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**DOVER
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2025

**Registration
is early for the
costume contests!**
**Be sure to do it
first!**

Kids Showcase Registration
10:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.

Adult Registration
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you are planning to enter the
Kids Showcase Costume Contest (ages 12 & under)
or the **Dover Con Cosplay Contest** (13 & up),
please visit the Costume/Cosplay Contest Registration Booth
located next to the Dover Con State Street Stage on The Green,
State Street.

Kids Costume Contest is limited to 30 entrants, DC Cosplay
Contest to 60 entrants, and Groups to 10 entrants.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Absolutely no fire, liquids, toxic substances,
or anything that may cause danger to
yourself or others. This includes all real
weapons AND stage weapons (swords,
guns, bows, etc.).

COSTUMES WITH WEAPONS

No functional weapons are allowed at Dover Con.
Simulated or costume weapons (FOAM, PLASTIC,
OR CARDBOARD ONLY) are allowed as a part of your
costume, subject to approval by staff. Projectile
costume weapons must be rendered inoperable.

Dover Con promotes cospositivity. Everyone is welcome to cosplay, geek out, and share their love of their
favorite fandom. Please be respectful of everyone and remember cosplay means different things to different
people. Dover Con will not tolerate harassment of any kind, verbal or physical, including stalking, deliberate
intimidation, unwelcome physical attention, physical assault or battery. Remember cosplay does not equal
consent. There will be a lot of amazing costumes and cosplayers, please be respectful of each other and
always ask if you would like to take a guest's photo.

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Con as well as potential legal action.

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EXHIBITORS

Please remember to ask our exhibitors if you are allowed to take photos of their booth or art. If you love the art, support the artist by purchasing their work.

DISCLAIMER

Attendance is subject to the rules and regulations of Dover Con. An attendee may be ejected from the festival for disorderly conduct, a violation of the law or policy, or at the sole discretion of a Dover Con official.

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The Daily State News would like to thank the City of Dover, the Dover Public Library, State of Delaware, the Biggs Museum of American Art, Delaware Historical & Cultural Affairs, First State Heritage Park, Visit Central Delaware – Kent County Tourism, Red Bandana and TKO Productions for all of their help and support of this event. We would also like to thank the Dover Police Department & Cadets, DelDOT, and these City of Dover Departments: Planning & Inspections, Fire Marshal, Public Works, Public Affairs & Emergency Management, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, the Mayor's office, and the City Manager's office for their support of Dover Con.

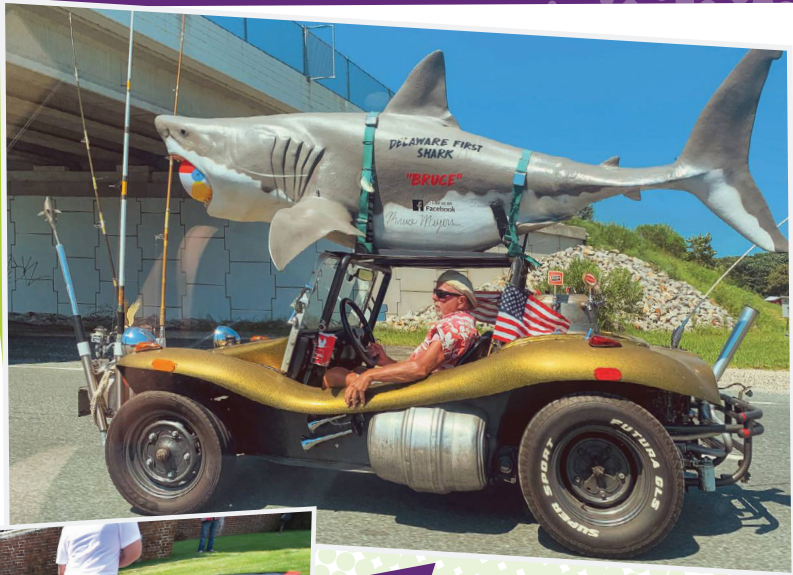
In addition, we would like to thank the many volunteers and workers who put a lot of time and effort into making this a successful event. They are all wearing "STAFF" badges, so be sure to thank them if you see them while you are visiting Dover Con.

POP-CULTURE CARS

Loockerman Street

across from
the Dover Public Library

Check out these classic replicas
from your favorite movies and TV
shows – old and new.



