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WELCOME

Thank you so much for joining us for the sixth Ocean City Comic Con! It's a great joy to be able to get together and celebrate all things geeky once again. We would like to thank all our exhibitors, our generous local sponsors, all our volunteers, and of course you for coming out and supporting the show.

So, what's where?

Well, we're glad you asked, here is the breakdown:

Main Exhibit Floor:

1st floor, exhibit hall A, B, & C

Panels/Events:

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Performing Arts Center (1st floor)

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Ocean City Film Festival Screening Room:

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Please Tag us:

Taking pictures at the show?

Posting to social media? Please tag us! You can find the con on Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter)!

Cosplay Contest:

-Contest Starts at 3pm in the Performing Arts Center (1st Floor).

-Contest sign-ups from 11am-2pm (Across from ticketing area).

-Two categories: kids (12yo and under), and adults (13yo+).

-Adults capped at 75 contestants (so sign up early!), no cap on kids.

The Rules:

Harassment:

We have a zero tolerance harassment policy. If anyone is found harassing another con goer, exhibitor, guest, or volunteer they will be instantly ejected from the convention and no refund will be given. If you feel you are being harassed, witness someone else being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a staff member immediately. Staff has the ability to contact local law enforcement, and can provide escort, or otherwise assist those feeling they have experienced harassment to ensure they feel safe for the duration of the convention. Also, and we can not stress this enough, COSPLAY IS NOT CONSENT!

Cosplay weapons and props:

No functional weapons of any kind are allowed. DO NOT BRING REAL SWORDS, GUNS, OR ANY TYPE OF AUTHENTIC WEAPON TO THE SHOW. ONLY PROPS ARE ALLOWED. Simulated or costume weapons are allowed as part of a costume. No projectile weapons (including but not limited to airsoft or paintball weapons) allowed. All realistic guns MUST have an orange tip. No metal weapons of any kind. All simulated or costume weapons will be inspected by convention staff who may refuse entry at their discretion. Weapon safety decisions by staff are final. Participants found to be in violation of these, or any other rules will be subject to removal from the con. Please understand that we will always err on the side of safety.

Trash:

There are trashcans throughout the event for your convenience. Please deposit all trash into the designated cans. If you see trash around, please do us a solid and either pick it up or tell a staff member and they will take care of it. Let's keep it clean.

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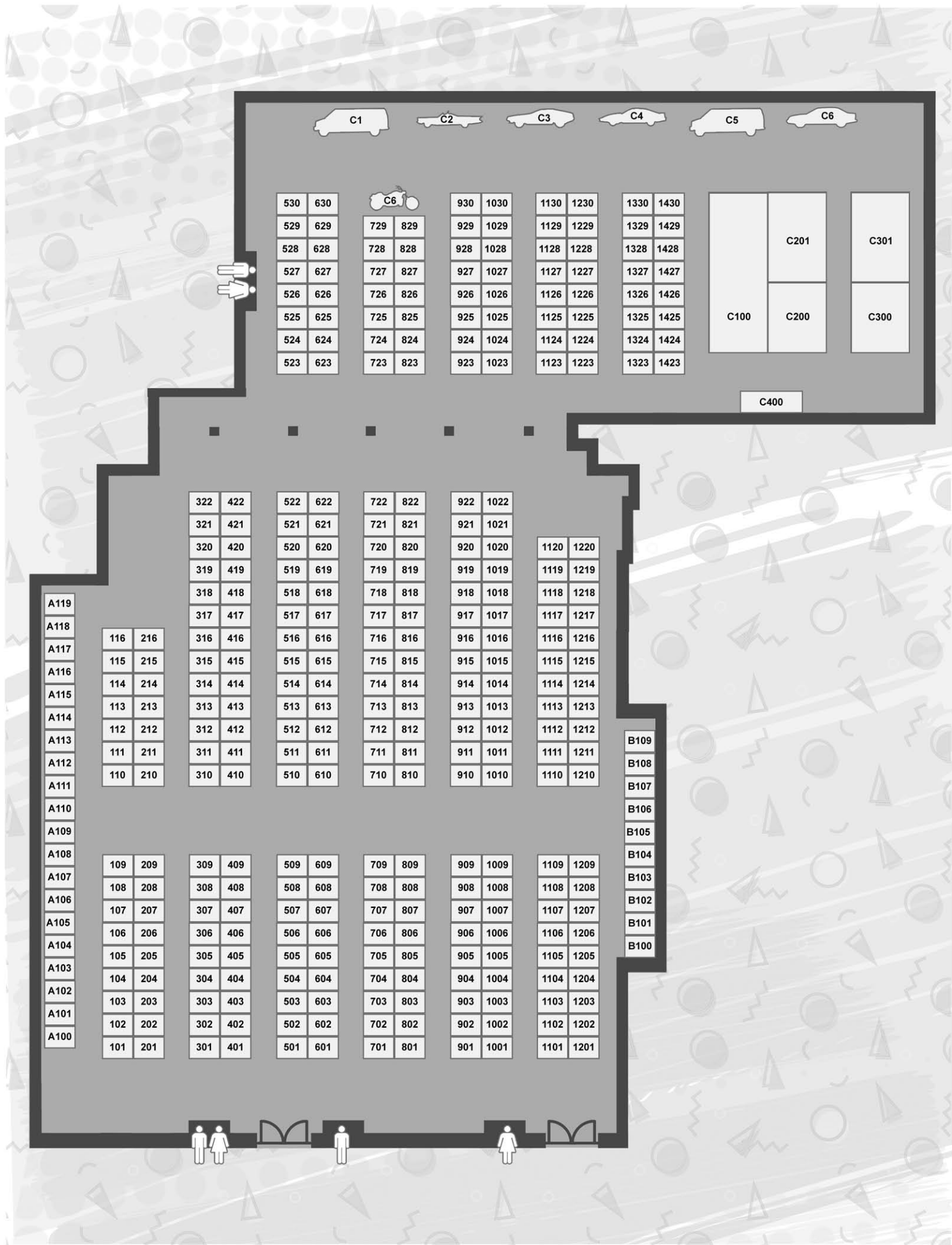
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PANELS + EVENTS

