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THEME: 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Welcome back to J-Popcon, honoured guests from far and near!

It is that time of year again – but this year is quite special. This year marks the twentieth time since J-Popcon was first held in Valby Kulturhus for 200 guests, all with a shared interest for Japan. Since then, we have only grown, such as in 2010, when we moved to DGI-Byen since there was no longer enough space for us in Valby Kulturhus. Even though we have expanded every year with new, exciting initiatives, many things have still stayed true to its origins.

From the moment you enter the convention, you will always be welcomed by our amazing reception staff. Our Dealer Room abounds with all your heart desires of merchandise and Artist Alley offers craftsmanship with a personal stroke of all varieties. The Maid Café serves Japanese delicacies and charming uniforms, while the Game Room has prepared old as well as new gaming experiences for you, and our Lounge offers a breather for our guests of age. Even WingGirl and BatteryBoy are still with us after 20 years, although with a bit of a makeover since 2000, just like the convention.

Once upon a time, we were only a couple of event rooms where you could watch anime and share that experience with others, and now we are the largest convention for Japanese pop culture in Denmark. It has been a long journey with ups and downs, and every year has been something unlike the others. What has never changed, are you. Without you, our guests, J-Popcon would never be what it is today.

On behalf of all our amazing organisers, trustees, gophers, and other awesome volunteers, we hope you have enjoyed the last 21 years and will continue to be a part of this journey. We have loved every moment.

The biggest and best J-Popcon wishes,
Ida & Mia
Comma Team at J-Popcon



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FOREWORD

Dear guests,

This year is quite a special year for us in the Danish anime community ... or, it would have been, if something had not gotten in the way. Last year when we had to cancel J-Popcon 2020, it had been exactly 20 years since we got a place to meet people with the same interest for the first time – without finding them online ourselves or convincing them to read this really cool Japanese comic first. For the first time, we had a place where we could gather around our hobby.

I clearly remember my own first J-Popcon back in 2005, when it was in Valby Kulturhus. I remember my own shyness, how I quietly watched an event with live dubbing with improvised lines, which was incredibly entertaining. I was probably a little cautious in the beginning, but that all changed with the help of the conguide where I had found something I wanted to watch in the cinema. It turned out that, after the promised content, they put on a mini series with episodes of 2-3 minutes, a comedy, which made the entire room cry with laughter. All of a sudden I felt like a part of the community. A community that hasn't left me since.

From there, everything happened quickly; I made a lot of new acquaintances who also knew how strange Evangelion is, why you get a lump in your throat every time you meet a small girl named Nina, or how you could run faster by bending over and stretching your arms straight backwards, turning yourself into a ninja. For those who cannot remember ever being without the internet or who grew

up in Copenhagen after the convention got as well-known as it is today, I think it can be hard to understand how isolated you felt growing up as an otaku in the small suburbs or the countryside in the beginning of the 2000s. But now we have conventions, the internet, even stores selling anime goods! We can watch anime as if we were in Japan and even a trip there is not as unrealistic as it was back then.

As fans of Japanese pop culture, we, in J-Popkai, also think it is pretty awesome, of course. But as organisers of J-Popcon, it is also a source of great challenges. As an event that started as primarily being a place where you could meet and watch the newest series in our cinema, we have had to reinvent ourselves multiple times. Currently, the cosplay championship is our big focus, but we also have the largest Artist Alley of Northern Europe, a swelling dealer room, a square filled with food stands, and events by the dozen every day the entire weekend. Last time, we tried inviting a guest from Japan for the first time in many years, and even if we did not do that this year, I dare say that it won't be the last time. For many years, we have also had a theme as one of the cornerstones of the event. On the occasion of our anniversary, this year's theme is our community and the celebration of how far we have come in the last 20 years (+ 1).

Throughout J-Popcon's long history, we have also had many chairpersons for the organisation J-Popkai and it is once again time to pass the torch on. The torch, which I was formerly given by Nicholas, the chairperson before me, I now pass on

to Line Mørch. So, while we remember our past, we also turn the page and cheer for the future.

I wish you a good convention.

See you again.

Steen Christian Rosenørn

J-Popcon is taking place, finally, after a long hiatus. We're so excited to finally welcome you to DGI Byen again and cannot wait to see what cosplays you've made, goods you've brought along, and bonds you've been cultivating with your friends over the past two years. The weather will be cooler, but the atmosphere at this year's convention will be ever so warm and inviting.

Last year was an important year for J-Popcon, and so this year, we aim to celebrate the rich and happy history of our con over the past 21 years. We want to raise our glasses for our beautiful members and volunteers. If it weren't for all of you, we wouldn't be here – so thank you so much for your love and support.

With that said, I wish you all an amazing con weekend, and hope to see you all out there. I'll mostly be at the ØksBar over the weekend, so if you want to say hello or take a stroll down J-Popcon memory lane, feel free to come find me.

See you there!

Much love,

Line Mørch



Steen Christian Rosenørn
Former chairperson,
(Retired 19/9-2021)



Line Mørch
Chairma'am

GENERAL RULES

We work hard to organise a fun and great J-Popcon for everyone, and to do that, we need your help.

With so many guests attending J-Popcon, it is important that you behave well, keep conversations and music at a reasonable sound level, throw trash in the bins, nowhere else – and treat each other with respect. Keep a distance, sanitise, and wash your hands!

At times, you will have to queue for certain parts of J-Popcon, which can be frustrating. Queues are inevitable at events like these, and we ask you to be patient. We encourage you to use the wait to talk to one another and meet new friends.

At J-Popcon, it is the organisers', trustees', and gophers' responsibility to maintain order. The organisers, trustees, and gophers wear J-Popcon T-shirts, respectively in dark blue, blue, and orange. We have a security team on hand during the night.

