

WELCOME TO THE NORWESCON MASQUERADE

The Norwescon Masquerade is open to all members of Norwescon and participation by all costumers will be greatly appreciated. We will be following the International Costumer's Guild guidelines. The Masquerade will be on Saturday night with the doors opening at 6:30pm and the show starting at 7pm.

CONTESTANT DIVISIONS

There are three contestant divisions. Masquerade participants may compete in any division except those that are lower than their skill level. Collaborative efforts must compete at the skill level of the highest ranked group member.

RISING STAR – Age 13 and under (if not part of a group).

NOVICE – Anyone who is an amateur and has not previously won a major award (i.e. Best In Show or Best In Class) at a world class competition (i.e. Worldcon or Costumecon) and has won no more than two regional competitions (i.e. Norwescon or Westercon) at the Novice level.

JOURNEYMAN – Anyone who no longer qualifies as a Novice, but has not yet won three regional competitions at the Journeyman level.

MASTER – This division is open to anyone. However, anyone who has more than three wins at the Journeyman level, or has won Best In Show at Worldcon or Costumecon, or has won as a Master at a regional competition, or is a professional costumer **MUST** compete at the Master level.

MASQUERADE MEETINGS

All people wishing to participate in the Masquerade must attend an informational meeting. The meeting is being held in Grand 3 at 10am Saturday. This meeting is **MANDATORY**. Entry forms will be available and all questions you may have will be answered, and the tech meeting and rehearsal times will be given out. Those people who wish to volunteer behind the scenes should attend the 11am informational meeting also being held in Grand 3. There is also a Masquerade debriefing panel on Sunday at 1pm (room TBD). Please come and give us feedback so we can do even better next year.

MASQUERADE JUDGING

Judging will be conducted in two parts, Workmanship and Presentation. Workmanship judging will be done before the Masquerade, starting at 5:30pm and will evaluate construction, appearance, design, and creativity. Workmanship judging is optional and you may have all or just part of your costume judged. Presentation judging will occur during the stage portion of the Masquerade and is a reflection of how it looks and moves on stage. Taped voiceovers for the Presentation judging is strongly encouraged. There will be **NO MICROPHONES** provided for contestants.

NORWESCON OFFICIAL MASQUERADE RULES

Please review these rules carefully. Violation of any rule will disqualify a contestant. Please help us make the Masquerade safe and enjoyable.

1. No purchased, rented, or commercial costumes. Credit must be given for all makeup and costume construction.
2. No pyrotechnics, fog machines, or other such devices.
3. No real firearms. Handle realistic-looking firearms with care. No weapons will be pointed at the judges, and the Director must approve any weapon play at the rehearsal.
4. No messy substances. Anything, which will ruin another's costume or make the stage dangerous for other contestants.
5. No throwing things. If you would like to toss something at the judges or into the audience, the Director must approve it first.
6. No hall costume which has been worn for more than one day may be entered in the Masquerade. No costume that has been entered in previous Norwescons may be entered for competition.
7. This Masquerade is rated PG-13. Lack of costume is not a costume.
8. No live microphones! If your presentation includes dialog, please pre-record it on a tape so it will be heard. If you use a tape, label it clearly with your name and "play this side" and "wrong side" on the appropriate sides.
9. Presentation time limits: One minute for a group of 1-4 people, two minutes for a group of 5-8, and three minutes for a group of 9 or more. The Director may grant additional time on a case by case basis.
10. No flash photography of contestant(s) on stage. There will be an official photography area in the lobby where friends and family can take your picture after you have finished your stage presentation.
11. Contestants must attend the Saturday 10am meeting. Registration forms must be turned in by 11:30am Saturday.
12. Last but not least, the Masquerade Director (Peggy Stewart) has the final say.

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Entry No _____

☐ Rising Star (13 years and younger) Self Made ☐ or Adult Made ☐
☐ Novice ☐ Journeyman ☐ Master ☐ Non-Competition

Please Print Clearly

Costume Title:

Phonetic Pronunciation:

Costume Source:

Name(s) of Entrants:

Mailing Address:

(If for a group, print name
with address)

City:

State:

Phone Number:

Zip Code:

E-mail Address:

Designed By:

(If different than entrant)

Made By:

(If different than entrant)

Audio Tape:

Yes ☐ No ☐

Printed text for MC to read: Yes ☐ No ☐

Default Tech:** Yes ☐ No ☐

(**see next page for definition)

Liability Release:

I/We have read and understood the rules of this Masquerade as set forth in the Instructions and agree to abide by them. Further, I/We agree to permit photography and/or video taping and agree to permit the use and/or dissemination of said photographs and/or videotapes. Further, I/We do agree to hold the convention, its organizers, and the facility both severally and individually blameless for any accident and/or injury suffered by me/us during the course of this Masquerade except in cases of gross negligence on the part of those cited above.

Full Legal Signature of Contestant(s)*: (MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATION)

*If minor, parents or guardian MUST sign.

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COSTUME PARTICULARS

(For use in determining entry order
only, never seen by judges)

Costume Color:

(Circle predominate ones)

Black

Brown

Red

Orange

Yellow

Green

Blue

Purple

White

Gold

Silver

Flesh

Other:

**Costume
Category:**

(Circle predominate ones)

S-F

Fantasy

Gaming

Horror

Myth

Humor

Beautiful

Comics

Star Trek

Babylon 5

Vampire

Anime

Other:

Norwescon MC Information Form

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Costume Title:

Phonetic Pronunciation:

Name(s) of Entrants:

Designed/Made By:

Entrance: ☐ Behind MC ☐ Opposite Side ☐ Both Sides
☐ Other *

MC Instructions: ☐ Default Tech** ☐ Other

MC Text to Read:

Exit: ☐ Standard (down runway) ☐ Other*

Ninjas: ☐ No help needed
 ☐ Need help: (please explain)

Sound: ☐ Default tech** ☐ Other

Lighting: ☐ Default tech** ☐ Other

***Must be approved by the Masquerade Director!**

****Default Tech**

1. Lights black with spot on MC, ninjas set any props
2. MC introduces the contestant
3. Lights and sound up on the contestant's entrance; MC reads dialogue if not on tape
4. Sound and lights fade as contestant exits, MC announces contestant info and ninjas strike props
5. Again, Again

How to Submit the Forms

If you have downloaded these forms, you will need to snail mail them back because of the signatures required to:

Norwescon 23 Masquerade
P.O. Box 68547
Seattle, WA 98168-0547

They will also be available at the con from Thursday night until Saturday at 10am when they'll be available only at the mandatory meeting in Grand 3. You can find them at all the costume panels, the con information table, and from the Masquerade Director.