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At the Doubletree we have a packed house in the Armory featuring an amazing array of talented artists and we're excited to welcome back Kevin Eastman once again to the state where he and Peter Laird created the Turtles! This year we're also excited to have IDW Publishing in the house for portfolio reviews. Next to the Armory you will find the Victory Condition Gaming Lounge, pop in during the weekend and discover a new game, play a favorite, or chat with one of the many game creators in attendance! In the Expo Hall we have a wide variety of awesome vendors and artists, the room is jam packed. Just across from the Expo Hall is Kids Con New England, with Soul Blossom Face Painting and Party Palace Characters. This year we've incorporated the Mezzanine level above the hotel lobby for panels and costume contest judging. There is literally something happening in every corner of the hotel!

Over at the SNHU Arena you'll find our celebrity guests and even more vendors! From Lou Diamond Phillips to Felicia Day to the Grand Theft Auto V crew to the animated X-Men, we have some fantastic guests for you to meet! Up on the concourse level of the Arena we have the Star Wars experience featuring the 501st New England, Alderaan Base, and lightsaber training with the Saber Guild. We also have the returning Massachusetts Ghostbusters with their slime lab and interactive experiences. Also on the Concourse you'll find The Sam Adams Lounge, where all guests are free to relax and recharge.

This year we introduce our unofficial "third venue" - Downtown Manchester! There is so much to do and see downtown during Granitecon - Friday, head to Shaskeen Pub for our Karaoke Kick Off, or Clyde's Dessert & Wine Bar. On Saturday, check out the Arts Festival on Amherst Street, Comedy Night at the Harpoon Brewery, "Dirty Shirley" Pub Crawl kicking off from the Bookery, Make It Pop Studios for an official pit stop, and a lot more (www.granitecon.com/after-hours/). We're thrilled with how the establishments downtown are embracing our event and welcoming attendees!

So, go on out and have a great time letting your geek flag fly! Take lots of pictures and post them to your socials making sure to tag us (#granitecon) so we can see the event through your eyes!!

For those of you keeping track, this is the 24th Annual Granite State Comicon which is simply mind blowing. What started out as a small gathering at the hotel back in 2003 has grown into a multi-building event that draws in fans from around the globe. Expect BIG things in 2027 as we go all out to celebrate Granitecon #25! Guest announcements for 2027 will start soon, so keep an eye on our social media!