Room 202 (2nd Floor)

11:15 – 12:15 Meet the 501st Legion, Old Line Garrison

The 501st Legion is the world's largest Star Wars costuming club! Come meet some of our members and learn about how you can join up. We'll cover crafting a costume, fantastic events where we are deployed, and we'll discuss the charitable work we do. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the 501st and how you could be a part of it!

12:40 – 1:40 Help the Loading Snacks Team Determine the Top 10 Movie Franchises of All Time!

Does Harry Potter make the cut? Star Wars? What about The Fast and Furious? Rocky? John Wick? The MCU? Back to the Future? Have a soft spot for Toy Story? Come make your voice heard. Place any franchise in any spot on the top 10. BUT BEWARE! Anyone in attendance can challenge your choice and you'll have to defend it in a Rock, Paper, Scissors face off where losing challengers must eat a Bean Boozled jelly bean! When time is up, the list stands as the official OCCC Top 10 Movie Franchises of All Time!

2:00 – 3:00 Can I lick it?

To lick or not to lick? That is the question. Have you ever seen something and had the impulse to lick it? Maybe you should! Do you ever wonder if you can lick that delicate flower in a bouquet? A bright red mushroom? A colorful toad? A bone? Should you? Why would you? Is the answer on the tip of your tongue? Join us for this educational game show on lingual science where you can learn whether or not to give into these impulses! Bring your friends and compete for prizes or just watch the competition. Come with all your tongue-related questions! This fantastic, fun, and educational event is brought to you by Salisbury University's Henson School of Science and Technology. Note: No licking is required during this event to win prizes.

Room 203 (2nd Floor)

10:45 – 11:45 Environmental Storytelling & Show Don't Tell: How I Learned to Write through Playing Video Games

The popular saying goes: "A picture's worth a thousand words." With the rapid developments in technology, our storytelling is changing to not just be on the page, but through movies, television, and video games--highly visual mediums. Through the power of images, we can convey a whole narrative in a short space. Games like Deus Ex: Mankind Divided and Gone Home use environmental storytelling to give us pieces of characters' lives. In this workshop, we'll discuss examples of games that tell stories through objects, and go into our own writing exercises inspired by video games. Hosted by Meg Eden

12:10 – 1:10 From Idea To Page: Drawing Comics with Elvin A. Hernandez

We all have stories we want to tell... but how do we turn them into effective comic stories? Join Dr. Elvin A. Hernandez (Assistant Faculty at UME5 and comics illustrator) as he takes pen to paper in a live demonstration that follows the development of a comic book page: from defining the purpose of the page to quick sketches demonstrating the final results of the comics process! Be sure to catch this panel, and stop by and say hello to Dr. Hernandez at the UME5 Sequential Arts booth on the convention floor (as well as check out his new comic, "Mundo Rudo: Cacique", premiering at the Ocean City Comic Con)

1:40 – 2:40 World Building 101

One of the best things about being a comic book creator is the fact that you are able to create entire worlds, universes even. But with this great power comes many questions that you need to be able to answer. But where to start and how can you keep everything flowing in a consistent flow? In this lecture World Building 101, Bryan "Kaiser" Tillman creator of Dark Legacy and Ninja Empire will go in-depth on what it takes to create worlds from scratch. He will also be giving you tips and tricks on how to create your own fully realized, living, breathing world/universe.

