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Comics and Pop-Culture Convention Returns To Rome's Thornton Center

ROME, GA (October 18, 2022) - After a successful inaugural event in 2021, **CoosaCon** returns on November 5 to celebrate a day of comics, anime and pop-culture at Rome's only Comic Convention.

CoosaCon is expanding its venue space at the Thornton Recreation Center in Rome this year in order to bring more events and experiences to attendees. Con-goers will still be treated to celebrity guests, artists, gaming events, costume contests and discussion panels. But new to this year's event are two spaces dedicated exclusively to video gaming enthusiasts.

The first is a tournament based around the wildly popular Nintendo game **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate**. Players can register on-site to compete head-to-head in this tournament, with the top players winning prizes.

Also new to CoosaCon this year is a very unique gaming experience called **Artemis Bridge Simulator**. Artemis Bridge Simulator is modeled after the Star Trek franchise, allowing players to sit on the bridge of a star ship as they explore and defend their sector of the galaxy. In this co-operative game, each player takes on a different role, ranging from Captain to Science Officer, and the team must work together to be successful with their mission.

Artemis Bridge Simulator is being hosted by Scott Freeman from Command Flight Adventure in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Among the celebrities to be featured at CoosaCon this year are **Ming Chen** (Comic Book Men), **Eugene Clark** (Land of the Dead), **Dylan Kussman** (Dead Poets Society), **Jennifer Cihl** (Sailor Moon), **John Anderson** (Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2) and voice actor **Bob Carter** (Mortal Kombat, Dragon Ball Z) and content creator **Cloudie McDoom** (TikTok, YouTube). Also returning this year are several actors from The Walking Dead, and many comic book artists and writers.

Special guest **Spat Oktan**, a special effects and makeup artist, will also be doing live demonstrations of his FX to any con-goer who would like to participate.

CoosaCon is also sponsoring a Silent Auction with all proceeds going to **Open Door Home** of Rome. Open Door Home is a non-profit organization that provides residential facilities, and emergency and extended care to youth who have been neglected or abused.

CoosaCon takes place Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Thornton Center located at 102 N. Floyd Park Road in Rome, Ga.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting <http://www.coosacon.com/tickets>

The event features more than 50 vendors, artists, and crafters, as well as actors/celebrities who will greet fans, sign autographs, provide photo-ops, and participate in panel presentations. This is a family-friendly and kid-oriented event.

All events can be found by visiting <http://www.coosacon.com/gaming>

Scheduled events include the following:

- **The Walking Dead Actor's Panel**, featuring Savana Wehunt, Michelle Helmeczy and Greg Crews
- **Content Creator's Panel**, featuring Ming Chen and Cloudie McDoom
- **LIVE Special FX** with Spat Oktan
- **Costume/Cosplay Contests** for both children and adults with prizes
- **Dungeons & Dragons Games** hosted by the popular Twitch group, Reckless Advantage
- **Artemis Bridge Simulator** hosted by Command Flight Adventure
- **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate** Tournament

Special Guests include:

All Special Guest information can be found by visiting <http://www.coosacon.com/guests>

MING CHEN - Ming Chen, is an American actor, podcaster, reality television personality, and webmaster associated with Kevin Smith. He starred in the AMC reality series *Comic Book Men* for seven seasons. He also co-hosts the *I Sell Comics!* podcast with Mike Zupcic. Ming has had acting roles in more than a dozen film and TV productions including *Comic Book Men*, *Jay and Silent Bob Reboot*, and *Dogma*, as well as the recently-released *Clerks III*.

JENNIFER CIHI - Jennifer Cihl is the original English dub singer of the Japanese Anime, *Sailor Moon*. Jennifer is a talented singer with a long career including starring in Nickelodeon's *Roundhouse*, singing the Hot Pockets national jingle, performing in the Broadway National Tour of *Annie* and performing on the soundtrack of the anime *City Hunter*.

EUGENE CLARK - Eugene Clark is best known for appearing as "Big Daddy", the lead zombie in George Romero's *Land of the Dead*. Eugene is a multi-talented actor with dozens of film and TV credits to his resume including *Three Men and a Baby*, *Night Heat*, *Trailer Park Boys: The Movie* and *Resurrecting the Champ*.

BOB CARTER - Bob Carter is an Atlanta-based actor with more than 100 film, TV and video game credits to his name. Bob has provided multiple voices for *Mortal Kombat*, *Dragonball Z*, *Samurai 7*, *Death of Spider-Man*, *Full Metal Alchemist*, *Street Fighter* and dozens more film, TV and video game properties.

