

MCFC 2025 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8AM

REGISTRATION & WILL CALL OPENS

9AM

GTR Presents GEEKS UNLEASHED! – TN Ballroom A

What better way to kick off this year's Memphis Comic & Fantasy Convention than with a handful of cynical Geek Patrollers before their morning coffee? Join Brandon, Allan and friends as they prep you for the day to come!

BEHIND THE COSPLAY – Promenade 2

A Peek into Cosplay Build Secrets! Go beyond the surface of glitz and glam to see what really holds your favorite costumes together. Panelists will share photos, stories of success and failure alike, and breakdowns of how they ultimately engineered comfort, stability, and durability into cosplay designs. Expect blunt truth about time, budgets, setbacks, and what actually works in a convention setting, not just a photoshoot.

CRYPTIDS & COFFEE – Promenade 3

Ever wondered what morning beverage to serve the Jersey Devil? Does the Mothman like a good Cold Brew? Well, this is the place to find out as Brandy Daly dives into the wonderful world of the caffeinated cryptid life.

10AM

HOWARDARTSTUDIOS: CHILDREN SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH DEAD

THINGS – Directors Row 1

This is a class on film/theater special effects makeup & lab with some history.... IT BEGINS! The FIRST of THREE classes! EACH WORKSHOP is a two hour workshop/lab with Free giveaways, (prizes for staying awake). YOU have been dared, so come prepared! YOUR SKILLS will be continued and built upon in the next two classes.

WELCOME TO THE CURRENT MIDDLE AGES – Directors Row 5

Presented by ShadowCon

COSPLAY PREJUDGING – Promenade 2

Anyone looking to dazzle the audience at the MCFC Cosplay on Display competition must first submit to The Judges! **(Prejudging is MANDATORY for the Cosplay Contest)**

CREATIVE CORNER PODCAST DEBUT – Promenade 3

Join author Katie Silverwings and Alisha Dacus of Ali D Art for a live recording of their new podcast focused on creators ranging from writers, illustrators, and artists to other more unexpected endeavors.

11AM

Basics of Ballroom for Your Next Bookish Ball, with cosplayer

Rainydayroses!

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to move with our featured cosplayer Rainydayroses! With the rise of booktok, many cons are hosting formal balls and fantasy galas. This beginner friendly class will make sure you're ready to dance the night away! No partner required!

WRITING FOR FUN & PROFIT – Directors Row 5

Presented by ShadowCon

YA BOOKS TO FILM – Promenade 3

What YA books or series would you like to see on the big screen? Are there any that you wish had never been done? With the rise in popularity of shows and films like *Shadow and Bone*, *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, *The Hunger Games*, and *Harry Potter* we will be discussing the books and series we think deserve to be adapted and why. Come prepared with your thoughts and ideas! Who knows? Perhaps we will all come away with a new series to read or watch! See you there!

12PM

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A POSER: Practical Guidance for Dynamic, Flattering Cosplay Photos – Directors Row 1

This is not a modeling panel. This is a survival guide for cosplayers who want their hard work to translate into strong photos – on con floors, in contests, or during planned shoots. Learn how to assess your costume's limitations and play to its strengths in motion and stillness. The panel covers how to build a personal posing repertoire based on your character's body language, how to practice at home, and how to manage posture, sightlines, and facial control under pressure. There will be live posing demos, practical anatomy cues, and critiques focused on empowering you to direct your own shots with confidence. Smart posing isn't about looking pretty; it's about intention, silhouette, and storytelling.

STAR TREK IN THE 901 – Promenade 3

A look into why *Star Trek* should be celebrated, its effect on modern tech and how it has inspired others. A brief history of the franchise and how *Star Trek* is represented here in Memphis by Station Shelby and Shelby County *Star Trek* Day

1PM

STORYTIME WITH SCOTT J CARROLL – TN Ballroom A

Join acclaimed storyteller Scott J Carroll for a comedic one man show that is totally not a punishment of some sort brought on by horrific deeds from his past. I promise...

COSPLAY COSTUME ALTERATIONS – Directors Row 1

Bring your cosplay costume and get hands-on guidance to make it fit perfectly! No prior sewing experience needed - just bring your outfit and creativity.

RED (& GREEN!) FLAGS IN A KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN – Directors Row 5

With so many games brought to market via Kickstarter these days, what kind of things should you look for to determine if your crowdfunding investment will pan out, or will you wind up with a box of nothing?

MY OC, (DO NOT STEEL!) – Promenade 3

Dive into the history and evolution of the fan character within a fandom space, particularly with Sonic the Hedgehog, My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, and other franchises that have strong world building.

2PM

THE DR. JOSEPH KERR SHOW – TN Ballroom A

Everyone could use a little help sometime. From work issues, relationships, to personal help, Let Dr. Joseph Kerr, Mental and Behavioral Health Specialist*, be that little help. Bring your questions and get whatever help you can. By the end of this show, YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT!

** Dr. Kerr is NOT a doctor of any kind and is, in fact, an escaped homicidal maniac.*

**HOWARDARTSTUDIOS: RUN, RUN, RUN – WE HAVE
FRANKENHOOKER FUN... AND SOME SNEAKY CHEATS – Directors
Row 1**

READ THE TITLE AGAIN SLL000WLLYYY... (THIS IS the second class in three, so - we start promptly at 2pm) Again, we will tie a pork chop around OUR necks to get you to play. So stay, and make our day.

CAUSE YOU MADE IT TO CENTAUR WORLD – Directors Row 5

Are you a fan of Netflix's hidden animated gem Centaur World? Then this is the panel for you! Have you never seen or heard of it ,but are intrigued? Join us! You will be glad you did. We will be discussing the show and the music that makes it so much fun.