There are some rules that everyone needs to follow:

- Smoking is not allowed at J-Popcon at all, neither indoors nor outdoors. Drug use of any kind is prohibited, as per regular Danish law. If you carry prescription medicine on you, it is important that you can provide the proper documentation for this.
- Alcohol can be consumed in moderate amounts at our lounge (18+). ID will be checked. Only valid ID such as

driver's licenses and passports are approved. However, it is not allowed to be visibly drunk. Outside of this area, alcohol is forbidden.

- Violent behaviour or theft will result in an immediate expulsion from the convention, as well as charges being pressed against the offender.
- You are not allowed to touch or hug anyone without their consent. This rule also applies to Free Huggers, though we strongly encourage you not to bring Free Hugs signs this year. Free hug signs bigger than an A4 will be confiscated.
- Eating areas can be found in the entrance area and at our ØksBar. Eating outside of these areas is prohibited. No food or drinks are allowed in the Game Room due to the electrical equipment as well as in the Dealer Room due to the merchandise. If you eat at J-Popcon, you are expected to clean up after yourself.
- Do not block hallways, stairs, or doorways.

Any violation of these rules may result in an expulsion from J-Popcon.

We recommend that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the reception desk.

PHOTOGRAPHY RULES

If you take photos or video at J-Popcon, you must follow these rules of conduct. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the convention.

- You may not take any picture or video at J-Popcon that can be used to identify individuals without their prior consent.
- Any picture or video taken at J-Popcon may not be used for commercial purposes, unless an agreement exists with J-Popcon about such use of the material. If you are interested in such an agreement, please contact J-Popcon's PR division. Contact information can be found on our website.
- Unless otherwise specified, flash photography is prohibited at our events, shows, lectures, etc.
- As a participant of J-Popcon, you agree to being photographed by J-Popcon's official photographers in green T-shirts in the common areas of the convention or in larger groups. If you participate in an official event, you automatically consent to J-Popcon using the material, taken by J-Popcon's official photographers, for PR purposes.



WEAPON & PROP RULES

The Danish weapons law is in effect at all times during J-Popcon.

Real weapons, functional or not, are not allowed at J-Popcon, even if the carrier has a firearms license to carry them. This includes, but is not limited to, firearms, and edged weapons. Breaking this rule will result in expulsion from J-Popcon and, in severe cases, the police will be contacted.

Realistic looking prop weapons and prop weapons made of metal must be approved by an organiser. Prop firearms must be marked with an orange or red tip at the mouth of the barrel. General tools, such as screwdrivers and pliers, must be justified and still pass a check at Weapon Control.

Props and weapons, where any length exceeds 30 cm of the carrier's height, and any overhang exceeds the length of your own arm, are not allowed at J-Popcon. Props and weapons used in the cosplay shows have to be checked, and must not exceed 2 meters. In addition to that, your headgear cannot protrude further from your head than 30 cm and it can weigh a maximum of 2 kg.

It is the guests' responsibility to have their weapons and props checked and approved by one of J-Popcon's weapon controllers at Weapon Check next to Check-in. Armour, weapons, or other metal objects are not allowed to have sharp edges, but must be blunt, so they do not endanger the other guests. In general, common sense should be applied when handling weapons and props, plastic or not. You will risk a warning and have the weapon confiscated, if used improperly.

J-Popcon reserves the right to confiscate any prop or weapon and keep them until you leave the convention, if an organiser deems it to be a danger to you or others. We also reserve the right to deny a weapon entry if the rules are broken.



AREAS

Information

The Information desk is the first place you see as you arrive at J-Popcon. Here, our loyal volunteers are ready to answer all your questions at all times during the entire weekend, whether it be about an event, a place you would like to visit, or J-Popcon in general. At our Information desk, you can also find our Lost & Found as well as buy different J-Popcon merchandise to celebrate our 20th anniversary with us.

Medics

If you experience any kind of discomfort or start feeling ill during the convention, you are always welcome to visit the medics. You will find them right next to the Information, where they are at your service at all hours during the entire weekend. If you end up in a situation where you need them somewhere else at the convention area, contact the nearest staff member and the medics will be with you as soon as possible.

Check-In

Right next to the Information desk is our Check-In area. Here, we scan your pre-purchased tickets and sell tickets for the entire weekend as well as single days for you to be able to enjoy all of J-Popcon. Remember to have your ticket open on your phone or printed if you pre-ordered them.

Props & Weapons Check

With all kinds of costumes, armour, and weapons, our Prop & Weapons Check is a necessary part of any convention to ensure everyone's safety. You have to stop by here before entering the convention areas if you carry anything from swords and armour to horns and helmets. If your prop or weapon have not been checked by our staff, you risk getting it confiscated.

Opening Hours

Friday: 12:00-23:00
Saturday: 10:00-23:00
Sunday: 10:00-17:00

Photo Sale

Photo Sale is the new area in town, located at the entrance to J-Popcon. Here, our photographers offer you a number of options for you to experience your own personal photoshoot. Every cosplayer deserves to have their cosplay immortalised!

Your awesome new photographs can be sent to you by email or they can be printed out on photo paper for your enjoyment.

Opening Hours

Saturday: 10:00-16:00
Sunday: 10:00-15:00



Lounge (18+)

Our Lounge has been a part of our convention for many years as a place where you can withdraw and enjoy the cozy atmosphere away from the slightly younger guests. Here, we serve cold beverages to quench your thirst and small snacks for your sweet tooth. We have a wide selection of board games that you and your friends are welcome to borrow, and if you are missing a player or just want to meet new people, we will make sure to get a hold of just the right people to make the coziness even better.

