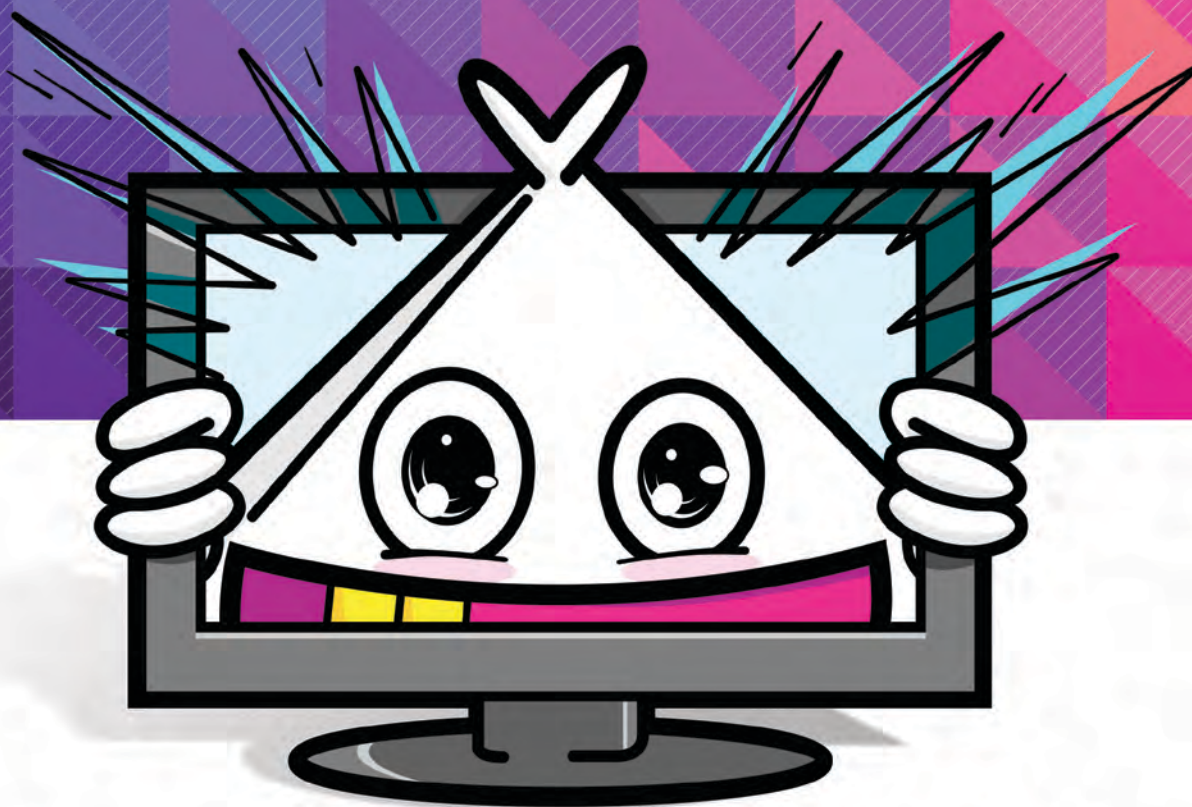




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SPECIAL GUESTS



American actress **Cherami Leigh** has amassed over 20 years' worth of show business experience with credits in over 200 projects to date, from commercials to movies to video games.

Her voice is recognizable as the characters Lucy Heartfilia in *Fairy Tail*, Road Kamelot in *D.Gray-man*, Kirimi Nekozaawa in *Ouran High School Host Club*, Asuna Yuuki in *Sword Art Online*, and the titular Shana of *Shakugan no Shana*.

She is also slated to perform as Minako Aino AKA Sailor Venus in *Sailor Moon Crystal*.

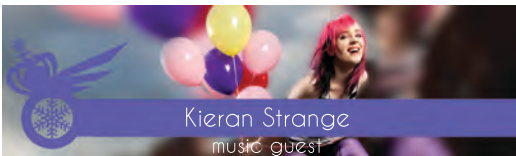
Of video game fame, Leigh's talent can be recognized as the voice of the playable DLC character Gaige in *Borderlands 2*.

