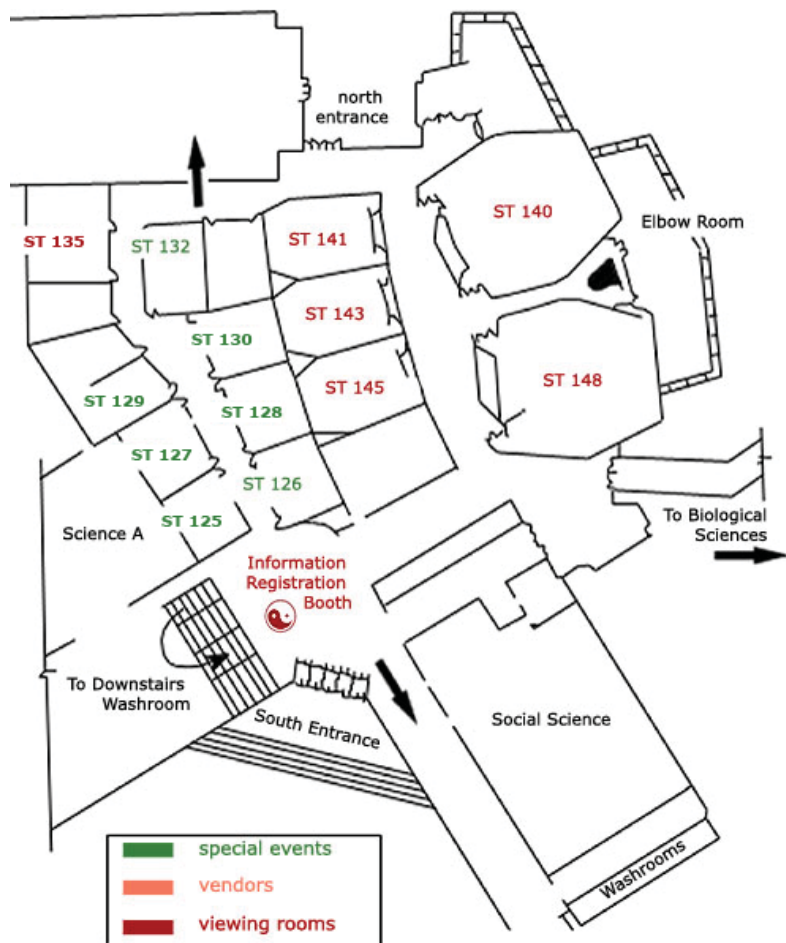
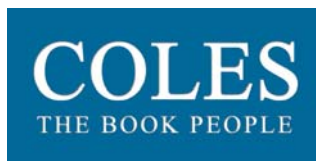
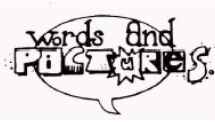


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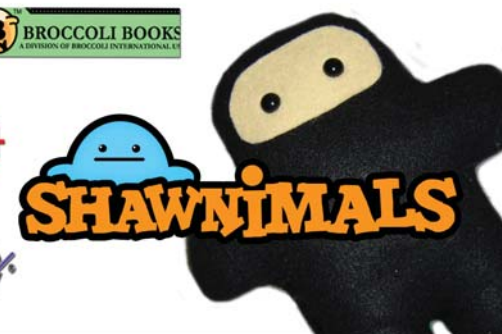
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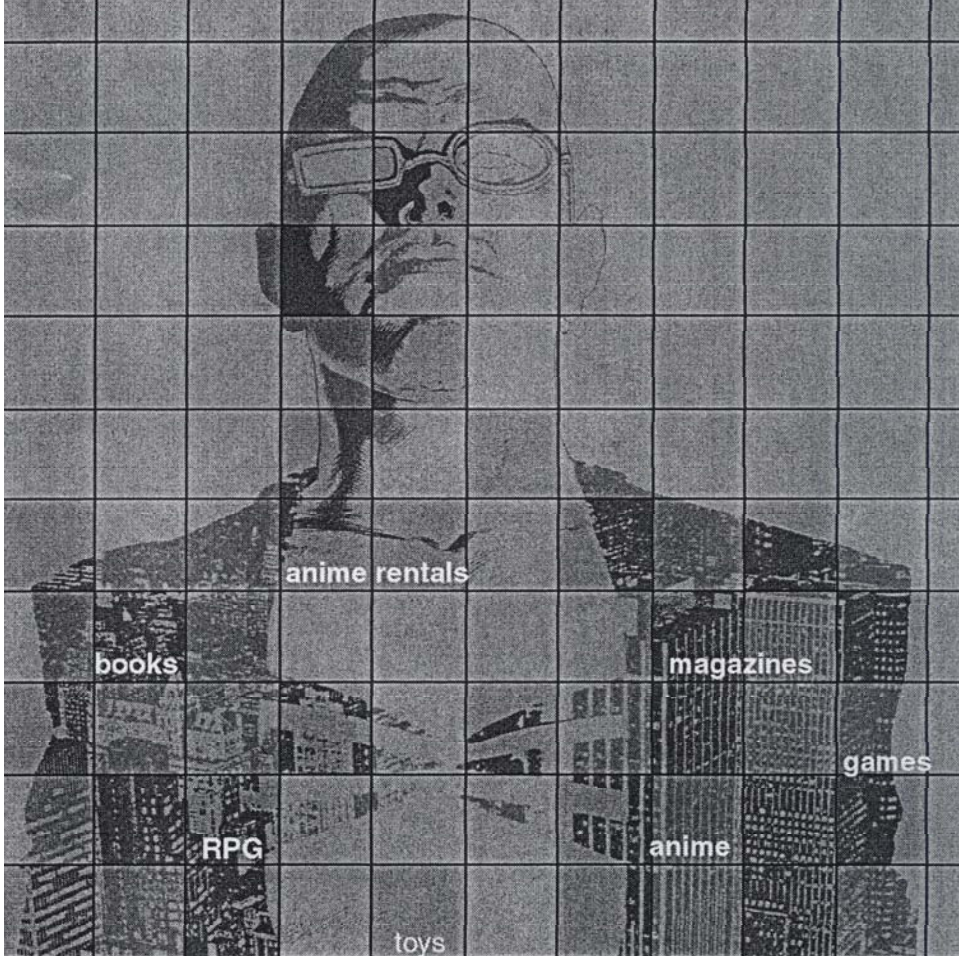
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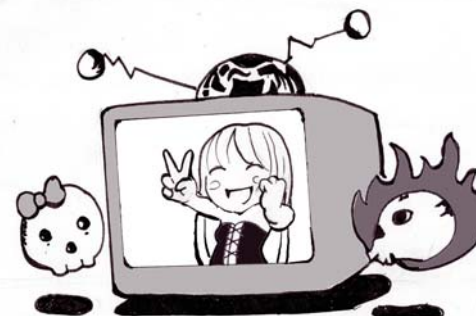
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## Message From The Chairman

Otafest is a festival. It is a gathering of like-minded people, fans of Asian and Asian-influenced art. It is a celebration of a culture whose differences with ours highlight weaknesses and strengths on both sides. It is a weekend of joy and industry and new friendship.

Concretely, of course, Otafest is a two-day anime convention with showing rooms, special events highlighting elements of Japanese culture and the animation industry, and vendors selling merchandise from hundreds of different shows. Our attendees range from the very young to the seasoned veteran of life- and from neophytes to experts in the sundry topics discussed in our halls.

Otafest has been growing for 8 years, now. Since the first hesitant attempt, when all expenses were paid out-of-pocket by the executives, every volunteer and executive has been here for the same reason as the fans; we love anime. This year, with such solvency that we can pay our bills ahead of time for the first time in history, we are looking forward to the new challenges and victories that await us. Even though many things have changed, we still have that dedication to our ideals that has always made Otafest a fun place to be. Everyone involved with Otafest is here because we want to be here, and it shows.

This year has been a delight and a challenge for me as much as anyone. I've been with Otafest nearly as long as Otafest has been around, starting as a volunteer and gradually working my way up to my current exalted position... which, of course, I was eager to get rid of as soon as possible, once I found out how much work was involved. My executive team, who you will see at Otafest running frantically from emergency to emergency, are exceptionally talented people. The success of this year is due much more to their efforts than mine. Their volunteers, without whom Otafest would not function at all, are just as responsible for our success, and even more directly. Finally, our attendees- you- are the real Otafest. Without your love of anime, without your dedication to seeing the festival succeed, and without your attendance and participation, none of this would be possible.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!

Tyler Elkink  
Otafest 2006 Chairman

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## Message from the DOA President

Greetings,

Welcome to Otafest from all of the Executives at the DOA. Otafest is a wonderful event that the DOA is proud to help with arranging yearly, and running. Otafest is a large endeavor taken on by a group of people who ask only for you to bathe before you attend on both days. As part of both the DOA and the Otafest Staff I am pleased to welcome you to the University of Calgary for Otafest, our annual menagerie of fun, games, shows, and musical talents. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy your time with us at Otafest, and that we can look forward to your attendance in coming years.

From all of us at the DOA, Welcome and Enjoy. Sincerely,

Susan Hepburn  
DOA President

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## Message from the Editor

Konnichiwa minna-san.

Welcome to Otafest 2006, our 8th annual Japanese animation film festival. This is the first year that I am the editor of the guidebook, although I have been involved with Otafest since 2000. Over the past 7 years there have been a lot of change from our small beginnings in the conference center of MacEwan Student's Center. This year hopes to be our largest event to date and we hope to keep on growing for years to come.

In this year's guide book there are some new special sections that I hope you are going to enjoy, such as the expanded activities page, manga page, centerfold of Seph and more. Among other expanded things at Otafest we are introducing our first AMV Panel and more live action special events, as well as a bigger and better vendor's room and not to forget the hours and hours of anime (enough to make an otaku go mad.)

