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6th Annual Celebration of
Asian Culture & Art

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February 6th, 2016

Welcome to AnniCon 2016!

A celebration of all things Asian including music, costuming, manga, anime, food, history, and culture presented by the Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County.

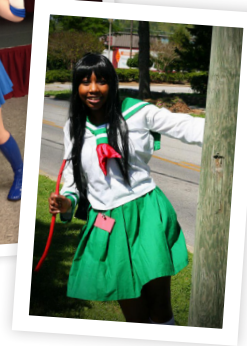
This year we have grown, adding three more rooms so that we take up the entirety of the Anniston City Meeting Center which means even more programming for you! We are especially excited to present a number of musical performances this year, including a concert by Jennifer Cihi, the American singing voice of Sailor Moon. An anime cover performance by vocalist Caleb Hyles; and an 8-bit music performance by Max Dolensky.

We also have a number of demonstrations including martial arts, writing Chinese characters, and preparing sushi. Seraphina is back with her popular Otaku Bellydancing Demonstration. This year we have a dedicated panel room, gaming room, and anime room where you'll find various panels, workshops, tournaments, and anime streaming throughout the day. Several of our guests will be presenting panels on making videos for youtube. Stefanie DeLeo will cover all you need to know about legally publishing fan fiction.

We hope that you enjoy this year's events.

Sincerely,

AnniCon Planning Committee



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

AnniCon will return to the Anniston City Meeting Center on March 25th, 2017.

RULES

Please help us keep AnniCon fun and safe by observing the following rules:

- AnniCon is a free event but we do require all attendees to wear a wrist band for admittance. Wrist bands will be passed out as you enter the building.
- No loitering, sleeping on the premises, or blocking traffic ways.
- No engaging in disruptive behavior that disturbs others. This includes all forms of physical and verbal harassment.
- No soliciting, and no unauthorized selling of merchandise.
- No distribution of any form of literature without written permission by AnniCon staff.
- Dress code for the event is family-friendly. Costumes and street clothes must comply with these guidelines.
- All weapons must be peace bonded and comply with our weapons policy. Visit weapons check to have your weapon peace bonded.

* Visit the information table or our website for more information on our Weapons & Props Policy.



Helpful Information

AnniCon staff can be identified by neon pink name tags. All other volunteers can be identified by neon green or neon orange name tags.

Photography Policy

AnniCon staff will be photographing and recording various scenes and events throughout the day for promotional purposes. By attending you agree to allow AnniCon to use your likeness in various promotional materials such as, but not limited to, our website, social media, programs, and fliers.

Be excellent to each other.

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GUESTS



In the name of the moon...

Jennifer Cih

Jennifer Cih began her career in the Broadway production of *Annie* in 1978, where she played the role of Pepper. She went on to star in the Nickelodeon tv show *Roundhouse*, sang the famed *Hot Pockets* commercials, and of course, sang the iconic songs in the *Sailor Moon* series. She also lent her singing voice to *City Hunter* and *Princess Mononoke*. Over the past few years, Jennifer has been a guest at conventions all over the US, Canada and Europe. She enjoys meeting the fans, and bringing *Sailor Moon* to life at conventions.

Stefanie DeLeo

Stefanie DeLeo is a published and produced playwright and novelist with a Master's Degree in Theatre from New York University. She has worked as an actress, playwright and high school English teacher. Stefanie stumbled into the comic con world in a happy accident, when people asked her questions about fan-fiction. Because of her extensive knowledge of international copyright laws, Stefanie was able to offer informational panels, not only on how to get published, but on how to legally publish fan-fiction.



Seraphina

Professional tribal fusion bellydance performer and instructor with over twenty-five years of dance experience and training. She is known by fans for her creation, *Otaku Fusion Bellydance*: where bellydance meets *Nihon Buyo* (Japanese traditional dance) set to anime and video game soundtracks. Follow her on Facebook at [facebook.com/OtakuBellydance](https://www.facebook.com/OtakuBellydance) and [facebook.com/MarieCosplay](https://www.facebook.com/MarieCosplay).