Leigh's additional credits in live-action productions include portraying characters in *Walker, Texas Ranger*, and the drama *Beyond the Farthest Star*, as well as *Friday Night Lights* and *Bones*.

Be sure to visit Cherami Leigh at Otafest Aurora 2014!



Vancouverites **Twinfools** and **Nova** work within the cosplay group Fighting Dreamers Production, known for their works on deviantART and YouTube channel. The duo provides the community with cosplay skits, CMVs, convention news, and tutorials. Twinfools and Nova emphasize inclusivity and accessibility of cosplay through panels and performances.



Kieran Strange is back for Otafest Aurora 2014! A quirky and dynamic young artist, Strange channels her eccentric energy into blending pop, rock, and synth genres into her own personal brand of British nerd-rock. Bullied viciously as a youth for her social awkwardness and geeky hobbies, Strange found the strength to embrace who she is and has been a pillar of strength for many of her fans to do the same, promoting self-worth and self-confidence, and encouraging them to follow their dreams.

Don't miss her guest hosting and performing at Otafest Aurora's premier events!



J. Michael Tatum: reclusive fanboy-turned-voice actor/writer/ADR director! How, you ask? By falling, mostly by sheer luck, into the career of his dreams.

Discovered by Funimation's visionary ADR director Christopher Bevins, Tatum has voiced memorable characters such as Kyoya Ootori in *Ouran High School Host Club*, Kraft Lawrence in *Spice and Wolf*, France of *Hetalia: Axis Powers*, Sebastian Michaelis of *Black Butler*, and *Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood's* Scar. Video game voice credits include Zarbon from the *Dragon Ball* series, Eneru of *One Piece: Unlimited Adventure*, and Sir Hammerlock of *Borderlands 2*.

Tatum's ADR director and script adaptation credit includes titles such as *Attack on Titan*, *Deadman Wonderland*, *Initial D*, *Is This a Zombie*, *Romeo x Juliet*, and *Steins;Gate*.

From 2010 to early 2014, Tatum launched and co-hosted web series *That Anime Show*, available free online at thatanimeshow.com



Based out of local Blue Water Studios, veteran Calgarian voiceover talent **Carol-Anne Day's** notable works include Four Murasame in *Zeta Gundam* and *Dynasty Warriors: Gundam 2* and *3*, and the titular Mai Tohika of *Mai Hime*. Video game credits extend to characters in *InuYasha: The Secret of the Cursed Mask* and the *Mega Man X* series.



Starting his career a decade ago with roles as Uub and Tien in the *Dragon Ball* saga, **Brendan Hunter's** resume now includes roles as *Cardfight!! Vanguard's* Doctor O, Jin Magatsu in *Future Card Buddyfight*, Hisoka in *Hunter X Hunter*, and various additional characters in the *Mega Man X*, and *Mobile Suit Gundam* series among many others.

Check your schedule to make sure you don't miss a chance to say hello and grab an autograph or two!

AURORA MASCOT ART CONTEST

First Place

Steve Cheng

"I chose a different route for royalty. Instead of your regular Queen and her crown, and given the culture Otafest is celebrating, I opted to envision Aurora as a traditional Japanese Empress for this contest entry.

This illustration of Aurora shows her in traditional Japanese attire at an imperial court, unlike other monarchs, the Japanese regalia does not include a crown, and the rest outfit is relatively simple; lacking extravagant jewels and accessories that are so commonly seen in other monarchs.

As she proceeds to her enthronement as Empress, Aurora comes dressed in an intricate kimono (with some alteration to fit her wings out the back) with many layers and colored hues of purple and red (and pink!) dyes that in olden times were incredibly costly and hard to find, generally exclusive to royalty. With a stern face, Aurora awaits the final ceremony where she will be presented with the three sacred treasures seen only by herself and select priests, and complete the enthronement ritual in an enclosure called the "Takamikura".