Paul Kiemele  
Otafest 2006 Guide Book Editor



## Special Events

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 01. Cosplay                           | 17. Cosplay - Rules, Regs, Robots and Rascals |
| 02. AMV                               | 18. Origami Extravaganza                      |
| 03. Anime Improv                      | 19. Calgary Go Club                           |
| 04. Iaido                             | 20. Taiko Drummers                            |
| 05. Otafest Idol                      | 21. Otafest Walkoff!                          |
| 06. Artist Alley                      | 22. Anime Name That Tune                      |
| 07. Awards Ceremony                   | 23. J-Rock / J-Pop Music Panel                |
| 08. Mr. & Ms. Otafest                 | 24. Parody Dubs                               |
| 09. Anime Auction                     | 25. Iron Cosplay                              |
| 10. AMV - Video Block                 | 26. Dai-Cast                                  |
| 11. AMV - So you want to be an artist |   |
| 12. Battle Action RPG                 |   |
| 13. Anime Jeopardy                    |   |
| 14. Anime Match Game                  |   |
| 15. Japanese 101 Language             |   |
| 16. Video Gaming Room                 |   |

### 1. Cosplay

Welcome to Cosplay! Come watch the fruit of hundreds of dollars and hours of labour, where fans pay homage to their favorite characters through costume and skits, song and dance! The most colorful and popular event at Otafest 2006!

### 2. AMV

The third annual Otafest anime music video competition, and fast becoming one of the most popular events at Otafest! Creators select scenes from various anime shows, set them to awesome music, and edit and splice until a beautiful music video is born.

### 3. Anime Improv

You know them, you love them! They've brought their show to cons all across the country and now they're back once more! The 404s return to Otafest to perform their unique brand of anime themed improvisation! A fan favorite!

### 4. Dave Rathnow & Shin Ken Kai Nobara (Iaido)

The most popular panel-event last year! Dave Rathnow is back to provide a demonstration and mini-lecture on Iaido, Kendo's sister art!

### 5. Otafest Idol

An encore to last year's first ever singing competition! Come listen to your favorite anime and J-pop songs performed live, by some of the country's most talented undiscovered singers! Cheer for your

favorite performer, and help them rack up the points for the coveted title of the 2006 Otafest Idol

### 6. Artist Alley

Like to draw anime? Would you like to learn How to Draw Anime? Ever wonder what you would look like as an anime character? Then this is your section! Pop by just to say hello, draw or be drawn the choice is yours!

### 7. Awards Ceremony

With so many competitions and contests being held at Otafest this year, who's going to be able to keep track of all the winners and their accomplishments? You are! Come to the awards ceremony, where all the winners to all the contests will be announced and prizes are given – who knows, it might be your name coming out of those speakers!

### 8. Mr and Miss Otafest 2006

Now \*you\* can be the judge! Who do you think had the costume at Otafest? Remember to vote for your favorite guy and gal, and help us to crown our Mr and Miss Otafest 2006! Winners to be announced at the Awards Ceremony!

### 9. Anime Auction

Back by popular demand! This is the place to come for a chance to pick up bargain deals on anime memorabilia, and to watch our beloved chairman lose his voice as auctioneer! Come for the deals! Stay for the insanity!

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### 10. AMV - Video block

Do you remember that video? You know, the one you watched a couple years ago, that absolutely blew you away? The one that seemed to redefine amvs as we knew it? The one you promptly could never find again? Well, check out the AMV video block, where we'll be showing the great AMVs of recent memories, submitted to great AMV contests as Animethon and Anime Evolution!

### 11. AMV - So You Want to be an Artist?

So you've seen your share of great AMVs, and you think you're ready to take the plunge and make your own? Well, make sure you come to our how to create a great AMV panel to make sure you avoid the pitfalls when first starting out! Hosted by veteran AMV creator, and well known star in the AMV world, Vlad!

### 12. Battle Action RPG

The cult hit from last year that kept folk rolling in the aisle until the wee hours of Sunday night returns! Otafest is pleased to present BATTLE ACTION RPG – A costume wearing, attack name shouting, live action role playing game in which the audience determines the hit points, surprise attacks can upset even the most obvious of winners, and no one leaves with their ear-drums in tact!

### 13. Anime Jeopardy

Answer: A fun game to show off my vast knowledge of anime, and win candy!

Question: What is Anime Jeopardy?!

### 14. Anime Match Game

What makes anime so special to fans, is the way that it seems to speak to us individually. Some shows are so twisted, it seems like no one ever comes away with the same thoughts, as evidenced by flame wars and forum discussion threads as long as the great wall! Well, let's see if we can't get some consensus going on here, shall we? An animefied version of the classic game!

### 15. Japanese 101 – Language

Love anime? Wish you could watch it without the subtitles? This course will help you with that first step! An introduction to the basics of the Japanese language, both written and oral.

### 16 - Video Gaming Room

That's right! You demanded it and we've listened! Otafest's first video gaming room

– a great place to kick back between shows, events and mad dashes to the dealer's room and challenge your friends to a duel to a death! And in between all the games, we will be featuring not one, not two but three tournaments!

- Naruto Fighting Tournament – Take down your fellow ninja and claim the title of Hokage!

- Rave Master –Also known as Groove Master Rave – emerge victorious as The Rave Master!

- DDR – That's right! We know you've just been itching to show off your moves. And the one with the best moves will henceforth be known by some cool title that we haven't quite pinned down yet!

### 17 – Cosplay - Rules, Regs, Robots and Rascals

Recommended for cosplayers – this is the panel as hosted by our beloved Cosplay Director, explaining the deep, dark, and wildly mysterious inner working of Cosplay, Otafest's prime event! Come with the questions you've always wanted to ask, and listen to the wisdom run forth!

### 18 – Origami Extravaganza

In the mystical forests of regular school classrooms everywhere, they can be seen, silently folding, silently molding, creating terrible! wonderful! beautiful pieces of work from seemingly simple sheets of paper! How do they do it?!

If you're a beginner, then come to this panel to learn the basics!

If you're a master, then come join our showdown to finally decide who will be crowned The Paper Master!

### 19 – Calgary Go Club

Always a hit with the crowd, the Calgary Go Club returns! Learn how to play the venerable game of strategy during the How To Play Go information panel, then stay in the Go room to refine your skills against the masters, practice the game, and seek out companions! The path to wisdom is here, young grasshopper!

### 20 – Taiko Drummers

Otafest is proud to present the Todoroki Taiko group! The great Japanese drums will be pounding their signature brand of musical magic at Otafest. Come listen to these powerful Japanese drums as they weave you into their exchanting spell! Just follow the sound of the rhythmic rolling thunder – you can't miss it!



#### 21 - Otafest Walkoff!

That's right! The event created by Jesse Inocalla and Molly Nemecek and popularized at Anime Evolution (<http://www.animeevolution.com>) gets an Otafest spin! Hosted by RNF, 16 cosplaying contestants battle it off Zoolander style! Their mission? To knock off their opponents, tournament style by impressing the judges with their mad dancing/stutting/jiggling skillz! The pressure is on! The music is loud! The crowd is wild! Don't be alarmed if errant hammers and kitchen sinks start flying around!

#### 22 - Anime Name That Tune

One of the greatest joys of anime, is the music. One of the greatest joys of anime fandom, is humming a catchy tune from a favourite show, and having a perfect stranger hum along with you. Many fans boast musical collections in the hundreds and thousands of songs – how many of them do you know? Show off your knowledge and win prizes at this favourite of game shows!

#### 23 - J-Rock / J-Pop Music Panel

The obsession starts with anime – it always does. But then, before you know it, the obsession branches out into other facets of popular culture... You seen them – the outrageous wigs, the glamorous costumes, the gorgeous, gorgeous faces – just who are those J-Rockers anyway? This panel will give you a brief taste of different parts of popular Japanese music.

#### 24 - Parody Dubs

Otafest is proud to present not one, not two, but three original Parody Dubs by Studio Sokodei! For years, these works have been the talk of attendees lucky enough to attend such massive American cons as Akon and Otakon (as it is the Studio's policy to distribute their work only to conventions and festivals) – now finally, you too will be able to witness the hilarity! This year, Otafest will be showing:

- Neon Genesis Evangelion ReDeath Redux
- Fanboy Bebop
- Nescaflowne

Be sure to bring an extra pair of pants because you will be splitting your seams in laughter!

#### 25 - Iron Cosplay

Live from Sewing Room Stadium! 10 Cosplaying teams battle it out in this timed competition to see who can create the most original costume and skit in 45 minutes! Winning team is crowned the Iron Cosplayer!

#### 26 - Dai-Cast

What is Dai-Cast? Dai-Cast is a juggernaut of conversation, smashing through the walls of ignorance and good taste with it's giant purple helmet of prognostication. Or if you're averse to metaphor, Dai-Cast is a weekly podcast focusing on current events in Japan and Japanese Pop Culture from a Western perspective. Either way you look at it, you're in for a wild ride.