SCHEDULE

AT A GLANCE

DOVER
CON
2025

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 **ALL DAY ACTIVITIES**

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Outdoor Vendor Market & Food Trucks Open

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The John Bell House School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
John Bell House on The Green, State Street

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Small Town Gaming hosts: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Competition
Biggs Museum of American Art

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Delaware Anime Society Fandom Scavenger Hunt
Dover Public Library

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Otaku Outpost Anime Videos hosted by Delaware Anime Society
Dover Public Library

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Face Painting by Christy Shaffer
Dover Public Library

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Kids Showcase: Costume Contest
Ages 0-12 *Registration Open*
(contest at 12 p.m.)
on The Green, State Street

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dover Con Cosplay Contest
Ages 13+ *Registration Open*
(contest at 1:30 p.m.)
on The Green, State Street

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

501st Legion First State Garrison and Rebel Legion: Ghost Base
Star Wars exhibit with costumed characters and droids
Dover Public Library

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

First State Flippers Pinball Tournament Qualifications
Wesley United Methodist Church, Lookerman Street

11 a.m.

The Ages of Comic Books
Presented by Mike Boyd
The Old State House on The Green, State Street

11 a.m.

Padawan Training Institute – Saber Guild – Malachor Temple
Wesley United Methodist Church, Lookerman Street

12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Pursuit for Peace Princesses
Dover Public Library

11 a.m.

Panelist Discussions - The History of Marvel Comics: Mike Boyd at the Old State House, on The Green



12 p.m.

Kids Showcase:

Costume Contest Ages 0-12

Awards immediately follow

Stage on The Green, State Street

12 p.m.

Adults Training – Saber Guild –

Malachor Temple

Wesley United Methodist Church,

Loockerman Street

1 p.m.

Panelist Discussions - The Cult

Classic Movie “The Room” discussed

by actor Philip Haldiman at the Old

State House, on The Green

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Dover Con Cosplay Contest

Ages 13+

Stage on The Green, State Street

2 p.m.

Padawan Training Institute – Saber

Guild – Malachor Temple

Wesley United Methodist Church,

Loockerman Street

3 p.m.

Adults Training – Saber Guild –

Malachor Temple

Wesley United Methodist Church,

Loockerman Street

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

First State Flippers Pinball

Tournament Finals

Wesley United Methodist Church,

Loockerman Street



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3:45 p.m.

Dynamite Championship Wrestling –

Live Wrestling Match


Legislative Mall

3:30 – 4 p.m.

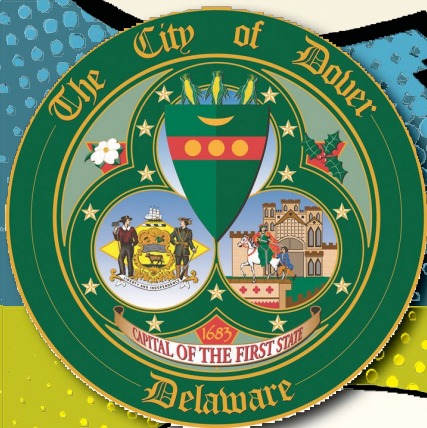
Costume Contest and Cosplay

Contest Award Ceremony

Stage on The Green, State Street



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PANELIST DISCUSSIONS



Saving Delaware History

at the Old State House, on The Green



11:00 a.m.

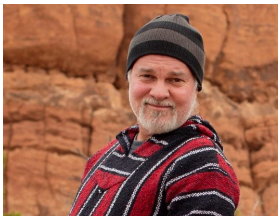
The History of Marvel Comics: Mike Boyd

Love the Marvel Universe and all things comics? Discover the fascinating history of Marvel Comics with a former AP English teacher as your guide!

1:00 p.m.

The Cult Classic Movie “The Room” discussed by actor Philip Haldiman

The cult classic *The Room* is a 2003 American independent romantic drama written, directed, produced by, and starring Tommy Wiseau. Philip Haldiman, who played Denny in the film, will share behind-the-scenes stories from the set, insights into the making of *The Room*, and highlights from his broader acting career. He will also be showcasing his comic book, which will be available at Dover Con.



