

# DAY 1 Friday, July 3

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	VIZ Media Panel	"PONY CANYON's "CANIME-PRIME" SPECIAL ONLINE PROGRAM!! "Featuring Subaru Kimura and Ibuki Kido, and more VOICE ACTORS!"	
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	Cosplaying Together, Apart	Yen Press Industry Panel	
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			AX Cosplay Senpai Roundtable
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		Let's Talk LUPIN THE 3rd with Producers Kiyozono & Nozaki	
8:00 PM	Warner Bros. Japan Presents "Stay Connected with Anime"	Developing Anime & Manga in the West: Expanding Webcoming IP into TV, Film, Podcasts, & More!	What You Can Do as a Fan to Help Bring Your Favorite Titles to North America
9:00 PM		Adventures in Voice Acting Mini Workshop - Home Edition	
10:00 PM	East Meets West - Getting into the Anime Industry as a Foreigner	Studio TRIGGER Live Drawing	
11:00 PM	Meet the Pixiv Team		
12:00 AM			

## CHANNEL 1

### VIZ Media Panel

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

Join us online as we make some major announcements and chat with voice actors from your favorite anime! Coming all the way from Konoha, Maile Flanagan (Naruto), Amanda Miller (Boruto) and Kate Higgins (Sakura) reveal voice actor ninja secrets! Then from Italy, Phillip Reich (Giorno Giovanna) and Ray Chase (Bruno Bucciarati) join us for a JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: Golden Wind discussion!

### Cosplaying Together, Apart

1:25 PM - 2:15 PM

Join cosplayers Phil Mizuno and Yaya Han for a live discussion about cosplaying during these unprecedented times. Learn how both cosplayers became working professionals in the industry and how their different experiences still unite them within the cosplay world. Phil and Yaya will talk about how they have been using social media as not only a tool to stay connected but also as a platform to promote positivity. They will also give advice on how to stay motivated and creative even if we can't be together right now.

### The History of Japanese Visual Pop Culture: Exclusive Preview of Repro Japan

2:20 PM - 2:50 PM

Learn about the origins and antecedents of anime, manga, and cosplay from three specialists in the history of Japanese visual popular culture. Christopher Bolton (professor of comparative and Japanese literature at Williams College), Eron Rauch (artist, critic, and instructor at Cal Arts), and Maggie Wei Wu (Ph.D. student in art history at UC San Diego) will give you a sneak peak at their current collaboration, Repro Japan--a museum exhibition of Japanese popular culture that spans two centuries and a dozen different media. These range from 18th-century woodblock prints and kimono fashion through 19th-century tourist photography, down to contemporary anime and manga, cosplay and cosplay photography, and Lolita fashion. The panel will give you a behind-the-scenes look at the exhibition (scheduled for summer and fall 2021 at the Williams College Museum of Art), and deepen your understanding of these media by making some surprising comparisons between them.

### GSC Cribs: Tokyo - A Look into Good Smile Company Akihabara HQ

2:55 PM - 3:25 PM

Good Smile Company presents...GSC Cribs: Tokyo! Watch as we take you on a tour of our Tokyo headquarters. See the quirks that make our office special, behind-the-scenes of our figure-making, and some of the cool Good Smile Racing cars in our garage!

### Aniplex of America Industry Panel

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Do titles like Sword Art Online, The Promised Neverland, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba or the Fate series make your otaku heart skip a beat? Then you don't want to miss the Aniplex of America Industry Panel! Join us as we bring you the latest news on all your favorite Aniplex shows from the comfort of your home - and ours!

### Mask-querade Judges' Choice

4:35 PM - 4:55 PM

Join judges Cupcake Cosplay, Pros and Cons Cosplay, Utahime Cosplay, Volpin Props and Yaya Han as they share their selections for judges' choice!

### Bushiroad Mobile Panel

5:00 PM - 5:55 PM

The Bushiroad Mobile Panel will be held at Anime Expo LITE! Find out the latest information on Bushiroad content including Vanguard ZERO, BanG Dream! Girls Band Party!, and D4DJ!!

