

Studio Cosplay Breaks New Ground With Cosplay Makerspace

Women-owned non-profit is creating first community workshop geared specifically toward costuming and prop-making.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, February 9, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Studio Cosplay, a Washington DC area-based non-profit, is changing the world of cosplay and makerspaces. In 2015 it plans to offer the best of both worlds by opening the first community workshop by cosplayers for cosplayers. "Cosplay" is an increasingly popular art form combining costuming and role-playing, often seen at sci fi, comic book, and pop culture conventions worldwide.

To help these pop culture fans transform into their favorite characters the workshop will provide multiple stations catering to making and displaying costumes, armor, and props. The types of equipment provided will include sewing, painting, fabricating, wig styling, 3D printing and more. Since sharing photos of one's creation is a significant component of cosplay, photographers will also have the use of a green screen.



The team behind Studio Cosplay

The studio will offer hands-on classes for cosplayers across all skill levels, ranging from sewing to photo shoots to working with thermoplastics.

"Cosplay has not only allowed my artistic expression to flourish but the people I have met through cosplaying are more than just friends; they are family," says Liz Gmaz, a founding member of the organization. "Studio Cosplay is going to be a home for cosplayers. In a way, to me, cosplay means Ohana."

The group also plans to provide emergency repair support at fandom conventions nationwide where members can glue up, stitch up, finish up, and rest up before diving back into the crowd.

To meet the needs of interested cosplayers and to fund subsequent years of operation the organization will offer multiple "cosmakerspace" membership tiers.

Studio Cosplay's mission is to promote community through the art of costuming by providing workspace, opportunity, and education. The organization's founders, Liz Gmaz, Stefanie Hackenberg, Sabrina Maizland and Daria Medved, are themselves cosplayers who saw a need in the cosplay community for a place where cosplayers can go to work on their projects, meet other cosplayers, learn how to make costumes and props, and expand their artistic expression. Their Kickstarter campaign to cover the workshop's first year of expenses launches on February 13, 2015.

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