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Last year's Wen-Con, Wenatchee's first pop-culture convention, featured a cosplay contest, gaming tournaments and vendors. This year's Wen-Con is April 21 at Town Toyota Center.

Wen-Con returns April 21

By Jessica Trondsen World staff writer

enatchee's one-day-only, jam-packed convention of vendors, cosplay, games, panel discussions and all things pop-culture returns to Town Toyota Center on April 21.

Wen-Con has a bit of everything and activities suitable for all ages. Guest appearances by actors, voice actors, cartoonists, authors and professional cosplayers are just some of what's on the schedule. There will also be game rooms, The Force Academy for jedis-intraining, Escape Tactics, food and plenty of vendors.

"We're really keeping v theme of a family-oriented day," Wen-Con Event Coordinator Melissa Pitt said.

Wen-Con originated last year and drew in just short of 2,000 guests - something unheard of for a first-year convention. The turnout was a welcome surprise, as Pitt was told, "If on your first year you get 50 people and 10 vendors, call it a success."

In planning for the second year, Wen-Con organizers are following more advice: "Go slow." Instead of expanding to a multi-day event, Wen-Con will build upon what made last year a hit—cosplay contests, a variety of talent, new vendors and lots of opportunities for fun. This year's Wen-Con will also include a short film festival, VIP tickets and the 1966 Batmobile.



Cas Anvar.



Damon Runyan.



Photos provided

The 1966 Batmobile—ridden in and autographed by Adam West, Burt Ward and Evel Knievel—will be on display at Wen-Con. The car is sponsored by Numerica Credit Union.

'We're still adding lots of elements to it," Pitt said. "Wen-Con is really fun to put together."

Visit **wen-con.com** and facebook.com/wenatchee wencon for more updates and announcements.



Jeremy Howard in a scene from "Breaking Bad."



Voice actor Kat Cressida.

Guests

◆ Cas Anvar: Cas Anvar is known for his video game voiceover work, including the roles of Assassin Altair in "Assassin's Creed Revelations," Mullah Rahmaan in "Call of Duty: Black Ops 2" and Dalton in "Halo 4." He currently stars as Alex Kamal on the Syfy series, "The Expenses." He has appeared on the TV show "Star Trek Continues" and in the movies "Argo," "The Terminal" and "Shattered Glass." The Canadian actor has been nominated for two Gemini awards and two ACTRA awards. His role in "Argo" led to his SAG Award win for Best Ensemble Cast.

♦ Damon Runyan: Actor Please see WEN-CON, Page C2

Arts in brief

Call for auditions: Rikki Tikki Tavi

Students ages 8 and older are needed for The Merc Playhouse spring production, Rikki Tikki Tavi. The show is adapted from the jungle stories of Rudyard Kipling and will be directed by Jane Orme and Missi Smith.

Auditions will take place Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 from

No experience is necessary to audition. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and come ready to read from the script.

There is a \$45 costume fee to participate, but partial scholarships are available. Participation in the show includes a production T-shirt.

Rehearsals will start on March 1. The show will run for two weekends, beginning April 27.

Email Missi Smith at missi@mercplayhouse.org for more information.

Summer camps and art at Pybus this weekend

Learn about North Central Washington's summer camp programs on Saturday at Pybus Public Market. Over 20 organizations ranging from STEM to sports will be in attendance to answer questions during the 2nd Annual Summer Camp Fair. The event runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call Mike Caemmerer at

Concurrently, art created by high school students from around the valley will be on display in the Pybus events room. The student art exhibit, "I See Space," will run Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Reed Carlson at carlson.r@ wenatcheeschools.org for more information.

— Jessica Trondsen, World staff

Wines of the week

Judges awarded these wines a Gold Medal in the 2017 Wenatchee Wine & Food Festival Wine Competition.

Stemilt Creek Winery 2014 **Transforming Traditions Cabernet** Franc, Columbia Valley, \$32

Judges' comments: Stemilt Creek is on the rise, crafting some of the better wines in North Central Washington. This Cab Franc shows off aromas of baking spices, cigar box and cherry pie, followed by rich, succulent flavors of Bing cherries with a hint of caramel from oak aging. (189 cases; 15.5% alc.)

Wenatchee tasting room open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; hours change seasonally. 110 N. Wenatchee Ave.; (509) 665-3485

Leavenworth tasting room open noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; hours change seasonally. 617 Front St. #4A; (509) 888-5357

Horan Estates Winery 2015 Bottoms Up Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, \$22

Judges' comments: This Cashmere winery enters its second decade of operation by producing some its best wines yet. This luscious Chardonnay reveals aromas and flavors of citrus, apple peel, ripe pear and melted butter. A round, delicious white wine. (420 cases; 13.9% alc.)

