queer Characters with 9th Level Games**

Gaymer Lounge

2:45 **Queer Modern Romance**

Room A

Embodiment, Failure, and Trans Mechanics in Hades, Celeste, and Deltarune

Room D

Masculinization Tips for Cosplay!

Workshop 1

3:00 **Smash Tourney ("Ridley's Treasure")**

Gaymer Lounge

3:15 **Signing with K.M. Enright, Ryan La Sala, Emery Robin, and John Glynn**

Signing Tables

3:30 **RPG: Dungeons & Dragons: Humblewood**

Gaymer Lounge

RPG: Stewpot

Gaymer Lounge

SPOTLIGHT: Kiana Khansmith with PRETTY PRETTY PLEASE I DON'T WANT TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL

Room B

3:30 (cont.) **Heated Rivalry Core and Flexibility Workout**

The Main Stage, presented by ViiV Healthcare

Graymalkin Lane Podcast Presents: Mutant Fashion Review
Room E

Health & Fitness While Trans: An Exercise and Nutrition Q&A for the questions the fitness industry refuses to answer
Workshop 2

3:45 **Q&A on Editing Comics with Tea Fougner**
Mentorship

4:00 **Story and Song: Celebrating THE ADVENTURE ZONE Graphic Novel**
Room A

Queer Rage & Queer Joy: A Comics Reading Slideshow
Room D

Creatures of the Night: The Rocky Horror Picture Show at 50
Workshop 1

4:15 **Signing with Casey McQuiston, Page Powers, and Ally North (ARC Drop)**
Signing Tables

Saturday Schedule

4:45 **On the Mic with Queer Voiceover**
Room B

Kweendom LGBTQ+ Comedy (Oops! All-Geeks Edition)
The Main Stage, presented by ViiV Healthcare

Queer Takes on Classic Tales: Writing Retellings
Room E

Writing With Teeth
Workshop 2

5:00 **Boshi's Challenge Triathlon**
Gaymer Lounge

Featured Cosplayer Q&A
Mentorship

5:15 **Queer Voices in Horror**
Room A

Dirty Pucking: The Rise and Impact of Heated Rivalry (18+)
Room D

Queers Seeing Themselves: Marvel in the 1980s and 1990s
Workshop 1



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Youth Day

21 and younger attend for free on Sunday, August 16!

Flame Con is committed to creating a safe space for queer youth. That is why Day 2 of the show is always Youth Day! Fans 21 and younger are invited to pick up their free Sunday pass at Registration. All guests are encouraged to check out our Youth Day programming!



FLAME CON



Campfire

Saturday August 16,

8:30PM- 10:30PM

Not feeling quite ready to go home after the show floor closes, but partying isn't your scene? Join us for Camp Fire, our official cozy after-hours hangout, in the Gaymer Lounge!

Saturday Schedule

5:30 **Signing with Carey Pietsch, Benjamin Wilgus, Calista Brill, and Phil Jimenez**
Signing Tables

