

# OTAFEST AURORA

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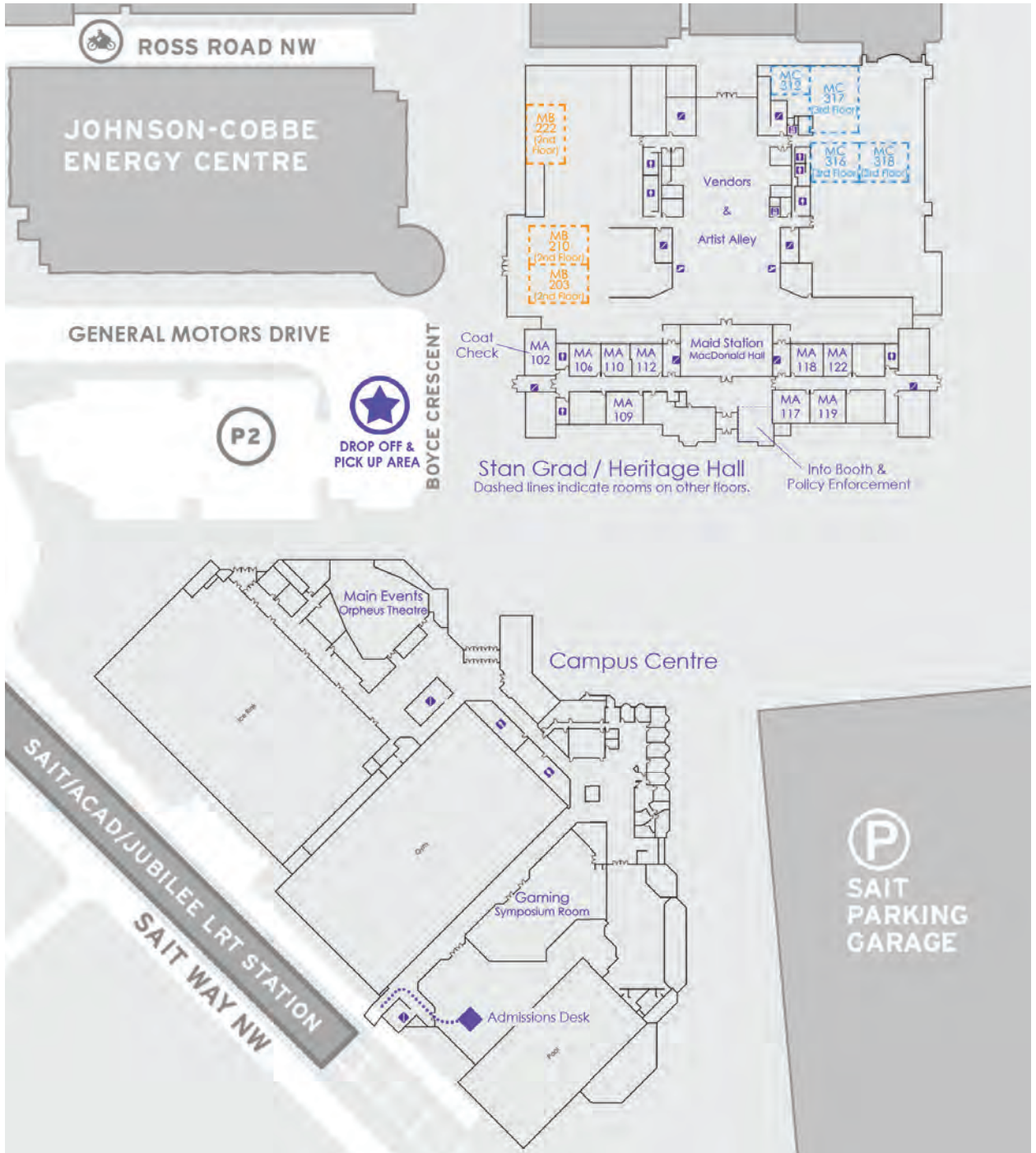
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# WELCOME

It is our team's greatest pleasure to welcome you to our fourth annual Otafest Aurora, a wintertime celebration of Japanese culture, arts, and media!

We are bringing a huge host of events, from perennial favourites such as the Maid Cafe, Cosplay Contest, Photo Booth, and Vendor Room, plus a wide range of community-created content in live panels and video game tournaments!

Of course, we can't forget this winter's premiere dinner-and-dance, the exclusive Otafest Aurora Gala! Held on Friday night, it's the ultimate semi-formal anime convention experience. Enjoy a delectable catered banquet, followed

by a performance by Calgary's Bel Canto String ensemble! Afterwards, you'll dance the night away to your favourite geek-genre music with DJ Eric Electric!