Tasting room open noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; Noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday. 207 Mission Ave., Suite B, Cashmere; (509) 679-0554

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Winthrop

SupaMan with Acosia Red Elk: 7 p.m. Thursday, Winthrop Red Barn, \$10-25, supamanmethow.brownpapertickets.com

Native American hip-hop innovator SupaMan and world champion jingle dress dancer Acosia Red Elk will perform Saturday at The Winthrop Red Barn. SupaMan, born Christian Parrish Takes the Gun, blends hip-hop with Native American culture utilizing native instruments, Siouan language lyrics, Crow song structures and Native American fancy dance, offering meaningful commentary on real issues that effect young people on the reservation and beyond. SupaMan has won plenty of accolades for his contributions as a DJ, singer, rapper and fancy dancer including the Native American Music Award, North American Indigenous Image Award, seven Billings Outpost Tuney awards and Canada's Aboriginal People's Choice Music Award



Photo provided

Supaman will perform tonight at Winthrop Red Barn.

for his music video, "Why." Most recently, he was featured in the song "Stand Up / Stand N Rock #NoDAPL," which won a 2017 MTV Video Music Award.

The show is general admission and covers the dance floor only.

Tickets cost \$20 advance or \$25 at the door for adults or \$10 for students. Pick up tickets at Riverside Printing in Winthrop or the Methow Arts office in Twisp. Find out more about Supaman on Facebook, @ Supamanhiphop.



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Celebrate Valentine's Day with Red Wine and Chocolate in Lake Chelan. Several wineries are participating in the valley-wide event, including Vin du Lac.

Chelan

Red Wine & Chocolate: Feb. 10-11 and 17-18, Lake Chelan, lakechelanwinevalley.com/red-wine-and-chocolate.

Indulge in two weekends of special pairing events at Lake Chelan wineries starting this Saturday. Several local wineries will feature special pairings of red wines with chocolate dishes from sorbet to gourmet chocolate bark as part of the valley-wide Red

Wine and Chocolate event. Participating wineries include Alta Cellars Winery, Ancestry Cellars, Benson Vineyards Estate Winery, Cairdeas Winery, Chelan Estate Winery, C R Sandidge Wines, Fielding Hills Winery, Four Lakes Winery, Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards, Lake Chelan Winery, One Wines Inc., Rio Vista Wines, Rocky Pond Winery, Tildio Winery, Tsillan Cellars, Ventimiglia Cellars, Vin du Lac Winery, Wapato Point Cellars and WineGirl Wines. Check out what the individual wineries have to offer at lake chelanwinevalley.com.

Leavenworth

"L'Elisir d'Amore" - The Met: Live in HD: 9 a.m. Saturday, Snowy Owl Theater, **548-6347**, icicle.org.

Enjoy a live high-definition screening of the Met's 2018 production of Donizetti's popular comic opera L'Elisir d'Amore at 9 a.m. Saturday at Snowy Owl Theater. Matthew Polenzani returns

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to play Nemorino, opposite of Pretty Yende in a new role as Adina. The livestream includes two acts and additional material, with an estimated run time of roughly 3 hours. Advance tickets run \$22 for general admission, \$12 for students or \$5 for youth ages 5 and under. At the door, tickets increase to \$24 for general admission or \$14 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at icicle. org.

Wenatchee

1st Annual Riverhouse Cornhole Tournament: 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Riverhouse Cigar Bar, **888-3558**.

Prove that you're the beanbag boss during the first annual cornhole tournament from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the Riverhouse Cigar Bar. Players will face off attempting to land their bags on or through the opposition's board with winners advancing through the competition. Registration begins at 5 p.m. with



Watch "L'Elisir d'Amore" live from The Met at Snowy Owl Theater on Saturday.

tournament play beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, give the bar a call at 888-3558.

The Wenatchee World

"This is My Country: A Choral Tapestry" Wenatchee Apollo Club: 6:30 Saturday, Numerica Performing Arts Center, \$15-20, **663-2787**, numericapac.org.

Join the Wenatchee Apollo Club on a journey across America on Saturday at Numerica Performing Arts Center. Their setlist will include patriotic standards, folk songs, spirituals, pioneer tunes and other songs that celebrate vibrant cities and

states throughout the country. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors or \$15 for students and can be purchased online at numericapac.org. Concert proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship program. For more information, visit wenatcheeapolloclub.com.