### The World Ends With You

6:00 PM - 6:40 PM

Information of the animation will be released globally for the first time. The creators will be talking about the background of how the title came to be animated and its production scenes.

### DEEMO the Movie UTAHIME AUDITION

6:45 PM - 7:40 PM

The grand winner of the audition to determine the theme song vocalist for the in-production anime film "DEEMO THE MOVIE" will finally be announced at Anime Expo Lite! The audition originally started in January of this year and saw over a thousand applicants from around the world. The grand winner will be guaranteed a debut release of the anime's theme song, written by Yuki Kajjura, from Pony Canyon. The judges of the audition include Yuki Kajjura, Yasunori Mori (music producer of "DEEMO THE MOVIE") and Azusa Matsuda (Anime Expo).

### Warner Bros. Japan Presents "Stay Connected With Anime"

8:00 PM - 9:50 PM

Join the Warner Bros. Japan panel for your favorite anime content! Don't miss your chance to connect with the guests from our hottest titles such as "Is it Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon? III", "Food Wars! Shokugeki no Soma the Fifth Plate", "JoJo's Bizarre Adventure Golden Wind" and more!

### East Meets West--Getting Into the Anime Industry as a Foreigner

10:10 PM - 11:10 PM

Join CEO of D'ART Shtajjo, Arthell Isom as he discusses the steps needed to forge a successful career within the anime industry as a foreigner. Having lived in Japan for 15 years now, Isom started his animation career as a background artist at Ogura Kobou, founded by the Art Director of "Ghost in the Shell", and has faced several challenges along the way. The East meets West panel is designed to help interested artists avoid the pitfalls of the industry and help prepare them for what to expect culturally, artistically, and professionally.

### Meet the Pixiv Team

11:20 PM - 12:00 AM

Pixiv is the most successful fan art platform in the world. This Japanese platform is getting bigger by the day and features some of the most beautiful fan art you've ever seen. How did fan artists working in the anime style become influencers in their own right? What does it mean to be a fan artist working with copyrighted material? And where does Pixiv fit into all this? If you enjoy fan art, or are an artist yourself, you can't miss this fascinating conversation with the Pixiv team.

# DAY 1 Event Descriptions

## CHANNEL 2

### “PONY CANYON’s “CANIME-PRIME” SPECIAL ONLINE PROGRAM !!

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

We would like to introduce special programs from CANIME PRIME which have been distributed only for the premium members and our new global eCommerce store PONY CANYON SHOP just launched in May . There will be all the casts from the programs such as Subaru Kimura and Ibuki Kido from “Sukioko”, Masayoshi Ohishi from “Pizza Radio” and other voice actors from the programs and comments from Maaya Uchida, Ayana Taketatsu and more voice actors !!!

### Yen Press Industry Panel

1:20 PM - 2:05 PM

Join Yen Press, the publisher of hit series such as Sword Art Online, Re:ZERO -Starting Life in Another World- and Black Butler, in a series of exciting manga and light novel announcements!

### Manga for Everyone from TOKYOPOP

2:10 PM - 2:55 PM

TOKYOPOP has been bringing manga to the world for over twenty years. With titles for kids, teens, adults and ongoing initiatives to highlight LGBTQ+ stories and titles by women and people of color, our core belief is that manga is for everyone!

### DENPA Books Licensing Panel

3:05 PM - 3:50 PM

Join DENPA publisher Ed Chavez as they go through their new acquisitions for 2020-21 revealing some of Japan’s most talked about manga in recent memory. Chavez will then cover the state of the industry and take questions from his reader base.

### Vanguard ZERO: Special Exhibition Match

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Bushiroad presents a special exhibition match for their newest mobile game, Vanguard ZERO. Watch as two popular community leaders, Different Fight and CardProtagonist, face off on the Anime Expo Lite stage!