To get access to our Lounge, you have to be 18 years or older as well as be able to show a valid photo ID.

Opening Hours

Friday: 16:00-03:00

Saturday: 10:00-03:00

Sunday: 10:00-17:00

1st floor

Our 1st floor offers relaxation and entertainment with our Manga Lounge and Karaoke. In 2017, we started doing Karaoke on the 1st floor, which has been a great success and an area which we are looking forward to improving further! Besides this, we have our faithful Manga Lounge, which gains more mangas each year.

2nd Floor

As always, our 2nd floor hosts our larger event rooms. We have three big rooms being used by both us and external event organisers to give you the best events! At night, the rooms will be used for different roleplays such as Werewolf. We also have a medium sized lounge area, where you are welcome to rest after walking around the convention for many hours.

Tabletop City

In collaboration with Slice N Dice, J-Popcon launches our new board and card game area, Tabletop City. The area is located on the 2nd floor, where Community Corner used to be. During the weekend, we will host board and card game events as required. Visit the area to see how it all takes place. In this area, you can also find other organisations and clubs associating with board games.

Opening Hours

Friday: 16:00-22:00

Saturday: 10:00-22:00

Sunday: 10:00-16:00

Maid

From the far off Spisehuset to the entire 3rd floor of CPH Conference, our traditional Maid Café has only become bigger and better with the years. Here, you can stop by to be served by our team of cute maids in pretty maid uniforms and stylish butlers in beautiful suits, all inspired by Japan's own maid cafés. In the Maid Café, you are the centre of attention as our honoured goshujinsama and ojou-sama, and our maids' and butlers' most important task is to serve you.

Every year, we try to improve our selection, which is also the case this year, as we introduce a larger variety of delicious coffees with different flavours. Furthermore, you can treat yourself to a nice cup of Obaachan's homemade cocoa with whipped cream.

The most important part is that you can get a well-deserved break with a cup of coffee and something sweet from our wide selection of both different cakes and beverages.

Opening Hours

Friday: 16:00-20:00 (20:00-00:00)

Saturday: 11:00-20:00 (20:00-00:00)

Sunday: 10:00-16:00

The time periods in parentheses are without table service, where there will still be sold hot and cold beverages.



Game Room

Our Game Room is located on the 1st floor between CPH Conference and the main entrance of DGI-Byen. Just follow the stairs from the Reception, then you will find it to your left.

This is the gaming heart of J-Popcon. Here, you can play on both new and retro consoles, and get a taste of well-known and obscure games from Japan and the rest of the world – we even have dance games to entertain both mind and body! Amongst all of these games, you find beloved characters such as Mario and Naruto to keep you entertained throughout the day.

Join the RE:Solver Agency in the Game Room and explore a virtual world of crime and mystery. Become a detective and solve intricate cases around the world. You can play solo or with your friends. Visit ResolverGames.com/jpop for more information.



Our Game Room is sponsored by Nintendopusheren, a video game store in the heart of Nørrebro with a selection that ranges from the 8-bit Nintendo to PlayStation 5.

Opening Hours

Friday: 16:00-23:00

Saturday: 10:00-23:00

Sunday: 10:00-16:00



Artist Alley

Artist Alley is a place where artists of all kinds gather to showcase and sell their arts and crafts. What was once but a corner of the 1st floor has now grown into a mecca of over a 100 artists from Denmark as well as abroad, who easily take up an entire hall.

Here, you find everything from unique art of your favourite characters, original crafts, and the opportunity to commission the individual artists. The imagination is the only limit when it comes to our amazing artists!

Opening Hours

Friday: 16:00-22:00

Saturday: 10:00-22:00

Sunday: 10:00-16:00



Community Corner

If you continue along the hallway on the 1st floor, you will find our Community Corner, located at the old Artist Alley. Here, you can meet different clubs and organisations, celebrating Japanese hobbies and activities.

Forsamlingshuset

Forsamlingshuset is our second largest stage. Here, we always host our panels if we can get away with it. We also host our auction, fashion show, and anime dating game, as well as K-Pop dance and much more!

Dealer Room

The Dealer Room is a classic part of J-Popcon, where you can find everything the heart desires in merchandise from Japanese pop culture. With a broad variety of booths and vendors, you can find everything from figurines, posters, and snacks to music, plushies, and wigs. There is something for the eager collector, but also for you who just want small and cute everyday items or something for your sweet tooth.

J-Popcon takes great care to stop the sale of fake items, so-called bootlegs, on our premises, and we do everything we can to make sure that you only bring home original items. Please see page 14 for more information regarding bootlegs. We hope that you will enjoy all the things that the Dealer Room has to offer.

Opening Hours

Friday: 17:00-21:00

Saturday: 10:00-21:00

Sunday: 10:00-17:00

Food Court

Outside, we have once again made sure that you can taste different kinds of food from a variety of the Japanese restaurants located right here in Copenhagen. You are more than welcome to enjoy your delicious food outside or inside our lounge area at Øksnehallen, but it is not allowed to bring food with you inside the other indoor areas.

Opening Hours

Friday: 17:00-21:00

Saturday: 11:00-21:00

Sunday: 11:00-16:00

Øksnehallen

Øksnehallen is absolutely our biggest stage. Here, apart from panels and dance shows, you also find our amazing cosplay shows, where Denmark's fabulous cosplayers showcase their talent for costumes, performance, and craftsmanship on stage. Øksnehallen used to be closed off due to the many rehearsals taking place on stage, but we have now opened a new and improved bar and lounge area. Here, you can relax with a refreshment from our ØksBar, always ready to serve you.