Runner Up

Stephanie Hau

"Chin held high, shoulders back. There is no better way to debut ice-cold Aurora's coronation than putting her in reserved and minimalism-inspired regalia; classical. It is in her nature to display no emotion: nothing flashy or any of that sort that would make her stand out more than necessary because attracting compliments is the last thing she's looking for. The only thing she can't hide, is her icy stare."

*All art contest entries can be found at:
otafest.com/contests/art/aurora-2014*



AURORA 2014 MERCHANDISE

Aurora 2014 Trading Pin Set

Aurora 2014's charmingly-cute Coronation pins come in shining silver or ultra-rare gold style and can be purchased at the Otafest Merchandise Booth in Vendor Hall!



Queen Aurora



Prince Aurora



Royal Advisor June



Royal Aide June



Chaperoness Seph



Chaperone Seph



Princess Mio



Prince Mio

Pre-Registration Exclusive

This regal pin is only available to those who pre-purchased their Otafest Aurora 2014 pass, so you'll have to trade with them for one!



Royal Crown-Wing



Trade Exclusives

These pins can only be obtained through trading with an Official Otafest Pin Trader or Pin Trading Event!



Aurora's Royal Coat of Arms Hoodie

You'll always be royally warm in this hoodie featuring Aurora's Coat of Arms, available in 5 sizes, only at the Otafest Merchandise Booth!

O-Wing Toque

Even frosty tsundere blue-bloods need to keep warm in the winter, preferably with this 100% acrylic purple O-wing toque!



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10:00 AM	Intro to Booth Photography & Posing (10 AM)	Cosplay Repair Station (10 AM)	Registration for Otafest Aurora 2014 Cosplay-Related Contests: Craftsmanship Contest — Cosplay Pageant — Mr & Miss Otafest Aurora (10 AM)	Otafest Aurora 2014 Opening Ceremonies (10:30 AM)	Autographs with Cherami Leigh (11 AM)	Otafest Pokemon League: X/Y Tag-Team Roulette Tournament (10 AM)	Is the Order a Rabbit?	Barakamon	Aurora Maryōinkōga Saigo no Takakai	10:00 AM
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MAIN EVENTS

Otafest Aurora 2014 Opening Ceremonies

Pomp & circumstance! Special Announcements! Join our celebratory introduction of Aurora's Coronation!

Otafest Aurora 2014 Gala

The Gala is the highlight keynote event - with dinner, dancing, and more, it's the perfect celebration to end your night.

Otafest Aurora 2014 Feedback Panel

Otafest invites your criticisms and commendations! Help us be the best convention we can be!

Otafest Auction

Submit your bid to win items such as one-of-a-kind art pieces, and great deals all around!

Otafest Pin Trading

New to the trading game? Looking for that last exclusive gold Pin to complete your set? This is where you just might find it!

SPECIAL GUEST EVENTS

Autographs with Cherami Leigh

Autographs with Cherami Leigh are free of charge! A selection of items will be available for purchase, including prints and beanies, with a portion of proceeds going to charity!

Autographs with J. Michael Tatum

Autographs with J. Michael Tatum are free, while J. Michael will have a few items for sale including headshots and more!

Autographs & Q&A with Twinfools & Nova

Meet and greet our cosplay guests, Twinfools & Nova!

Cosplay Wigs with Twinfools & Nova

Join cosplay guests Twinfools & Nova for cosplay wig advice!

Q & A with J. Michael Tatum

A chance for you to pick J. Michael Tatum's brain for advice, experiences, and opinions!

Radio Improv with Cherami Leigh

Join Cherami Leigh for some off-the-cuff radio script readings and learn the art of improv!

Voice Acting Round Table Discussion with Cherami, J. Michael, Brendan, & Carol-Anne

All of Otafest 2014's professional voice-acting guests will be hosting a round table discussion and answering your questions about the industry!

THEMED EVENTS & AREAS

Board Games in the Evening with Fallcon!