During the Saturday convention, our feature guests are none other than superstar voiceover talent Vic Mignogna, the impeccably creative costume designer Josh Hart, and cosplay starlet Ani-Mia! They will be hosting panels, meet-and-greets, and autograph signings throughout the day, so make certain to visit them while you can!

From all of us at Otafest, we hope you have a fantastic experience and a merry holiday season!

## GUESTS

### VIC MIGNOGNA

Vic has been acting on stage and screen since he was 8 years old. His anime career started about fifteen years ago as Vega in *Street Fighter II V*. Since then, Vic has been in more than three hundred animated series and video games, including iconic

roles like Edward Elric in *Fullmetal Alchemist*. Even longer than his voice acting, Vic has been a professional music composer/singer/producer who has produced hundreds of pieces for TV, radio and CD, including the themes for shows like

*One Piece & Dragon Ball GT*. In addition to anime and music, Vic has a degree in film and is deeply involved as an actor and director in several web series. A more in-depth profile is available at [otafest.com/vic-mignogna](http://otafest.com/vic-mignogna).

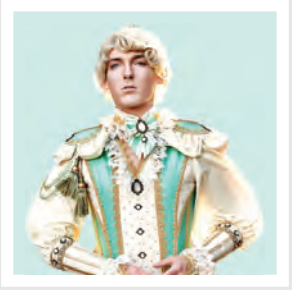


### JOSH HART

Joshua Hart is the costume designer, fashion designer, model, and commissioner behind J.Hart Design. He created this brand to showcase his award-winning work, and to foster knowledge, creativity, and inspiration among the cosplay and fashion

communities. With over ten years of sewing and cosplay experience, Joshua strives to produce works of art that showcase his love of unique silhouettes, impeccable fit, and intricate details. He graduated with a BFA in Fashion Design and currently

working as an assistant designer in New York City. Joshua's goal is to provide access to industry knowledge through his various lectures, panels, and workshops at conventions, and through his Facebook page.



### ANI-MIA

Ani-Mia has been cosplaying since 2008 but has been a geek since she was sporting her *Knight Rider* tees at age 3. Her love for video games, comic books and anime is reflected in her wide variety of cosplay costumes.

The majority of her costumes are hand-crafted. She has had the opportunity to travel to numerous conventions, judge costume contests, participate in panels on cosplay positivity and cosplay construction and has appeared in both online

and print magazines. One of Ani-Mia's goals is to bring the cosplay community together as a whole and she loves to provide her knowledge in costume making to new cosplayers.





	SPECIAL EVENTS & LIVE PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE												
	Main Events	Gaming	Coat Check	Panels 1	Panels 2	Panels 3	Panels 4	Panels 5	Panels 6				
	Orpheus Theatre	Symposium Room	MA102	MA106	MA109	MA110	MA112	MA122	MB203				
10:00 AM	AMV Showcase	Open Video Gaming	Coat Check							10:00 AM			
10:30 AM										10:30 AM			
11:00 AM	Comedy, Fun & Upbeat AMVs			Ani-Mia: Autographs!	Life is Strange: Partners in Time	Sewing for Cosplay	Muse Vocal Training Camp			11:00 AM			
11:30 AM										11:30 AM			
12:00 PM				Animal Crossing, Amiibo Cards and More! Presented by Nishikaze					His Butler Interrogated: A Kuroshitsuji Panel	12:00 PM			
12:30 PM							Clickin' it Old School: Film Photography in a Digital Age	Monster Hunter School of Hard KNOCKS					
01:00 PM						Anime Name That Tune					01:00 PM		
01:30 PM	Cosplay Fashion Show							Panelstuck			01:30 PM		
02:00 PM									02:00 PM				
02:30 PM	Crossplay Fashion Show				Ani-Mia: Body Positivity & Cosplay	Family Feud: Kaichou wa Maid-Sama Edition	Your Favourite Anime is Probably Great, but Crane-kun Disagrees	Cosplay Debate			02:30 PM		
03:00 PM				!: A Metal Gear Panel					Love Live! Dance Panel				
03:30 PM	Anime According to AMVs					Ani-Mia: Autographs!		Cosplay 201: Levelling up Your Cosplay			03:30 PM		
04:00 PM												04:00 PM	
04:30 PM	Awesomcore AMVs			Mingle & Jingle		All About Ball-Jointed Dolls				Steven Universe Holiday Panel Palooza	04:30 PM		
05:00 PM										05:00 PM			
05:30 PM					How to Spot Bootlegs	Welcome to Idol Hell: The School Idol Festival				05:30 PM			
06:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies									06:00 PM			
06:30 PM						Anime Name That Tune DAME!	Pokémon League Tournament		Town Killing Simulator (Werewolf)	06:30 PM			
07:00 PM	Vlad's AMV Choice Awards!			Anime Starter Pack (18+)	Skype with Jessica in Japan					07:00 PM			
07:30 PM						Otafest Pin Trading						07:30 PM	
08:00 PM				Otafest Feedback Panel								08:00 PM	
08:30 PM									Yaoi Panel (18+)	08:30 PM			
09:00 PM										09:00 PM			
09:30 PM										09:30 PM			
10:00 PM					Puzzle & Waifus					10:00 PM			
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\*Please note all special events & live programming is rated within the AP-12P range unless otherwise noted with the (18+ ONLY) or MP equivalent rating.\*  
 \*\*Due to unforeseen circumstances, we apologize for any schedule deviations or cancellations during the event. All information regarding changes to the live programming will be available at the Information & Registration Desks as soon as possible. Live updates are available at [schedule.otafest.com](https://schedule.otafest.com)\*\*