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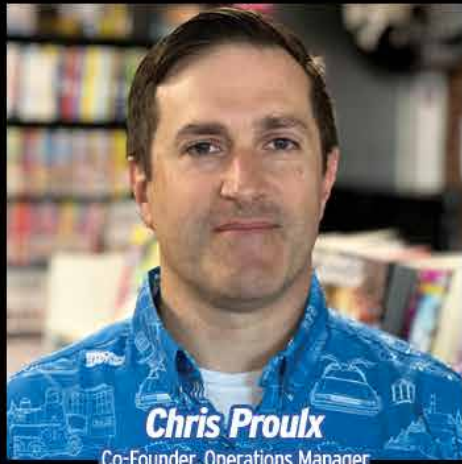
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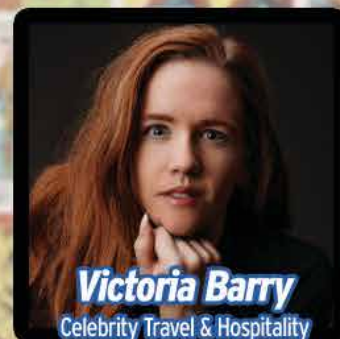
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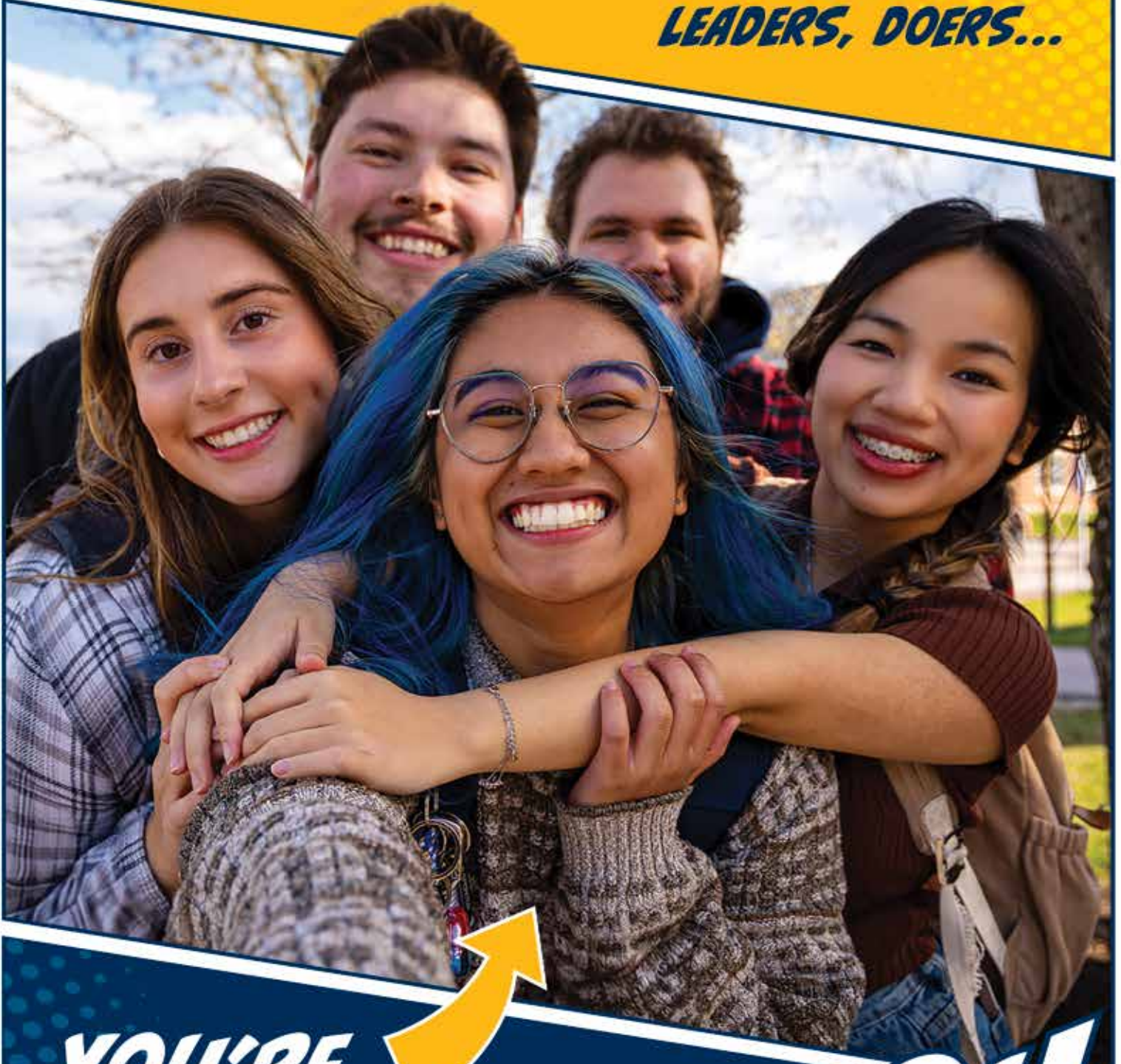


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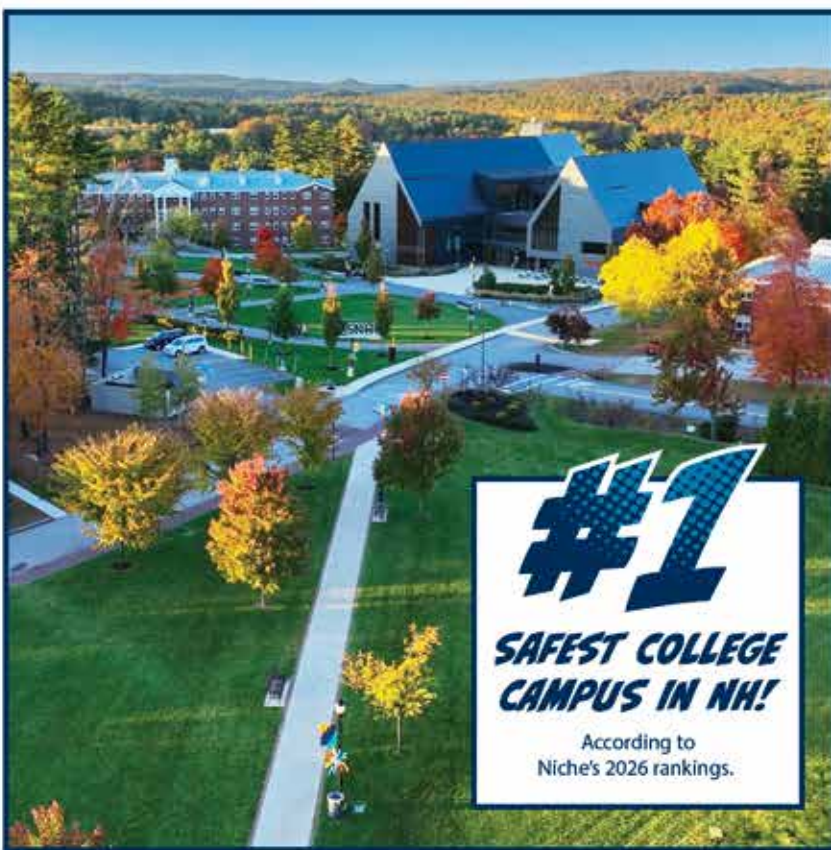
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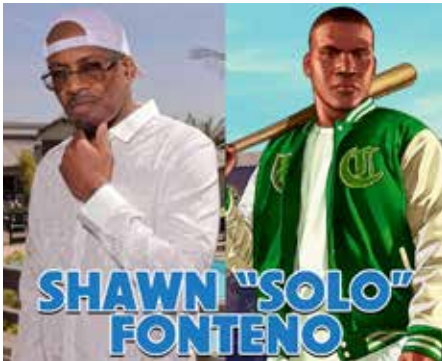
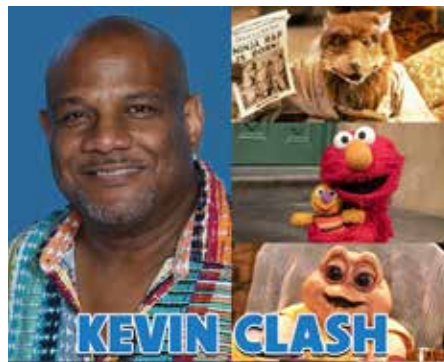