Otafest is very pleased to partner with Fallcon to bring you a variety of tabletop games! Challenge old friends, make new ones, and try all kinds of new and old tabletop games!

Check out their website at fallcon.com

Christmas Maid Café Station

Feeling the chill? Come and warm up with our lovely maids serving hot chocolate, snacks, and festivity!

Help us decorate the Christmas tree, or take a group photo full of holiday cheer!

This event is by reservation only - tickets available at Information Booth!

Cosplay Repair Station

Could your cosplay use a little emergency TLC? Our reserve of sewing thread, safety pins and glue guns might just do the trick!

Otafest Photo Booth

Queen Aurora has graciously (begrudgingly) turned the Royal Throne Room into the Otafest Photobooth! Pair with our professional-level photographers and your choice of 2 backdrops: Aurora's Throne or a classic black background to really make your cosplay pop!

The Otafest Photo Booth is a free service; however an optional \$2 minimum donation is kindly encouraged. Additionally, we will be offering optional high-quality 8x10 prints on-site for \$10. All free photos will be available on Otafest's official Facebook page for download shortly post-convention.

Camera equipment for the Otafest Photobooth is sponsored by The Camera Store and Epic Photo Ops.

Otafest Pokémon League: X/Y Tournament

It's a tag-team roulette-style battle royale! Will you become the Tournament Champion?

Super Smash Bros. 3DS Tournament

Smash, crash, and bash your way to the top with your favourite Nintendo characters for prizes and glory!

Video Gaming Room

Open console gaming is available for players of all ages and abilities!

COSPLAY

Mr & Miss Otafest Aurora 2014

Saw a cosplay that didn't enter our other contests? Vote for your favourite Cosplayer to win Mr & Miss Otafest Aurora 2014!

Otafest Aurora 2014 Cosplay Pageant

The Cosplay Pageant returns - it's an Aurora festival twist on Otafest's popular Cosplay Contest!

Otafest Aurora 2014 Cosplay Showcase: Craftsmanship Contest

Our Cosplay Judges will look at your costume in detail from the stitches to the prop design!

AMVs

AMV Hell 7

Another AMV Hell is here - grab your seat early!

AMV Showcase

A fantastic variety of excellent AMVs created by editors all around the world featured here!

AMV Trailers and Commercial Parodies

See commercial products re-imagined with your favourite anime series!

Otafest 2014 AMV Contest Winners - Replay

Each winning entry from Otafest 2014's contest is replayed here - relive your favourites!

Upbeat & Fun AMVs

The most exciting AMVs this year had to offer!

COMMUNITY PANELS

All About Ball-Jointed Dolls (Janet L.)

Curious about the intricacies of a ball-joint doll? Own one yourself? Welcome to the Calgary BJD group!

An Epic Reading of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Force Start Comedy)

It's Harry Potter as read by Imposter Saiyan Nappa!

Bento Banzai - ROYAL PAINS (Behfar L. & Jei W.)

Otafest's insane food-eating game show returns! Let your tastebuds compete for honour, fealty, and the entertainment of all!

Booth Photography and Posing 101 (Gary C.)

An introductory session to the nuances of Otafest's photo booth and posing tips for cosplayers and models!

Cards Against Otafest (Dan R.)

It's Cards Against Humanity with an Otafest twist!

Convention Horror Stories (Noa B.)

Crazy cosplayers? Insane events? Share your stories!

Crossplay Pageant (Landon D.)

Show off your opposite-gender cosplay for prizes!

Dangan Ronpa: Panel of Hope & Despair (Des G.)

A despairing panel featuring your favourite characters from the Dangan Ronpa game series!

The European Convention Experience:

Animefest 2014 (Vlad P.)

Ever wanted to know what an anime convention in Europe is like? Come here to find out.

Feeling Awesome in Cosplay (Linda Y.)

Exercise and makeup tips are available to help boost your costume and your confidence on convention day!

Hetalia: Ask a Nation (Malackie F.)