RJ O'Connell

Alabama-born voice actor RJ O'Connell shares his experiences at *AnniCon* for a second consecutive year! Famous for his roles in (*Anima: Gate of Memories*), *Heroes of Newerth*, and *Let's Read Homestuck*, RJ returns to answer questions, share stories, and perform for all of his distinguished guests!

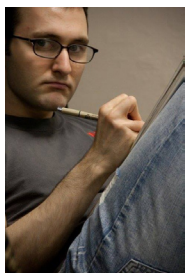


Caleb Hyles

Disney, anime, Broadway, top 40: Caleb Hyles has done it all when it comes to cover songs! With his big heart, and even bigger voice, Caleb has wowed millions across the globe with a multitude of musical stylings and an infectious, positive attitude. He's been recognized by the likes of Ryan Seacrest, Tyler Oakley, Peter Hollens, and many others for his musical prowess. Ever since his viral hit, "Let It Go", dropped in 2014 Caleb has not stopped growing his YouTube channel which has just recently surpassed 200k subscribers. calebhyles.com

Max Dolensky

Max Dolensky is an 8-bit (chiptune) music creator and performer.



Kevin Creel

Classically trained animator specializing in Visual Development. Kevin has a Masters of Animation from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, CA where he studied animation and visual effects, concentrating in visual development. kcvisuald.blogspot.com



Hanrong Wang

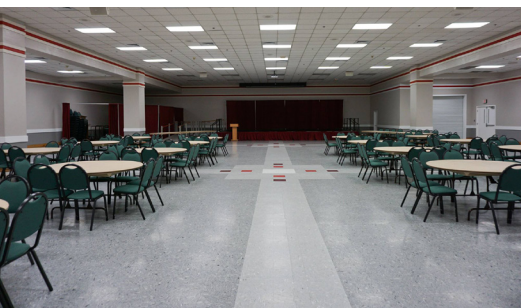
Hanrong Wang, a librarian at Jacksonville State University, grew up in China and moved to the U.S. about a decade ago. She dedicates herself to the demonstration of Asian culture and traditions through presentations and displays.



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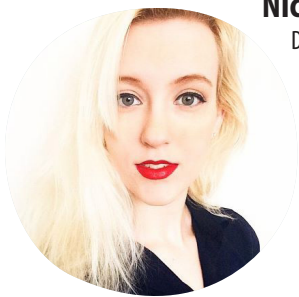
Cuttlefish Cosplay

Cuttlefish Cosplay is a duo made up of two childhood friends, Coral and Stormie. The duo has attended over 30 conventions and has won awards for their craftsmanship and prop work. When the girls aren't playing dress up, they're busy raging over video games and fawning over anime. Cuttlefish Cosplay is based out of Atlanta, GA. www.facebook.com/CuttlefishCosplay



Nicole Howard (Mishkali)

During the beginning of her junior year, Nicole began to seriously cosplay, beginning with Ciel Phantomhive from Black Butler. From there cosplay grew to making videos with her 'Camera Brother' and local friends. This branched into a fairly successful online following through YouTube under the username RetardedJackSparrow. Since then she balances pursuing film and writing as a career while costuming and YouTubing on the side.



Grandmaster Larry Beard

Grandmaster Larry Beard is a Judo instructor at Jacksonville State University. He inherited the leadership of the Budoki Junari system when Professor Chambers retired in January 2006. In 2009, GM Beard represented the United States in the World Masterathlete Championships in Atlanta, GA.

Ted Turgeon's Taekwondo

Ted "Wolverine" Turgeon is a 5th Degree Black Belt and Senior Certified Instructor. He is a nine-time National Champion. Mr. Turgeon has coached students to thirty-eight national championships since opening his own martial arts school seven years ago. He also trains in and teaches Krav Maga (Israeli Self Defense), and has some training in Jiu Jitsu (Brazilian).

Heflin Taekwondo

The Heflin Taekwondo Tiger Pride Demo Team are the 2014 Taekwondo United National competition champions. The team is comprised of 12 students who are all Taekwondo black belts ranging from the rank of First Degree to Third Degree.