SMALL-TOWN-GAMING

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Competition



SMALL TOWN GAMING



RULES FOR THE EVENT

Tournament Play

Double Elimination

3 Character Stocks

7 Minute Timer

No Items

Match-ups will be Best of 3 Games
until Semi-Final Rounds

Semi-Final Rounds and on will
compete as Best of 5 Games

Small Town Gaming, a Delaware company that focuses on bringing Esports to the Delmarva peninsula, will be doing their part to help make Dover Con 2025 the most memorable geek experience yet! STG will be hosting a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Competition in the Biggs Museum of American Art from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.! But get there early because pre-registration starts at 10 a.m. and this event will be capped at 32 players!

This event will be Free Entry with the Top 6 players live streamed on our "SmallTownGamingTV" Twitch Channel! Trophies and Medals will be awarded to Top Places! So come on out for a day of fun and see how you stack up against the local best!

Stage Lists

Battlefield

Final Destination

Smashville

Town & City

Pokemon Stadium 2

Counter Picks:

Kalos League

Yoshi's Story

Small Battlefield

BIGGS
MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

If you would like to learn more about upcoming events or Small Town Gaming Entertainment, check them out on Facebook @SmallTownGamingDE or online at smalltowngaming.com.

FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK



JOHN BELL HOUSE SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

John Bell House on The Green

We are pleased to inform you that you are cordially invited to attend the John Bell School of Witchcraft and Wizardry on June 8, during Dover Con! Be transported back in time to learn about the history of magic, partake in some magical Colonial crafts, and even take home some new wizarding skills of your own. Classes include Herbology, Potions, and even Transfiguration! This event is for all ages. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to partake in various activities throughout the day. This program is FREE to the public.

Dover Con offers respite for growing autistic population by hosting a sensory room at the Schwartz Center for the Arts

By Mike Finney
Daily State News

Everybody deserves the chance to go to an event such as Dover Con 2025 and discover other people with a similar affinity toward fun things.

That is why Dover Con officials decided to team up with Autism Delaware to create safe spaces for guests on the autism spectrum at this year's festival in downtown Dover on June 14 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The safe zone for both kids and adults on the spectrum will be located on the third floor of the Schwartz Center of the Arts at 226 S. State St., just a block away from the main attractions at the upcoming festival.

It will offer a chance to soak in a personal oasis and respite for a population that might feel overwhelmed by everything that is happening around them.

"I'm hoping that it really encourages people with autistic kids to come out and know there's a place where they can kind of decompress for a little while," said Jessica Cook, Dover Con's event manager for the Daily State News.

The event manager stressed, "It's a nice big space and they're going to have areas where there will be cartoons, quiet areas and comfy areas. It's just going to be a reserved area that would be good for families to just chill out, and there's also going to be one room that's more intense for those who need it."

Dover Con is a free, family-friendly, indoor/outdoor pop-culture festival with more than a

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hundred vendors, artists and artisans, authors, a cosplay competition, fan groups, pop-culture cars, food vendors, and panel discussions throughout the day.

So, there will obviously be a lot to be absorbed by all the attendees.

Dan Getman, director of development for Autism Delaware, appreciates the recognition by Dover Con for the community that he works for on a daily basis.

“I think it’s great because our community does align pretty well with the role-playing games and the comics and all the other stuff, so I think from an event’s standpoint, I think it’s a perfect sort-of alignment,” Mr. Getman said.

Sensory rooms usually provide muted lighting, sound, and comfortable seating for a quiet break from the crowds and noise.

“These spaces are really vital at all these events, but it’s really important for us to create that safe space at these really large-scale events so that our families that we serve can take part and to have the same opportunity as everyone else,” Getman said. “There’s definitely better awareness now than in year’s past. Something that we obviously strive for is to get the message out to people.

It just makes sense to make events inclusive to all people.

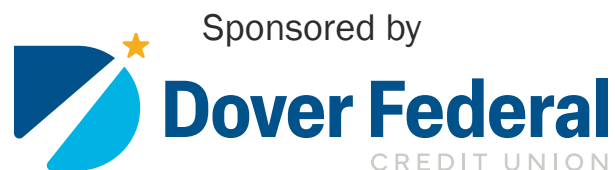


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SCAVENGER HUNT



Dover Con 2025 is introducing the inaugural Dover Con Scavenger Hunt—a fun and interactive experience designed to engage attendees of all ages during this highly anticipated community event. This new opportunity is exclusively sponsored by Dover Federal Credit Union and includes prizes! Look for clues throughout the venue and use your phone to play for your chance to win! This is your chance to explore the entire event footprint and see everything Dover Con has to offer. Don’t miss it!



DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Face Painting Dover Public Library 1st Floor – Lobby 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Christy Shaffer

Christy Shaffer is a professional face painter back by popular demand to Dover Con. No costume or mask? No problem! Stop by and get your face painted for a small fee during the event. Christy Shaffer has been illustrating and writing children's books for more than 20 years and has more than 40 books to her credit. Her primary publisher has been Dover Publications Inc., New York, for whom she has created a variety of memorable characters, including unicorns, carousel horses, dinosaurs, and fairies. She is also well known on the local art scene, giving talks to young illustrators at libraries and schools, and participating in a dozen or more art shows and events each year.

Pursuit for Peace Princesses Dover Public Library 1st Floor – Children's Room

12 P.M. to 3 P.M.

The "Princesses," as they are known to many, are the ultimate photo-op for young and old. Pursuit for Peace is a non-profit organization that exists to bring joy to children and families that are battling medical vulnerabilities. They visit hospitals, facilities, and various non-profits in the local area dressed as different all-time favorite characters. Come to the Children's Room on the first floor for your chance to meet your favorite Princess!



DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Star Wars Exhibit Dover Public Library 1st Floor – Meeting Room C

10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

**501st Legion: First State Garrison,
Rebel Legion: Ghost Base, Mando's
Merces**

The Force will definitely be with us at Dover Con! DC is excited to host the First State Garrison, Delaware's representation of the 501st Legion, Rebel Legion: Ghost Base, and Mando's Merces for this year's event. These groups of Star Wars fans look to bring together their love of the galaxy far, far away with a desire to support their local communities. At Dover Con they will have an exhibit showing costumes, interactive droids, props, and favorite characters for the ultimate Star Wars photo-op.

Games Galore Dover Public Library, 2nd floor – Capitol Room

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

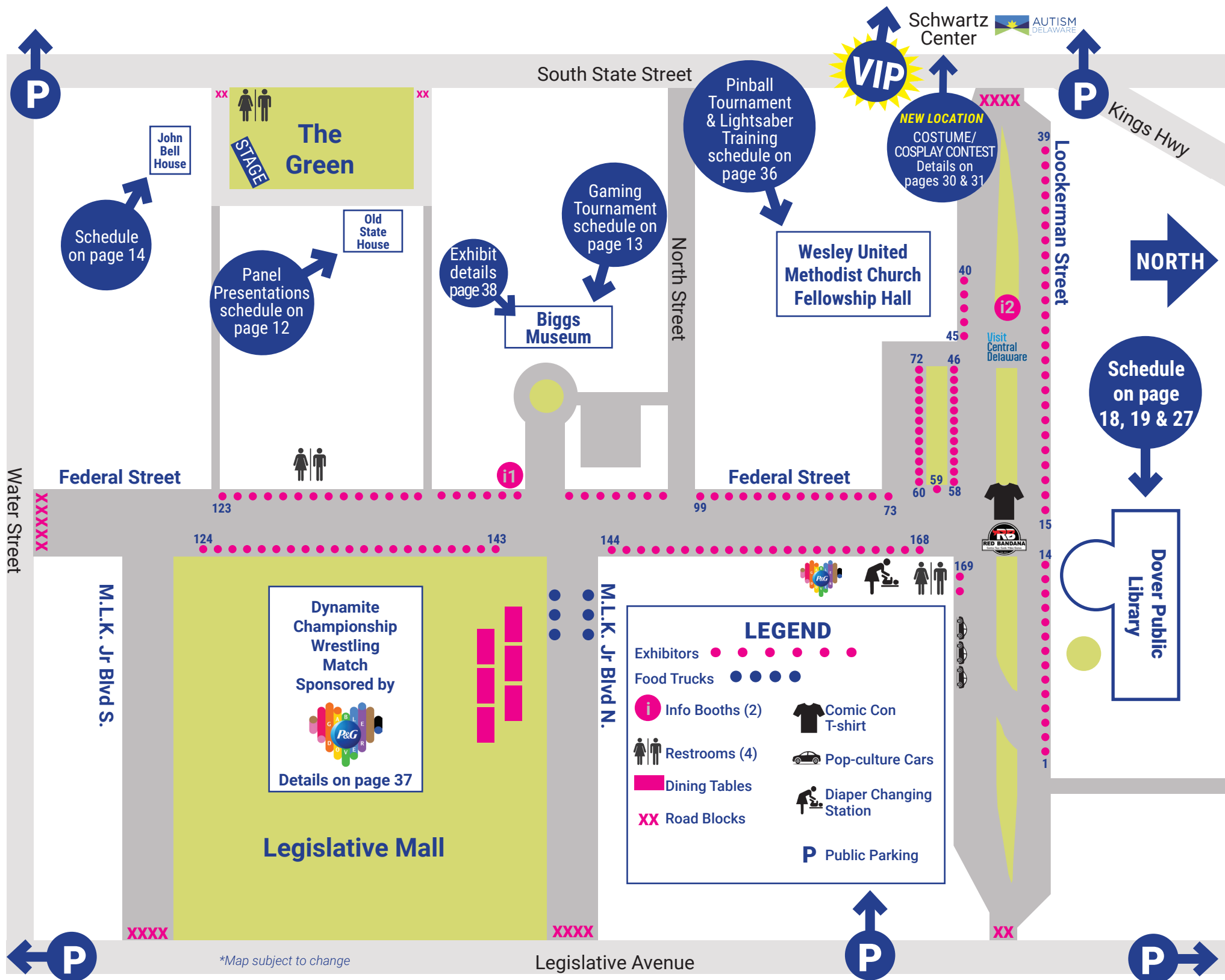
Need to sit for a bit? Dover Public Library will have board games galore on the second floor. Stop in for family-friendly board games in the Capitol Room, overlooking the festivities on Lookerman Street