### J-Novel Club Announcements Industry Panel

5:15 PM - 5:40 PM

Come join the team at J-Novel Club for all the latest news and announcements during Anime Expo Lite! Expect lots of new licenses to be unveiled and maybe some print announcements too.

### Mangaomo: We’ve Got Manga!

5:50 PM - 6:35 PM

Mangamo is the first legal mobile manga subscription service, and we’re making waves! With over 300 series, Mangamo has something for everyone. Join the Mangamo team, including executive editor Dallas Middaugh, CEO Buddy Marini, and content head Yusuke Sasano as they talk about the service, the state of manga publishing, and maybe even throw in a few new series announcements for good measure.

### How to Draw Anime with MinoMiyabi

6:45 PM - 7:15 PM

MinoMiyabi is a Los Angeles-based illustrator/ animator and a comic artist for Poppy’s graphic novel, GENESIS 1. Through his career as an animator, a concept designer at Walt Disney Imagineering, and a comic artist at Z2 Comics, he is focused on creating characters and their stories. In this workshop, MinoMiyabi will demonstrate the fundamentals and essential tips for drawing anime characters to help you create your own!

### Let’s Talk LUPIN THE 3rd with Producers Kiyozono & Nozaki

7:20 PM - 7:50 PM

The long-running LUPIN THE 3rd series producers Yu Kiyozono (LUPIN THE III RD) and Koji Nozaki (LUPIN THE 3rd PART 5) will discuss their relationship with the iconic series, what it takes to be an anime producer, and what fans can expect in the future from the world’s greatest master thief.

### Developing Anime & Manga in the West: Expanding Webcomic IP Into TV, Film, Podcasts, & More!

7:55 PM - 8:40 PM

Leading digital comic book platform, Tapas Media, explores the steps of how indie webcomic creators can creatively and commercially build their story, characters, worlds and brand for future multimedia expansion. With tv, podcast, and live-action, and anime/animation partnerships in the works, join the publishing team, producers, and comic creators as they discuss how creators can grow your comic book IPs.

### Adventures in Voice Acting Mini Workshop - Home Edition

8:50 PM - 9:40 PM

Join veteran Voice Actor, Director and Producer Tony Oliver for a live panel and some real information about what it takes to become a professional voice actor. Tony will touch on the basic skills any aspiring voice actor needs to succeed and give helpful advice and exercises you can do at home. He’ll also answer your questions about breaking into this exciting profession in this small slice of the full day workshops Tony has taught all over the country.

### Studio TRIGGER Live Drawing

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Join in for a live drawing stream with the studio that brought KILL la KILL, Little Witch Academia, and most recently PROMARE! Studio staff will also be answering questions from viewers, live!

## MEETING ROOMS

### Yaya Han and Phil Mizuno Q&A

2:30 PM - 3:10 PM

Join cosplayers Yaya Han and Phil Mizuno in this exclusive Q&A for Anime Expo Lite!

### LOVE x LOVE: All-Inclusive Romance From TOKYOPOP

3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

TOKYOPOP presents our LOVE x LOVE imprint, which seeks to normalize LGBTQ+ romance alongside traditional heterosexual romance manga. Introducing fans to yaoi, yuri, shoujo and true LGBTQ+ stories, we also hope to open a discussion about queer stories in manga, and get feedback from fans about what they want to see from future titles.

### For Fans By Fans: Anime Tropes Live-Draw Roulette

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

For Fans By Fans will host various artists showcasing their skills and putting them to the test with a fun game! We will pick 3 random anime Tropes from decades of anime and our artists will live draw based on the prompts given. We will also take suggestions from the chat for what the artists should draw next! Featuring For Fans By Fans artists, this event is for anyone who loves creative, fun, and hilarious viewing. Come in and join us to see what these amazing artists think up!

### J-Novel Club Industry Panel Q&A Session

5:50 PM - 6:20 PM

Join others for a chat session where we will answer your questions and maybe add some more details to our announcements during our main panel!