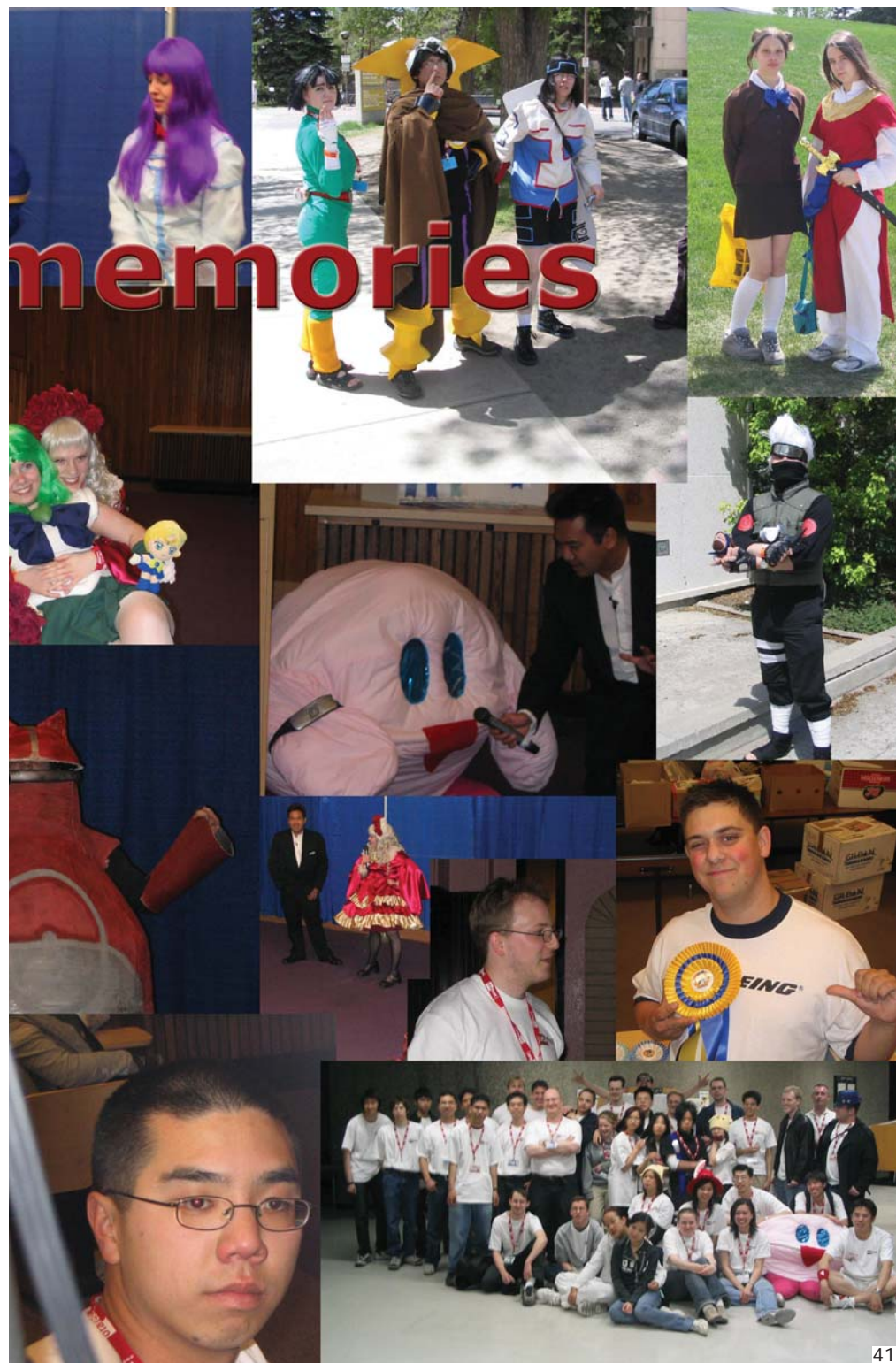
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Dustin Lui

**SpiSun: Otaku extrordinair**



I recommend going to see the Appleseed movie. It's unique animation style which is a combination of what looks to be hand drawn along with decent cg, It's like nothing that I've seen before. Combine that with a decent soundtrack of electronic music a good story and you've got yourself a pretty good movie.







## Kelly Sherwood Kelly: Otaku n00b



My seduction into anime started innocently enough by picking up some movies that looked cool: Ghost in the shell, Princess Mononoke and Metropolis. Then I started watching some series, Slayers being the one that really got me hooked. Next thing you know I've joined a club and have gone to a con and even now I am seriously contemplating cosplay. At Otafest I recommend that the following are best viewed with your eyes:

Golden Boy  
The 404's  
The Cosplay  
Blood+

## Shawn Hansen SHansen: Otaku



I've been interested in anime for almost 10 years now ... it all started on that fateful day when I turned on the TV to watch this "Pokémon" show I had been hearing so much about. In retrospect, that was the beginning of the end of my life as I knew it. I'm now closing in on 200 DVD's, and have had the chance to see many other shows through our anime club & anime festivals like Otafest. That's why I'm recommending the following series:

Azumanga Daioh  
School Rumble OVA  
Tsubasa Chronicles

## Robert Hepburn Mr. Paper: Otaku Brain



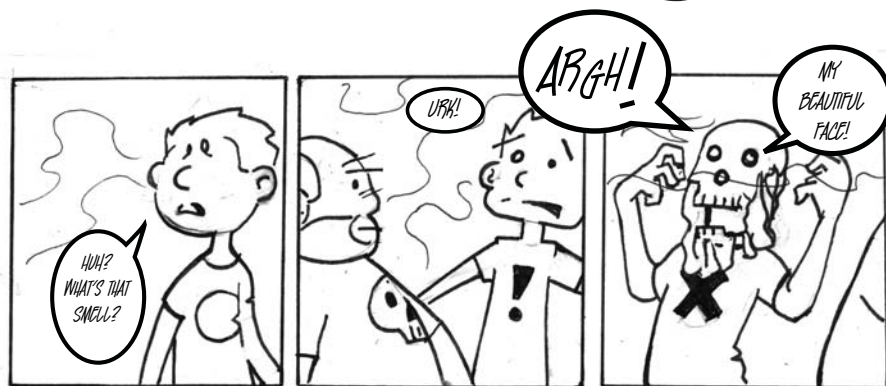
Greetings and salutations;

People start watching anime for a multitude of varied and differing reasons, regardless; it is the experience that keeps them watching each new and original series that comes out. Whether their preference is of the harem, bishi, moe~, mecha, etc. variety, there is something for everybody so long as they are willing to look for it and try new things along the way. I started with the original North American broadcast of Transformers as a child and spiralled downhill from there. I became gradually more aware of anime through series like Dragonball (not Z or GT) and later Sailor Moon (as shameful as it may be to admit, I did own a Sailor Moon fansite). After many years of experimentation and exploration I, like many others, came to discover my particular preference in anime... slice of life with a dash of mecha and classics on the side.

Granted, the audience for slice of life series is few and far between (not many can make the claim to owning all of Yokohama Kaidashi Kikou – manga and anime ^^; ), and as a sad truth we will not be showing that many of them. My personal suggestions for guests wishing to expand include:

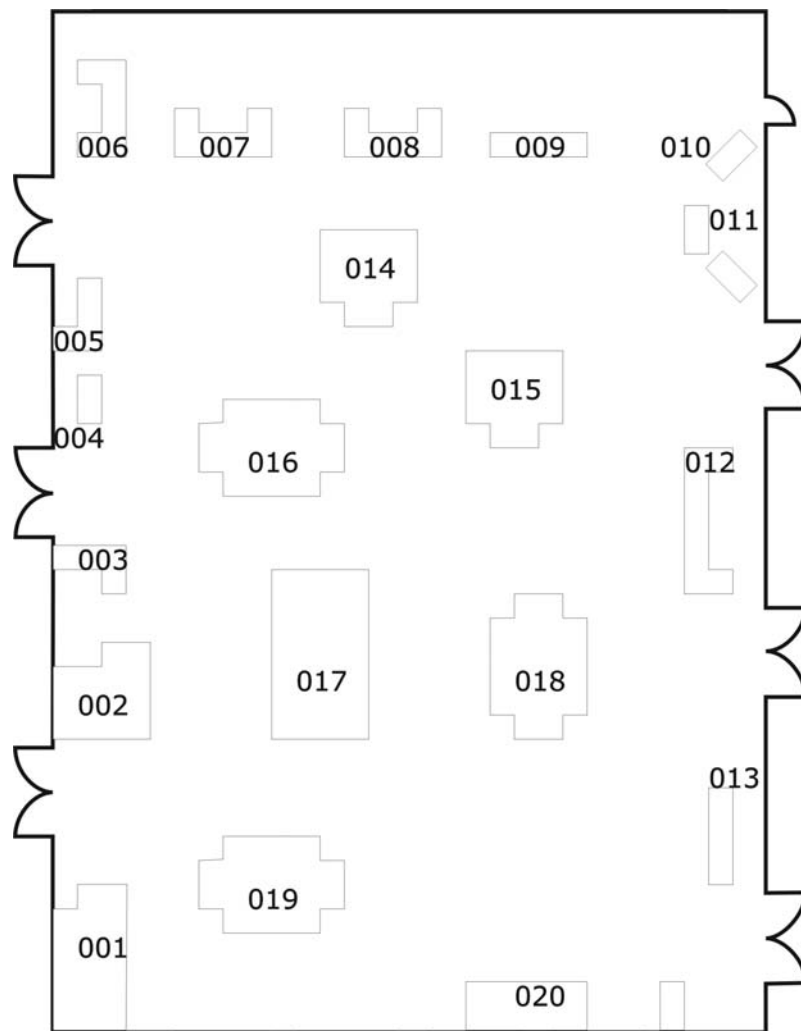
Eureka 7, Martian Successor Nadesico, Paranoia Agent, Saikano OVA

# Otafest Manga



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## Map of the Vendor's Hall



1. K&L Media
2. Red Skull
3. AniModelling Zone
4. Cutting Edge
5. Anime Hypercubed
6. Coles TD Square
7. Sew Kawaii
8. Gift Gate
9. Animage
10. Pacific Gateway

11. Fuzzy Lizard Studios
12. Pheonix Comics
13. MegaZone
14. Cartoon Passion
15. Yukino's Anime Shop
16. Wizards
17. C&L Multimedia
18. NexWave
19. Sun Anime
20. Reg. Desk / Bag Check





## Mascot Bio

Name: Sephonie  
Age: Unknown  
Job: Angel of Death  
Special Features: Wings and a scythe  
First appearance: DOA 1998  
Original Artist: Kai Chamberlain

Seph has been the mascot of Otafest since the beginning. Her appearance has changed slightly over the years, such as the appearance of her wings and her scythe.