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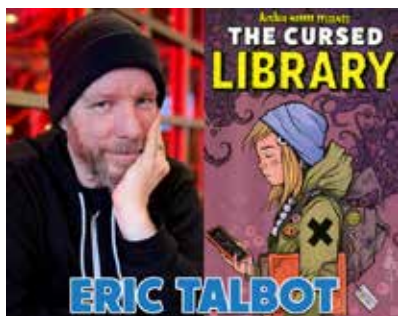
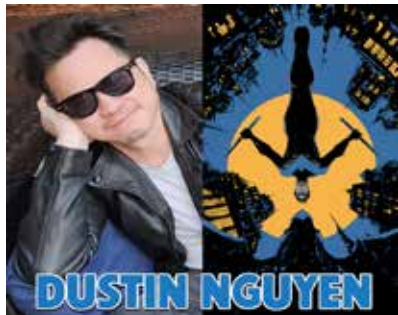
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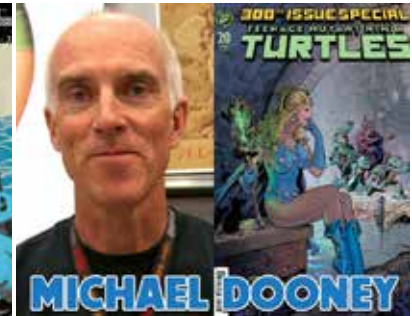
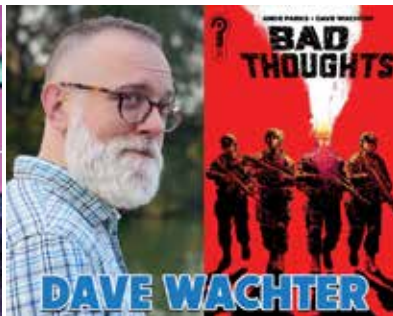
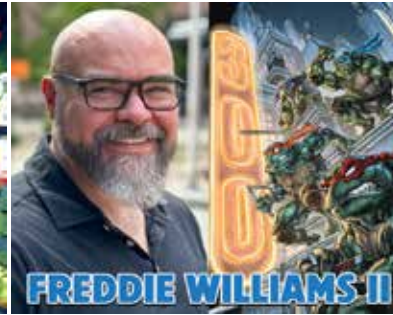
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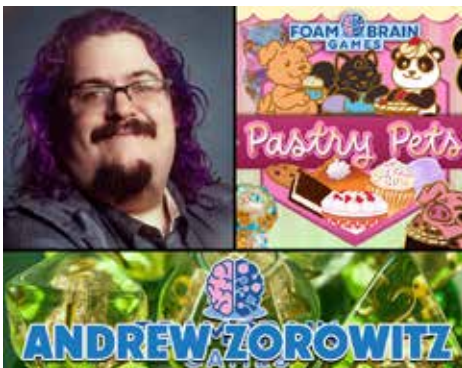
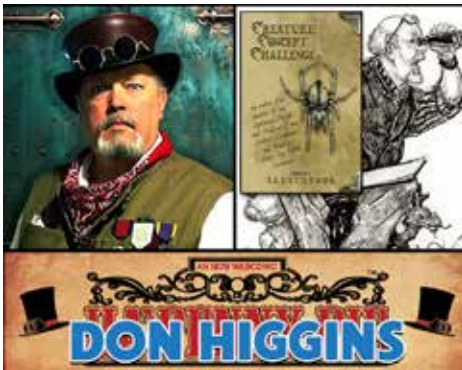
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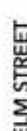
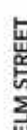
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SCHEDULE PANELS & WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY

3:00pm - 8:00pm TABLETOP GAMING

DoubleTree by Hilton, Granitecon Gaming Lounge
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6:00pm - 8:00pm CREATOR-LEAD GAMES: ONCE UPON...