6:00 **RPG: Viva La QueerBar**
Gaymer Lounge

RPG: Definitely Wizards
Gaymer Lounge

**Designing Identity:
Creating Diverse
Marginalized and
Minority Characters**
Room B

Cosplay Contest
*The Main Stage, presented
by ViiV Healthcare*

**All Grown Up: Queer
Comics for Adults**
Room E

**Roll the Dice: Dungeons
& Dragons Meets
Speed Dating (18+)**
Workshop 2

**Portfolio Reviews with
Erica Henderson, Kiana
Khansmith, and Sara
Gómez Woolley**
Mentorship

6:30 **Sexual Gory-entation:
Queering the Slasher
Film (18+)**
Room A

**Gender and Identity
Play in Pokémon: From
Screen to Stage (18+)**
Room D

**6:30 (cont.) Working Together:
Organizing Queer
Anthologies of Writing
and Comics (18+)**
Workshop 1

**Signing with Nataly
Gruender, Maddie
Martinez, Jamie Flanagan,
and Eric LaRocca**
Signing Tables

**7:00 Fireball
Afterparty (21+)**
Red Eye (355 W 41st St.)

8:30 Camp Fire
Gaymer Lounge



Sunday Schedule

**12:30 Discover New Games:
The Queer RPG Library
& Queer Indie Video
Games Showcase**
Gaymer Lounge

Queer RPG Library
Gaymer Lounge

**Board Games with the
Brooklyn Public
Library**
Gaymer Lounge

**1:00 Discone Guided
Mountain Climb**
Gaymer Lounge

**RPG: Voidheart
Symphony**
Gaymer Lounge

Learn to Play DnD
Gaymer Lounge

**Graphic Pride:
Celebrating BL, Yuri,
& LGBTQ+ Manga with
Kodansha**
Room B

**A Choral Performance
by TRANScend**
*The Main Stage, presented
by ViiV Healthcare*

**The Queer Happy
Ending: Writing Queer
Love Stories**
Room E

**Flamboyant Fiber
Facial Hair**
Workshop 2

**1:10 Signing with Drawfeel:
Julia Lepetit, Jacob
Andrews, Nathan Yaffe,
and David Clarke**
Signing Tables

**1:15 Behind the Scenes
of Graphic Novel
Publishing with
Benjamin Wilgus and
Gina Gagliano**
Mentorship

1:30 Lolita Fashion 101
Room A

**LGBTQ+ Representation
in Comics for Youth**
Room D

Posing for the Unposable
Workshop 1

**Awesome World
Characters in 10 Minutes**
Gaymer Lounge

**2:15 Behind The Magic
of Witch Hat Atelier
with Coco (Anjali
Kunapaneni) & Kodansha**
Room B

**Drag Storytime with
Drag Artists for
Expression NYC!**
*The Main Stage, presented by
ViiV Healthcare*

**Creep it Real: Stories for
the Brave**
Room E

Voice & Gender
Workshop 2

Sunday Schedule

2:20 **Signing with Casey McQuiston, Zakiya Jamal, Micaiah Johnson, and Ryan La Sala**
Signing Tables

2:30 **Ask An Agent: What You Should Know About Working With An Agent as an Indie Author or Comic Creator**
Mentorship

2:45 **Drawfee Live!**
Room A

Queering the Hero
Room D

Zine Making
Workshop 1

3:00 **Discone Hide & Seek**
Gaymer Lounge

Meet & Greet with Diebreado Cosplay
Cosplay Corner

3:30 **RPG: Big Gay Orcs**
Gaymer Lounge

Mutant Studies 101
LIVE: Understanding The Draco
Room B

Supa Soca: Liberation In Motion Experience (L.I.M.E.)
The Main Stage, presented by ViiV Healthcare

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pronouns?



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Sunday Schedule

3:30
(cont.)

**Whose Canon
Is It Anyway?**
Room E

**Anime & Manga Meet-Up
With Kodansha**
Workshop 2

**Signing with Simón
Estrada, Corinne
Halbert, Mina Elwell,
and Taylor Grothe**
Signing Tables

4:00

**The Best in New Queer
Graphic Novels**
Room A

**Queer Magic: Tarot
and Divination**
Room D

4:00
(cont.)

**Queer Educator Meetup
Workshop 1**

4:20

**Signing with Al Ewing,
Anthony Oliveira,
Jadzia Axelrod, and
Phil Jimenez**
Signing Tables

4:45

**X-Men Fan Meet-Up
Team -Up**
Room B

Cosplay Runway
The Main Stage, presented
by Viiv Healthcare

5:10

**Signing with
Suzana Harcum
and Owena White**
Signing Tables

Take Part in Our Con Game!

Pick up a game board from the Gaymer Lounge or Info table, then seek out our participating artists!

Return your completed game board to the Gaymer Lounge before the deadline for a chance to win the grand prize.

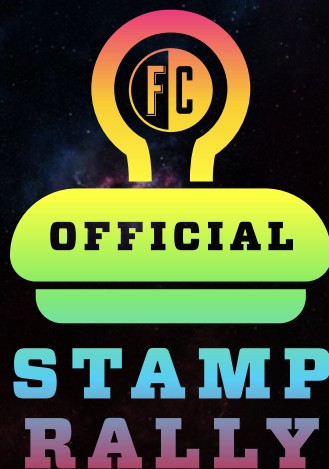
*The first 100 participants to finish
get an exclusive badge ribbon!*

Sat. Deadline

7:00PM

Sun. Deadline

5:00PM





Queer Indie Games Showcase

In addition to the events in the Gaymer Lounge, the following single and multiplayer games are available throughout the con. Sponsored by Boshi's Place.