Opening Hours

Friday: 12:00-23:00

Saturday: 10:00-23:00

Sunday: 10:00-18:00

Wardrobe

Did you just arrive with a big suitcase? Or did you buy a big box full of manga, or raid the auction for all its items? Are you unsure what to do with all of these goodies for you to enjoy J-Popcon 2021 unburdened? Come visit J-Popcon's wardrobe in Øksnehallen, where we stand ready to store and look after your luggage for free. We will give you a ticket, so you can come and collect your belongings when your day is over. We promise to take good care of it, but we must inform you that it's at your own risk.

Opening Hours

Friday: 12:00-20:00

Saturday: 10:00-20:00

Sunday: 10:00-18:00

Dormitories

J-Popcon's sleeping facilities can be found in Rysensteen Gymnasium, which is located right across from DGI-Byen. Accommodations will be in smaller rooms, so there will not be one giant dormitory. We still require consideration towards other guests, which means you must be quiet to avoid disturbing other guests. Entry to the dormitories is given with a dormitory ticket, but we ask that the area is only used for sleeping. Use of the facilities for anything other than sleeping will be referred to the lounge areas in the Dealer Room, Øksnehallen, and on the 1st and 2nd floor.

BOOTLEG

What are bootlegs?

Copies or reproductions of original merchandise made without the original company's consent are known as "bootlegs". Bootlegs are against the copyright and trademark protection laws. Bootlegs are made illegally, the creators of the anime or manga earn no money from the sales of bootlegs. Fan art is not considered bootlegs if the design is significantly different from the original design. Here we have made a list of precautions and things to check if you have any doubt whether a piece of merchandise is original or not.

In general

In general, if a piece of merchandise is badly made or seems to be of inferior quality, it is likely a bootleg. The same applies to things with missing copyright information. The copyright information must be located next to a © label. It should note the creator, the publisher, and the producer and should be placed on the item itself. If the packaging shows characters from more than one anime or manga, it is also a bootleg.

Bootleg posters

The copyright information should be printed on the front of the poster. If there is a number in the corner of the poster, e.g. 8143, it is a bootleg. If the print quality is low, for instance matte colours or thin paper, it is a bootleg. Please note that fan art is not considered bootleg as long as the design is clearly different from the original design.

How to spot bootleg plushies, T-shirts, and bags

The copyright information should be printed on the washing label.

Bootleg figurines

Copyright information should be printed on the figurine itself. If you know what the original figurine or its packaging looks like, you might be able to spot minor differences between the two. If this is the case, you are looking at a bootleg.

If the packaging contains a holographic sticker from the publisher, the figurine is an original, not a bootleg.

How to spot bootleg CDs

If the CD is published by Miya Records, it is definitely a bootleg. If there is no copyright information printed directly on the CD, or it doesn't contain the circled with a P in it followed by the production information, it is a bootleg.



FAKE



ORIGINAL



FRIDAY

A Case Study of *Guardian*: Adapting Danmei

Danmei, a term borrowed from the Japanese *tanbi*, is a genre — or popular phenomenon — depicting romantic affairs between young and beautiful men in comics and literature, targeting female readers. This presentation will focus on the 2018 dramatisation of *Guardian*, a web-based danmei novel, discussing how danmei as a genre undergoes the Chinese censorship on homosexuality in the public sphere, the strategies used to get by censorship, and lastly airing a dramatisation of said genre.

2nd floor, event 1, 18:30-19:15
In English

Crash Team Racing

Here is a little something for the Sony fans, who think that the orange bandicoot has petrol in his blood. Bring a friend and race amongst wood crates and dynamite!

Game Room, 21:30-23:00



Dance Off Till You Drop!

You read that right: Dance the night off until you drop! Are you ready to break a sweat or maybe just see how long you can do Caramelldansen to any type of beat? Who has the K-Pop choreographies down already and who can stay the longest on the dance floor? Join us for a night of dance!

Forsamlingshuset, 20:30-22:30

EXIT Demon Game

Spilbræt.dk has sponsored EXIT games for J-Popcon. These are escape room board games that can only be used once. We make six pods of six people who can try these games. Sign up in advance at Tabletop City on the day of the event with a maximum of 36 players.

2nd floor, event 2, 17:30-18:45

Gauntlet

Tabletop City hosts a Gauntlet every day during J-Popcon. You participate automatically by playing board games. If you win at a board game in the area, notify the Information desk and get it noted. The one with the most board game wins during the weekend wins our Gauntlet.

Tabletop City, 17:00-21:00

Homunculus Hunt

The seven homunculi are loose at J-Popcon and it is the task of the State Alchemist to catch them. Also, rumours tell that the Elric brothers are present. All rules for the event will be explained at the beginning of the event.

Notice that this event takes place over several hours during the weekend, but you will be able to attend J-Popcon while it is running.

2nd floor, event 3, 17:30-21:00

J-Fashion Show

J Fashion DK is hosting a fashion show with various styles of Japanese street fashion. So get inspired by all of the cute, dark, wild, and simple styles — there is something for every type!

Forsamlingshuset, 19:00-20:00

Karaoke

At Karaoke, you and your friends can sing to your heart's desire! You have the opportunity to choose private rooms or the classic open scene with an audience. The catalogue of songs is big enough for anyone to find something they can sing along to.

1st floor, event 3 & 4, 19:00-01:00

KeyForge and Chill

Tabletop City dedicates tables for everyone who wants to play KeyForge. You can borrow decks from us, bring your own, or buy one at location. It is a casual event and we continue playing until everyone is done or we close down.

Tabletop City, 19:00-21:00

Lounge by Night

After a brief intermission, our Lounge opens its doors up again, ready to party! They will still have the usual refreshments, but with an extra twist. The music will be stronger and the mood high, but the board games will still be available for those who want some friendly competition with each other.