DoubleTree by Hilton, Granitecon Gaming Lounge
Hosted by Al Spader

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm QUEEN CITY IMPROV

DoubleTree by Hilton, Main Stage
Queen City Improv is a Manchester based comedy improv troupe that does shows made up on the spot using audience suggestions.

8:00 pm - 12:00 am BARDS, BALLADS & BREWS: GRANITECON'S
OFFICIAL KARAOKE KICK-OFF

FREE admission. 21+ event. The Shaskeen Pub

SATURDAY

10:00 am - 5:00 pm DRAW, COLOR, & CRAFTS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Kids Con NE

10:00 am - 5:00 pm MEET PARTY PALACE CHARACTERS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Party Palace

10:00 am - 5:00 pm FACE PAINTING & GLITTER TATTOOS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Soul Blossom Body Arts

10:45 am - 11:30 am LEARN TO DRAW MYTHICAL CREATURES

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Kids Con NE

11:00 am - 12:30 am WORKSHOP – GOLDWORK: AN INTRODUCT-
TION TO METAL THREAD EMBROIDERY

SNHU Arena, Arena Access Tunnel
With Cowbutt Crunchies Cosplay

11:00 am - 12:00 pm LEARN AND PLAY: PITCHCAR

Granitecon Gaming Lounge, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Victory Condition Gaming

11:00 am - 11:45 am TO ME, MY X-MEN! Q&A PANEL

Main Stage, DoubleTree by Hilton

Join the voices of Sunspot (Gui Augustini), Bishop (Isaac Robin-
son- Smith), and Morph (JP Karliak) in this Q&A discussing the
hit series, X-Men '97!

11:00 am - 11:45 am DON'T SPLIT THE PARTY! KEEPING GAMING
FUN AT THE TABLE WITH ALL YOUR WEIRDO FRIENDS!

Are your friends weirdos? Do you play games together? Do you
love them and also want to strangle them when you play? Hon-
estly, what's a rules lawyer to do when the party wants to role-
play? And how can we kill the BBEG when someone keeps get-
ting up to get snacks? Is your party half paladins and half bards?
One of the things we love about gaming together is how it brings
diverse people to the table. This workshop is a crash course in
how to save the battling for the archvillian, rescue game night
and learn to love the brains of everyone in your party. Walk away
with concrete ideas for your next sessions. You might even learn
something about your own play style and way of thinking!!

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton

With Maryanne Cullinan, PhD

11:00 am - 11:45 am THE WRITER'S ROOM

Storytellers Telling Stories

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

11:45 am - 12:45 pm MASK MAKING & DESIGN A SUPERHERO

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Kids Con NE

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm TURTLE POWER! TALKING TMNT WITH
KEVIN CLASH AND JAMES SAITO

Join Kevin Clash (Splinter) and James Saito (Shredder) on this
panel, discussing the hit movie, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,
and reflecting back on their careers!

Location: Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

Moderator: DJ Gove

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm BATMAN DAY!

Saturday is officially Batman Day, join us for this round table
discussion of Batman and his impact.

Location: The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton

Moderator: Tom Novak



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PANELS & WORKSHOPS

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm PROBOT ANIMATION

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Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

David Goolkasian

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm WORKSHOP – ROTARY TOOL SCHOOL

Learn how to get the most out of one of the most versatile tools in any maker's workshop. In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to use a rotary tool safely and confidently, from choosing the right accessory for the job to changing tips with ease. You'll get plenty of guided practice experimenting with different bits to shape, carve, and add texture to EVA foam, giving you a feel for what each one can do. Whether you're building cosplay, props, or just looking to add a new skill to your creative toolkit, this workshop is a fun way to build confidence and take your craftsmanship to the next level

SNHU Arena, Arena Access Tunnel

Downen Creative

1:00pm - 2:00 pm LEARN AND PLAY: PITCHCAR

Granitecon Gaming Lounge, DoubleTree by Hilton

With Victory Condition Gaming

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm CREATOR-LEAD GAMES: REDACTED

DoubleTree by Hilton, Granitecon Gaming Lounge

Hosted by Al Spader

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm PRINCESS STORY TIME & CRAFTS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton

With Kids Con NE& Party Palace

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm TMNT: THE MIGHTY MUTANIMALS!