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Opening Ceremony

Come welcome our guests and learn about all the fun things you have to look forward to throughout the day.

Ted Turgeon's Taekwondo Demo.

Ted Turgeon's Taekwondo will be demonstrating forms and board breaking. The TTMA Wolverines will perform a demo, and the Hyper Athletes will display extreme forms and martial arts tricking.

Anime Speed Dating

Come play this popular anime game or watch others play for a good laugh.

Anime Trivia

Come test your anime IQ for a chance to win prizes.

Otaku Bellydancing

Seraphina is here to introduce more otaku to the art of bellydance! "Otaku Fusion" is her own unique mix of bellydance with traditional Japanese dance (Nihon Buyo) set entirely to anime/video game soundtracks. After a FAQ session, watch a live performance to some of your favorite music then learn a few moves yourself!

Judo Demonstration

Judo demonstration by Grandmaster Larry Beard

Sailor Moon Concert

Come hear the American songs from the '90s Sailor Moon anime by the original singer Jennifer Cihl.

Heflin Taekwondo Demonstration

Prepare to be wowed as the Heflin Taekwondo Tiger Pride Demo Team demonstrate their abilities with synchronized forms, sparring, board breaking and weapons demonstrations.

Cosplay Skits

Cosplay skit contest.

Cosplay Contest

Singles, groups, and youth divisions. Sign-up ends at 4:30 PM. All participants should report to the stage area by 5:15 PM.

8bit Music

with Matt Dolensky

Anime & Vocal Covers by Caleb Hyles

Performance by Youtube sensation Caleb Hyles.

Tommy J's J-Pop Dance Party

Come get your groove on and show us your best dance moves.

EVENT TABLE

Asian Artifacts

Asian artifacts presented by Adam Cleveland and the Berman Museum of World History.

Your Name in Chinese





Get your name written in Chinese by Hanrong Wang

Autographs with Jennifer Cihl

Jennifer Cihl's will be signing autographs between 4 PM and 5 PM.

MAP



-  Information & Cosplay Repair Station
 -  Weapons Check
 -  Event Table
 -  Cosplay & Skit Contest Sign-up
- * Cosplay contest sign-up ends at 4:30 PM.

SCHEDULE

10 AM – 10 PM

	Main Room	Event Table	Panel Room	Gaming Room
10:00	Opening Ceremony			Smash Brothers Tournament
10:30	Ted Turgeon's Taekwondo Demo.		Intro to Kanji with Hanrong Wang	
11:00	Anime Speed Dating	Your Name in Chinese with Hanrong Wang	Trash to Treasure Cosplay with Cuttlefish Cosplay	
11:30			Sushi Demonstration	
12:00	Anime Trivia		Cosplay Props for Beginners with Cuttlefish Cosplay	
12:30				
1:00	Otaku Bellydancing with Seraphina		Let's Draw with KCVisualD	
1:30				
2:00	Judo Demonstration	Asian Artifacts from the Berman Museum	Chiptune Music Production with Max Dolensky	Magic: The Gathering Cube Draft
2:30				
3:00	Sailor Moon Concert with Jennifer Cihi			
3:30			Cosplay Improv with Seraphina	
4:00	Heflin TaeKwonDo Demonstration	Autographs with Jennifer Cihi	How to Get Published/ Legally Publishing Fan Fiction with Stefanie DeLeo	
4:30	Cosplay Skits			
5:00			Sailor Moon Q&A with Jennifer Cihi	Smash Brothers Tournaments, and Magic: The Gathering Commander Event
5:30	Cosplay Contest			
6:00				
6:30				
7:00	8bit Music with Max Donlensky			
7:30				
8:00	Anime & Vocal Covers by Caleb Hyles			
8:30				
9:00	Tommy J's J-Pop Dance Party			
9:30				

*Schedule subject to change.

The Anime Viewing schedule is on page 15.

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EVENTS

PANEL ROOM



Drop by our panel room to meet our guests and learn something new.

Chinese Culture

Learn about China and logographic characters with Hanrong Wang.

Trash to Treasure Cosplay with Cuttlefish Cosplay

Learn how to cosplay with everyday items.