Room 204 (2nd Floor)

11:30 – 12:30 Courage Through Cosplay:

A discussion on how cosplay can help individuals with anxiety, explore identity, self and character expression, while building confidence in themselves and their craft. Hosted by Cosplay Mutt

1:00 – 2:00 So You Want to be a Writer 2023: Writing Someone Else's Characters

Public Domain, shared universes, character collaboration, fan fiction – All these have one thing in common, a chance to put characters you did not create into new and sometimes strange situations. How would you write Sherlock Holmes? Dracula? Winnie the Pooh? How far should you go with your favorite comic book or animation character. Can you handle writing for a shared world anthology. And do you dare put your take on your co-writers' creations when they ask to team one of your characters with one of theirs.

Join Award winning writer John L. French (Pulp Factory's Best Pulp Story 2021, DC's Baldy Award) at this year's Ocean City Comic Con to learn what toys to bring when you're playing in someone else's sandbox – what to do, what not to do, and what to look out for.

On a personal note from the show, John has been with us every single year since the very beginning, sharing his vast knowledge and experience in writing, editing, as well sharing stories of his time working in CSI. If you have not had the opportunity to catch one of his panels, do yourself a huge favor and catch this one!

Room 205 (2nd Floor)

11:00 – 12:00 Pokemon Go & Draw: Water Deck

(AWA will provide supplies)

Do you know them all? Join Art Way Alliance as Artists show you how to draw some of your favorite Pokemon characters. From the original 151 to the new Scarlet and Violet starters. We will be exploring the shapes that make up these awesome characters. Participants may even get to create their own original creatures! Bring your Pokedex and creativity!

12:30 – 1:30 STEAM Character Design: Art Edition

(AWA will provide supplies)

Attendees will learn how to design a character based on one or all of the elements of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in their design. Character design is the art of creating a character for use in books, comics, video games, television, movies, and other fictional mediums. Designers outline everything about the character they envision, from appearance and strengths to personality and weaknesses.

1:50 – 2:50 Making Comics (Comic Book Writing & Art Tutorial)

Join Artist and Educator Bradley Hudson (from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore) and Editor Joseph Rybandt (from Dynamite Entertainment) as they discuss all aspects of working in comics and show you how comic books and comic book pages are put together, including: layout, story flow, and specific panels from a real comic book script.

SECOND FLOOR MAP



PANELS + EVENTS

Room 206 (2nd Floor)

Ocean City Film Festival Screening Room

The Ocean City Film Festival is Ocean City's first and only film festival that celebrates independent filmmakers from near and far. Founded in 2017, the festival continues to deliver an original program of films year after year. Content is NOT rated by MPAA and viewer discretion is advised. Learn more at OCMDFilmFestival.com

12PM: POCOMOKE FOREST: Maryland's Heart of Darkness
THAT'S MY BIKE! Productions' investigative documentary about Maryland's most haunted forest. This 4-part series explores the historical background of the Pocomoke forest with help from local author Andy Nunez. Filmmakers B.L. Strang-Moya, Trevor Taylor, and Jarret Bigsby conduct an in-depth paranormal investigation to cultivate evidence of the mysterious reports that have plagued the forest for decades. 45 minutes.

2PM: The 2023 Ocean City Film Challenge

The annual Ocean City Film Challenge is a collection of short films that were made in or about Ocean City. 90 minutes approx.

Fiona Finds Her Groove

Written & Directed by Fiona O'Brien & Will Rothermel. A girl comes to Ocean City and notices movement in the most peculiar places.

Newt

Written & Directed by Christian Walters. A young Native American facing a specific instance - challenging his personal feelings of identity, while also embracing the joys and hurdles ahead in his new surroundings.