Single-Player Games

Queer Man Peering Into A Rock Pool.jpg by Fuzzy Ghost

A joyful, strange experience in which a middle-aged queer man toddles around a strange island attempting to re-furnish his empty house.

Butterfly Soup by Brianna Lei

A visual novel about gay Asian girls playing baseball and falling in love.

Wingless Fairies by Lily Belmira

A first-person stage play about becoming someone new again.

Do Gay Crime by Rye

Play as 'Blue', a gender ambiguous blueberry looking to cause mischief around town!

Coalescent || Tidal Rapture by Hatim Benhsain and Hanwen Xu

A hypnagogic 3D adventure swimming game. Dive into a world of merpeople who are transforming and discovering casual relationships.

Chupi by Rio

Walk through books, write your research paper in one night, and avoid getting your blood sucked by the chupacabra in this page-turning, propaganda-debunking horror adventure game.

Multiplayer Games

Dream Hard by Robert Yang

A short, two-player, co-op, queer-themed beat 'em up game: Defend the local NYC queer performance space The Dreamhouse from hordes of fascists.

pondlife: discone (a videogame) by pondlife

Jump & climb up uncharted mountains with your friends, but without fall damage, dying, or coins.

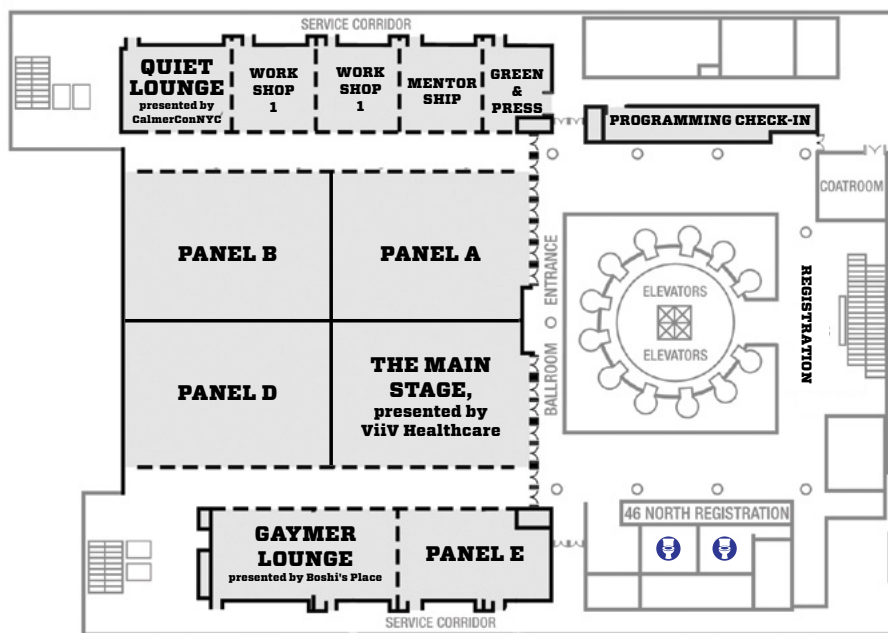
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

The sequel to the sequel to the sequel to the sequel to the original platform fighter; duke it out as Nintendo characters (and now more!).

Mario Kart 8

The classic, many-player kart racer featuring Mario, Baby Mario, Metal Mario, et al.

Map (5th Floor)



INFORMATION: Here is where you can get answers to your Flame Con and Geeks OUT questions.

QUIET LOUNGE, presented by CalmerConNYC: A quiet space for attendees who might need to take a break for a moment to relax and collect themselves.

PROGRAMMING CHECK-IN: Where panelists and performers pick up their badges, and then report here to complete the check-in process on the day of their program!

PRESS: A space reserved for members of the press to meet with guests and conduct interviews.

