

SHONEN

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THE CONVENTION CABARET

WHAT IS “SHONEN SHOWTUNES”?

- **Shonen Showtunes** is a collection of convention events and online media that gives anime and video game voice actors a chance to discuss and revisit their roots in theatre.
- Convention events include the **Shonen Showtunes Convention Cabaret** and **Shonen Showtunes: The Panel**.
- Online media includes the **Shonen Showtunes Interview Series** on YouTube.

WHAT IS “THE CONVENTION CABARET”?

- In its ideal form, the “Shonen Showtunes Convention Cabaret” is a Friday or Saturday evening performance showcase featuring theatrical pieces performed by the convention’s guest voice actors.
- Typically, voice actor entertainment at conventions is limited to Q&As and autograph signings. This concert would give the actors an opportunity to share their trained talents with their fans.
- This unique event will make convention experiences more enticing and enjoyable for both voice actors and fans alike!

WHO IS THE CONVENTION CABARET FOR?

● Voice Actors:

- ▶ An exciting change of pace from another everyday Q&A, voice actors will have the opportunity to not only share their talents with fans, but to use their stage training and skills that they may not have the chance to formally put into practice between recording & traveling to conventions.

● Audience:

- ▶ It's also an exciting change of pace for attendees! Rather than hearing answers to questions they may have already heard, the voices of their favorite characters are *performing live!*
- ▶ For the more introverted attendees who may want a compelling but controlled evening as opposed to raving or partying, this is the event for them!
- ▶ There is a *large* overlap between anime/video game fans and theatre fans. Any crossover event is sure to provide a new and unique experience!

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN AN IDEAL SHOW?

- Hosted/Emceed by Lexi, actors perform their pieces individually and discuss why they chose the piece they chose.
 - ▶ These could include a go-to audition song or monologue, song or scene from a dream role, a duet, any piece they would really enjoy performing
 - ▶ Actors could choose a piece they would use to audition for one of their anime characters if that anime were a stage show
 - ▶ This is **NOT** to be presented as the character they voice performing the piece, but rather *the actor performing a theatre piece that they believe would fit the character.*
- If time allows, actors may select an additional piece to perform.

WHEN WOULD “SHONEN SHOWTUNES” TAKE PLACE?

- Ideally, “Shonen Showtunes” would be a main stage/larger ballroom event on either Friday or Saturday evening, depending on the actors’ schedules for each convention.
 - ▶ This event could eventually be ticketed if demand calls, providing an extra source of revenue for the convention.
 - ▶ The event could also feature a bar, and additional special drink tickets could be sold to attendees over 21.
- Photo ops with the cast and merchandise sales after the concert are options in which the convention *and* the actors could monetarily benefit.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CON?

- Ballroom with raised stage
- At least two chairs onstage
- Two microphones and 1-2 backups
- Access to video/audio system with HDMI hookups
- Reliable internet or cell service
- At least 15 minutes before the show for soundcheck and tech test

WHAT INFORMATION GOES IN THE PROGRAM?

◎ Title:

- ▶ *Shonen Showtunes: The Convention Cabaret*

◎ Short Description:

- ▶ *“Join the voices of your favorite anime and video game characters as they perform some of their most beloved theatrical pieces!”*

◎ Long Description:

- ▶ *“Shonen Showtunes: The Convention Cabaret is a showcase that features the convention’s guest voice actor talent performing some of their favorite pieces from their theatrical repertoire! Join us for an evening of exciting storytelling, moving performances, and of course, **showtunes!**”*

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YOUR TIME!**

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