Delaware Anime Society: Otaku Outpost Dover Public Library, 3rd floor

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The Delaware Anime Society will be in the Teen Loft with an information table, scavenger hunt, and anime film screenings. The Delaware Anime Society is for those with an interest in Japanese anime, gaming, costuming, manga, music and pop culture to meet with like-minded people.



DOVER CON

The Daily State News wants everyone to have the best time possible.

If you need assistance, please visit an Information Booth located throughout the event or look for a person in Dover Con T-shirt with a "STAFF" badge. Dover Con is a rain or shine event. Please remember that scheduled programs and appearances are subject to change.

PUBLIC PARKING

- Please use this map as a guide for parking.
- Public parking is allowed in the following lots:
 - Delaware Natural Resources & Environmental Control lot (north end of Legislative Avenue past Lookerman Street)
 - Kent County Courthouse lot (Water Street between State & Governors)
 - Tatnall building lot (Water Street at Legislative Avenue)
 - Townsend building lot (Legislative Avenue between North MLK Blvd. and Lookerman Street)
 - Welcome Center/Public Archives Lot (MLK Blvd. North, east of Legislative Avenue)
 - along with any available on-street parking and City of Dover lots not marked "Vendors Only."
- NOTE: Parking time limits and City of Dover/State of Delaware permit requirements are NOT enforced on weekends. Do not park in PRIVATE parking lots.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

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OTAKU OUTPOST

VIDEO ROOM: Dover Public Library 3RD Floor Teen Loft **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Love Anime? Come to Dover Con's very own anime fan hangout, Otaku Outpost, sponsored by the Delaware Anime Society! Located on the 3rd floor of the Dover Public Library (Teen Loft), we'll be showing a mix of new and classic anime all day long!

DAS FANDOM SCAVENGER HUNT Dover Public Library 3RD Floor Teen Loft (Otaku Outpost) **10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Are you a Comic Con Master? Think you have what it takes to find all the items on our list and want to win a cool prize? Then sign up for the DAS Fandom Photo Scavenger hunt! Forms will be available from 10AM-3PM in the Otaku Outpost, with deadline for completion and turn in at 3:30PM.

2025 Dover Con Anime Video Room Schedule Dover Public Library 3RD Floor Teen Loft **10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: A Journey Through Another World: Raising Kids While Adventuring Episodes 1-3 (PG-13, subtitled)**

After a god accidentally slays him, Takumi's reborn with new skills in a monster-filled forest where he stumbles upon twins. They're sweet, adorable, and super strong! Won over instantly, he names them Alan and Elena, becomes their guardian, and joins an adventurers' guild to provide for his new family. And so starts his chill life of adventure, watching over Alan and Elena's growth!

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: My Hero Academia: Vigilantes Episodes 1-3 (PG13, English dub)

Koichi Haimawari, a timid college student dreams of heroism. One night, he is drawn into a world of vigilantes after being saved by the mysterious vigilante, Knuckleduster, and later joins forces with a young performer, Pop-Step, to fight crime

in a world where superpowers are common but official heroes are few and far between.