Sushi Demonstration

Chef Bob from Isshin Asian Cafe will show you the art of making sushi.

Cosplay Props for Beginners with Cuttlefish Cosplay

Learn how to get started with prop-making.

Let's Draw with KCVisualD

Live model drawing session. Supplies are limited so arrive early or bring your own drawing materials.

Chiptune Music Production

What are chiptunes? Want to learn more about 8-bit music? Come see 8-bit music creator Max Dolensky.

Cosplay Improv Panel with Seraphina

Having trouble getting into character? Find yourself using the same poses over and over for photos? Learn how to bring your character to life for photos and more. This interactive panel will help you break out of your shell.

How to Get Published, Legally Publishing Fan Fiction

Have you ever wanted to write your own FanFic? Have you written one already but are unsure where to go from here? Let published and produced playwright Stephanie DeLeo give you tips on writing and explain how to avoid infringing on those pesky copyright laws when it comes time to share your FanFic with the world!

Sailor Moon Q&A with Jennifer Cihi, Voice of Sailor Moon

Q&A with the singing voice of the '90s Sailor Moon.

Youtube Q&A

Come chat with Caleb Hyles about vocal covers and how to make it on Youtube.

Drawing Q&A

with KCVisualD

Cosplay for Youtube

Are you a cosplayer aspiring to make cosplay videos? Come get advice from Nicole on how to branch out with videos online.

EVENTS

GAME ROOM

Try out a new card or tabletop game, join a tournament, or play some Smash Brothers.



Smash Bros. Gaming

Ongoing freeplay all day long in the Gaming Room. Feeling competitive? There will be two tournaments, one starting at 10 AM and another at 5 PM.

Magic: The Gathering Cube Draft

A free event using a Pauper Cube assembled by the JSU Tabletop and CCG Club.

**No entry fee, prizes for all who play. New players welcome.*

Pokémon League Challenge

The AnniCon Pokémon League Challenge is a series of Pokémon battles for Pokémon Alpha Sapphire and Pokémon Omega Ruby. All challengers must find and battle their way through a series of gym leaders with their own Pokémon team. Prizes will be awarded to those who make it to the end!

** You'll Need: A Nintendo 3DS, Pokémon Alpha Sapphire OR Pokémon Omega Ruby Game*

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EVENTS

ANIME VIEWING ROOM

	Anime Viewing Room	
10:00		
10:30	Fairy Tail	Episode 1: The Fairy Tail
11:00	Fairy Tail	Episode 2: Fire Dragon, Monkey, and Bull
11:30	Soul Eater	Episode 5: Weakling Crona's Determination
12:00	Soul Eater	Episode 6: Anti-Magic Wavelength
12:30	Soul Eater	Episode 14: The Super Written Exam
1:00	RJ's Half-hour Acting Panel Stories, discussion, advice, and performances by Alabama-born voice actor RJ O'Connell!	
1:30		
2:00	Attack on Titan: Junior High	Episode 1: Starting School, Episode 2: Chasing
2:30	Attack on Titan: Junior High	Episode 3: Dodgeball!
3:00	Fruits Basket	Episode 1: The Strangest Day
3:30	Fruits Basket	Episode 2: The Sohma Curse
4:00	Fruits Basket	Episode 3: All Shapes and Sizes
4:30	Fruits Basket	Episode 18: The Strongest Tag
5:00	Assassination Classroom	Episode 1: Assassination Time
5:30	Assassination Classroom	Episode 2: Baseball Time
6:00	Assassination Classroom	Episode 3: Karma Time
6:30	Hetalia: The Beautiful World	Episodes 1, 2, & 3
7:00	RJ's Half-hour Acting Panel: The Slightly Later Edition	
7:30	Ouran High School Host Club	Episode 5: The Twins Fight!
8:00	Ouran High School Host Club	Episode 12: Honey's Three Bitter Days!
8:30	Attack on Titan	Episode 1: To You Two Thousand Years Later
9:00	Attack on Titan	Episode 2: That Day
9:30	One Punch Man	Episode 1: The Strongest Man

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