DYLAN KUSSMAN - Dylan Kussman is an actor and writer who played the part of Richard Cameron in the 1989 film *Dead Poets Society* as well as Dr. Allen Painter in *The Way of the Gun* in 2000. He has also appeared in such films as *Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken*, *Leatherheads*, *X2*, *Flight* and *Jack Reacher*, and is the writer, director, and star of the online noir drama *The Steps*. He also co-wrote the screenplay for the 2017 Tom Cruise film, *The Mummy*. In 2019, he appeared in the Clint Eastwood film *Richard Jewell*.

JOHN ANDERSON - John Anderson is an actor and comedian who hails from Birmingham, Alabama. He landed his first major motion picture role as a Ravager in Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2. John also appeared in Jumanji: The Next Level, Godzilla: King of the Monsters, Tag, Black Panther, Stranger Things, Sleepy Hollow, Spider-Man: Homecoming, Discovery Channel's Manhunt: Unabomber, Logan Lucky, Pitch Perfect 3, I, Tonya, Jumanji, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Case for Christ, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, MacGyver, The Front Runner, The Leisure Seeker, Hell Fest, Being Mary Jane, and Tyler Perry's Too Close to Home. He also appeared in Make-up Artist Magazine, displaying his alien movie make-up as a Hurctarian Ravager.

CLOUDIE McDOOM – Cloudie McDoom is a videographer, musician, cosplayer, streamer and voice actor. Cloudie's following has grown to the hundreds of thousands on platforms including YouTube, TikTok, Instagram and Facebook. His content spans from the humorous to the heart-warming, and draws it's inspiration from anime, gaming and pop-culture.

PAUL MAITLAND is a talented painter who draws inspiration from all manner of pop-culture, and his style and artwork his heavily influenced by the movie poster art of Drew Struzan and John Alvin. Paul is also the artist behind the **Official 2022 Coosacon Poster**.

MATTHEW ATCHLEY - As an actor Matthew has dozens of film and TV credits to his name, including appearances in HBO'S The Watchmen, Ozark, MacGyver, The Originals, Homicide Hunter and too many more to name here! (Go check out his website <http://www.artofmatthewatchley.com/> for more). At conventions, Matthew is well known for his hand-drawn, intricately detailed illustrations. His subjects span across all fandoms and different forms of pop culture including characters from popular TV, film, comics, and more!

JASON FLOWERS - Jason Flowers is a full-time Freelance Comic Book Artist from Atlanta, GA. Currently illustrating his new creator owned books Bounty Bullfrog and Demon Blood. Recent work includes covers on Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Last Ronin #1 and #99 of the regular series from IDW, Black Friday #1 for Scout Comics, as well as his creator-owned graphic novel, A.A.I Wars published by CALIBER COMICS. He has illustrated numerous sketch card sets for UPPER DECK and TOPPS CARDS for companies like DISNEY, MARVEL, and TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX. Other comic book work has been published in IMAGE COMICS, DEVILS DUE, ARCANA COMICS, BLACK THUMB COMICS and OCT-INK PRESS

DAN JOLLEY - Dan Jolley began writing professionally at age 19. Starting out in comic books, Dan has worked for major publishers such as DC (Firestorm), Marvel (Dr. Strange), Dark Horse (Aliens), and Image (G.I. Joe). He soon branched out into licensed-property novels (Star Trek), film novelizations (Iron Man), and original novels, including the Middle Grade urban fantasy series Five Elements, the urban sci-fi Gray Widow Trilogy, and the "Southernfried Stephen King" mystery-thriller The Storm. Dan began writing for video games in 2007, and has contributed storylines, characters, and dialogue to titles such as Transformers: War for Cybertron, Prototype 2, and Dying Light, among others. His latest work includes the Middle Grade urban fantasy audiobook House of Teeth, and the Middle Grade post-apocalyptic sci-fi novel series Bad Tide Rising.

ALEX OGLE - Alex Ogle is a visual storyteller and freelance illustrator. His Illustration projects have included licensing art for the Marvel Cinematic Universe, mainly posters, t-shirts, and toy box packaging for Spider-Man, Avengers: Endgame, Captain Marvel, Daredevil, Punisher, and Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2. Alex also works on comic books as a sequential artist, inker, and variant cover artist. Alex's first variant cover for Marvel Comics was Amazing Spider-Man #75. The first season of Alex's creator-owned series "The Changing Tales" is currently published on the Macroverse Mobile App. More recently, Alex designed the Frank Miller website, frankmillerpresents.com

MICHELLE HELMECZY - Michelle has the honor of being a "Walker" in ten episodes during the first three seasons of The Walking Dead, including the very first Season 1 episode! Michelle also appeared in the documentary "The Walkers Among Us." Michelle is a frequent extra and background actor having appeared in dozens of TV shows and films including Anna Nicole, Drop Dead Diva, Being Mary Jane, Powers, The Haves and Have Nots and Lodge 49.

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<http://www.coosacon.com>

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