Join Kevin Eastman and a cross section of TMNT artists and writers from every era for a discussion about that OTHER team of hero mutants, the Mighty Mutanimals! Ken Mitchroney and Jim Lawson will talk about the Mutanimals in the pages of the TMNT Adventures comics, while Steve Lavigne details the would-be Mutanimals cartoon series. Ciro Nieli will talk about the 2012 iteration of the team, while Tom Waltz and Mateus Santoluoco will talk about the IDW Mutanimals. Also joining the panel will be Kevin Siembieda from Palladium books, who will talk about the earliest non-turtle mutants made by Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird.

The conversation will be followed by a Q&A, so if you've got burning questions for Kevin Eastman or the rest of the gang (about the Mutanimals or otherwise) now's your chance! (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

Turtle Tracks

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm SARA RICHARD PRESENTS: "BRINGING GHOST STORIES TO LIFE"

Join Sara Richard (artist; My Little Pony) with a few special guests, in this panel where attendees are encouraged to tell personal ghost stories they've had and the artists will draw them right in front of your eyes!

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton

Tom Novak

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm MASTERING THE ART OF TTRPGS FOR KIDS

Do you want to run TTRPGs for kids? Inspire your teens to run their own games? Worry about not rolling high enough charisma check to fend off the attitudes of wiley prepubescent hordes?

Our panel of experienced teen DMs run a 45+ student DnD club every Friday after school for 5th -8th graders. They are here to share all the logistics, hidden secrets, story quest ideas with you and answer questions so your tables run smoothly, your players have fun and you can slay the day! ...Even if you are a wizened old sorcerer like their teacher.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

Maryanne Cullinan, PhD

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm BREAKING INTO COMICS (+ Q&A) WITH IDW EDITORS

What's it like working in comics? How does working on licensed comics differ from creator-owned projects with a publisher? A talk with Cassandra Jones and Michele Abounader, editors from IDW Publishing, about how they got started, what they look for when hiring writers and artists, and how to find your own way into the comics industry. Q&A to follow!

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

IDW Editorial

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm QUEEN OF THE NERDS. FELICIA DAY Q&A

Join the queen of the nerds, Felicia Day (The Guild, Supernatural, Dr Horrible's Sing Along), in this Q&A talking about her career and the upcoming Guild Movie!

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

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PANELS & WORKSHOPS

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm THE PROCESS BEHIND ABILITIES: A GRAPHIC NOVEL'S CREATION

Join indie graphic novel creator and special education teacher Michelle MacLean for an inside look at the journey of bringing a graphic novel to life. From the first spark of an idea to scripting, character design, and final pages, Michelle shares the real process behind creating her debut graphic novel: Abilities. Attendees will get a candid look at the creative challenges, storytelling decisions, and lessons learned along the way. Perfect for artists, writers, educators, and anyone curious about how comics.

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton
Michelle MacLean

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm DRAW & CRAFT POKÉMON SUPERHEROES

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
Kids Con New England

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm WORKSHOP – CREATE YOUR OWN SWORD

SNHU Arena, Access Tunnel
Avera Cosplay

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm PITCHCAR GRAND PRIX

Granitecon Gaming Lounge, DoubleTree by Hilton
Victory Condition Gaming

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm ANIME HOUR Q&A PANEL

We've lined up an incredible array of anime voice actors this year and we're bringing them together in one place for a giant Q&A! Join Mallorie Rodak (Frieren), Eric Vale (DBZ, One Piece, MHA), Veronica Taylor (Pokemon, Sailor Moon) and Christopher Mhcamp (MHA, Attack on Titan), on this epic panel discussing their careers!

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm LEARN HOW TO MIN/MAX YOUR ROLEPLAYING EXPERIENCE!

Our seasoned Gaming Guests will discuss how to work better together, as players and story tellers, to keep conflict low, experience high, and the fun rolling!

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm WOMEN IN HORROR COMICS

These women are creating content that connects with the deeper, darker side of all of us. What makes comics such a perfect medium for horror storytelling? How do creators strike the balance

between story and shock– how scary is too scary?? Building tension panel by panel, pushing boundaries, these creators share insights into their process, inspirations behind their most chilling work, & the techniques used to unsettle and surprise readers.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

Hilarie Schmalke, Publisher w/Midnight Factory

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm DRAW VIDEO GAME CHARACTERS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
Kids Con New England

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm "RESONANCE" SNEAK PEEK

Experience the opening 10 minutes of Resonance, an original sci-fi series created and produced in New Hampshire. Filmed in Manchester and at StudioLab in Derry, Resonance celebrates the filmmaking community in the Granite State while delivering a cinematic story inspired by the spirit of classic science fiction. Following the screening, stick around for a live Q&A with the cast and crew as they pull back the curtain on the making of Resonance – from the Five Worlds mythology and character creation to the visual effects, production design, and secrets behind bringing this original sci-fi adventure to the screen.