So whether you just want to take a break with something nice to drink or be part of our exciting board games and events, stop by our Lounge and make the party even better!

Lounge (18+), 19:00-03:00



Magic: The Gathering: Cube Draft Kick-Off

Draft is a Magic: The Gathering tournament where you do not bring your own cards. Instead, you draft your deck. To draft means choosing the cards you want to play with as you go. Sign up in advance at Slice N Dice in Tabletop City. Please note, this is a pay-to-play event with a maximum of eight players.

Tabletop City, 18:00-19:00

Munchkin Tournament: Anniversary Event

Do you remember the all-nighters with Munchkin at J-Popcon back in Valby Kulturhus? To honour this memory, we are hosting this Munchkin tournament. All rules will be explained at the event. You can sign up in advance at Tabletop City with a maximum of 48 participants.

2nd floor, event 2, 19:00-22:00

Opening Ceremony

Watch the fabulous Opening Ceremony, where we welcome you to J-Popcon 2021. Here, you will hear about the exciting activities going on this weekend in DGI-byen, where we celebrate our 20th anniversary. The amazing dance group Fusion Dance Crew will open it all! We look forward to seeing you.

Øksnehallen, 17:00-18:00

Pathfinder RPG start

Pathfinder Society visits J-Popcon, bringing oriental medieval adventures with them. Pathfinder is a pen and paper roleplaying game where you and your companions are the protagonists of the story. Everyone is welcome.

Tabletop City, 17:30-18:30

Pokémon: Let's Go Meltan Box Distribution

Are you still playing Pokémon Go? Are you missing a Meltan? Then stop by the Game Room to get a Meltan Box. The only thing you need is a Pokémon that you are willing to trade for the box. Gotta catch 'em all, right?

Game Room, 21:00-22:00

Splatoon 2 Speedrun: Competition

Who is the fastest Squid Kid? Jump, shoot, and swim through one of our selected levels to get the fastest completion time. Every trick counts – and stay off the hook!

Game Room, 19:30-20:30

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate: Tournament

Easy to learn, hard to master, but everyone is welcome at our tournament! Even if you just want to watch Pikachu obliterate Mario and Peach.

Game Room, 17:30-19:30

Taiko no Tatsujin: Rhythm Game

We are bringing out the taiko drum as we take a trip to one of Japan's most popular arcade machines – just a miniature of the real thing. Fans of the Hatsune Miku rhythm games are more than welcome!

Game Room, 18:00-19:30

Team Challenge Introduction and Sign-Up

Do you want to do more than wander the Dealer Room for the 100th time? Do you want to meet new friends? Maybe you already have a group who need something fun to do? Then join Team Challenge, where we kick off the weekend with fun tasks and competitions as well as a prize for the winning team, of course! Here, you are introduced to it all and given the opportunity to sign up for the challenge.

2nd floor, event 4, 18:00-21:00

Screening of Introduction to the Way of Tea

With Mayo Cosplay - In English

The tea ceremony is one of Japan's cultural traditions based on Zen Buddhism. Here, the spirit in a quiet mind is appreciated by concentrating on using the tea, thereby reconsidering ourselves and strengthening our mind. A highly developed spiritual culture has matured through a bowl of powdered green tea. Watch this introduction video on the beauty of the tea ceremony.

2nd floor, event 1, 20:00-20:30

Werewolf

Join us for a night of fun and mystery. At day, all seems well in your village, but everything changes at nightfall. On the outside, it's a simple village and you are its citizen, but nothing is what it seems and you only know one thing for certain: You can only trust yourself. Now, you have to figure out who amongst your friends you can trust, but be careful. One of them might just be a werewolf.

2nd floor, event 1, 2, & 3, 22:00-00:00



SATURDAY

Aikido Show

Join the Copenhagen Aikido Dojo for an hour and a half of fun where they will both demonstrate Aikido as well as let you try it yourself!

Forsamlingshuset, 13:00-14:30

Anime Dating Game

Have you ever considered what would happen if Venti from Genshin Impact and Eren Jaeger from Attack on Titan went on a date? It sounds impossible, but everything can happen at J-Popcon's Anime Dating Game! Fear not if you arrive without cosplay, because we will do a few rounds just for you with characters prepared.

Forsamlingshuset, 11:00-12:30

Anime Quiz: Emoji Edition

It only takes three things to participate in the quiz: Know a lot of anime, be able to decode emojis, and guess well under pressure. If you are ready for that, then challenge your friends in categories such as Shōnen Protagonist or Old School Shōjo, where all answers are written as emojis.

2nd floor, event 1, 17:30-18:30

Auction

As usual, the auction will take place with 150 different items on sale. If you have seen something you want in the catalogue available on the website, or if you just want to take a look, feel free to drop by and make a bid.

Forsamlingshuset, 15:00-17:30

Crafting for Beginners: Make Your Own Throwing Star

Have you ever wanted a shuriken like the ones used in Naruto? Well, now is your chance to make one yourself! Get the chance to make your own shuriken from foam. With a maximum of 15 people.

2nd floor, event 1, 13:00-14:00

Danish Cosplay Championship

See the description on page 34.

Øksnehallen, 19:30-20:45

Danish Cosplay Championship Award Ceremony

Øksnehallen, 21:15-21:45

Forbidden K-Pop

Did you know that some K-Pop videos are simply too much for Korean TV? It can be the lyrics, the hair, or the hip movements that trigger censorship. Stop by to see a selection of the forbidden videos, and guess why they were not allowed on television.

2nd floor, event 1, 10:00-11:00

Fusion Dance Crew

Fusion Dance Crew are here to dance at J-Popcon 2021! Look forward to being blown away by their amazing show!