### AX Cosplay Senpai Roundtable

6:20 PM - 7:20 PM

Join us for an in depth discussion on the importance of inclusion and acceptance within the cosplay community. Just like All Might, our panelists will pass along their knowledge and experience, to help you gain confidence in both your cosplays and unique self-expression. This conversation will help you understand that no matter what your race, gender, background or body type, you have what it takes to "Go beyond plus ultra and make a difference in your community!"

### What You Can Do as a Fan to Help Bring Your Favorite Titles to North America

7:35 PM - 8:30 PM

An explanation of the acquisition process and what goes into bringing titles from Japan to North America from a distribution company. Find out what you can do on your end.



# DAY 2 Saturday, July 4

	Channel 1	Channel 2	Meeting Rooms
9:00 AM			
	<i>Funimation Industry Panel</i>	<i>Right Stuf Anime &amp; Nozomi Entertainment Industry Panel</i>	
10:00 AM			
	<i>Yoshitaka Amano Live Drawing and Q&amp;A</i>	<i>HISTORY OF OF SKIN THEMATICS IN LEAGUE OF LEGENDS: Adapting Anime Tropes, References, and Styles in a Non-Anime Video Game</i>	
11:00 AM			
	<i>Akira Himekawa Q&amp;A</i>		
		<i>Production I.G. USA Industry Panel</i>	
12:00 PM			
	<i>Pony Canyon Industry Panel</i>		
		<i>Yen Press Presents: So I'm a Spider, So What?</i>	
1:00 PM			
	<i>Make Mine Manga with Kodansha USA Publishing</i>		
		<i>Learning Japanese Through Anime &amp; Anime Songs</i>	<i>BIPOC in Anime</i>
	<i>Mask-querade Winners Announcement</i>		
2:00 PM			
	<i>Crunchyroll Industry Panel</i>		
		<i>Painting The Skies: A Conversation with The Artists of thatgamecompany</i>	
3:00 PM			
	<i>Orange Presents: Creative Minds Behind BEASTARS &amp; IDOLiSH7 / Mr.AFFECTION</i>	<i>Adventures in Voice Acting Presents: Inside the Voice Actors Studio: Anime Directors Roundtable</i>	
4:00 PM			
	<i>GUNDAM Merchandising Panel</i>		<i>Plus Ultra Dance Workshop with The Corps Dance Crew</i>
		<i>Manga Planet and futekiya Panel</i>	
5:00 PM			
	<i>MyAnimeList: Looking to the Future</i>	<i>Creating Music With and for the Japanese Anime Industry</i>	
6:00 PM			
	<i>GIBIATE Special Preview</i>		
7:00 PM			
	<i>Anime Expo Lite * LisAni! LIVE L.A.</i>	<i>Anime Expo Lite * LisAni! LIVE L.A.</i>	
8:00 PM			
9:00 PM			

## CHANNEL 1

### Funimation Industry Panel

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

A whole new summer anime season is starting and with so many good shows to stream, we'll give you an idea where to start. We'll also stop by The Funimation Shop to see what's coming soon, peek at some stunning new home video collections, and share a few surprises.

### Yoshitaka Amano Live Drawing and Q&A

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

Join legendary artist and character designer Yoshitaka Amano (known for his work on the "Final Fantasy" series) for a special live drawing panel while he answers questions from Anime Expo community members!

### Akira Himekawa Q&A

11:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Join comic book artist duo Akira Himekawa as they discuss their works, creative process, and collaboration in this special Q&A!

### Pony Canyon Industry Panel

11:40 AM - 12:30 PM

Pony Canyon presents to you one of their latest titles, "Adachi and Shimamura", airing in October 2020. Hear exclusive behind-the-scenes stories from Director Satoshi Kuwabara and witness a live drawing session done by the Character Designer, Shizue Kaneko, herself! You will also get to learn about their exciting lineup of our upcoming titles! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!!

