

PRESS RELEASE

Zenkaikon Announces [geist], Geek Comedy Tour, Uncle Yo, Friday Knights

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA – July 2, 2009: The staff of Zenkaikon is pleased to announce another four guests for its 2009 convention. New additions to the guest list include visual kei band [geist], the creators of the web comic *Friday Knights*, and the Geek Comedy Tour. Due to popular demand, the staff also welcomes back anime comedian Uncle Yo for his third straight year.

About [geist]:

Visual kei and Japanese rock have swept America, and there is hardly a better example of its influence than [geist] – an American group devoted to the sound, look, and feel of the medium. Prepare yourself for a torrent of passionate, chaotic, beautiful music – and the newest phase of Japan-influenced rock music. Determined to draw out the best in themselves, [geist] aims to thrill fans everywhere in every way.

About the Geek Comedy Tour:

The Geek Comedy Tour is a collective of the funniest stand-up comedians from the Washington D.C. area. Each one is an experienced comic, having performed at bars, clubs, and colleges all over the East Coast. They all started out telling their normal jokes to normal audiences, but there was something amiss. They were all gigantic dorks, and comedy club crowds do not fully appreciate jokes about comic books, anime, and video games. Thus, they decided to let their geek flag fly, form together, and bring their jokes to the horde that needed them most. Since their formation two years ago, The Geek Comedy Tour has performed at a variety of venues, from anime conventions and college shows to the grand opening of a comic shop.

About Uncle Yo:

The anime world's oldest stand-up comedian is back at Zenkaikon for his third consecutive year. In 2009, Uncle Yo returns to the anime convention that started his career. The only man to intern with both the Jedi and the Sith, Yo is fired up with more parodies, more complaints, and more DDR than ever.

About Friday Knights:

While wandering in Tokyo, Wilfred and Laura Robinson conceived an idea to start a web comic chronicling their exploits. The idea was tragically lost in a kaiju attack. Months later, safely back in America, the stubborn idea found its way back during one of their weekly Dungeons and Dragons sessions. The comic and the game merged into one entity. The hilariously funny Michael Gans joined them as a writer, and thus was born Friday Knights – where humor meets critical failure.

About Zenkaikon:

Zenkaikon was formed by the merger of the anime and sci-fi convention Zentrancon and the anime convention Kosaikon, both in the Philadelphia area. In 2006, they put on their first event, which was a tremendous success. Zenkaikon will return for its fourth installment on November 7 and 8, 2009, moving into the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge. The convention will feature two days of programming with dealers, artists, panels, performances, gaming, and more. The Zenkaikon staff wishes to thank the many attendees who made the 2008 event such a huge success. They hope to see this trend continue in 2009, and are actively anticipating expansion with larger performance and panel areas, dealer space, and video game rooms.

Zenkaikon 2009 Membership:

Pre-registration for Zenkaikon 2009 is currently open.

Registration Rates:

By October 6: Saturday \$18.00, Sunday \$15.00, Two Day \$30.00, Two Day VIP \$50

At Door: Saturday \$23.00, Sunday \$20.00, Two Day \$40.00, Two Day VIP n/a

Two day group rates are available.

Children under 6 years of age are free.

Visit www.zenkaikon.com to pre-register online, as well as to find information on exhibitor space, panel registration, and Zenkaikon rules and regulations. Printable forms for mail-in registrations are also available.