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## Sad, Sweet Sorrow

We have enjoyed spending this weekend with you. It has been a balm to the soul to share this space in person together, to be together again. It is bittersweet to say goodbye. As we pack up our gear and load up the trucks, may we be most excellent to one another and the hotel staff. Let's have a wonderful end to Arisia 2023 and look forward to coming back together here in 2024!!

#### **Get Your Goat**

The lovely folks at Coat Check will be working hard to keep the goats at bay and so far so good. However, the last chance to get your coats from coat check are 8-2pm today. After that, the goats may feast at hotel lost & found.

# Arisia 2024

Melissa Kaplan and Ilene Tatroe will chair Arisia 2024 and are confirming guests of honor. Save some cash and buy your Arisia 2024 membership for \$50 at Reg today or online through 1/18/23 at arisia.org/reg.

# **Programming Updates**

The following panel has been canceled for Monday, January 16:

10am - Neurodiversity & Neuroscience in SFF

The following panelists have are unable to attend and we wish them well: M. Dalto, Julie C. Day, Thom Dunn, Andy Demeo, Megan Frank, Shana Jean Hausman, Kevin McLaughlin, and Jess Waters

# 2023 Masquerade Awards

This year's masquerade was delightful and every single attendee did a great job. Thank you to the emcee and volunteers who organized and presented - you all rock! Here are the award winners per category:

#### Young Fan Awards

Workmanship

Best Creation: Princess Monono (most beautiful)

Best Material Manipulation: Zornoff (bringer of evil)

Most Masterful Use of Technique: Lord of the Rings (best presentation)

#### **Novice Division**

- Workmanship: Arcane Enemies
  - Best Artistic Realization: Doubtful Guest
  - Best Original Character: Telo Rodo
  - Best Embroidery: Aline Starkov
- Presentation: Arcane Enemies
  - Honorable Mention: Nazuna Hiwatasha

#### **Code of Conduct**

To help ensure our members' happiness and a successful convention, we have established a Code of Conduct and Behavior Policies for all members and staff. Please familiarize yourself with our CoC online arisia.org/Code-of-Conduct.

### No Covid at Con!

Did you remember to take your Covid test today? If you test positive, isolate and report your positive test to Safety via text/call <u>617-863-2472</u>. Thank you!

# Report Problems

The Safety Team (our security) and Incident Response Team (IRT) are here to help address problems you come across. **Safety** assists with basic First Aid, line management, crowding issues, badge and ID checking, oversight of closed areas, and general deescalation needs. **The IRT** is specifically tasked with intaking and addressing any reports of violation of the Code of Conduct or other member behavior issues.

Safety Team is located in Otis and the IRT is located in Quincy.

If you're in immediate danger, dial 911 & notify Safety

Anonymous and post-Con incident reports can be done via emailing irmc@arisia.org or using the anonymous reporting form https://www.arisia.org/Contact

# 2023 Masquerade Awards

- Best Audience Capture: Figueroth Faeth
- Best Choreography: Telo Rodo
- Most Humorous: The Doubtful Guest

#### **Journeyman Division**

- Workmanship: Lolita Korok
  - Best Original Character: Rosie Maple Moth
  - Best Armor: Blade the Half Wolf
  - Best Attention to Detail: Sorin Markov
  - Best Effective Use of Materials: Fire Lord Azula
- Presentation: The Magic of Technicolor
  - Honorable Mention: Lolita Korok
  - Best Anime Recreation: Lemillion
  - Best Interpretation: Sorin Markov
  - Best Recreation: Fire Lord Azula

#### **Masters Division**

- Workmanship: Shadowcat
  - Best Approach to Practicality: Bayonetta
- Presentation: Bayonetta

#### **Best in Show**

- Workmanship: Magic in Technicolor
- Presentation: Blade the Half Wolf

Arisia is grateful to all of the staff and volunteers who made Arisia 2023 happen. Please don't forget to turn in your timesheets to Team Arisia Services. Want to volunteer for Arisia 2024? Keep an eye out info on Convention Committee (ConCom) meetings and volunteer postings: https://www.arisia.org/Meetings.

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