Want to know how a Hetalia nation would react? This panel of countries have all the answers!

Holly Jolly DRAMAtical Murder Trivia (Ashley M.)

Test your wits with DRAMAtical Murder Trivia!

Hollywood in your Basement: Making an AMV

(Vlad P.)

Learn how to make your own amazing AMVs here!

Japanese Tea Tasting (Liza K.)

Explore the history, culture, and the significance of Japanese tea.

J-Rock Mix & Mingle (Lamia BZ.)

Meet and greet fellow fans of J-Rock & Visual Kei!

Let's do RWBY (Finn B.)

Learn about the series with Team RWBY and friends!

Monster Hunter Beginner's Guide (Brett L.)

Monster hunting is hard - tips and tricks to help each other take down the biggest behemoths!

Mystery Science Theatre - Christmas Edition

(Heather S.)

Some of the worst Christmas-themed fanfiction the Internet has to offer for your pain and pleasure!

Otafest Mix & Mingle (Michael P.)

Come on in and socialize with your fellow Otafestians!

Sailor Moon Anniversary Panel (Pauline F.)

Come celebrate and find out what's going on now and into 2015 for Sailor Moon!

Terrible Fanfiction (Chad N.)

We scour the Internet for the best worst fanfiction and read it aloud.

My Little Pony: To Love & Tolerate (Julian W.)

An hour-long look into the fandom and series of MLP.

Touhou Project: Phantasmagoria of Flower View Tournament (Dennis L.)

What could be better than magical girls beating each other up in a competitive Shoot 'Em Up?

Touhou Project: Introduction to Characters (Jeremie C.)

Learn about your favourite Touhou characters!



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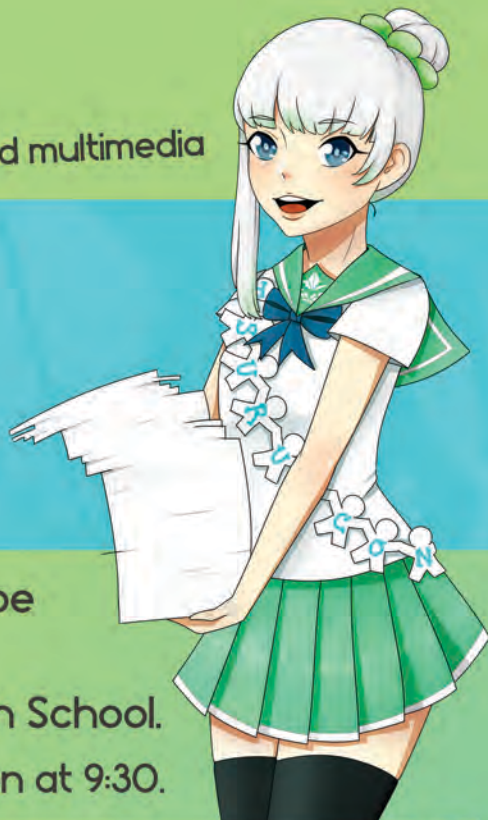
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Red Deer, Alberta's celebration of
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We are a non-profit event, that will be
hosted on March 7th, 2015 at
Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School.
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM, doors open at 9:30.