### Make Mine Manga with Kodansha USA Publishing

12:40 PM - 1:40 PM

Join the manga experts of Kodansha USA Publishing - purveyors of some of the most popular manga properties in the world like Sailor Moon, BAKEMONOGATARI, & Attack on Titan - as they give you a sneak peek at the latest Kodansha manga releases, anime debuts, and more! It's a no-holds-barred panel where surprises abound - so join us for a look into a manga filled future!

### Mask-querade Winners Announcement

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Join judges Cupcake Cosplay, Pros and Cons Cosplay, Utahime Cosplay, Volpin Props and Yaya Han as they announce the winners of the first-ever Match Your Mask-querade Photo Contest!

### Crunchyroll Industry Panel

2:05 PM - 2:35 PM

Hear about all the latest and greatest anime and manga coming out of Crunchyroll straight from the source!

### Orange Presents: Creative Minds Behind BEASTARS & IDOLiSH7 / Mr.AFFECTiON

3:00 PM - 3:55 PM

Studio Orange is known for its innovative CG animation beginning with BEASTARS, Land of Lustrous, the IDOLiSH7 music video for Mr. AFFECTiON, Code Geas: Akito The Exiled and more. For the first time, Orange is participating in Anime Expo Lite with the director, producers and artists behind BEASTARS and Mr.AFFECTiON to discuss the passion and ideas that went into the two masterpieces.

### GUNDAM Merchandising Panel

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM

Come join our discussion and update of all things Gundam, including the anime series, new products, and Gundam history!

### MyAnimeList: Looking to the Future

5:25 - 6:15 PM

MyAnimeList (MAL) is one of the famous anime websites in the world. With over 12 million users per month, MAL is the place to enjoy to organize, discuss, and discover anime and manga. In this panel, Yumiko Higuchi, MAL Mods Communication Leader, introduces how to enjoy MAL, and will talk with the founder of MAL and lead administrator about MAL. Get the new information from MAL!

### GIBIATE Special Preview

6:20 PM - 6:45 PM

Please join us for a never-before-seen preview of the first episode of GIBIATE! Hear from the creators and get a closer look into the world of GIBIATE. Highlights include a special interview with GIBIATE's character designer, Yoshitaka Amano, and live footage of the opening theme performed by famous shamisenist musicians, Yoshida Brothers!

### Anime Expo Lite x LisAni! LIVE L.A.

6:55 PM - 9:00 PM

This free event is a special edition of "LisAni! LIVE," a music festival which has been held in Japan annually since 2010.

Created in association with anime music media outlet LisAni!, Anime Expo Lite x LisAni!LIVE L.A. will feature performances by ELISA, GRANRODEO, KOTOKO, Maaya Uchida, Yoko Takahashi, and Yoshino Nanjo.

# DAY 2 Event Descriptions

## CHANNEL 2

### Right Stuf Anime & Nozomi Entertainment Industry Panel

9:15 AM - 9:50 AM

Right Stuf Anime turns 33 this year and you're invited to the party! Find out about the latest Right Stuf Anime store exclusives, new Nozomi Entertainment announcements, and upcoming Gundam releases! Plus, we'll be giving away a gift card to RightStufAnime.com!

### HISTORY OF OF SKIN THEMATICS IN LEAGUE OF LEGENDS: Adapting Anime Tropes, References, and Styles in a Non-Anime Video Game

10:05 AM - 11:05 AM

Carlos Giffoni, Jessica Oyhenart, Jared Rosen, and Mel Capperino-Garcia will discuss the history of League of Legends' anime-inspired skinlines (thematic cosmetics for a series of in-game characters), Star Guardian and Battle Academia. Panelists will also discuss the hows and whys of skin development in League of Legends and talk about some of the ways that loving anime can be helpful in the games industry and game-making.