Maid Café, 14:00-14:15

Gauntlet

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Tabletop City 10:00-21:00

Gauntlet: Double Up!

In our Gauntlet: Double Up! event, you double your points for our Gauntlet when you win a board game.

Tabletop City, 17:30-19:30

Get Started at

Dungeons & Dragons

Learn the basics to play Dungeons & Dragons and how to make your own character.

2nd floor, event 1, 16:00-17:00

Hatsune Miku: Project DIVA Megamix Tournament

Hatsune Miku is back with her newest game for the popular Nintendo Switch! Duel with other superfans to get the highest score and bring that score along into the finale to become this year's best Hatsune Miku Diva! The stage – and the world – is yours!

Game Room, 12:00-14:00



MERRYWEATHER

Webcomic artist Merryweather is visiting J-Popcon 2021! Merry is known for nine different webcomics such as *Internet Explorer* and *Stalker x Stalker*. With his 1,2 million subscribers, Merry is delighted to be able to participate in conventions to meet his fans.

You can find him in our Artist Alley, where he sells a lot of merchandise from his popular series.

Homunculus Hunt

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2nd floor, event 2, 10:00-21:00
(Introduction 10:00 & 15:30)

Japanese for Beginners and Curious Souls

Do you want to learn some basic Japanese phrases and words? Then join this chill class for beginners. With a maximum of 20-25 participants.

2nd floor, event 1, 14:30-15:30

Karaoke

At Karaoke, you and your friends can sing to your heart's desire! You have the opportunity to choose private rooms or the classic open scene with an audience. The catalogue of songs is big enough for anyone to find something they can sing along to.

1st floor, event 3 & 4, 10:00-02:00

KeyForge League Hour

We have established a KeyForge League! Attend one of our League Hours at Tabletop City and find an opponent to play against. Depending on how you do, you might win a prize! Bring your own deck or borrow one from J-Popcon.

2nd floor, event 3, 12:00-13:00, 15:00-16:00, 20:00-21:00

K-Pop Dance Class

Do you want to relax with the music and learn one of the K-Pop choreographies? Then this is your chance! You will be guided through the whole routine from scratch and everyone is welcome.

2nd floor, event 4, 16:30-17:30

K-Pop Dance Workshop

Laya Dance Duo is back, full of energy, ready with another lesson for you K-Pop fans out there! If you want to feel ready for the K-Pop Random Play Dance event later or just want to learn some moves, come and have some fun with us!

2nd floor, event 4, 11:00-12:30

K-Pop Random Play Dance

Fusion Dance Crew has prepared a phenomenal playlist for a round of K-Pop Random Play Dance for you to look forward to! Even if you do not know any of the songs, it will surely be fun to come and watch as all the K-Pop stans destroy the dance floor!

Forsamlingshuset, 17:30-19:30

Lounge By Night

After a brief intermission, our Lounge opens up its doors again, ready to party! They will still have the usual refreshments, but with an extra twist. The music will be stronger and the mood high, but the board games will still be available for those who want some friendly competition with each other.

So whether you just want to take a break with something nice to drink or be part of our exciting board games and events, stop by our Lounge and make the party even better!

Lounge (18+), 19:00-03:00

Magic: The Gathering: Draft

We are drafting Magic: The Gathering. The entry fee will be 110 DKK and you get to keep your drafted cards afterwards. With a maximum of 16 players.

Tabletop City, 11:30-17:30

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe: Tournament

Fasten your seatbelt and get ready for an action packed round of Mario Kart 8! Get comfortable behind the seat and throw all the shells that your heart desires or simply watch the game unfold.

Game Room, 11:00-13:00

Merryweather: Panel

Merryweather is a webcomic writer who works together with a group of artists from all around the world. In this panel, Merry tells us about his journey to become a comic author and shares how he grew on social media.

2nd floor, event 4, 18:00-19:00

Meet & Greet: Board Game Play

Stop by and get to know new people, as we combine Meet & Greet with board games. Sign up at Tabletop City from 10:00 and then get paired up with others for fun board games at the event.

Tabletop City, 10:00 & 12:00-15:00



Mortal Kombat II (Amiga): Tournament

This year, we are proud to have Spir with us to show off some Amiga games and host a legendary Mortal Kombat II tournament! Spir will also tell us about how to play Amiga, Atari, Commodore64, and DOS in 2021. Come and relive a blast from the past!

Game Room, 18:00-19:30

Pathfinder RPG start

Pathfinder Society visits J-Popcon, bringing oriental medieval adventures with them. Pathfinder is a pen and paper roleplaying game where you and your companions are the protagonists of the story. Everyone is welcome.

Tabletop City, 10:00-11:00, 16:30-17:30

Pokémon: Let's Go Meltan Box Distribution

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Game Room, 11:30-12:30 & 19:30-20:30

Roleplay Etiquette

Have you just formed a new roleplaying group, but are you not sure where to start? Have you ever heard of the concept "session zero" before? If not, this is the perfect workshop for you. Here, you will get some tips and tricks for your roleplay etiquette while you play as the Knights of the Round Table.

2nd floor, event 1, 11:30-12:30

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate: Tournament

Easy to learn, hard to master, but everyone is welcome at our tournament! Even if you just want to watch Pikachu obliterate Mario and Peach.

Game Room, 15:00-17:00

Team Challenge: Anime Quiz (only for registered)

2nd floor, event 4, 13:30-16:00

Tekken 7: Tournament

What is there even to say? Tekken 7 is a world renowned fighting game, where it is just as intense to watch the game on the big screen as it is to have the controller in hand.