SIGNING TABLE: Creator signings will be hosted here, next to our bookstore partner, The Twisted Spine!

MENTORSHIP: Meet with industry notables for Q&A sessions and portfolio reviews.

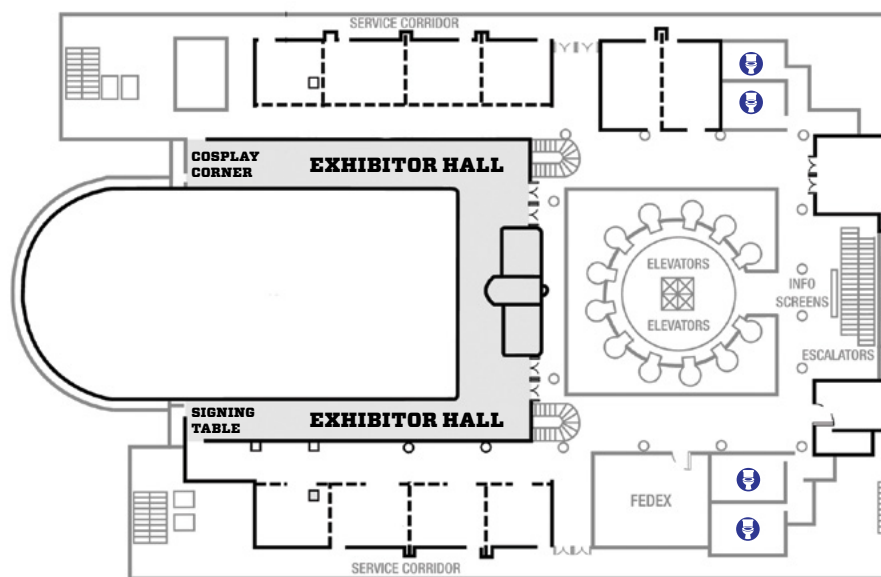
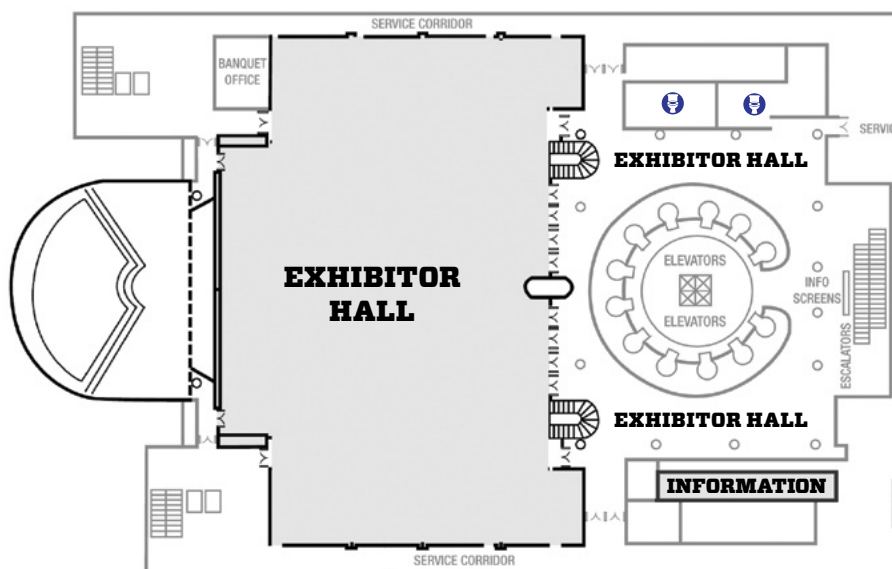
GAYMER LOUNGE: The Gaymer Lounge is a gaming oasis at Flame Con. Boshi's Place is providing video games, tabletop games, card games and board games for attendees to use.

COSPLAY CORNER: The Cosplay Corner offers FREE cosplay repair services all weekend long.

PANEL ROOMS: Here is where you can sit in our wide variety of panels.

18+ WRISTBANDS: Anyone attending a panel designated as 18+ must pick up an 18+ wristband at the information booth. Wristbands will be checked at the door.