## Upcoming Anime Conventions

Animethon XIII - July 19-21, 2006  
Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, Alberta  
<http://www.animethon.org>

Anime Evolution - August 19-21, 2006  
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia  
<http://www.animeevolution.com>

Kumori-Con - September 2-4, 2006  
Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon  
<http://www.kumoricon.com>

Nishikaze III - March 24, 2007  
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta  
<http://www.nishikaze.org>

Sakura-Con 2007 - April 6-8, 2007  
Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle, Washington  
<http://www.sakuracon.org>

Otafest 2007 - May 19-20, 2007  
Calgary, Alberta  
<http://www.otafest.com>

## Anime Listings

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| 1. Akane Maniax OAV                                | Rinbukyoku  |
| 2. Appleseed: The Movie*                           | 38. Kare Kano aka His and Her Circumstances         |
| 3. ARIA The ANIMATION                              | 39. Karin   |
| 4. Ask Dr. Rin                                     | 40. Macross   |
| 5. Azumanga Daioh                                  | 41. Mahoraba  |
| 6. Bastard!  | 42. Mai Otome                                       |
| 7. Black Cat                                       | 43. Martian Successor Nadesico TV                   |
| 8. Blood+  | 44. Midori no Hibi aka Midori's Days                |
| 9. Burst Angel                                     | 45. Mushishi  |
| 10. Childs Toy aka Kodocha                         | 46. My Daddy Longlegs aka Watshi no Ashinaga Ojisan |
| 11. Comic Party Revolution OAV                     | 47. Nadia - Secret of Blue Water                    |
| 12. Da Capo Second Season                          | 48. Noein ~ Mou Hitori no Kimi e                    |
| 13. Eden's Bowry                                   | 49. Pani Poni Dash!                                 |
| 14. Escaflowne: The Movie                          | 50. Paradise Kiss                                   |
| 15. Eureka Seven                                   | 51. Paranoia Agent                                  |
| 16. Eyeshield 21                                   | 52. Peach Girl                                      |
| 17. Fate/Stay Night                                | 53. Piano   |
| 18. Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children (OAV)       | 54. Ring ni Kakero                                  |
| 19. Full Metal Panic The Second Raid               | 55. Rozen Maiden: Träumend                          |
| 20. Fullmetal Alchemist: The Conqueror of Shambala | 56. Rumiko Takahashi Anthology                      |
| 21. Futakoi Alternative                            | 57. Rune Soldier                                    |
| 22. Genshiken                                      | 58. SaiKano: Another Love Song (OAV)                |
| 23. Ghost Sweeper Mikami                           | 59. School Rumble OVA                               |
| 24. Ginban Kaleidoscope                            | 60. Seikai no Senki III OVA                         |
| 25. Glass Mask                                     | 61. Shakugan no SHANA                               |
| 26. Golden Boy                                     | 62. Shuffle!  |
| 27. Gun X Sword                                    | 63. Solty Rei                                       |
| 28. Gunparade Orchestra (TV)                       | 64. Sousei no Aquarion                              |
| 29. Hare + Guu                                     | 65. Speed Grapher                                   |
| 30. He is my Master                                | 66. Sukisyo   |
| 31. Hi no Tori                                     | 67. Sunabozu  |
| 32. Himiko-Den                                     | 68. Suzuka  |
| 33. Honey and Clover                               | 69. The Place Promised in Our Early Days            |
| 34. Ichigo Mashimaro                               | 70. Trinity Blood                                   |
| 35. Iriya no Sora - UFO no Natsu                   | 71. Tsubasa Chronicles                              |
| 36. Jinkki Extend                                  | 72. W-Wish  |
| 37. Kagihome Monogatari - Eikyuu Alice             |   |

### What The Ratings Mean

General (G) Suitable for viewing by all ages.

Parental Guidance (PG) Parental guidance is advised. Theme or content may not be suitable for all children.

14A Suitable for viewing by persons 14 years of age or older. Persons under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. May contain violence, coarse language, and/or sexually suggestive scenes.

18A Suitable for viewing by persons 18 years of age or older. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. May

contain explicit violence, frequent coarse language, sexual activity and/or horror.

Restricted (R) Admittance restricted to persons 18 years of age and older. Content not suitable for minors. Contains frequent sexual activity, brutal/graphic violence, intense horror and/or other disturbing content.

Adult (A) Admittance restricted to persons 18 years of age or older. Content not suitable for minors. Contains predominantly sexually explicit activity.

Rating Pending(RP) Show has yet to be rated at this printing.

### Akane Maniax OAV

Jouji Gouda is a new transfer student at Hakuryo High. He fell in love at first sight and boldly proposed to Akane Suzumiya, representative of his class, on his first day at the new school. Although Akane finds him very annoying, hot-blooded and simple-minded Jouji never gives up and would do anything to express his love towards Akane.

Time: Sun. 8:30pm-10:00pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### Appleseed\*

Growing out of the chaos of a global war, the city of Utopia is populated by humans and bioroids (artificial humans). On the surface, everything is harmonious, but tensions lurk. Into this seemingly perfect society comes a survivor of the wars, Deunan Knute, who carries a legacy that will turn out to be of critical importance to the future of humanity.

Dustin's Choice  
Time: Tentative  
Rating: **RP**

### ARIA The ANIMATION

On the planet Aqua lies the watery city of Neo Venezia, a tourist hub in which people travel around in gondolas. Professional gondoliers known as Undines are well-revered as they act as tour guides for the people. Akari Mizunashi is a gondolier in training and also an employee of Aria Company. She gets to meet all sorts of people as she takes them on the gondola rides, from friendly mentors to special individuals, all this amidst the beautiful scenic backdrop of the entire city.

Time: Sun. 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### Ask Dr. Rin

Kanzaki Meirin, a junior high school student, possesses fusui power which can drive away evil spirits away whenever they appeared. She is in fact, the fortune teller Dr. Rin. She is in love with her best friend, soccer club member, Yuuki Asuka. However, Yuuki does not like fortune-telling and superstitious things.

Time: Mon. 10:00am-11:30am  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

### Azumanga Daioh

Azumanga Daioh is about high school life through the eyes of six girls with unusual personalities: Chiyo (the 10-year-old genius), Osaka (the resident airhead), Sakaki (the shy one prone to cat bites), Tomo (the loose cannon), Yomi (the short-tempered one) and Kagura (the resident jock)

Shawn's Choice  
Time: Sun. 2:00pm - 3:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **PG**



### Bastard!

Civilization has been destroyed when a great monster destroyed the world in 7 days. Now a war between monsters and humans continues to capture the seals that constrain this monster. To save a city called Meta-Rikana, Yoko releases Dark Schneider from her friend Rushe. Dark Schneider, a sorcerer, once fought to conquer the world and now fights to save it.

Time: Sun. / Mon. 7:00pm-8:30pm  
RM: ST 143 / ST 148 Rating: **18A**

### Black Cat

The world is secretly controlled by a secret organization, Chronos. Under the command of this mysterious organization, are the Chronos Numbers, a group of powerful assassins, taking orders to eliminate certain target secretly to keep the so-called 'peace'. One of the most powerful is the Number XIII, Train Hartnett, or known as Black Cat. At first he seems to be a cruel killer, a meeting with a girl Sweeper changed him completely. Now as a Sweeper, Train travelled with his partner Sven Volfied to hunt down criminals.

Time: Sun. 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **14a**

## The Evolution of Sephonie the Angel of Death

1998



2000 a



1999



2000 b



2001



2002

2003



2004



2005





# Otafest cont.

The theater layout for the showing rooms has now been a staple for Otafest since 2002, and has the ability to accommodate more people and has a much better sound system. The now 5 showing room operation consisted of the 2 larger 500 seat rooms and the 3 150 seat rooms. With this amount of people in the rooms staffing was now upped from 3 people per room per shift to 5 for the larger 2 rooms and 4 for the smaller.

2003 saw Otafest step away from Asian Heritage Month and back to what the festival was all about (anime.) This was the first and last time Otafest has screened a Studio Ghibli film, since it proved too costly to show Spirited Away as a one time event. This year featured the introduction to another mainstay, Anime Improv with the 404's hosted by Mark Nguyen, more live panels and Cosplay.

The new Cosplay competition mainly featured a walk off and pose for the judges, and was now taking over ST148 which was one of the larger theaters. This year we saw about 50 entries, all costumes were really well done.

2004 saw the Calgary Flames make the run for the Stanley cup for the first time in almost 10 years. This meant that there was a playoff game around the time of the festival. Even with that Otafest managed bring in over 2000 attendees. Brining in the attendees this year was the reoccurring Anime Improv, expanded Cosplay competition of 150+ contestants, more and more live special events such as the live mid-evil combat demo outside of the Science Theaters, not to mention the Anime Music Video competition. This was also a year that we had official corporate sponsors from the anime community, with the likes of Funimation and Central Park Media.

Last year in 2005 we were back with a vengeance and expanding even more. This meant moving the vendor's area from Science Theaters to the Old Ballroom back in MacEwan Hall. Doing this allowed for more vendors to attend and opened up more rooms for more live events. Anime Music Videos were moved to one of the

3 smaller theaters, since the previous year packed the room to over capacity. This year as well packed the room to capacity. Cosplay also saw the addition of the second larger theater being used as an overflow room with a live video feed from the main room. This proved successful and now plays an important role in cosplay, since we were the first convention to allow the cosplayers to watch the competition as it is happening. Other conventions have also followed in practice of this live close circuit video feed.



# otafest

## Blood+

Throughout the passage of time and the shifts in backgrounds, a particular war continues to leave its mark on history, extending its influence into the modern world. There are two major groups involved in the ensuring war. The first group consists of monsters known as Chiropterans who can change their appearances into that of human beings. They are actually immortals who feed on the blood of the living. The second group is an organisation known as the "Red Shield", formed to track down these monsters and exterminate them. Otonashi Saya is a high-school girl who lives a peaceful life with her family. The only problem is, she has no recollections of her life beyond that of the past year. However, her happy life will be destroyed by an event that will lead her to her destined fate.

Kelly's  
Choice

Time: Mon. 8:30pm-10:00pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **18A**

## Burst Angel

In a crime-ridden future Japan, Kyohei Tachibana is a peaceful student at a culinary school, dreaming of going to France for advanced study as a patissier (pastry chef). To afford the trip, he accepts a part-time job as private cook to a strange group of women - Sei, Meg, Jo and Amy. To Kyohei's astonishment, they turn out to be a band of violent mercenaries, and he finds himself in the line of fire.

Time: Sun. 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**



## Childs Toy aka Kodocha

Sana Kurata has a charmed life. Not only is her mother is a famous, award-winning writer, but she's the star of the hit TV comedy "Child's Toy" while still in the fifth grade. But Sana's biggest concern is Akito Hayama, a pint-sized hellion who's organized the boys in their grade-school class into a mass of unending noise and violence. With the help of Rei, her manager, chauffeur and "pimp," Sana is determined to win back control of the classroom from her new arch-enemy. But as her crusade continues, Sana moves further into Akito's life, and finds that he might not be entirely bad...or entirely safe.

