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KUMORICON HOSTS A ONE DAY SUMMER SAMPLER OF THEIR CONVENTION

The second annual Kumoricon Lite is coming this August!

PORTLAND, OR – (August 10, 2016) – Kumoricon Lite, a one-day event hosted by Kumoricon, will be returning on August 21st, 2016. Presented as a taste of Kumoricon's main event, which will be held over Halloween weekend at the Oregon Convention Center, Kumoricon Lite will have many of the same types of events. Admission to Kumoricon Lite is only \$10 per person, but you can also donate three manga volumes for free admission. All donated manga goes to Kumoricon's Manga Library. The event will take place at the Ambridge Event Center, with doors opening at 10am. More information, including the schedule and pre-registration can be found on Kumoricon's website, here.

"Kumoricon has run mini-events in the past," says Phillip Koop, Chairman of Kumoricon, "And with how successful Kumoricon Lite was in 2015 we hope to make it a yearly community staple."

Kumoricon Lite will host a full day of panels and events, including two featured panelists:

CONVENTIONAL IMPROV: Established in 2009 in Portland, CI! has been entertaining audiences of all ages and sizes at several different conventions around the Pacific Northwest. CI! also streams live its flagship gaming show, Friday Night Gaming, featuring interactive games the audience can play with the crew! CI! is excited to be presenting at its home con once again!

JEANNIE "GINX": Back in 2009, Kumoricon was Jeannie's first convention. During that time she wore normal street clothes, but in 2011 she decided she wanted to cosplay. She found being in cosplay was more fun, and she made her first prop that year: a keyblade. After having so much fun (as well as garnering a compliment from Todd Haberkorn) she was hooked, making beautiful Princess Zelda armor, and moving forward from there. After noticing a lack in panels for props and armor making at Kumoricon, Jeannie decided to gather fellow con attendees and host some themselves. Since then, and hundreds of YouTube tutorials later, she has gone from Styrofoam and mod podge, to thermoplastics and resins.

For interview opportunities, please contact publicity@kumoricon.org.

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ABOUT KUMORICON

Founded in 2003 in Springfield, OR, Kumoricon is a 100% volunteer-run event, including its executive staff and board. Celebrating fourteen years of anime and Japanese culture, Kumoricon is back for its biggest year yet! Gaining its namesake (*kumori*) from the Japanese word "cloudy", we embody everything it means to live in the Pacific Northwest and love this fandom. Stretching across generations, anime fans have gathered together for an amazing annual event, rain or shine. Returning to Portland, Oregon, the staff are excited to bring you another wonderful anime convention designed and operated with the fans and their devotion in mind.

Potential sponsors should contact the Industry Manager at industy@kumoricon.org.

More information about staffing, buying a membership, programming and more can be found on Kumoricon's official website https://www.kumoricon.org.

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