SCHEDULE								AV SHOWINGS SCHEDULE							
	Panels 7	Panels 8	Panels 9	Photobooth	Boardgames	Cosplay	Maid Café	Anime 1	Anime 2	Anime 3					
	MB210	MB222	MC317	MA117	MA118	MA119	Macdonald Hall	MC312	MC316	MC318					
10:00 AM						Registration for: Craftsmanship Contest, Cosplay Fashion Show, and Mr. & Miss Aurora		Sound! Euphonium (AP)	Punch Line (13P)	The Forest Piano (AP)	10:00 AM				
10:30 AM													10:30 AM		
11:00 AM				An Introduction to One Piece									11:00 AM		
11:30 AM													11:30 AM		
12:00 PM	Ho-Ho-Host Club	Zapp's Space of Love presents: Critical Fail: An Interactive D&D Experience		Get Your Photos with Otafest Mascots!	Boardgames with Fallcon	Mr. & Miss Aurora Voting	X-mas Maid Station	Nodame Cantabile (AP)	Plastic Memories (13P)	Aria (AP)	12:00 PM				
12:30 PM														12:30 PM	
1:00 PM				Vic Mignogna Q&A				Photobooth Open	Your Lie in April (AP)	Food Wars (13P)	Gargantia OVA (13P)	1:00 PM			
1:30 PM														1:30 PM	
2:00 PM	VGC Pokémon 101	Josh Hart: Fabric Characteristics & Weaves	Vic Mignogna: Autographs	Photobooth Open								2:00 PM			
2:30 PM														2:30 PM	
3:00 PM									Nodame Cantabile -Paris- (AP)	Yamada-Kun and the Seven Witches (13P)			3:00 PM		
3:30 PM	Sailor Moon Panel	Josh Hart: Autographs												3:30 PM	
4:00 PM								Vic Mignogna: Autographs	Photobooth Open				Piano (AP)	My Love Story!! (AP)	K-On! Movie (AP)
4:30 PM															
5:00 PM			Josh Hart: Patterns & Adjustments								5:00 PM				
5:30 PM	Terrible Fanfiction (18+)								Nodame Cantabile -Finale- (AP)	Is It Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon? (13P)	Detroit Metal City (MP)	5:30 PM			
6:00 PM													6:00 PM		
6:30 PM											6:30 PM				
7:00 PM	Chillin' With the Haicrew!	Video Game Name That Tune	Hot Pepper Anime Reviews (18+)					Nodame Cantabile (Live Action) (AP)		Macross: Do You Remember Love? (13P)	7:00 PM				
7:30 PM													7:30 PM		
8:00 PM											8:00 PM				
8:30 PM			Foul Bachelor Frog Christmas (18+)									8:30 PM			
9:00 PM											9:00 PM				
9:30 PM				Cards Against Otafest (18+)						9:30 PM					
10:00 PM										10:00 PM					
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LEGEND

Official events and content

Special guest events and content

Community-provided content

Anime showing suitable for all ages

Anime showing where guardian accompaniment is suggested for persons under 13

Anime showing where guardian accompaniment is mandatory for persons under 18, photo ID is required

# MERCHANDISE

All Otafest merchandise can be purchased at our merchandise booth in the Vendor Hall.

## PINS



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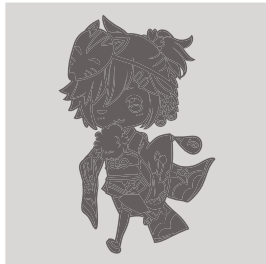
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## PIN TRADING

Keep your eyes out for Otafest Pin Traders in yellow shirts wandering around the convention. You can obtain rare and exclusive designs by trading the Otafest pins that you have previously purchased with them. There are 2 designs exclusive to trading for Otafest Aurora 2015 and a rare gold variant of each pin can also be acquired through trading. Pin trading is necessary if you are looking to get all of the pins available at this event!

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