Looking to host an event, be in our marketplace, run a panel, or volunteer?
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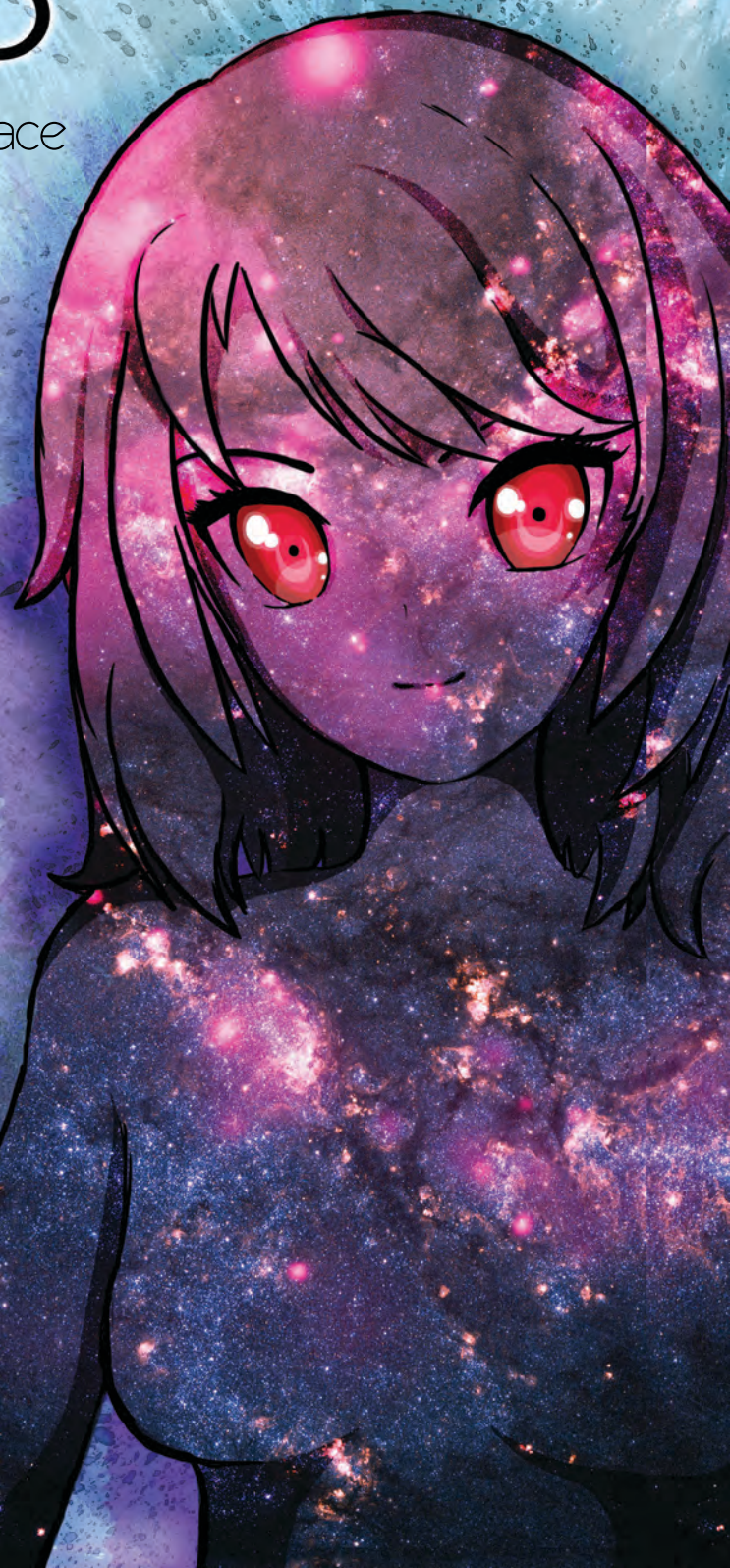
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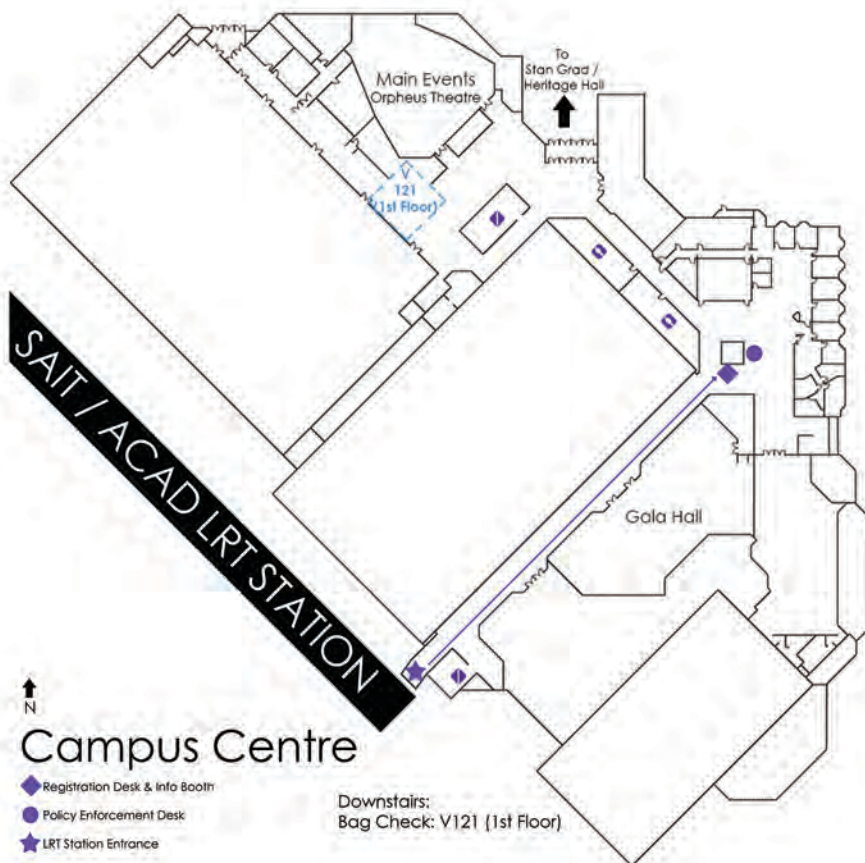