Time: Sun. 11:30am-12:30pm  
RM: ST 127 Rating: **PG**

## Comic Party Revolution

After failing his examinations, Sendo Kazuki spends his days aimlessly. At the same time, his childhood friend, Taishi, decides to drag Kazuki into the world of fan comics. And then, the heroines such as Takase Mizuki, fan comic artists, Inagawa Yuu and Ohba Eimi, comic staff member Makumura Minami, are obliged to join in the fan comic project. The gathering of people with the same dreams and goals sets off a success story of fan comic.

Chairman's  
Choice

Time: Sun. 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **RP**

### Da Capo Second Season

Hatsune-Jima was once well-known for its cherry trees, which would bloom no matter what time of year it was. Two years ago, the island's cherry trees lost this ability and all became ordinary cherry trees that bloom only in the spring. Jun'ichi Asakura is now a graduating senior at Kazami Academy, and is surrounded by many close friends, old and new alike. On a stormy summer day, a mysterious young girl, Aisia, arrives at Jun'ichi's door. She is looking for Sakura's grandmother to study magic, ultimately hoping to bring happiness to everyone. When she discovers that grandmother Yoshino had long since passed away, she joyfully assumes (thanks to his error in judgment) that Jun'ichi is able to teach her. Even though she finally understands that the only magic he's capable of is conjuring Japanese confections, Aisia continues her search for magic on Hatsune-Jima. Amid the chaos of her search, Kazami Academy hires new medical staff.

Time: Mon. 2:30pm-3:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **PG**



### Eden's Bowry

Yorn gazes up at two massive cities floating in the sky and dreams of discovering their mysteries. Without warning, those mysteries come looking for him! Edenic assassins murder his father and Yorn is next on the hit list. Only a nameless old man and a mysterious young girl can help Yorn on his quest to find his long lost mother... and the truth. Known as the God Hunter, Yorn leads a race against the dark designs of the technological overlords in this action packed fantasy adventure!

Time: Sun. 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **RP**

### Escaflowne: The Movie

Hitomi Kanzaki is in a very depressed mood. She only wants to sleep and fade away. Her misery summons Lord Folken who sends her to Gaea. The people of Gaea think she is the Wing Goddess, who can call upon the legendary Dragon Armor called Escaflowne. On Gaea, King Van, the sole survivor of the White Dragon Clan, is also in a depressed state. Swearing an oath to get his revenge on the Black Dragon Clan that obliterated Van's kingdom, he lives by the sword. Now that the Wing Goddess has finally appeared, she possesses Gaea's world fate in her heart. Escaflowne will either lead Gaea to peace or total ruin.

Time: Mon. 7:30pm-8:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **14A**

### Eureka Seven

Renton Thurston is a 14-year-old boy who lived with his mechanic grandfather in a backwater town. Every day he dreamed of being with the mercenary "Light Finding Operation (LFO)" aircraft pilot group "Gekkostate" and riding "Trapar" particle waves-- a sport called "Riffing"-- with their charismatic leader Holland, especially when faced with his father's acclaimed past or his grandfather's desire to protect him. When a young girl named Eureka riding the original LFO, the "Nirvash typeZERO", asks his grandfather for a tune-up, she inadvertently brings the attention of the military to the garage; as a result, the garage is destroyed and Renton is forced to deliver a new type of interface-- the "Amita Drive"-- to the Nirvash. After a heated fight in which the Nirvash destroys the military LFOs by unleashing an immense amount of power, Renton is invited into Gekkostate. However, he quickly realizes that behind the facade of a traveling group of mercenaries is a very bitter reality.

Robert's  
Choice

Time: Mon. 1:00pm-2:00pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **PG**

## Otafest cont.

The executive staff of 2000 decided to step down and make way for a fresh band of recruits for 2001. This year the festival was pushed back to September and now moved to the newly constructed Information Communications Technology (ICT) building. The rooms were much larger and now featured tiered seating. The programming was geared towards a younger audience with the showing of the first Card Captor Sakura movie, Samurai Pizza Cats, and a lot of other "G" rated shows.

During the planning process the Alberta Film Board (AFB) got wind of our festival and requested that we get our programming rated to public broadcast in the showing rooms. The executives had only less than a month to get the films prepared, shipped to Edmonton and reviewed, before the day of the festival. If this had not been done the festival would have been shutdown and that would be the end of Otafest. Chris Savage, Justin Lo, and Paul Kiemele, managed to get the AFB to review most of the shows but not in time. The AFB seeing our dilemma granted allowance of the festival to oc-

cur; under one condition, that the festival have a blanket rating of 18A. This meant that anybody under the age of 18 needed to have a parent or guardian over the age of 18 present with them in the showing rooms. There were a lot of disappointed children and parents that had to be turned away. Only the live events and vendor's room remained open to the public. There was also a midnight screening of Jin Roh: the Wolf Brigade at the Uptown, which packed the house yet again.

2002 saw the 2000 executives make a return to the planning process. This year Otafest joined up with Asian Heritage Month and featured not just anime but some live action Asian films such as the Ultimate Brazier, Battle Royal, Crying Freeman, and a few other well known films to name a few. Otafest made another move from ICT to the Science Theaters, our current home. Vendors were now separated into 3 rooms and there were now vendors from as far east as Toronto and south as California. Attendance broke the 1500 mark and proved to be very successful in the new layout.





# The history of Otafest

Otafest is now in its 8th year of operation, many of you may be wondering how all this began. Otafest as it is now started as a small idea by the original founding members of the Dedicated Otaku Anime Society also known as the DOA, back in 1998. Steve Choy, Mike Youngberg, Gabe Hall, Martin Dang, Steve Rounding, wanted to put on a weekend marathon of anime here at the University of Calgary. But this was not going to be any normal weekend of anime viewing. Building on the success of other anime conventions and festivals around North America, Calgary was going to have its own. So in June of 1999 Otaku no Festival was brought forth onto the University of Calgary Campus in the MacEwan Students Center.

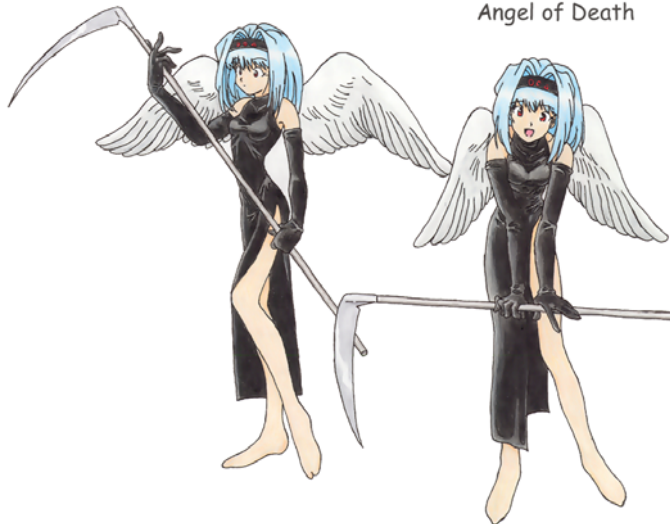
This being the first year there were only 3 small viewing rooms, a small contingent of local vendors, and admission was \$2.00 or free with a food donation to the campus food bank. There was also a front page article in the Calgary Herald's Entertainment section that weekend. Adding to this is the annual article in FastForward the local free entertainment newspaper and the subsequent showing of Golden Boy and Bastard!! at Otafest each year since the start.

The following year 2000, saw a larger event, with 4 viewing rooms, now ex-

panding onto the 3rd floor of MacEwan Student Center. This also saw the first year of the elusive Prize Ninja and Gabe Hall's Nadesico boxer shorts. Admission still remained the same at \$2.00, but in addition was a larger vendor presence in the north courtyard and a special edition guidebook with a different cover and centerfold of Sephonie (Seph), the DOA and Otafest's mascot. According to the artist the few people that have this edition of the guide book are special, since the original artwork for the centerfold has been lost over the years.

This year was also marked with a few successes and losses. One was the amount of local corporate sponsors that were gained as well as the number of attendees showed almost a 100% increase since 1999. The midnight showing of X/1999 at the Plaza was also very successful in selling out the theater in a matter of minutes after opening the doors. The filming of Anthrax in the south courtyard and the positioning of the hired band turned a lot of returning and new attendees away for the second day, because of the loud music disrupting the showings, air conditioners turned off, and the ultra hot and bright spotlights that were on most of the day in front of the registration desk. This was also to be the last year that Otafest was going to be held in MacEwan Student Center.

Angel of Death



## Eyeshield 21

Kobayakawa Sena is a little guy who always get picked on by the bullies in school. Since elementary school, he always play the role of the 'errand boy' to the extent that he has become swift and fast in his movements. Coincidentally, Hiruma Youichi and Kurita Ryukan are looking for a fast running back for their American Football team (Amefuto) and want to put Sena in the team. To hide their new 'star' player from the eyes of other High Schools, Hiruma encases Sena in a Amefuto helmet with a dark visor and name him Eyeshield #21.

Time: Sun. 10:00am-11:30am  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **PG**



## Fate/Stay Night

Shirou Emiya lost his parents in a fire when he was young and was later adopted by a sorcerer by the name of Kiriotsugu Emiya. Although he was full of admiration for his adopted father and yearns to become an ally of justice, Shirou has limited powers and was unable to become a strong sorcerer like his father. That is until one fateful day, he was drawn into the Holy Grail War and had to summon a female "Servant" known as Saber in order to protect himself. It turns out that the Holy Grail War involves a series of battles among powerful sorcerers to fight for the possession of a relic that will grant one's wishes, the Holy Grail. There are altogether seven "Masters" who can summon their respective "Servants" from different classes known as Saber, Archer, Rider, Berserker, Lancer, Caster and Assassin. These "Servants" have to hide their names in order not to reveal their weaknesses to the enemies. The story revolves around Shirou and his entanglement in the Holy Grail War.

Time: Mon. 4:00pm-5:30pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **RP**

## Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children (OAV)

Two years after the end of Final Fantasy VII the world is starting to get back on its feet and is working towards a new future. However, there is a new threat from a new illness called Geostigma, and three men that seem to be seeking Jenova. Cloud and his friends from the original game must once again reunite to combat the new threat.