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton
Human Originals Productions

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm THE TIMELINE OF THE TMNT: FROM MIRAGE TO THE LAST RONIN

The Timeline of the TMNT from Mirage to the Last Ronin, & other panel TMNT kids panel.

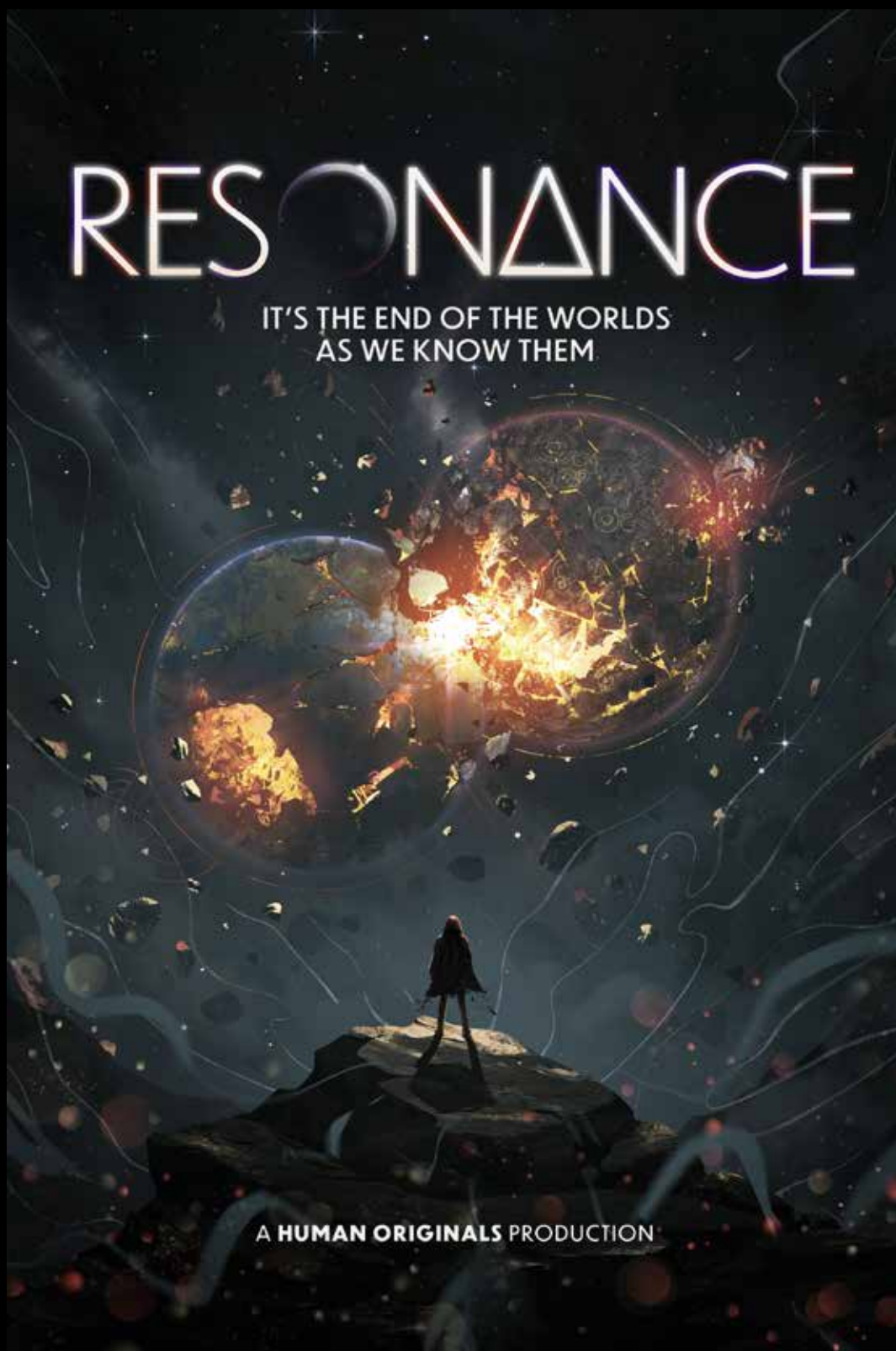
The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton
Justin Cooper

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm DARK TALES OF JAPAN

Monsters, ghosts, hauntings, and urban legends, from the land of the rising sun. This panel will discuss the creepy stories of Japan, old and new. From ancient stores of yokai from a bygone era, to the haunted places and scary stories that have come from the internet in current day. It features a curated hour of terrifying myths, folklore, and haunted locations. Because the discussion centers on the macabre, the panel often comes with trigger warnings for mature topics like curses and the supernatural.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton
Shana Harlow

Be among the first to experience the opening 10 minutes of RESONANCE, an original sci-fi series created and produced in New Hampshire.