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&
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we are building a
stronger community
together.

If you are feeling
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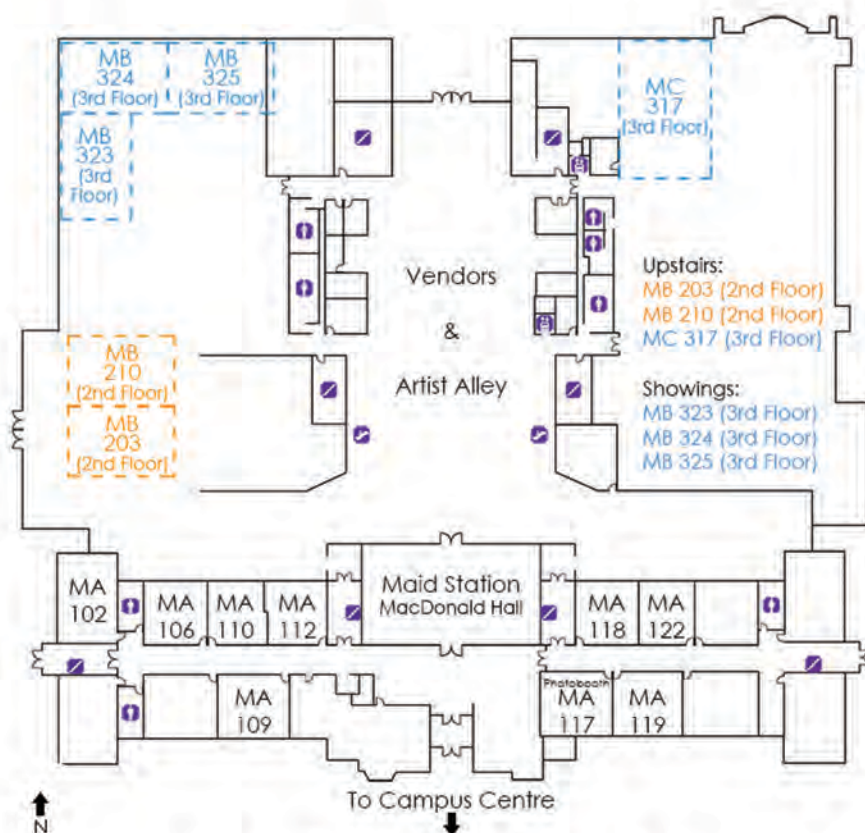
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