The Runaway Groom

Written & Directed by Marlon Wallace. Malcolm, an anxious groom, has to wrestle with his guilty conscience and figure out what makes him happy, as Talia, his frustrated bride, will do anything to put a ring on his finger and get him back to the altar, even if it means chasing him up and down the beach and boardwalk of Ocean City, Maryland.

Lucy Wouldn't Lie

Written & Directed by Erin Welch. Morbid secrets surface between two friends in this dark comedy short film.

The Prize of Ocean City

Written & Directed by Holden Conner. Three best friends go to Ocean City and learn the true value of a day at the beach.

The Ballad of Pop and Corn

Written, produced, and directed by Myah Stokes. The Ballad of Pop and Corn is a puppetry short film that depicts the exploration of boardwalk scraps who have a newfound life. Disguised as humans to join as one, the film aims to follow the adventures of the father/son duo Pop and Corn, alongside a 3rd boardwalk escapee - Salt Water Taffy. However, when envy starts to brew, Taffy takes matters into her own hands. Styled as a news station broadcast, this lighthearted, comedy film touches upon themes of envy, curiosity, perseverance, and recognizing that wrongdoings can lead to poor fortune.

A Shore Thing

Written & Directed by Joe Joyce. Two recently fired Ocean City locals are looking for jobs when they finally land what appears to be the position of their dreams. But what is all this then?

One Perfect Show: The Story of Kenny & The Shore Patrol

Directed, Shot, and Edited by Davis Mears. A mockumentary about a cover band in Ocean City called "Kenny & The Shore Patrol" - who played a perfect show back in 1987 and then was never heard from again. The film follows the timeline of events that led to the downfall of the band, and eventually, a possible reunion.

Remember Me

Directed by Jackson Dutton and Ashton Kozak. Remember Me is a dark romance based on many real stories. Emily Smith and Joshua Adams are first seen as a happy couple who have just moved into their own house. They enjoy spending time together in Ocean City until disaster strikes. Joshua Adams is suddenly found dead after a big argument between Emily and Himself. Emily is now forced to overcome her recent loss and move forward from this tragedy.

Gull

Directed by Brian Hooks. A man's pleasant boardwalk stroll is spoiled by a notoriously pesky bird, leading to a chase for one of Ocean City's greatest treasures.

Room 215 (2nd Floor)

Saber Guild Training Room

10:30 Adult Lightsaber Training

Ages: 15 - and up

Time: 20 - 30 minutes

Number of Participants: 10

Lightsabers for use in the class will be provided

In the Adult Intro to Lightsaber Choreography class, participants will experience an introductory course to learn the basics of wielding a Lightsaber. Saber Guild's seasoned members will demonstrate a variety of movements and techniques used when learning lightsaber combat choreography. Along with these skills, participants get acquainted with how to use a stunt Lightsaber, handle it safely, and how to work safely with a partner. Participants will learn three established sets that we use in our regular performances and a Force Move. At the conclusion of this training class, we will create a "show off" opportunity for their Lightsaber training archives.

1:45 Kids Lightsaber Training

Ages: 6-14

Time: 20-25 minutes

Number of Participants: 20

Lightsabers for use in the class will be provided

The younglings will take their first steps into a larger world during this introductory course to Lightsabers and the Force. Saber Guild's elite Jedi will demonstrate their skills before introducing the younglings to the Force and guiding them through the first form of Lightsaber combat: Shii-Cho. Once the younglings understand this form, the instructors will teach them how to use their lightsaber for defense, showing them basic dodges, blocks, and Force moves to protect themselves from the Empire or the First Order. The younglings might have the chance to use what they have learned against Saber Guild's Sith. At the conclusion of this training class, we will create photo opportunities for parents including a class photo and the younglings will receive a certificate for their studies in Lightsaber training.

2:45 Kids Lightsaber Training

Ages: 6-14

Time: 20-25 minutes

Number of Participants: 20

Lightsabers for use in the class will be provided

(description above)

3:45 Adult Lightsaber Training

Ages: 15 - and up

Time: 20 - 30 minutes

Number of Participants: 10

Lightsabers for use in the class will be provided

(description above)

Room 217 (2nd Floor)

12:00 - 2:00 Super Art Fight

SUPER ART FIGHT IS THE GREATEST LIVE ART COMPETITION IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE.

Created in 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland by artists Jamie Noguchi and Nick DiFabbio, 5AF has grown over the past decade into an absolutely can't miss live event, mixing elements of pro-wrestling styled storytelling and character work, live art, and improvised humor.