Map (6th & 7th Floors)



***For full list of exhibitors,
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Special Guests



Adeline Kon



Al Ewing



Allegra Verlezza



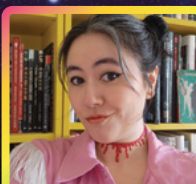
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Casey McQuiston



Connor Goldsmith



Erica Henderson



Florence Wilder



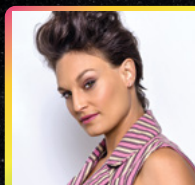
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Kiana Khansmith



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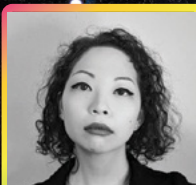
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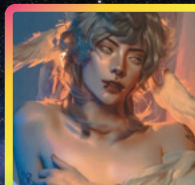
Ryan La Sala



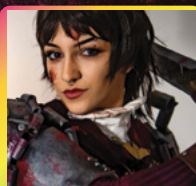
Sara Gómez Woolley



Soo Lee



Diebreado Cosplay



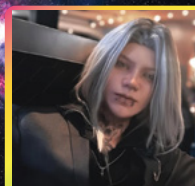
Leachie



Logan Stone



PearlPeony



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Signing Schedule

Saturday

- 2:15** Signing with Cait Jacobs,
-3:00 Taylor Grothe, and Kallie Emblidge
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-5:50 Harcum & Owena White



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Every
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2026 General Policies

Accessibility

Accessibility Supplies

Accessibility supplies can be requested at info tables and by reaching out to accessibility@flamecon.org.

Flame Con Accessibility Supplies include:

- Magnifiers for low vision
- Masks
- Fidget toys
- Ear plugs
- Menstrual Pads

Bathrooms

Gender Neutral: All restrooms are gender neutral for the convention and will be labeled as such. Anyone may use any bathroom, regardless of gender. Waste disposal bins will be available in all stalls.

Wheelchair Accessible: Each floor of the convention space contains single occupancy, wheelchair accessible bathrooms. These are located near the elevators.

Sharps Bins: Each bathroom will contain a suitable sharps disposal bin which may be used as needed.

Masking

In order to limit the spread of contagious illnesses, we strongly encourage attendees to wear face masks while in the convention space. We will provide masks at the convention free-of-charge for all attendees.

FlameCon Staff and Volunteers are *still* required to wear masks.

We encourage attendees to consider their health and the safety of the community—this includes being up-to-date on vaccines, staying home when you're ill and testing if you are able.

Panels

Presenter Audio: Each panel room will have microphones available for the panelists so that they may be heard clearly around the room.

Captioning: We encourage all presenters with video content to caption their content, but we are unable to guarantee all content will be captioned.

Accessible Seating: Space in each panel room will be designated for wheelchair users and those who need to be close to the panelists for lip reading.

Quiet Space

Quiet Lounge: FlameCon is glad to host CalmerConNYC to offer a Quiet Lounge for anyone needing a quiet place to sit and be away from the crowds. This space may be used by anyone during the con. Come take a break when you need it, no matter the reason.

Service Animals

Flame Con follows all current regulations as defined by the ADA.

All service dog handlers must be in control of their service dogs at all times. Service dogs will be expected to be reasonably quiet and well-groomed, and will be entirely the responsibilities of their respective handlers.

Any service dog found to be out of their handler's control, aggressive, or un-housebroken will be asked to leave the venue. In this case, the service dog handler may be allowed to return without the animal and offered reasonable accommodations.

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Anti-Harassment Policy

Flame Con has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for harassment of any kind

This includes but is not limited to:

- stalking
- intimidation
- offensive verbal comments
- physical assault and/or battery
- harassing
- non-consensual photography or recording
- sustained disruption of panels, signings, and other events
- bathroom policing
- inappropriate physical contact
- unwelcome physical attention in relation to, but not limited to: race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender presentation, sexual orientation, age, body size, disability, appearance, religion, citizenship, and/or pregnancy

Anyone can report harassment. If someone's behavior has made you uncomfortable, or if you witness the same happening to someone else, you should immediately contact one of the Flame Con organizers or volunteers. Report harassment to Flame Con staff. If a person engages in harassing behavior, Flame Con staff will take prompt action in any form they deem appropriate, including expulsion from Flame Con with no refund. Our policy applies to EVERYONE at the convention.