Game Room, 21:00-23:00

The Mind Team Tournament: Preliminaries and Finale

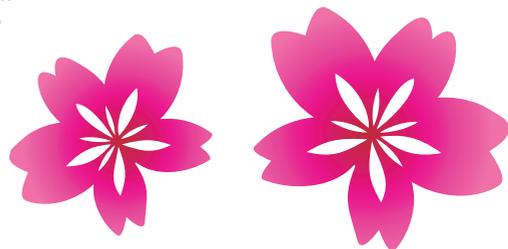
Form a team and participate in our team tournament in The Mind. Cooperate to make it furthest possible in the game in 10 minutes. The four teams with the best results go into the finale – with a twist.

2nd floor, event 2, 20:00-22:00

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament: Casual

Join our beginners tournament, where everyone participates with a new structure deck. Whether you are experienced or new, you can join!

2nd floor, event 2, 10:30-16:00



SUNDAY

Astro Bears

Imagine playing Snake in 3D, but with teddy bears. That is the most accurate description of Astro Bears you will get! Grab a friend by the paw and try to win the weirdest tournament in all of space!

Game Room, 12:00-13:00

Closing Ceremony

Come and watch the Closing Ceremony, where we look back at the events that took place during the weekend and thank each other for this year's J-Popcon. The fabulous dance crew CODE9 will set the tone for this year's goodbye.

Øksnehallen, 16:00-17:00

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2nd floor, event 2, 12:00-15:00

How to Train Your Cosplay Beards

With Dudus Arrrt - In English

When cosplaying, sometimes you encounter a character with facial hair. This can vary from a stubble through a goatee to a floor sweeping beard monster. If you cannot or do not want to grow hair on your face yourself, rest assured, there are multiple ways to make fake ones. Dudus Arrrt will show you her favourite techniques that could help you on your lost way!

2nd floor, event 1, 11:00-12:00

Introduction to Pokémon & Pokémon Build Day

Asmondee Nordic is sponsoring our Pokémon Trading event. Come and get a promotional package, trade cards, or get an introduction game to Pokémon. Everyone is welcome.

2nd floor, event 3, 12:00-15:00

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure: All Star Battle

Choose the most flamboyant and muscular character to duke it out throughout the Joestar bloodline in this classic 1v1 fighting game based on the smash hit manga!

Game Room, 15:00-16:00

J-Popcon's Cosplay Craftsmanship Competition

See the description on page 34.

Øksnehallen, 15:00-16:00

J-Popcon's Cosplay Show

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1st floor, event 3 & 4, 10:00-16:00

Magic: The Gathering: Cube Draft Kick-Off

Draft is a Magic: The Gathering tournament where you do not bring your own cards. Instead, you draft your deck. To draft means choosing the cards you want to play with as you go. Sign up in advance at Slice N Dice in Tabletop City.

Please note, this is a pay-to-play event with a maximum of eight players.

Tabletop City, 11:00-12:00

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Game Room, 10:30-12:30

Photo Locations

With Shiroku - In English

Finding the perfect photo location for your next photoshoot can be very challenging. Here, you will learn about different possibilities to find your dream location and get some tips and tricks for your next search.

2nd floor, event 1, 12:30-13:30

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Game Room, 14:00-15:00

Ring Fit Adventure Rhythm Game: Competition

Ring Fit Adventure is mostly known as an exercise game that really gets the sweat flowing, but today we are taking a break from the exercise to play a rhythm mini game instead – where you are also going to sweat!

Game Room, 10:30-11:30

Screening of Tales of Alethrion

Tales of Alethrion is a fantasy web series known from YouTube and here you have the opportunity to watch the newest and most epic season for its big-screen debut. Join the adventure in the world of *Tales of Alethrion* and meet the team behind the films. Director Mikkel Mainz will show secrets and not previously seen designs and teasers, along with the adventure game that they are working on currently.

Øksnehallen, 14:00-15:00

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Game Room, 13:00-15:00

Team Challenge: Quiz About J-Popcon and Ending

2nd floor, event 4, 11:30-15:00

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament: Advance

Are you the best Yu-Gi-Oh! player? Bring your deck to this tournament and prove this against other players. There will be prizes for the best!