To date, Super Art Fight has produced hundreds of live events, including shows across the United States and into Canada; appearances at such big conventions as Otakon, Anime Expo, MAGFest, and Awesome Con; features in the pages of The Washington Post, The Baltimore Sun, and Wired; and regular engagements at such legendary rock-and-roll venues as Baltimore's Ottobar and Washington DC's The Black Cat.

Want to see artists collide in one-on-one or tag-team action? Can they stand tall against the ridiculous topics from the crowd-sourced Wheel of Death? Are you ready to cheer your favorites on to victory?

There's only one way to get started...3-2-1...ART FIGHT!

Performing Arts Center (1st Floor)

12:00 Saber Guild Lightsaber Stage Performance

Time: 30-60 minutes

The combined Saber Guild temples of the Northeast United States present a production made just for The 2021 Ocean City Comic Con. Saber Guild is a non-profit, all-volunteer, international organization that specializes in lightsaber stage choreography and education. Don't miss this spectacular lightsaber performance which is perfect for Star Wars fans of all ages.

3:00 Cosplay Contest

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ANIME SCREENINGS

ROOM 201 (SECOND FLOOR)

10AM-11AM: The Masterful Cat is Depressed Again Today Episodes 1-3 (PG-13, Subs)

Saku is your typical workaholic who happened to take in a stray black kitten, Yukichi. But when Yukichi started growing, it seemed like he would never stop! Now, he's the size of a bear and takes pride in his culinary skills and domestic chores. With a cat like that, it's hard to tell who's looking after who. Regardless, they share a special bond that's both amusing and heartwarming.

11AM-12PM: Jujutsu Kaisen Episodes 1-3 (PG-13, Subs)

What happens when an ordinary high schooler named Yuji Itadori has to become a curse to exorcise a curse from his friend? He's not so ordinary anymore, and gains a sorcerer guide and admission to Tokyo Jujutsu High School, an organization that fights the curses... watch this exciting anime to find out what happens next!

12PM-1PM: Spy x Family Season 2 Eps 1-3 (PG-13, Subs)

Season 2 of the hit comedy/action series. Secret Agent Twilight is on a special mission, pretend to be a family man to protect world peace. He has the perfect cover, except his wife's a deadly assassin and neither knows each other's identity. But someone does, his adopted daughter who's a telepath!

1PM-1:30PM: Ah! My Goddess S2 Ep 3: Ah! I Offer These Feelings On Christmas Eve (PG, Dub)

In this classic anime, Keiichi Morisato accidentally calls the Goddess Help Line when trying to order food delivery. When the goddess Belldandy appears to grant him a wish- he jokingly wishes for her to stay forever...but he ends up with much more than he bargained for! In this Season 2 Episode, Keiichi wants to get Belldandy a Christmas present, but he's short on cash! Thankfully, he has Belldandy's sister Urd on his side. He might earn enough money for a special gift unless Urd's plans get him killed first!

1:30PM-2PM: Aggretsuko: We Wish You a Metal Christmas (PG, Subs)

In this hilarious comedy and slice of life anime, Retsuko, a red panda who works in accounting, is frustrated by her thankless office job. You can find her coping with her stress by belting out death metal at karaoke restaurants after work. The Christmas special finds all the characters trying to make plans for Christmas eve, while Retsuko is getting herself into trouble on social media. UHOH!

2PM-2:30PM: Dragonball Z: Christmas Tree of Might (PG-13, English Dub)

The infamous, holiday-themed parody movie in the Dragon Ball Z Abridged series, produced by Team Four Star. When Krillin wishes for the perfect Christmas tree, the gang have to face Shenron's wrath when a giant, life and joy sucking tree starts terrorizing the earth. Also, space pirates...gotta have some space pirates.

2:30-2:45PM: Ugly Sweater Contest:

Come get your geek on (or cheer our contestants on) in our Geeky Holiday Sweater contest! All entries must be Holiday-themed, max rating of PG-13 and all fandoms (anime, sci-fi, fantasy, etc) welcomed. Sweaters may be bought, altered, or handmade (but no short sleeved t-shirts, or skimpy attire please). Full contest rules available on Facebook and at the D.A.S. table in the videos room (Sign-ups in the video room (Room 201) at the D.A.S. table from 10AM-2PM)

2:45PM-3:00PM: Christmas/Holiday Anime Music Videos (AMV5)

Featuring various holiday Anime Music Videos rated PG-PG13.