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.: I Left My A-Rank Party to Help My Former Students Reach the Dungeon Depths! Eps 1-3 (PG-14, subtitled)

Not every party treats you like a hero—especially when you're a lowly red mage like Yuke. So, after years of constant ridicule by his A-rank party members, he ditches them. Searching for a new party, he reunites with former students Marina, Silk, and Rain, and joins their group. But on a quest to conquer the world's greatest dungeon, they become entangled in chaos that threatens the world.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: The Apothecary Diaries Episodes 1-3 (PG-13, Subtitled)

Maomao lived a peaceful life with her apothecary father. Until one day, she's sold as a lowly servant to the emperor's palace. But she wasn't meant for a compliant life among royalty. So when imperial heirs fall ill, she decides to step in and find a cure! This catches the eye of Jinshi, a handsome palace official who promotes her. Now, she's making a name for herself solving medical mysteries!

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Link Click Episodes 1-3 (TV14, subtitled)

Cheng Xiaoshi and Lu Guang, run a "Time Photo Studio" and use their supernatural abilities to travel back in time through photos. They help clients resolve regrets and past issues by entering the memories and emotions of the subjects in the photos.

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Dungeon People Episodes 1-3 (TV14, subtitled)

Clay, a master thief, enters a deep, unexplored dungeon in search of her missing father. However, she unexpectedly finds herself offered a job by the dungeon's caretaker. Now tasked with managing the dungeon instead of exploring it, Clay finds herself interviewing new monsters, setting traps, and managing slimes.

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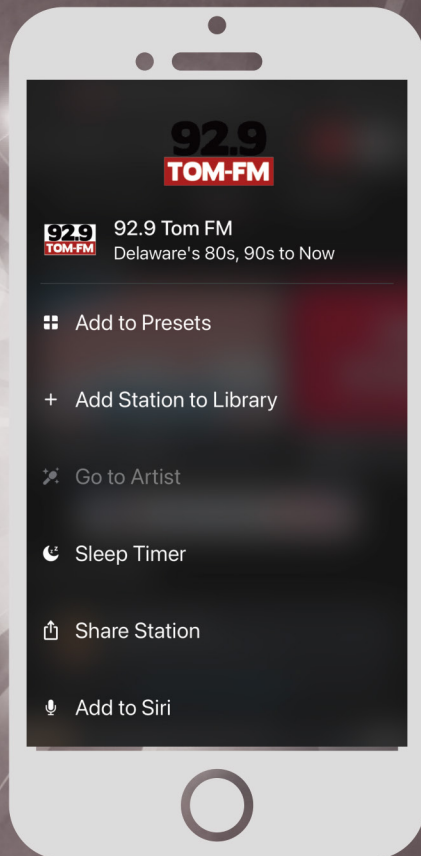
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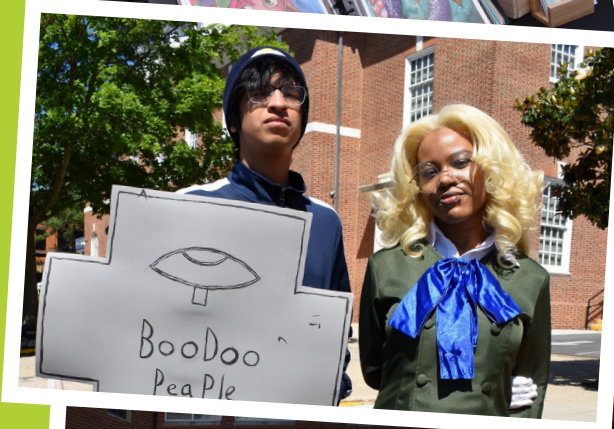


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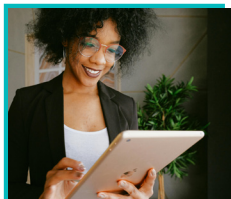


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DOVER CON INFORMATION

Get your questions answered and directions to what you are looking for by stopping by either the Official Dover Con T-shirt Tent in front of the Library or the Information Tent on Federal Street in front of the Biggs Museum. You can also check with any of our staff or volunteers walking the festival grounds and identified by their lanyard/badges.