COSPLAY, THE PRO WRESTLING WAY – Promenade 3

Learn the techniques that pro wrestlers use to help with stage presence, overcoming anxiety and stage fright, and showing off your creativity. "Doctor" Wayne Camp, a 20+ year veteran in the pro wrestling business, will teach you all of this and more. Take the steps toward cosplay greatness with the techniques that pro wrestling superstars use every day, and win those championships.

3PM

THROUGH THE LOOKING SCREEN – TN Ballroom A

Presented by the Quark Theater, *Through the Looking Screen*, written and composed by Anne Chmelewsky, is an affectionate but unflinching operatic portrayal of an increasingly desperate young woman losing touch with the world beyond her PC and smartphone. Starring Jacqueline Cooper with Director and accompanist Eileen Kuo.

THINGS I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BEFORE STREAMING –

Directors Row 5

There are some things you should know about content creation. If you are a long-time creator, or looking to start from scratch, learn from someone who has started his 11th year in Twitch streaming. He's compiled a list of things that he wished he knew beforehand, and is looking to impart the knowledge upon others who want to start, or continue along their journey.

THE COMPANY KARAOKE PARTY – Promenade 2

A game about corporate politics, thwarted ambition and petty revenge. The goal? Sing a few songs, spill some tea, and don't get fired!

COSPLAY IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS – Promenade 3

Cosplay might start with a solo idea, but it thrives in community. This panel explores the practical side of building friendships and creative circles that fuel your cosplay journey. Learn where to find local groups, shared workspaces, and other creators that support collaboration, accountability, and skill-sharing. In an era where social media can feel isolating, this session is a reminder that real support systems still matter.

4PM

Intro to Wig Styling with Rainydayroses! – Directors Row 1

Just bought your first wig and don't know where to start? Have you been cosplaying for a while, but can never seem to get your wig just right? Come learn the basics with licensed cosmetologist, Rainydayroses! Step up your cosplay game and see different methods of making the hair look less shiny, more natural, and con floor ready. Followed by a Wig Styling Q&A

GET STARTED FIRST, THEN WORRY ABOUT THE REST –

Directors Row 5

The most important message to bring to creative and potentially creative people is to quit waiting and get making. The world is full of all this magic in books, comics, movies, and television because regular people who didn't know any better set out to create something they thought was fun. Isn't it time for you to Get Started?

BATMAN IN OUR REALITY – Promenade 3

What would Batman look like in our universe? What physical, legal, and psychological elements would constrain and inform how our favorite hero would operate in our reality?

5PM

MASON STUDIOS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY CINEMATIC SPOTLIGHT – TN Ballroom A

Has it really been 20 years? Help Josh Mason make this celebration of Mason Studios a memorable part of MCFC 15.

NO AMOUNT OF TROUBLE LAUNCH CELEBRATION – Directors Row 1

Join author Katie Silverwings for the launch of *No Amount of Trouble*, a prequel to her novel *The Garden in the Darkness*.

HARRY POTTER SPIN-OFFS WE NEED IN OUR LIVES –

Directors Row 5

Everyone knows the story of the boy who lived, but what other stories from the Wizarding World need attention? We have some thoughts! Come pitch your ideas! We would love hear them!

HOW CASTLES & SIEGES SHAPED THE MIDDLE AGES – Promenade 3

Presented by ShadowCon

6PM

MCFC COSPLAY ON DISPLAY – TN Ballroom A

Our Annual Cosplay Contest returns with a little help from our theatrical friends. Think you've got what it takes to reign supreme? Well, we're excited to see your best! *(In order to participate in MCFC Cosplay on Display, you must first attend prejudging, between 10a-3p, in Promenade 2)*

HOWARDARTSUDIOS: *FRIGHT CLUB* (REMEMBER THE FIRST RULE!)

– Directors Row 1

The THIRD & FINAL class of the con. YOUR LAST chance to be educated if not intellectually abused by those who would question your desire to create. (DO YOU WANT IT BADLY ENOUGH?) Yes, and more "free stuff"

2 MINUTES TILL DOOMSDAY – Directors Row 5

Presented by ShadowCon

CANCELLED: TV SHOWS GONE LONG BEFORE THEIR TIME –

Promenade 2

In this panel we will discuss shows that we love and wish had gotten the send off they deserved. What are some that you wish we had been given more of?

POP CULTURE BINGO – Promenade 3

7PM

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK – TN Ballroom A

Many of us grew up with these folklore-inspired tales of terror from writer Alvin Schwartz and illustrator Stephen Gammell, whose art is imprinted on our souls. Gather round the fire for a reading of some of our favorite selections from the collection.

MY HERO ACADEMIA KAHOOT QUIZ – Promenade 2

Are you the Top MHA fan? Test your mettle against others in this Kahoot Quiz!

8PM

Fandom Showdown: Mario × Pokémon – Promenade 2

The first-ever crossover edition of the fan-favorite Fandom Showdown makes its debut at MCFC! In this variety game, Mario meets Pokémon in a wild mash-up of improv, fandom, and chaotic fun!

A LOOK INSIDE: CLONE COPS – Promenade 3

Join director Danny Dones and co-writer Phil Cordell for a special look at their breakout hit CLONE COPS!

9PM

MCFZ HALLOWEEN AFTER PARTY – TN Ballroom A

Monster Energy & Memphis Zombies join forces with MCFC for our Halloween After Party! Close out your MCFC 15 experience with costumes, art, games, prizes & More!!!

Don't forget to also visit our *LEGO Lounge (Directors Row 2), Video Game Room (Directors Row 3), and Board Game Room (Directors Row 6)* for more fun and excitement throughout the day as well as surprises like our *Vendor Room Trick or Treating and HALLOWEEN Stations!*