

PRESS RELEASE

Zenkaikon Convention Returns to Lancaster April 28-30

Over 5000 fans of anime and science fiction to attend Lancaster convention

Glenside, PA – April 15, 2017: On April 28-30, 2017, Zenkaikon will hold its 11th annual convention at the Lancaster County Convention Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This will be the convention's fifth year at the Center, following an extremely successful 2016 event which brought over five thousand fans of Japanese animation (anime), comics, gaming, and science fiction to downtown Lancaster. Zenkaikon expects to welcome a similar attendance for its 2017 convention.

Many attendees don costumes of their favorite characters to attend the annual convention. Planned convention events include a variety of educational panels and workshops hosted by volunteers and guests; anime screenings; a costume and skit competition (the "Masquerade"); a hall costume contest; performances by musical guests; a live action role play ("LARP") event; video game tournaments and tabletop gaming; a formal ball and informal dances; and an exhibit hall of anime and sci-fi themed merchandise, and handmade creations from artists.

A number of Guests of Honor have been announced for Zenkaikon 2017. Prolific actors/actresses Steve Blum (*Cowboy Bebop*, *Legend of Korra*, *Star Wars: Rebels*) Mary Elizabeth McGlynn (*Cowboy Bebop*, *Ghost in the Shell*, *Silent Hill*), Sonny Strait (*Dragon Ball Z*, *Fullmetal Alchemist*), Ellen McLain (*Portal*, *Portal 2*), and John Patrick Lowrie (*Half-Life 2*, *Halo 3*) will be hosting panels and meeting attendees. Asian-American rock band The Slants will be hosting two concerts and participating in programming. The full list of currently-announced guests is available at the convention's website.

Zenkaikon memberships are \$60, and include entrance to the convention on all three days. More information regarding registration, programming, and events is available at www.zenkaikon.com.

ABOUT ZENKAIKON ENTERTAINMENT, INC.: Zenkaikon Entertainment, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting knowledge and enjoyment of Japanese art, animation, and culture, as well as science fiction and fantasy literature and films of all origins. The organization is run completely by volunteers, and the Zenkaikon convention is the organization's primary annual event.