Chairman's Choice Time: Mon. 5:00pm-6:30pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **PG**

## Full Metal Panic The Second Raid

This series is set about two months after the events occurred in the Tuatha de Danaan at the end of the original series. Mithril becomes aware of a secret organization that has technology able to counter the ECS (Electronic Cloaking System) mode. This organization, known as Amalgam, also has "Black Technology", obtained from "Whispered" like Kaname Chidori, and like the other intelligence agencies, they intend to obtain more. However, when Sousuke's mission to protect Chidori is terminated by Mithril, all seems to be in place for Amalgam's plans... Like many of its fans know, it is based of the FMP novel "The End of Day by Day."

Time: Mon. 10:30pm-11:30pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **14a**



### Fullmetal Alchemist: The Conqueror of Shambala

Munich, Germany, 1923. Two years have passed since Edward Elric was dragged from his own world to ours, leaving behind his country, his friends and his younger brother, Alphonse. Stripped of his alchemical powers, he has been all this time researching rocketry together with Alphonse Heiderich, a young man who resembles his own brother, hoping to one day find a way back home. His efforts so far had proven fruitless, but after lending a hand to a troubled gipsy girl, Edward is thrown in a series of events that can wreak havoc in both worlds. Meanwhile, at his own world, Alphonse Elric ventures deeper into the mysteries of alchemy in search for a way to reunite with his older brother.

Time: Sun. 2:00pm - 3:30pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **14a**

### Futakoi Alternative

The Futaba Detective Agency, being run by Rentarou, who has taken over the family business, after his father's death 3 weeks ago. Along w/ Sara & Souju, his live-in identical twin assistants. He ends up running afoul of the local Yakuza.

Time: Mon. 11:30am-12:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **14a**

### Genshiken

This is the story of college freshman Kanji Sasahara and his fellow members of the college club he joins, The Society for the Study of Modern Visual Culture (aka Genshiken), as he goes shopping for doujinshi, attends conventions and slowly but surely makes his way down the road to fandom.

Time: Sun. 2:00pm - 3:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **PG**

### Ghost Sweeper Mikami

Reiko Mikami is a very beautiful, greedy and skillfull ghost hunter, and her dream is to have more and more money. Her assistant is Tadao Yokoshima, who is very pervert, but very loyal, just because he desires Mikami, although she treats him like grabage, and always manipulates him to do the dangerous tasks.

Time: Sun. 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **14a**

### Ginban Kaleidoscope

16-year old Sakurano Tazusa is a Japanese figure ice-skater who considers herself to be worth \$10 billion in beauty. While executing her moves in the Women's Figure Skating Grand Prix, she stumbled and landed badly, hence resulting in her loss in the competition. At the same time in a different place, a Canadian youth by the name of Pete Pumps was performing an air stunt when an accident happened which led to his passing. By a weird twist of fate, Tazusa began to hear strange voices and realised that a Canadian ghost has resided in her body. After futile attempts to get rid of Pete, Tazusa decides to get accustomed to his presence and in the meantime, improve on her techniques in order to get selected for the Olympics.

Time: Sun. 4:00pm - 5:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **PG**


### Glass Mask

Her father passed away very early and her mother lives and works in a crowded Chinese restaurant. Kitajima Maya, a 13-year old girl, has to carry the burden of making ends meet as she fights against her ill fate. However, she is able to overcome the trials and tribulations in her life with her passion and enthusiasm. She happens to encounter the reclusive actress Tsukikage who decides to train and mould her into the foremost actress of her generation.

Time: Mon. 11:30am-12:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **PG**


### Golden Boy

Kintarou Oe doesn't look like it, but he is a genius who completed all his university courses and then quit before graduating. He becomes a wandering student, going from place to place on his bicycle, seeking to learn what he can about life, the world, and women. He is willing and able to do any job he has to prove himself. His travels take him to a variety of locations and a variety of women, each who learns to love the hardworking guy, but not before he can run off.

Kelly's Choice  Time: Sun. / Mon. 8:30pm - 10:00pm  
RM: ST 143 / ST 148  
Rating: **18A**

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## Gun X Sword

Armed with a metal sash that straightens into a sword, lanky swordsman Van is traveling through the desert, searching for the mysterious clawed man who killed his bride. Along the way he picks up a fellow traveler: Wendy, a young girl whose town he saves from bandits by summoning a mecha with his sword. Wendy is searching for her missing older brother, whose engraved gun she carries on her back. In their mutual quest they run afoul of more bandits and villains, a mysterious woman named Carmen99, and more mecha battles a la Wild West.

Time: Mon. 2:00pm-3:30pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **PG**

## He is my Master

Yoshitaka Nakabayashi, a 14-year-old millionaire who got this huge inheritance after his parents died in an accident, found himself needed to be taken care of and tried to hire live-in maids to do the job. Two runaway girls, Izumi Sawatari and her younger sister Mitsuki, stumped into Nakabayashi's mansion and got hired by Yoshitaka immediately, for Yoshitaka is not only a rich boy but also a pervert with uniform fetishes, who wants to be addressed as goshujin-sama (master). Having nowhere else to settle down along with Mitsuki's pet alligator Pochi, Izumi accepted the job reluctantly.

Time: Mon. 8:30pm - 10:00pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

## Gunparade Orchestra

The story revolves around the 108th guard squad in Aomori. The 108th squad has fewer vehicles than other squad, so it has less mobility. Because the elite division is stationed in Hokkaido, and there are convoys in the sea, the 108th squad is not important. However, the monsters had trouble with the war against the Kyushu division, and they aim at the weak defense; they raid the 108th squad. The boys and girls who hoped to be home by the next spring are involved in the war.

Time: Sun. 10:00am - 11:30am  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **PG**

## Hi no Tori

Hi no Tori is a collection of stories that all have something in common. The Phoenix, whose blood is believed to give an eternal life to one who drinks it. Therefore many seek to kill it, but as the Phoenix of the tale, it's reborn from the ashes. Stories take place in future and the past, where humans fight with each other as always, and everyone is afraid to die. But still, every story teaches a lesson: Life is beginning of an eternity, an never-ending cycle.

Time: Sun. 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
RM: ST 127 Rating: **RP**

## Hare + Guu

Welcome to the jungle, the peaceful home of fun-loving ten year old Hare. That is until Guu moves in. She may look like an innocent orphan girl to everyone else, but only Hare knows that Guu is really a pan-dimensional, mind reading, magic-using monster with a sarcastic wit and an unlimited appetite! Prepare yourself for wierd jungle creatures, and the carziest comedy, well, ever, with the wacky adventures of Hare+Guu!

Time: Mon. 5:30pm-6:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **PG**

## Himiko-Den

In a world where the dead walk, where god and evil exist as palpable forces, a darkness is stirring. The undead march against the cities of light, to capture the sacred fire that is the source of their power. But one hope remains. Called into this world by the magical flame, a young girl named Himiko it thrust into the maelstrom of danger, betrayal, and war. For she is heir to the sacred fire, and holds a power that could save it's Guardians... if she survives.

Time: Mon. 5:30pm-6:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Honey and Clover

Takemoto Yuuta, Mayama Takumi, and Morita Shinobu are college students who share the small apartment. Even though they live in poverty, the three of them are able to obtain pleasure through small things in life. The story follows these characters' life stories as poor college students, as well as their love lives when a short but talented 18 year old girl called Hanamoto Hagumi appears.

Time: Sun. 2:00pm - 3:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Ichigo Mashimaro

Ichigo Mashimaro follows the life of Nobue Itoh, her younger sister Chika, and her friends. The basic premise of the show can be summed up in "cute girls do cute things in cute ways", be it trying to quit smoking, going outside to play, celebrating a holiday, or doing school work.

Time: Mon. 2:30pm-3:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### Iriya no Sora - UFO no Natsu

Asaba Naoyuki is an ordinary high school student. As a member of his school's press club, he's just spent the summer camping outside the local military base, in hopes of seeing the UFOs that are secretly kept there, according to local legend. Returning to school, he meets a strange girl, Iriya Kana, and gradually comes to realize that she is more than merely strange - and that a dark secret lies beneath the world that he knows.

Time: Mon. 10:00am-11:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### Jinkki Extend

Aoba is a young girl who loves to build models of robots. She lived alone with her grandmother until her grandmother passes away. Shortly after she is kidnapped and brought to a secret base where she discovers a huge robot. The piloted robots fight against Ancient-Jinki in The Grand Savanna, but the true meaning behind the fights is hidden. Aoba works hard at the base so one day she can pilot one of the robots and discover these secrets.

Time: Mon. 1:00pm-2:00pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

### Kagihime Monogatari - Eikyuu Alice Rinbukyoku

Lewis Carroll wrote two volumes about the adventures of Alice in Wonderland, but there's a rumor of a mystical third volume. In order to compile the last book, magical bunny-girl warriors do battle with each other, stripping the defeated of pages locked inside them.

Time: Mon. 7:00pm-8:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

### Kare Kano aka His and Her Circumstances

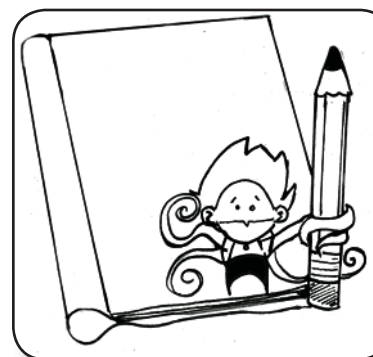
Yukino Miyazawa, the Queen of Vanity, is the 'perfect student' - smart, pretty, athletic and has an overall nice personality. What everyone in her school didn't know was that behind the perfect facade lies a different person. She is always the best in anything - but an obstacle comes her way. The obstacle's name is Souichirou Arima. Souichirou Arima is chosen as the representative of the freshmen, not Miyazawa. Thus, she strives hard to defeat him in all aspects. But a day comes when her most-hated enemy comes to find out her secret. From treating Arima as an enemy, friendship blossoms. Soon love comes. Kare Kano is a story that revolves all around the pangs and beauty of first love.

Time: Mon. 11:30pm-12:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **PG**

### Karin

In the 21st century, a family of vampires settled down on the grounds of Japan and lived a modest life whilst sucking on the blood of humans discreetly. However, the eldest daughter of the family, Karin Maaka, has an embarrassing secret which cannot be revealed to anyone. Even though she is a vampire, she does not lack blood like her family members. Instead, she overproduces blood to the extent that she transfuses the excess into her victims, hence increasing their blood levels. Despite her troubling body characteristic, she attends school like any other high school student, that is until a new transfer student, Kenta Usui, enters her life.