3-4PM: Himouto! Imaru-Chan Eps 1-3 (PG-13, Subs)

Umaru is a 16 year old girl with a double life. At school, she's a superstar, pretty, smart, and popular...but once she gets home, she transforms into a cola-guzzling, anime binging, slobby, mega otaku! Will her friends discover her secret? Will her brother stop covering for her? See all this and more during the screening of Umaru-chan.

4PM-5PM: Demon Slayer Season 3 (Swordsmith Village Arc) Eps 1-3 (PG-13, Subs)

It's the Taisho Period in Japan and Tanjiro is a kindhearted charcoal seller...with a loving family but a big problem! Demons slayed his family and turned his sister into one of them! Swearing revenge on the demon who killed his family (and wanting to save his sister), he embarks on a quest to join the ranks of the Demon Slayers.

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VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENTS

Our good friends at Small Town Gaming will be running two gaming tournaments as part of their Small Town Showdown Tournament series! This year STG will be running Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Street Fighter 6. Registration is free and comes with a chance to win awards.

- Location: PAC Lobby, 1st floor
- Cost is free for both tournaments

Smash Ultimate Ruleset

- Platform - Nintendo Switch
- Tournament format is single elimination.
- Sets are best of 3 until top 8 at which point sets are best of 5.
- Stocks: 3.
- Time: 7 minutes.
- Items off
- Players are encouraged to bring their own controllers. Otherwise STG will provide controllers. Only GameCube controllers, Pro Controllers, and Joy-Cons may be used.
- Respect your opponent at all times

Registration Opens - 10am
Registration Closes - 10:45am
Tournament Start - 11am
64 Player Cap

- Online registration here:
<https://www.start.gg/tournament/ocean-city-comic-con-2023-smash-ultimate-street-fighter-6/details>
 - Any player who registered but is not present at the time of roll call will be deleted from the roster.
 - During the tournament if your name is called you have 3 mins to check in for your match. If you do not appear for your match in that time limit you will be marked disqualified.
 - These rules are in place to insure the tournaments finish within the set time limit of the convention.
- For questions or additional info about the tournaments please email: smalltowngamingde@gmail.com

Street Fighter 6 Ruleset

- Platform - Playstation 5
- Tournament format is single elimination. Sets are best of 3 until top 8 at which point sets are best of 5.
- Players can bring their own PS5 compatible fight sticks/adapters if they want as long as they are not illegally modded. STG will provide standard PS5 controllers otherwise.
- Respect your opponent at all times

Registration Opens - 10:30am
Registration Closes - 11:30am
Tournament Start - 12pm
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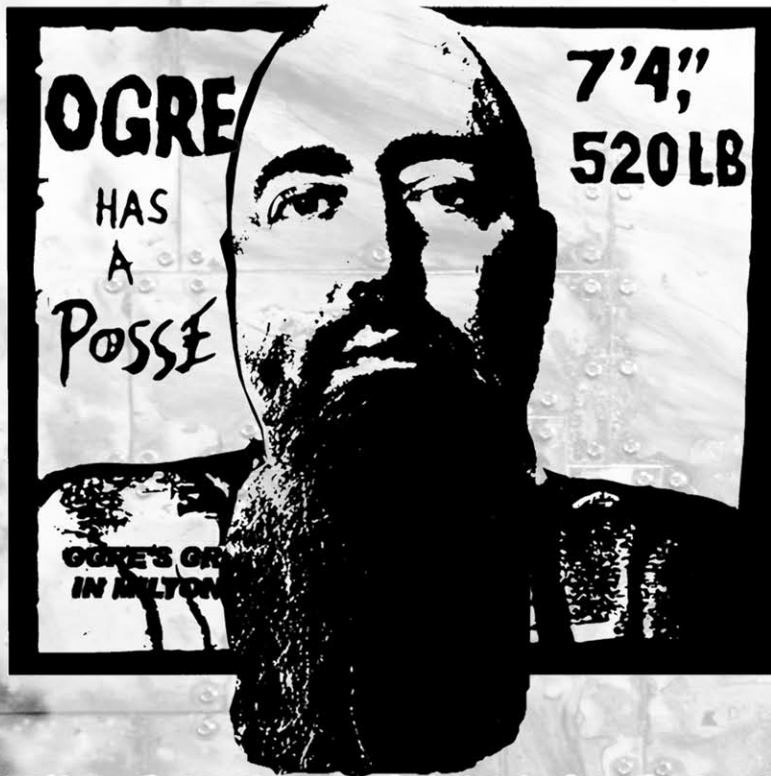
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