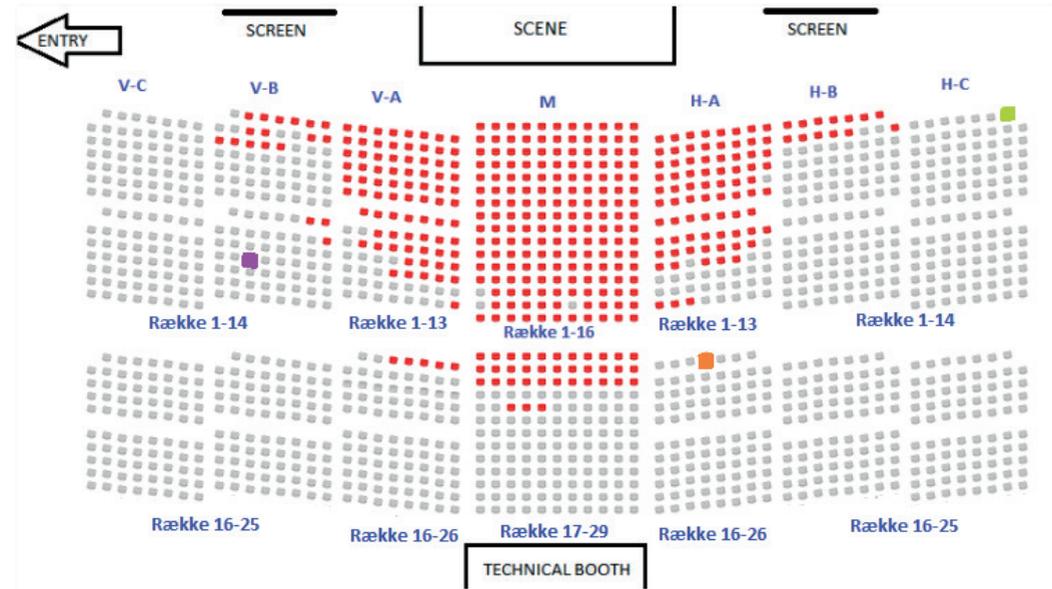
2nd floor, event 2, 10:30-16:00



PROGRAMME SUNDAY

	Øksnehallen	Forsamlingshuset	1st floor event 3+4+5	2nd floor event 1	2nd floor event 2	2nd floor event 3	2nd floor event 4	Game Room	Tabletop City	Other
10:00			Karaoke						Gauntlet	
15				How to Train Your Cosplay Beards	Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament: Advance			Ring Fit: Competition		
30								Mario Kart 8 Deluxe: Tournament	Magic: The Gathering: Cube Draft Kick-Off	
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INFORMATION ABOUT SEATS FOR DCC



The chairs are placed in blocks as seen on the picture. In the middle block, the rows are called M with 29 rows in total.

To the left, the chairs closest to the entrance and the lounge area, the rows are called V-A, V-B, and V-C, where A is the “block” closest to the middle and C is the “block” furthest away from the middle with 25-26 rows in total.

To the right, the chairs closest to the backstage area, the rows are called H-A, H-B, and H-C, where A is closest to the middle and C is furthest away from the middle, with 25-26 rows in total as well.

On the side wings, the numbers go across the A-B-C blocks, meaning that **the green seat is Row H-C1 seat 22**, **the purple seat is Row V-B11 seat 249**, and **the orange seat is Row H-A16 seat 327**.

When people are finding a place to sit, there will be a map on the screen where you can see which seats are free (**the red ones are taken**). There will also be numbers placed on the taken chairs, so those without numbers are free (please note that numbers can fall off by mistake).

COSPLAY SHOWS

Danish Cosplay Championship

Øksnehallen
Saturday 19:30 – 20:45

Danish Cosplay Championship (DCC) is the first of the three cosplay shows hosted at J-Popcon. At DCC, the Danish representatives for four of the biggest international cosplay competitions will be chosen: World Cosplay Summit in Japan, European Cosplay Gathering in France, Clara Cow's Cosplay Cup in the Netherlands, and Nordic Cosplay Championship in Sweden.

Come watch the contestants on the stage in their incredibly beautiful costumes and experience their impressive and eye-catching performances, which all the contestants have spent months preparing.

J-Popcon's Cosplay Show

Øksnehallen
Sunday 15:00 – 15:30

J-Popcon's Cosplay Show is our traditional show, which dates back to before J-Popcon started hosting the international qualifiers. In J-Popcon's Cosplay Show, we focus on having a good time while we share our passion for cosplay.

J-Popcon Cosplay Craft Competition

Øksnehallen
Sunday 15:30-16:00

This year, J-Popcon will once again be hosting a craftsmanship competition. Here, the participants will show off the artistry and craftsmanship that went into their costumes without performing an act. You can look forward to seeing the many beautiful costumes presented in a full-blown fashion show.



International qualifications

World Cosplay Summit (WCS) is one of the world's biggest cosplay events with a cosplay championship. Cosplayers from 36 countries and regions all over the world meet in Nagoya, Japan at the beginning of August, where they participate in a number of cultural activities besides the final round of the championship.

European Cosplay Gathering (ECG) is the biggest cosplay championship in Europe, where cosplayers from 15 countries compete in both solo and group categories during the big finale at Japan Expo in Paris, France. The competition's primary focus is the visually beautiful and impressive acts.

Clara Cow's Cosplay Cup (C4) is a group qualification with a higher focus on the act itself. The competition takes place during AnimeCon Classic in the Netherlands, where groups from 19 countries compete for the grand prize.

The main goal with the **Nordic Cosplay Championship (NCC)** is to raise the bar of quality for cosplay at events everywhere. It has traditionally been Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland in the competition, as the Nordic part of the name implies, but recently Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania joined as well. Focus is equally on craftsmanship and acting. It takes place at NärCon in Linköping, Sweden.

SATURDAY JUDGES



Shiroku

Nationality: Fake German potato with rice inside
Pronouns: She/her
Occupation: Singer (Shiroku on Spotify)
Has cosplayed for 14 years.

 facebook.com/Shiroku.de

 @shirokuchan



Mayo Cosplay

Nationality: Swedish
Pronouns: She/her
Occupation: Gallery manager
Has cosplayed for about 12 years.

 facebook.com/mayochancosplay

 @bajamayo

 mayocosplay



Dudus Arrrt

Nationality: Hungarian
Pronouns: She/her
Occupation: Customer service, event organiser
Has cosplayed for 16 years.

 facebook.dk/dudusarrrt

 @dudus.rrrt

 DudusArrrt

SUNDAY JUDGES



REEF Cosplay

Nationality: Danish
Pronouns: She/her
Occupation: Sales assistant in 7-Eleven
Has cosplayed for 9½ years.

 facebook.com/REEFcosplay

 @reefcos

Amaris Cosplay

Nationality: Danish
Pronouns: They/them
Occupation: Currently taking a break from studying
Has cosplayed for 9 years.

 @newnordicnoodle



The Ivanhoe Show

Nationality: Danish
Pronouns: He/him
Occupation: Substitute teacher
Has cosplayed for 9 years.

 facebook.com/theivanhoeshow

 @theivanhoeshow





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