Time: Mon. 1:00pm-2:30pm  
MR: ST 141 Rating: **RP**



## Games and Activities

### SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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### Trinity Blood

The background is in the distant future after the destruction brought about by Armageddon. The war between the vampires and the humans continue to persist. In order to protect the humans from the vampires, Vatican has to rely on other allies to counter the situation. The protagonist, a priest called Peter Abel Nightroad, travels through the countries as a representative for the Vatican. However, he is also part of "Ax", a special operations group controlled by the Cardinal Catherina. His encounter with a young girl called Esther will determine the struggle and survival between the human race and the vampires.

Time: Mon. 7:00pm-8:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **14a**

### Tsubasa Chronicles

Syaoran, a boy who wants to become an archeologist, and Sakura, a princess from the Clow Kingdom, are childhood friends with a close relationship. On a fateful night, Sakura lost all her memories as a result of a conspiracy to obtain her powers. In order to regain her memory, Syaoran seeks help from the witch, Yuuko. Yuuko tells Syaoran that he has to travel from one alternate reality to another to collect fragments of Sakura's memory. However, even if Sakura regains her memory, she will have no recollection of Syaoran. Travelling together with them is Kurogane, a warrior who was exiled from his country, and Fye, a magician who wants to escape from his King. With the help of a magical creature, Mokona, they set off on an exciting journey through time and space.

Shawn's Choice  Time: Sun. 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Rating: **PG**

### W-Wish

So many girls, so little time. W-Wish follows the life of Tohno Junna and his twin sister, Senna. Since the death of their parents years past, Junna and Senna have been living alone in the big house their parents left them. Together they attend Sakurahama Private High School, where several select girls obliviously use and abuse Junna for their own needs--Kishida Tomo, pretty and anti-social; the booksmart and efficient Iida Akino; Ohtori Tsubasa, head of the Help Club and highly in demand; Fujie Sana, cute as a button but with the intelligence of a box of rocks. And then there's the new girl, Inohara Haruhi--an old childhood friend of Junna's that's come to claim her "onii-chan" (brother). Strangely, Junna barely remembers Haruhi from his childhood...and Senna doesn't want him to. Wrapped in alluring mystery, W-Wish promises to be more than your average love-love story.

Time: Mon. 4:00pm-5:00pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **PG**



### Macross

In 1999, an alien ship crashes on South Atalia Island and makes the human race aware of other life in space. Ten years later, the ship is reconstructed and christened as the SDF-1 Macross. However, on the day of its maiden voyage, an alien race called the Zentraedi make their appearance on Earth, beginning the UN Spacy/Zentraedi war that would change the history of both races forever.

Time: Mon. 4:00pm-5:00pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **PG**

### Mahoraba

Shiratori Ryuushi is a young artist-in-training, about to start studying at a vocational school. Arriving at his new lodgings, Narutaki Sou, he finds himself the focus of attention for the collection of weirdos that inhabit the place. He also meets and falls for the landlady, Aoba Kozue, who seems to be both lovely and charming. However, Kozue is not what she seems to be... in fact, she's more.

Time: Sun. 10:00pm-11:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **PG**


### Mai Otome

Arika Yumemiya has traveled far in search of her goal: the prestigious Gualderobe Academy. This is the school where young girls are trained to become Otomes, protectors of royal leaders throughout the lands. Here, Arika makes plenty of friends, but some enemies know something about her past that she does not. Nevertheless, her spirit and determination will keep pushing her forward. --- Adapted from its predecessor, Mai-HiME, this series is not a direct sequel, but an alternate universe setting featuring some of the Mai-HiME cast (though with different personalities).

Time: Mon. 2:00pm-3:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

### Martian Successor Nadesico TV

Akito doesn't want to fight. Despite a childhood spent on the anime Gekiganger 3, a Mecha show, he'd rather cook than pilot a Mecha. Fate intervenes when his home on Mars is destroyed, and he is transported instantly to the Earth, mysteriously. He has questions no one can answer fully, but follows a girl from a chance meeting in hopes to discover any. The girl, Yurika, is captain of the private battleship Nadesico, and in order to follow her, he enlists as their cook. Possessing the nanite implants that allow to control mechas, he's a handy backup pilot for the mechas of the Nadesico. He joins a crew bent on revenging Mars and composed of misfits, otakus, and ditzes. But in reality they are handpicked experts. They take their own private war back to Mars to face the harsh reality that life may not always be like a Giant Mecha Series.

Robert's Choice  Time: Mon. 10:00am - 11:30am  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **RP**

### Midori no Hibi aka Midori's Days

High school delinquent Seiji Sawamura is desperate to have a girlfriend, especially after being rejected by 20 girls as of late. He's afraid that he will end his life with his right hand as his only companion. Apparently, that doesn't change when one day when he wakes up and discovers that his right hand has become a girl named Midori Kasugano, who confesses that she has had a crush on him for the last three years.

Time: Mon. 7:00pm-8:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **18A**



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### Mushishi

They are neither plants nor animals. They differ from other forms of life such as the micro-organisms and the fungi. Instead they resemble the primeval body of life and are generally known as "Mushi". Their existence and appearance are unknown to many and only a limited number of humans are aware of them. Ginko is a "Mushi-shi" who travels around to investigate and find out more about the "Mushi". In the process, he also lends a helping hand to people who face problems with supernatural occurrences which may be related to the "Mushi"

Time: Sun. 8:30pm-10:00pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **RP**

### My Daddy Longlegs aka Watshi no Ashinaga Ojisan

Daddy Long Legs is based on the novel of the same name by Jean Webster. It chronicles the adventures of Judy Abbott, an orphan in New York. During a meeting for the superintendent, with other important and rich people in attendance, a scholarship is offered to Judy by a mysterious benefactor. Catching only a glimpse of his tall shadow as he leaves, Judy calls him "Daddy Long Legs" and writes him letters every month as per his request. While studying at the Lincoln Memorial school, she makes many friends and learns about a world she never knew about before.

Time: Sun. 10:00am-11:30am  
RM: ST 127 Rating: **RP**

### Nadia - Secret of Blue Water

In 1889, the world is on the pinnacle of great discoveries in technology. In mankind's grasp for the future, a sinister foe known only as Gargoyle, obsessed with restoring the former Atlantean empire to the glory it once held, begins his plans to take over the world. Nadia, with the help of a young inventor, Jean Ratliffe, and Captain Nemo of the submarine Nautilus, must fight to save the world from Gargoyle and Neo-Atlantis. Based on the Novel '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea' by Jules Verne.

Chairman's  
Choice  Time: Mon. 2:00pm-3:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **G**

### Noein ~ Mou Hitori no Kimi e

Fifteen years in the future, by high-level scientific power, a violent battle takes place between La'cryma, that protects humanity, and Shangri-La, that plans the annihilation of all space-time. The key to stopping Shangri-La's invasion is a mysterious object known as "the Dragon's Torque." A group known as the Dragon Calvary is being sent through space and time to find it. In the present, twelve-year old Haruka and her friend Yuu are contemplating running away from home when they meet a member of the Dragon Calvary named Karasu (Crow). He believes that Haruka has the Dragon's Torque and claims to be Yuu from fifteen years in the future.

Time: Mon. 4:00pm-5:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### Pani Poni Dash!

The 11 year old Miyamoto Rebecca becomes the new teacher of a classroom which is full of weirdos. Despite her cute looks she's a little beast and can be pretty sarcastic and offensive. The school is not safe anymore now that she's in charge of a class and her students, Himeko, Ichijou, Rei and a white rabbit who took a liking to Rebecca help her to rough up the school and the neighbour-class with its teacher "ojiichan".

Time: Mon. 10:00am - 11:30am  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Paradise Kiss

Yukari is a typical high-school student who listens to her parents and attends school everyday. As she starts to question her way of life, she encounters a group of fashion design students who has a clothing label known as "Paradise Kiss". The group needs to find a model to showcase their designs in an up-coming fashion show and decides to pick Yukari instead. Initially, Yukari was reluctant to be associated with this seemingly eccentric group, but eventually, she realises that they are really nice people. Furthermore, their passion and enthusiasm to follow their ideals and dreams make Yukari realise that she has not been enjoying her life and this motivated her to pursue her own dreams.

Time: Mon. 8:30pm - 10:00pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **14A**

### Sousei no Aquarion

The story revolves mainly around Apollo, a teenager rumored as the reincarnation of Apollonius, a fallen angel who fought against his own kind to protect mankind. Few believe it could be true, but the fact is that despite his untamed and reckless nature, he proved to be an invaluable asset in Aquarion's battle against mankind's sworn enemy, which resumed recently, after a 12,000 year hiatus.

Time: Sun. 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Speed Grapher

Ten years after the Bubble War, the dichotomy between the rich and the poor in the world becomes more prominent and Japan is no exception. The rich seeks to satisfy their desires and derive pleasure for themselves, and Tokyo has materialise into such a city as a result. Saiga, once a war photographer, works for Hibara Ginza in the capitalist state of Tokyo. He infiltrates into Roppongi Club, a secretive base located in the red district area of the city, to collect information about them. However, he was caught in the process and brought forward to a girl called Kagura who was in the midst of a ritual. His contact with Kagura awakens his special ability: the power to make things explode once photographed. In order to unravel the mystery behind the Roppongi Club and Kagura, Saiga begins his solitary battle.

Time: Sun. 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### Sukisyo

After falling out of a 4th story window, Hashiba Sora has lost his memory. He returns to his school to find a new roommate in his dormitory. Sora gradually begins to fall in love with his new male roommate, while trying to put together pieces of his past.

Time: Mon. 11:30am - 12:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Sunabozu aka Dessert Punk

In the future, Japan is a wasteland. In the Great Kantou Desert, scattered humans eke out a living in the hot sand. Among them, a short-statured man they call "Sunabozu" makes a living as a bounty hunter. Like a demon of the sand, he seems unbeatable. Yet, like all men, he has a particular weakness for the opposite sex...