George

The Lucky Break Boys: 7 p.m. Saturday, George Community Hall, \$5 (12 and under free), georgecommunityhall.com, 785-3401.

Wenatchee-based bluegrass duo Lucky Break Boys will play at George Community Hall Saturday as part of the George Coffeehouse Series. The group sings and plays a mix of bluegrass, folk and standard tunes. The show has a \$5 cover with free admission for accompanied children under 12 years old. Refreshments will be available at half-time. Organizers will

"Loving Vincent" will show

at Snowy Owl Theater on

Feb. 16.

Wenatchee

donation is \$8-12 per person.

pass a hat during the show

to collect money to pay

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

the musicians. Suggested

21st Annual Janice Franz Talent **Show:** 7 p.m. Feb. 14-16, Wenatchee High School Auditorium, \$10, 293-2075, janicefranztalentshow@gmail.com.

Wenatchee High School's

annual talent competition kicks off at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school auditorium. Over 30 acts will compete Wednesday and Thursday for a spot in the final competition Friday night. Tickets are sold at the door and run \$10 each. The event will benefit local mom Chelane Paine as she prepares for breast reconstruction surgery following a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer. Be sure to catch this showcase of rising local talent while supporting a local cancer patient. For more information, find the show on Facebook, @ janicefranztalentshow.

Leavenworth

Loving Vincent: 7 p.m. Feb. 16, Snowy Owl Theater, \$7-14, **548-6347** ext. 1, icicle.org.

Experience the life of painter Vincent Van Goghenhanced through the style and vision of his works during a screening of "Loving Vincent" on Feb. 16 at the Snowy Owl Theater. The biographical drama is the first fully-painted feature film, painted frame-byframe in rich stylized oils

are allowed in the costumes.

announced at Wen-Con. The

youth contest will take place

at noon. The teen, adult, duo

and group categories will be

complete rules at wen-con.

Tickets

General admission tickets

Winners will be

judged at 6 p.m.

com.

Register and view

reminiscent of Van Gogh's body of work. Advance tickets for the 94-minute film are \$12 for general admission or \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at icicle. **org**. At the door, tickets are \$14 for general admission or \$9 for students.

Twisp

Theater Workshop with Ki Gottberg: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 3, Merc Playhouse, Twisp, free, 997-7529, mercplay-

Be sure to register early for this free theater workshop with outgoing Merc artistic director Ki Gottberg. The interactive workshop will focus on the director's toolbox, including selecting scripts, resource consideration and the process of creating high-quality theater. Participants should dress for a day both at the table and around the theater. Bring a snack for break. Tea and coffee will be provided. The workshop is planned for 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on March 3 at the Merc. For more information or to register, email info@ mercplayhouse.org or call 997-7529.

— Lindsay Francis, World staff

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Damon Runyan currently stars as Ujilli on "Star Trek: Discovery." He also played Charles Falco in the TV series "Gangland Undercover" and Coach Carson on "Degrassi: The Next Generation." The Toronto actor will appear in the upcoming sci-fi thriller, "Anon," starring Amanda Seyfried and Clive Owen.

♦ Jeremy Howard: Jeremy Howard is recognized on TV screens and movie screens for his variety of roles. He's starred in feature films from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to "Catch Me if You Can." He's also appeared on "Breaking Bad," "Mighty Med," "Suburgatory" and "Grey's Anatomy." He portrays Donatello in the 2016 Michael Bay film, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" and has signed on for additional movies in the franchise.

♦ Kat Cressida: Dee Dee from "Dexter's Laboratory," Jessie in "Disney Infinity" and Constance in the Disneyland Haunted Mansion ride are just some of the voice over credits on Kat Cressida's resume. She has also appeared as an actress in several soap operas and TV

shows. ♦ Brian Dorsey: Science fiction and historical non-fiction author Brian Dorsey wrote the Gateway series, which often ranks in the Amazon Top 100 Space Marine genre. See more of the retired Naval officer's work at mountaineerwest.com.

◆ **Dan McConnell:** The North Central Washington artist and cartoonist has had his political cartoons featured in regional and national publications. He also freelances for Marvel.

♦ Joy Knight-Richards: She has over 20 years of experience as a cosplayer, model and makeup artist and travels to conventions and renaissance faires to perform. View her work on Facebook at TheGirlNextDoorCosplay, VisionsbyVictory or GypsyRealmProductions.

