

# Famore Cutlery presents h+h americas Cosplay Fashion Show Competition and Exhibition Terms and Conditions

h+h americas is proud to announce our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Cosplay Fashion Show Competition and Exhibition brought to you by Famore Cutlery. Cosplay garments will be displayed in a 3-day Cosplay Mannequin Display. Designers are encouraged to wear their garment in a Fashion Show and join in a panel discussion on stage following the Fashion Show, **Thursday, May 2, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm**. Afterwards engage with our crafts community and build lasting connections during the 4:00 PM cocktail hour in Hall D.

To qualify, all entrants must meet the following requirements:

# **Cosplay Fashion Show & Competition**

- The competition is open to individuals aged 18+ years and older
- Designers can submit a maximum of one garment
- Competition garment must be comprised of least 25% products that could be sourced at h+h americas. Explore the wide range of products from our exhibitors to bring your cosplay vision to life at h+h americas: <u>exhibitor list link</u>.
- Costume(s) must fit through a normal doorway unless pre-approval has been given by written request.
- Costume(s) must be tasteful and generally PG-rated. Vulgar costumes are not permitted.
- Costume(s) can be of an original invented character or a character from all genres such as history, literature, comics, movies, television, video games, and more.
- Competition costumes will be displayed in our permanent 3-day cosplay exhibition area when not worn in the Cosplay Fashion Show.
- If able, the competitor will model their garment on the runway during the Cosplay Fashion Show, or send a model, and participate in a panel discussion.
- Competitors are required to make social media posts tagging @hhamericas #hhamericas24 #cosplay at least once leading up to the show.
- Join us in person with **free** show entry to model your design (or send a representative)

• Judges provided by our Sponsors: Famore Cutlery, Janome, Wonderful Specialty, Oliso, and industry professionals

# **Registration**

#### How to Enter Cosplay Competition Fashion Show:

- Fill out registration form beginning January 22, 2024
- Garment Submission Deadline: April 26, 2024 (ship garment or bring to h+h americas event; April 30, 2024, setup day)

## **Trophy Categories and Prizes**

Panel of guest industry and professional judges will select winners in the following categories:

#### **Competition Prizes awarded by Judges (Guest Industry Professionals)**

Professional Division Prizes:
Best in Show: \$500 cash prize + product\* (including custom engraved Famore Cutlery scissors)
Master Craftsman: \$300 cash prize + product\*
Judges Choice Award for Favorite Garment: \$150 cash prize

Student Division Prizes:
Best in Show: \$250 cash prize + product\*
Judges Choice Award for Favorite Garment: \$100 cash prize + product\*

## \*Products from Sponsors – Famore Cutlery custom engraved scissors, Janome sewing machine, Wonderfil Specialty Threads product, Oliso, and more

# Important Contestant Information

- Register for h+h americas using our online registration system with a complimentary discount code beginning February 15, 2024. Codes will be distributed in February to approved contestants.
- When you arrive at the convention center, print your badge using the mobile app, and sign-in at the Registration Desk to confirm your arrival.
- We will have private dressing areas to change into and out of your costume. Proceed straight to the judging room to begin the judging competition.

**Music:** h+h americas will provide music during the Cosplay Fashion Show for contestants.

# Show Check-In Time: TBD

## **Reference Materials**

• Please provide at least one reference image of your character for the judges, or a costume sketch if your design is an original. If your costume is a Re-Creation, we suggest providing the judges with one or more reference image of what it is based on, since they may not all may be familiar with your design. A build book is always helpful. You may submit reference materials at the show and they will be returned afterwards. Most contestants simply provide a photo or two or sketches.

## Large or Heavy Costumes and Props

• While our backstage helpers are happy to assist you if they can, they are not intended to be your primary means of lifting and carrying heavy or unusually large items. If you are bringing something beyond what you can lift and carry by yourself up a few stairs to stage level, please alert us in advance, and consider bringing one or more helpers. No set pieces allowed.

## **Photography & Media**

• By participating in the Fashion Show Competition and Exhibition, participants grant h+h americas the right to use their likeness, photographs, and videos for promotional purposes. Professional photographs will be taken, and your work will be celebrated on social media!

# **Liability**

- Participants understand and acknowledge they are responsible for their own safety during the event.
- The event organizers are not liable for any injuries, damage, or losses incurred during the competition.

#### For Questions:

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