**Saturday the 19th at 4:00PM Main Stage, DoubleTree by Hilton
Live Q&A with the Cast and Crew, following the screening**

SCHEDULE PANELS & WORKSHOPS

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm 16th ANNUAL COSTUME CONTEST

See amazing cosplayers at this year's Granite State Comicon, as they compete for our BIGGEST cash prize yet! Hosted by Cowbutt Crunchies, featuring our outstanding panel of judges: Lady Mar Cosplay, Steelshield Cosplay, Turnfolio and Winged Stitches.

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton
Regan from Cowbutt Crunchies

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm D&D WITH QUEEN CITY IMPROV

Join QCI as they perform a Dungeons & Dragons themed night of goofs, gaffes, and laughs through a never before seen show! Queen City Improv is Manchester's finest improv troupe, and they're bringing their act to the Granite State Comicon!

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton
Queen City Improv

8:00 pm - 12:00 am SATURDAY NIGHT CARTOONS: THE OFFICIAL GRANITECON AFTERPARTY

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SUNDAY

10:00 am - 4:00 pm DRAW, COLOR, & CRAFTS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Kids Con NE

10:00 am - 4:00 pm MEET PARTY PALACE CHARACTERS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Party Palace

10:00 am - 4:00 pm FACE PAINTING & GLITTER TATTOOS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
With Soul Blossom Body Arts

10:45 am - 11:30 am LEARN TO DRAW DISNEY CHARACTERS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
Kids Con New England

11:00 am - 12:30 am WORKSHOP – BUILD-A-TOTORO

Build your own 19 cm tall Totoro figure using laser-cut EVA foam & 3D-printed parts! Students leave with an adorable finished piece, perfect accent for a bookshelf, desk, or cozy corner. Materials provided—come ready to have fun!

SNHU Arena, Arena Floor Access Tunnel

11:00 am - 11:45 am FROM THE STREETS – A GTA Q&A

Join the voices of the main cast of GTA, Steven Ogg, Ned Luke, and Shawn Fonteno, as they talk about voice the characters in San Andreas and talk about their careers!

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton
DJ Gove

11:00 am - 11:45 am WOMEN IN POP CULTURE

Women have been around in pop culture for decades. There are some that many don't even know. This panel celebrates and educates on the women who have been part of pop culture, making history for women who ever wanted to be part of such an amazing community.

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton
Madigan Sapuan

11:00 am - 11:45 am THE HISTORY OF COSPLAY

Cosplay is everywhere today – but where did it come from? Join historian and author Andrew Liptak for a fascinating journey through the history of cosplay, from ancient costuming traditions and early masquerade balls to the first science fiction conventions and the rise of modern fandom culture. Learn how technology, craftsmanship, and fan communities helped turn cosplay into the worldwide phenomenon it is today.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton
Andrew Liptak

11:45 am - 12:45 pm HARRY POTTER STORY TIME COLOR & CRAFTS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton
Kids Con New England

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm KIDS COSTUME CONTEST

Come join in the fun with our annual kids costume contest! Kids 12 and under are welcome to participate, with prizes for both winners and participants! Cap for the event is 30 entrants!

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm ULTIMATE SKETCH OFF

Our 12th Annual Sketch Off, featuring a panel of guest artists vying for the title of Sketch Off champion! Who will walk away this year's Sketch Off Champ?

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton
Tom Novak

SCHEDULE

PANELS & WORKSHOPS

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm INDEPENDENT COMICS – THRIVING OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM

The comic industry has shifted dramatically over the past five years– thanks to changes in distribution, the rise of crowdfunding, and platforms like Whatnot. This panel features veteran independent creators who've adapted and thrived outside the spotlight of the big publishers. From conventions and commissions to mailing lists, variant covers, and platforms like Kickstarter, they've done it all. Join us for a candid discussion about the hustle, the creativity, and the freedom that comes with forging your own path in comics.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

Hilarie Schmalke, Publisher w/Midnight Factory

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm WORKSHOP – TOTALLY METAL! CREATE YOUR OWN CHAINMAIL!

Think the idea of knitting with metal rings sounds, well, metal? Get your pliers ready as Cowbutt Crunchies walks through the basic materials and process for creating chainmail fabric: the building block for all chainmail garments. Students will practice creating their own sample chainmail pieces, which they will be able to bring home and complete.