### Production I.G. USA Industry Panel

11:10 AM - 12:10 PM

Join Production I.G. USA President/Producer, Maki Terashima-Furuta as she hosts her annual Production I.G. USA panel, showcasing IG's current and upcoming titles, including the anime adaptation of Junji Ito's Uzumaki, B: The Beginning Season 2, two of the most recent Rick and Morty shorts, as well as video letters from her virtual guests Mitsuhsia Ishikawa (the founder of Production I.G.), Junichi Fujisaku (Ghost in the Shell: SAC, Blood +), Rui Kuroki (Kill Bill, B: The Beginning), Haruyasu Makino (Ultraman, Ghost in the Shell SAC\_2045), George Wada (producer of Attack on Titan, Great Pretender, etc.), Kaichi Sato (Samurai & Shogun RAM), Toshiko Hata (RAM ID and Pacalien), Jason DeMarco (co-founder of Toonami), and Hiroshi Nagahama (Uzumaki Anime, Mushishi) followed by informative Q&As about English voice over casting and auditions by the most trusted casting directors, Stephanie Sheh (NYAV Post) and Mami Okada (Bang Zoom! Entertainment), and ending with Q&A by Maki Terashima-Furuta.

### Yen Press Presents: So I'm a Spider, So What?

12:20 PM - 1:05 PM

So I'm a Spider, So What? is quickly becoming one of today's most popular light novel series, an isekai that starts off as a quirky parody of JRPGs through the eyes of a spider monster and develops into an epic tale filled with deep characters, political intrigue and mystery. Join Yen Press as they discuss this amazing light novel series.

### Learning Japanese Through Anime & Anime Songs

1:20 PM - 2:10 PM

Fuji School is a Japanese language school located in Los Angeles. Utilizing anime as a learning tool, they'll be providing a special Japanese lesson just for Anime Expo Lite! You will learn useful expressions from Naruto and One Punch Man, and will also learn the Japanese lyrics of "Gurenge", the opening song from Demon Slayer. Let's sing together! Fuji School also has special giveaways for you, so be sure not to miss it!

### Painting The Skies: A Conversation with The Artists of thatgamecompany

2:25 PM - 2:55 PM

With the first anniversary of 'Sky' this month, meet the award-winning thatgamecompany studio and go behind-the-scenes to discover the team's unique approach to creating beautifully animated and emotionally-impactful games such as 'Journey', 'Flower' and their newest social adventure - 'Sky'. From art direction, animation, music score to storytelling, Yui Tanabe (Lead Artist), Vincent Diamante (Composer), Aaron Jessie (Environment Artist), Scott Stribling (Animator) and Ashley Coad (Concept Artist) chat to moderator Jennie Kong (Narrative Writer) on the making of the games. Expect fun insights and a Sky fan Q&A in this exclusive Anime Expo panel!

### Adventures in Voice Acting Presents: Inside the Voice Actors Studio: Anime Directors Roundtable

3:10 PM - 4:05 PM

Join us for an Anime Directors Roundtable discussion with established anime directors. They will discuss what young actors need to know to break into the business, what they are looking for from young actors first trying to make it, and the new challenges facing actors trying to navigate the evolving "New Normal" of the Voice Acting world of Anime.

### Manga Planet and futekiya Panel

4:25 PM - 5:15 PM

Let's talk digital manga with budding subscription services Manga Planet and futekiya's Chairman Hyoe Narita, Editor-in-Chief Emma Hanashiro, and Producer Gladys Angala.

### Creating Music With and for the Japanese Anime Industry

5:30 PM - 6:10 PM

Catch an interview with Rasmus Faber, anime music producer and band leader of Platina Jazz. Mr. Faber is a Swedish pianist, composer, DJ, producer and sound engineer who beyond his personal works in Sweden has created a career in the Japanese music industry under the Victor Entertainment label (JVC Music) and has produced songs and music for artists such as Yoko Kanno, Maaya Sakamoto, Haruka Chigusa, Akino Arai, and Megumi Nakajima. He is the front man and producer, arranger and mixer for the Japanese Anime Jazz cover band Platina Jazz - a Swedish jazz ensemble who have as of 2020 produced 8 albums, a live DVD and toured Japan with their licensed covers. Mr. Faber plans to discuss his journey from musician in Stockholm to music composer and producer in Japan.