

# Comic-Con Prague, where dreams come true for fans of sci-fi, fantasy, and horror, is edging closer

Praha, 7. října 2021 – This month, the most famous global pop-culture festival, Comic-Con, will come to Prague for the second time. Specifically, the dates are set for the 15th-17th October in Prague's O2 universum. The festival's main focus is film, TV shows, games, comics, and books which are predominantly in the sci-fi, fantasy, and horror genres. At one event, you can meet a vast array of actors, comic creators, authors, and other artists.

Comic-Con Prague guests can look forward not only to photo opportunities, autograph and Q&A sessions with international and domestic actors and artists, but also to film screenings, workshops, competitions, exhibitions, concerts, and video- and boardgames. They will also be able to purchase fan and professional merchandise which is associated with popular franchises.

#### **Star Guests**

"We did everything in our power to ensure that despite the difficult global situation, Comic-Con Prague fans can enjoy an event that lives up to last year's expectations. Therefore, I am delighted to announce the arrival of more stars. Actresses Natalia Tena, Torri Higginson, and Anna-Louise Plowman have all confirmed their attendance. Actors Jake Busey, Toby Stephens or Norman Lovett have followed suit," reveals Pavel Renčín, Head of Marketing at Active Radio, whose NoLimits production division is co-organising the event.

British actress and singer with Spanish roots, Natalia Tena, is known primarily due to her roles as Nymphadora Tonks in the Harry Potter film series, Osha in Game of Thrones, and from the TV show The Mandalorian. Canadian actress Torri Higginson starred in the movie Stargate: Atlantis – Rising. Petite New-Zealand-born actress Anna-Louise Plowman is known to fans as the powerful Osiris from Stargate. She also starred in a number of other TV shows and films, including Dr Who, Black Sails, or The Witcher. American actor Jake Busey typically plays heartless maniacs, as could be seen in Stranger Things, Starship Troopers, The Frighteners, and Contact. English actor Toby Stephens played the antagonist in the James Bond movie Die Another Day. He also starred in TV shows Lost In Space or Black Sails. British actor and stand-up comedian Norman Lovett memorably played the role of spaceship computer Holly in the cult TV show Red Dwarf. Other actors and actresses who will attend include: Edward James Olmos, Hugh Quarshie, Neal McDonough, Sylvester McCoy, Crystal Reed, and Ray Stevenson. The organisers are also preparing a surprise star guest announcement.

"Guests can purchase a photograph or autograph with their favourite film stars using the online shop at <a href="https://shop.comiccon.cz/">https://shop.comiccon.cz/</a>). Comic creators, authors, and other famous names will also be present to sign autographs for free. Legendary British animator Glenn Fabry will also come to Prague," says program director Václav Pravda. Comic creators Francesco Gerbino, Stewart Kenneth Moore, Marco Turini, Mikel Janín, Clint Langley, Aidan Hughes, Marco Russo, Alice Slavíčková, Petr Kopl, Jan Tatarka, Nikkarin a Dan Černý have all confirmed their attendance. Festival guests will also have the opportunity to meet American producer Shaun O'Banion, as well as special effects creators Jiří



















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## **Program**

Costume lovers will also have lots to cheer about. The PragoCosplay competition will take place at the festival, as well as the children's cosplay parade. It is not just the costume itself that determines the winners, but how the characters are portrayed. Guest cosplayers include Keiko, Mistvein, Han Jones, Lily on the Moon, Arisa, Ayaku, or the pair Mary and Feinobi. .

Video games and board games will be allocated an area of more than 1400 m2. The huge games room will include new and retro consoles, video games, virtual reality, and also gaming computers,

The board game room will offer tens of tables on which to play card games, board games, and puzzles.

The vast **fan program** will be prepared by the Czech con community.

The Comic-Con Prague program will also offer a number of specialities and other great projects. The special FutureCity exhibition will transport guests to Prague in the near future, with the help of the latest virtual reality technology. During the Filmová filharmonie symphonic orchestra concert, fans will hear music from the Avengers, Star Wars, Harry Potter, The Lord of the Rings, the World of Warcraft games, and many more. This is just a tiny snippet of what guests at Comic-Con Prague can look forward to. Organisers are continuously updating the program on the web, Facebook, and Instagram profiles of the event.

#### **Organisers and Partners**

Comic-Con Prague 2021 is jointly organised by Active Radio a.s. and Comic-Con Prague s.r.o. Evropa 2 radio is the event's main media partner. Main partners include Coca-Cola, Dáme jídlo, LEGO, PlayStation, Prusa Research, and Škoda Auto.

Follow the latest news and updates about the event on the web and on social media, where we will be gradually posting new, updated information:

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#### Active Radio a.s.

Active Radio a.s. is a multimedia group, which owns Evropa 2, Frekvence 1, Radio Bonton, Radio Dance, Youradio, and Youradio Talk radio stations. It is also responsible for the children's project called Pigy. The company runs several online media outlets and streaming audio services. as well as hosting events and connecting fans on social media. Its NoLimits division annually organises events for over 100 000 people. Active Radio a.s. belongs to the holding group Czech Media Invest from 2018.

# Comic-Con Prague s.r.o.

In order to organise Comic-Con Prague, Václav Pravda formed a new company called Comic-Con Prague s.r.o. The company works closely with SFK Avalon o.s., a non-profit fan group, which is responsible for the organization of several large pop-culture festivals: Festival fantazie (attended by 3500 fans, and celebrated its 25th anniversary in Chotěboř in 2020). PragoFFest (attended by up to 4500 fans, the tenth and final year took place in 2019), FanCity (attended by up to 2500 fans in Prague, it is currently just a small event in Chotěboř), and GameFFest (the gaming section for all of the aforementioned festivals).