SNHU Arena, Arena Floor Access Tunnel

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1:00 pm - 4:00 pm CREATOR-LEAD GAMES: SENTIENCE

Granitecon Gaming Lounge, DoubleTree by Hilton

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1:00 pm - 1:45 pm PRINCESS STORY TIME & CRAFTS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton

Kids Con New England & Party Palace

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm LA BAMBA! LOU DIAMOND PHILLIPS Q&A

From La Bamba, Young Guns and more, join this Q&A with the legendary Lou Diamond Phillips, as we talk his career in movies and TV!

Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

DJ Gove

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm PALLADIUM GAME PANEL

Join us on this panel, discussing The History of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles & Other Strangeness, as well as the future of Palla-

dium Books.

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton

Kevin Siembieda

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm SO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN INDIE ANIMATED SERIES

Are you a fan of indie animated shows like The Amazing Digital Circus, Hazbin Hotel, and Lackadaisy, and dream of one day creating your very own? Join the cast and crew behind upcoming series PLAYER vs TRINITY and take a peek behind the scenes! from brainstorming your initial concept, to finding the perfect voice actors to bring your characters to life, to finally premiering your pilot on YouTube. Learn what it takes to create the next viral internet sensation from your local broke college grads.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

Robbie Cook

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ANNUAL STR!KE TOURNAMENT

Granitecon Gaming Lounge

Victory Condition Gaming

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm ACCIDENTAL INFLUENCER: COSPLAY, CONTENT, AND CRINGE... OH MY!

A funny, real-talk panel from the "modern-day Morticia Addams" who became an influencer by being unapologetically weird. We'll cover parenting as the weird mom, raising confident spooky kids, cosplaying as a elder millennial, handling public judgment (and the occasional barking), and keeping boundaries/safety—online and at conventions—without turning life into scripted "family content." Q&A included.

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

Dineen Ludwig

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm BOO-YAH! Q&A WITH KHARY PAYTON

From Teen Titans to Walking Dead, join us on this Q&A panel with the amazing Khary Payton, as we talk about his career.

Panel Room A (Main Stage)

Jay C

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm SO WIZARD PODCAST PRESENTS: FRANCHISE FATALITIES

Brian, Adam, Joey and some guests are switching things up. Instead of spotlighting the best of the best, they're going straight for the crashes, burns, and total misfires. Franchise Fatalities is all about the movies that didn't just disappoint they ended the

run. Sequels that stopped momentum cold, the Reboots that never got a second shot, Finales that made sure there wouldn't be another one. We'll dig into what went wrong, where it fell apart, and why some franchises never recover. At the end, one movie stands above the rest for all the wrong reasons.

The Mezzanine, DoubleTree by Hilton

Brian Detrani

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm DRAW TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES & CRAFTS

Expo Center Concourse, DoubleTree by Hilton

Kids Con New England

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm THE TOWER: A LIVE RPG EXPERIENCE

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's superheroes with ridiculous powers tackling the big bad! Cue Zero Theatre Company, presents: The Tower! An audience interactive role playing game based on the Dread system, which uses a giant block tower to determine outcomes for the players as the Game Master tells a themed story. If a player wants to do an action, the GM has them pull a block (or several blocks) in order to achieve their goals. And if they knock over the tower their character immediately dies! The audience gets to influence the story in a variety of ways including suggesting famous superhero scenarios for our players to face, coming up with unique powers for our various villains! This show is packed full of improv comedy mixed with live action role playing and plenty of suspense as no one knows what fate the tower will have in store!

Webster Room, DoubleTree by Hilton

Crystal Welch and Dan Pelletier

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm MAKE YOUR OWN FANZINE!

Learn about fanzines and create your own in this hands-on workshop! Fold a single sheet into an eight-page mini booklet and fill it with your ideas. From your favorite fandom to original comics, pretty much anything can be the focus of a zine! All skill levels welcome, with guidance from NH-based artist Haley Searcy
SNHU Arena, Arena Floor Access Tunnel

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm INTO THE IDOLVERSE

The idol showcase is a non-competitive performance featuring cosplayers from idol fandoms of all genres. Groups will practice and audition to perform for a live audience, and typically involves dancing and sometimes singing. Idol showcases are a way to tribute Japanese idol culture and promote a positive community within the idoling/cosplay scene! Attendees should expect a very interactive experience with lots of shouts, cheers, and penlights! You'll see different idol franchises, from Love Live to Ensemble Stars, and maybe Kaigai (or overseas) idol! Music ranges from heavy metal to sweet and calm piano! The range is endless! Panel Room A (Main Stage), DoubleTree by Hilton

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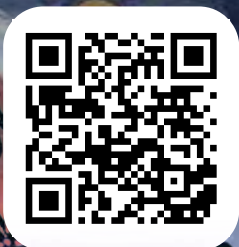
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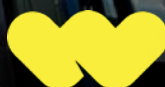
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