Remember: Cosplay is not consent. Keep your hands to yourself. If you would like to take a picture with or of another fan, always ask first and respect that person's right to say no. Be respectful, be nice, be cool, and be kind to each other.

Media Policy

Flame Con is a recorded event. By attending Flame Con, you agree to be photographed and/or filmed and give your permission to use your likeness in promotional and/or marketing materials.

***View
Every
Event:***



A vibrant pink and purple promotional poster for the Magical Girls Festival. At the top, the title "Magical Girls FESTIVAL" is written in a playful, bubbly font. Below it, a cartoon illustration of a girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a purple and white outfit, is shown. To the right, a purple starburst contains the text "JOIN US!" and another starburst shows "\$20 +taxes & fees". The event details "Sept. 26 + 10AM-10 PM @ 5-2-A in Industry City" are listed. A banner below the illustration says "80+ Vendors + Programming + Exclusive Screenings + Giveaways". The bottom section features two photos of women, Christine Marie Cabanos and Carrie Savage, with the text "SPECIAL GUESTS Christine Marie Cabanos & Carrie Savage!". Below them, it says "Available for autographs, photo ops, and a spotlight panel!". At the very bottom, a purple box contains the text "LEARN MORE & GET TICKETS: MAGICALGIRLSFESTIVAL.COM" and another QR code.

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Ally Awareness

Allies Can Contribute to Making Flame Con Accessible

Everyone has a right and a responsibility to speak up for accessibility. As an able bodied person, there are many ways you can help make Flame Con a more welcoming and enjoyable experience for disabled people. Some ways to contribute are:

- Ensure that those who need access to elevators are able to use them by taking the stairs if you are able to do so.
- The hall space between areas can easily become full of people, please help maintain a clear traveling area and do not sit or stand in designated traffic paths.
- Panel, workshop, and performance areas will have designated seating for accessibility access. Please respect these areas and keep accessible seating available for those who need them.
- Please keep scents and perfumes to a minimum amount, as they can be unpleasant or cause harm to many individuals. Smoking may only be done in designated areas outside the convention space.
- Please refrain from petting, distracting, or taking photos of service animals as this prevents them from providing the assistance they are there for.
- Do not assume a disabled person needs or wants help. Please ask for consent before helping. Do not be offended if they decline your offer. And if they do accept, listen to the details of how they would like help before acting.
- Please be courteous and respect people's privacy by not commenting on their ability or disability, their necessary accommodations, their gender identity or presentation, or any aspect of their personal identity which they may wish to keep private.

Props and Weapons Policy

Flame Con is asking you to leave your toy guns at home.

Guns are not accessories that can be flaunted in public without inherently making light of their intended use, while simultaneously making many people deeply uncomfortable. If you bring a toy gun to Flame Con, no matter how unrealistic it might look or feel, you will be asked to check it. So to prevent any concerns for other attendees regarding possible exposure to weapons we ask that they not be part of your presence at our convention.

Your cosplay at Flame Con will help our community make a strong, colorful statement against gun violence, and our culture's toxic love of firearms.

Spread the word! Flame Con will not allow the following items:

- Any weapon of any kind—bladed or projectile—that looks real.
- Real blades of any kind, even if they are blunted.
- Any kind of gun or simulacrum of a firearm, no matter how fake it looks.

When crafting your props, keep it light and keep it safe. You can do a lot with foam!

At Geeks OUT, we are committed to creating spaces that are safe—both physically and emotionally.

Join us in making Flame Con a place where we can all enjoy ourselves!

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GEEKS OUT

Flame Con is brought to you by Geeks OUT, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to making the fan community more fun, inclusive and safe for geeks who are queer.

In addition to running Flame Con, Geeks OUT tables at conventions around the country, creates geeky queer-centered programming and events, and highlights the work of queer creators through our podcast, blog and more.

Please consider a donation to help us continue this vital work. Learn more about us and how to get involved at geeksout.org



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