◆ Ryan Wells: This professional cosplay prop builder is known for his impressive creations. The Portland native has been featured on sites such as Muppets Henson and Stan Winston's School of Character Arts. Cosplayers Joy Knight-Richards and Ryan Wells will host a panel on "second skin" makeup and

costuming prosthetics. ◆ **David Goehner:** The Dryden native and former cartoonist will host a panel all about Adam West, entitled "The Batman from Walla Walla." The tribute will share highlights from last fall's Adam West Day, which honored what would have been the late actor's 89th

birthday. ♦ Preston Smith, Splotch **Comics:** The independent comic creator from Spokane will return to Wen-Con with



The Galactic Alliance will perform twice during Wen-Con and help with The Force Academy.

If You Go

What: WEN-CON Where: Town Toyota Center

When: Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (9 a.m. early entry for VIP tickets)

Tickets: \$5 for ages 4-10, \$18 general admission; \$28 VIP (limited quantity available)

Info: wen-con.com

original material. He released his first book in October 2016. For more information, visit splotchcomics.com.

◆ **Iason Sims:** The Wenatchee local will perform magic tricks and illusions.

♦ 1966 Batmobile: Numerica Credit Union sponsors the appearance of this car that has been ridden in and autographed by Adam West, Burt Ward, Evel Knievel and Robbie Knievel.

◆ **Artoo 1.5:** A drivable, functional 60" replica of R2D2 from "Star Wars" will be on display. The remotecontrol figure has music, voice and authentic detail.

Exhibitors

This year's vendors and exhibitors come from all

are more than 70 sponsors, vendors and booths expected. Learn more about hosting a booth and sign up

look for:

necessary, live-action game with a choose-your-ownwill be eliminated until there is one winner and prizes will be awarded to 1st-5th place. Crucifiction Games will also

have a board game room. rooms.

photo booth.

Community Food Distribution will collect food donations and host a raffle.

teach students to build and use a lightsaber. Participants will work with The Galactic Alliance, who will also have two performances.

Film festival

over the Northwest. There

as a vendor at wen-con.com. Here are some activities to

◆ Crucifiction Games will host "Horror Rules Survivor," which will be a no experience adventure set-up. Contestants

◆ Escape Tactics will set up mini-versions of escape

◆ Elite Gaming will have virtual reality set-ups and a

♦ Chelan-Douglas

◆ The Force Academy will

A new addition to Wen-Con 2018 is the Short Film Festival. Participants



Crucifiction Games.

are invited to create a film that is 2 minutes or less using provided audio tracks and sound effects. The entry must be created for this contest during Jan. 1-April 1 and include end credits. See additional rules for entry and download the required audio at wen-con.com.

Three filmmakers (Charley Voorhis, Jeff Ostensen and Jamie Howell) will judge the entries for technical quality, creativity and overall impression.

Prizes to be won include a drone, a year-long subscription to Adobe Premiere CC and a Flyleaf camera bag.

A public screening of the entries will take place the Thursday before Wen-Con at The Grove Recital Hall at Wenatchee Valley College.

The first and second place short film festival entries will be broadcast on the main floor at Wen-Con.

The contest is free to enter.

Cosplay

Sew-Creative will sponsor cosplay contests for kids and adults. Categories include youth (ages 12 and under), teen (ages 13-17), adult (ages 18 and up), duo (all ages, 2 people) and group (more than 3 people, all ages).

Participants in the youth contest may wear Halloween or store bought costumes. but older participants are required to make their own outfits.

No body paint, nudity, profanity, lewd gestures, signs or political statements include autographs from featured guests. Purchase tickets online at wen-con. com or pick up paper tickets at the following locations: RadarStation, Galaxy Comics, Sanctuary, The Wenatchee World, Town Toyota Center and Ye Olde Bookshoppe.

VIP tickets

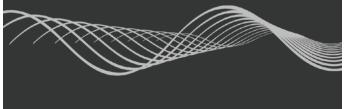
New this year is the option to purchase VIP tickets. In addition to the perks of a general admission ticket, the VIP ticket allows attendees to enter the con at 9 a.m., an hour earlier than other guests. VIP tickets also include a commemorative bag and Fast Pass access to the front of the line for autographs and panel rooms.

There is a limited quantity of VIP tickets available, which cost \$28 and are available for ages 4 and up. VIP tickets will not be available at the door.

Sweetheart Musical Soirée

Chopin and Chocolate

Saturday, February 10, 7pm Wenatchee Valley Museum



WENATCHEE VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WenatcheeSymphony.org



