

Cosplay Night Costume Contest Rules and Regulations

Suit up as your favorite cosplay character and view the sci-fi and fantasy art exhibition, *Donato Giancola: Adventures in Imagination*, during *\$5 After 5* on Thursday, November 17 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Costume Contest:

Cosplayers may enter a costume contest during the event. You do not need to participate in the contest to attend *\$5 After 5*. The contest requires pre-registration for participation. We highly encourage you to register before the event, but we will keep registration open until 6:30 p.m. on the night of the event. This will allow time for participants to arrive and will give last-minute participants a chance to join. Participants will receive a nametag with their registration number, to be referenced during the judging process. There will be a short judging period at 6:45 p.m. where participants will gather to be viewed by the guest judges. Winning participants must be in attendance to receive their prizes.

There will be two categories in the contest: Adult and Youth. The Adult category is for participants aged 16 and up. The Youth category is for participants aged 15 or under. Additionally, Youth participants must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

There are no restrictions regarding the source material of a cosplay, provided that it complies with the policies listed below.

Cosplay Policies:

- No weapons of any kind, real or fake, are allowed.
- Costume must not expand further than 6 inches past your body (i.e., in the case of wings, a tail, or other objects and accessories) for the safety of the art and other visitors.
- 70% or more of the body must be covered. No costume is not a costume, and neither are paint and/or pasties.
- Protective footwear is required (i.e., must wear shoes, not just socks).
- Hate symbols will not be tolerated.
- All makeup and/or body paint must not rub off easily for the protection of the art.
- Any item or activity that presents the possibility of damage to the entrants, their costumes, the audience, or the Museum is prohibited.

Contest Rules and Disclaimers:

- One costume entry per person.
- Participants aged 15 or under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- No entries will be accepted after registration has ended at 6:30 p.m.
- Museum staff and security reserve the right to inspect all participants' props to ensure that no weapons of any kind are brought onto the property or into the building.
- Participants are encouraged to bring reference material for their costume in case a judge does not know their character.

- All decisions made by the judges are final.
- Winning participants must be in attendance to receive their prizes.
- Visitors attend at their own risk. The Huntsville Museum of Art takes no responsibility for any damages incurred to property or person of guests, artists, dealers, or attendees.
- The Huntsville Museum of Art can and will take action against any type of disruptive or illegal behavior.
- Photography guidelines are the same as always at the Museum.
 - Flash photography and tripods are prohibited.
 - Commercial photography and videography are prohibited unless given direct permission by the Director of Communications.
 - Otherwise, general visitor photography is allowed.
- By entering the Museum, all participants agree to have their photo taken by Museum staff for promotional purposes.

Prizes:

Adult Category

- First Place: Autographed Copy of *Middle Earth: Journeys in Myth and Legend* by Donato Giancola and 4 Skating in the Park passes
- Runner-Up: The Official *Game of Thrones* Coloring Book by George R.R. Martin and *Art of the Fantastic: A Journey into Creation* DVD

Youth Category

- First Place: Gift certificate to attend a Huntsville Museum of Art Academy children's class (Expires September 30, 2023)
- Runner-Up: Sharpener pen holder, drawing pencils, erasers, sketchbook and Candy Club dragon eggs