Time: Mon. 8:30pm - 10:00pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

### Suzuka

Yamato Akitsuki travels to Tokyo alone to study in one of the high schools located within the area. He lives in with his aunt who operates a public bath solely for the ladies in the local district and begins his normal high-school life. One day, he chances upon a girl in school and is immediately mesmerised by her beauty. He is shocked when he realises later that the girl, Suzuka, is actually living next door to him. From then on, Yamato's ordinary life begins to change little by little.

Time: Sun. 11:30am - 12:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**

### The Place Promised in Our Early Days

In an alternate timeline, Japan was divided after losing World War II: Hokkaido was annexed by "Union" while Honshu and other southern islands were under US sovereignty. A gigantic yet mysterious tower was constructed at Hokkaido and could be seen clearly from Aomori (the northernmost prefecture of Honshu) across Tsugaru Strait. In the summer of 1996, three 9th-graders had made a promise that one day they'll build an aircraft and unravel the tower's mystery, but their project was abandoned after the girl, Sayuri Sawatari, began experiencing sleeping sickness and transferred to Tokyo for better treatment. Three years later, Hiroki Fujisawa accidentally found out that Sayuri had been in coma since then, and he asked Takuya Shirakawa to help him finding a way to revive her. What they don't know yet is that Sayuri's unconsciousness is somehow linked with secrets of the tower and the world.

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RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**




### Rune Soldier

Louie, a brawny student at the mage's guild, is reluctantly accepted by three girls (Merrill-thief, Genie-fighter, and Melissa-priestess) as a companion for their adventuring party. As the foursome explore ruins, battle dark creatures, and make new friends, they also uncover a sinister plot within the kingdom.

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
### SaiKano: Another Love Song (OAV)

Every weapon must have a prototype. For the ultimate weapon, career soldier Lt. Mizuki is that prototype. As she comes to the limit of her powers as a weapon, she must watch the tragic unfolding of Chise's growth into the final weapon. Seen from the sidelines, this is a new perspective on the tragic tale told in SaiKano.

Robert's Choice  Time: Sun. 2:30pm - 3:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

### School Rumble OVA

This two-part OVA is a series of shorts in relation to the School Rumble series. This OVA fills in gaps with new content between episodes from beginning to nearly the end.

Shawn's Choice  Time: Mon. 11:30am - 12:30pm  
RM: ST 148 Rating: **RP**

### Seikai no Senki III OVA

Jinto and Lafiel were riding on a light-armed transport ship "Bokbrusue" and navigating at the planar space of the Hyde System. This was for Jinto to govern the Hyde System, which returned to Empirical rule after the Union retreated, officially as an Earl. However, the government of Martin, Jinto's motherland, resisted obstinately against the Empirical rule. On the other side, "Daiichi Jyuurin Sentai" (the First Devastation Fleet), formed with the new ship type "Attack Vessel", travelled to the Hyde System for drilling practices, but...

Time: Mon. 4:00pm - 5:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Shakugan no SHANA

Sakai Yuuji, a high school student whose normal life was thought to last forever is going end. When he was on his way home he witnessed a shocking view as the world suddenly froze: People were engulfed into blue flames and a monster which resembled a large doll "swallowed" them. It was almost the end of Yuuji until a girl in black attire and a sword with flaming red eyes and hair that burns like ember saved him from the monster. The girl calls herself a "Flame Haze" who hunts the "Guze no Tomogara", creatures from another world. As Yuuji saw a blue flame in his chest, she tells him "You don't exist anymore". Thus starts Yuuji and the girl, whom he called her "Shana", fight against Tomogara and other Flame Hazes began.

Time: Sun. 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Shuffle!

When two doors are discovered in an ancient ruin, the gateways to shinkai, the realm of the shinzoku (Gods) and makai, the realm of the mazoku (Demons) are irreversibly opened. The races of human, shinzoku, and mazoku come together in the mortal world and nothing will ever be the same. One day, two new families move next door to a boy who had previously been living a very peaceful life. In one house lived the family of the King of the Gods, and in the other lived the family of the King of the Demons. Both families had one daughter whose single wish to live next to the boy they had fallen in love with years ago has just been fulfilled. Also living with the boy is his childhood friend. With these three girls vying for his affections, the boy finds that his new life filled with despair, jealousy, and just a little hope is beginning.

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
### Solty Rei

Solty, an android who has lost her memory, has escaped and is being hunted by the RUC Security Bureau. She encounters a bounty hunter named Roy who adopts her as his daughter after being hired as a bodyguard for Miranda.

Time: Mon. 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Paranoia Agent

An elementary school kid dubbed with the title "shounen bat" or "lil slugger" has been going around attacking people with bats. Now two detectives are investigating so they can stop this kid from any more attacks... but they will find out soon enough, that this case is much more than they can handle.

Robert's Choice  Time: Sun. 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
RM: ST 135 Rating: **18A**

### Peach Girl

Peach Girl is about an average high school girl, Momo Adachi, who everyone thinks is a beach bunny / slut because of her tanned skin. The actual reason she is so tanned is because she was on the swim team and tans very easily. She likes a boy, Toji, who she heard only likes non-tanned girls. This causes her to question who she is and have low self esteem. She spends a lot of time trying to remake herself into the girl she believes he wants. However, she has a friend, Sae, who likes to go behind Momo's back and make her life terrible, mostly by trying to take Toji away from her. All the while there's another boy, Kairi, who is in love with Momo.

Time: Sun. 11:30am - 12:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **PG**

### Piano

Miu Nomura is a 14-year-old 8th-grader who has been playing piano since early childhood. She grows up gradually while her friendship, kinship, and love affairs evolve around her, but those relationships inevitably affect her piano performance.

Time: Sun. 4:00pm - 5:30pm  
RM: ST 141 Rating: **RP**



### Ring Ni Kakero

In order to fulfill their dead father's wish, the siblings, Takane Kiku and Takane Ryuji aims for the champopn title of the boxing arena. The sister, Kiku, will act as the trainer while her brother, Ryuji, will concentrate on the role of the boxer and learn the Boomerang. His battle with many rivals has led to the growth and maturity of Ryuji. The junior high boxing tournament has began and Ryuji will be fighting with his arch-rival, Kenzaki Jun. The battle begins.

Time: Sun. 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**


### Rozen Maiden: Träumend

As summer break arrives for the students, Jun Sakurada is busily studying on his own in the library, making up for time lost while he had confined himself to his home. Meanwhile, his Rozen Maiden doll, Shinku, has been having troubling dreams of late. The pain and sadness of defeating Suigintou was overwhelming, despite the inevitable battle they waged. After waking suddenly from a nightmare, she finds Suigintou's companion spirit wandering; upon giving chase, she discovers that the seventh Doll-- Barasu-ishou-- has awakened. She now realizes that Suigintou's fate may very well befall the other Dolls, for the appearance of the last Doll signals the beginning of the end of the Alice Games.

Time: Sun. 8:30pm - 10:00pm  
RM: ST 145 Rating: **RP**

### Rumiko Takahashi Anthology

A collection of short stories by Rumiko Takahashi, often with a supernatural or mystery element to them.

Chairman's Choice  Time: Sun. 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
RM: ST 143 Rating: **RP**

# otafest 2006 Special Events Programming

Sunday May 21, 2006

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ST 135						Azumanga Daioh 1-3	PG						Noein 1-3		Hare + Guu 1-2	PG		Trinity Blood 1-3	14+		Blood+ 1-3	18+					
ST 141	Gunparade Orchestra 1-3	PG	Suzuka 1-2			ARIA The ANIMATION 1-2		Genshiken 1-3	PG				Macross 1-2	PG	The Place Promised in Our Early Days			Kagihime Monogatari - Eikyuu Alice Rinbukyoku 1-3			Sunabozu 1-3						
ST 143	Eyeshield 21 1-3	PG	Peach Girl 1-2	PG		Black Cat 1-3	14+	SaiKano Another Love Song (OAV)					Seikai no Senki III OVA		Himiko-Den 1-2			Midori no Hibi aka Midori's Days 1-3	18+		He is my Master 1-3						
ST 145								Honey and Clover 1-3					Fate/Stay Night 1-2		Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children (OAV)	PG		Bastard ! 4-6	18+		Golden Boy 4-6	18+					
ST 148	Mahoraba 1-3	PG	Tsubasa Chronicles 1-2	PG		Eden's Bowry 1-2		Fullmetal Alchemist: The Conqueror of Shambala	14+																		

<b>Special Events Schedule</b>																									
ST 140								Taiko Drumming (Weather Permitting) *					Anime Improv - 404's			Awards Ceremony									
ST 125																									
ST 126	Open Video Gaming Room		Naruto Tournament			Video Game Room		Donkey Konga					Video Gaming Room		Showoff Showdown										
ST 128								Cosplay - Rules & Rules																	
ST 129			Dai-Cast Panel			Origami Extravaganza																			
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ST 132			Calgary Go Club			Anime Jeopardy																			

\*Taiko Drumming will be outside the Science Theaters South Entrance weather permitting





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Monday May 22, 2006

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ST 141	Iriya no Sora - UFO no Natsu 1-2	Glass Mask 1-2	PG		Karin 1-3	Ichigo Mashimaro 1-2			Ginban Kaleidoscope 1-3	PG	Ghost Sweeper Mikami 1-2		Paranoia Agent 1-3	18 <sup>A</sup>	Mushishi 1-3	
ST 143	Ask Dr. Rin 1-2	Kare Kano aka His and Her Circumstances	PG		Jinkki Extend 1-2	Mai Otome 1-3			Piano 1-3		Burst Angel 1-2		Speed Grapher 1-3		Akane Maniax OAV 1-3	
ST 145	Pani Poni Dash! 1-2	Sukisyo 1-2			Shuffle! 1-3	Da Capo Second Season 1-2	PG		Rumiko Takahashi Anthology 1-3		Ring Ni Kakero 1-2		Bastard ! 1-3	18 <sup>A</sup>	Golden Boy 1-3	18 <sup>A</sup>
ST 148	Full Metal Panic: The Second Raid 1-2	14 <sup>A</sup>	School Rumble OVA		Eureka Seven 1-2	PG	Gun X Sword 1-3	PG	Rune Soldier 1-2		Sousei no Aquarion 1-3		Shakugan no SHANA 1-3		Rozen Maiden: Träumend 1-3	
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