KENT COUNTY TOURISM MOBILE VISITOR CENTER

Loockerman Street, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Welcome, Fans to Central Delaware! Be sure to stop by the Visit Central Delaware Mobile Visitor Center sponsored by Chesapeake Utilities in the middle of Loockerman Street between the House of Coffi and Dover City Hall. The Tourism staff and Ambassadors can help with information about Dover Con and suggestions on where to eat, shop, and other unexpected attractions to explore while you are here.



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The registration booth for both the Kids Costume Contest (ages 12 and under) and the Cosplay Contest (ages 13+) will be located by the Dover Con Stage on The Green, Dover.

You must register to be a valid participant. After registering, all contestants will receive an entry number. All contestants should arrive at the stage 15 minutes prior to the competition and line up in numerical order. Anyone in the Kids Costume Contest must be accompanied by a guardian.

The Kids Costume Contest will be limited to 30 entrants. The DC Cosplay Contest will be limited to a total of 60 entrants including teens, adults, and groups. Please limit groups to 4 participants if possible. Larger groups are allowed, but please keep in mind that awards are planned for four.

Please take a moment to review the official rules. Remember, this is a family friendly event, and while having fun is of the utmost importance to us all, we ask that you remain respectful to those around you.

SCHEDULE

10 – 11:45 a.m. Registration for the Kids Costume Contest (ages 12 and under) on The Green, State Street

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration for the Cosplay Contest (ages 13+) on The Green, State Street

12 – 1 p.m. Kids Costume Contest (ages 12 and under) the stage on The Green, State Street. Kids awards will immediately follow.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Dover Con Cosplay Contest. Participants will be judged on craftsmanship, presentation, and creativity.

3:30 – 4 p.m. Award Ceremony for the Cosplay Contest.

& COSPLAY CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

Entry into the event is at the discretion of the event staff, and we reserve the right to deny any entrant who does not adhere to the rules. All participants for the kids costume contest must be 12 years old or younger and be accompanied by a parent or guardian at least 18 years of age.

Costumes and presentation should be suitable for all ages. No profanity, lewd behavior or obscene messages on signs or clothing. Anyone who breaks this rule will be disqualified.

Everyone is limited to one category entry. For example, if you register in the Cosplay Contest as an individual, you may not also register in the Group Cosplay Contest.

No pyrotechnics, live flame, or smoke generators of any kind are permitted. Projectile glitter, confetti, or liquid are not allowed. Anything that may cause you or someone else harm is strictly prohibited.

No functional weapons are allowed at Dover Con. Please do not bring real swords, firearms, or any other authentic weapon. Only props are allowed. Simulated or costume weapons are allowed as part of your costume. No projectile weapons (including but not limited to airsoft or paintball weapons) will be allowed. Weapons with a metal blade, regardless of whether it is dull or sharp, are prohibited. All simulated or costume weapons are subject to inspection by security or event staff. Participants found to be in violation of these rules will be subject to removal from the event.

Participants in the contest may be photographed while on stage. By entering the contest, you agree to have your photo taken.



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Vote for your favorites as many times as you want in as many categories as you want, just be sure to complete your votes by the end of the day on Monday, June 30.

All winners will be honored at a special event this September and will have the opportunity to say Thank You to your supporters in the Stars of Delaware Keepsake publishing September 7.

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W.U.M.C. EVENTS

Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Loockerman Street
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Lightsaber Training with the Saber Guild Malachor Temple - Free!



Saber Guild is a not-for-profit, LucasFilm-recognized Star Wars costuming group that specializes in choreographed lightsaber shows. They perform at charity and community events, as well as comic book and sci-fi conventions, all to raise money for charity and share our love of Star Wars with fans around the world.

11 – 11:30 a.m. and 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Padawan Training Institute

This is a scripted show where kids are taught the ways of the force by a Jedi Master. There are show variants where we can have a Sith lord try to take the Jedi students as their own or just have a simple training session for kids. At the end of the show, participating younglings become Padawans and receive a branded certificate of completion from a Jedi Master and the opportunity to select a Kyber Crystal for their new lightsaber they can now begin building.

12 – 1 p.m. and 3 – 4 p.m.

Adult training

This training session has limited attendee signups and focuses on the basics of lightsaber combat taught by our veteran lightsaber instructors. This is a beginner class on lightsaber stage combat which will instruct the basic forms, moves, and fighting combinations typically taught to people attending their first night at our group's practices.

Due to the combat nature of this class, it is limited for people aged 18 and older or 13+ with participating adult guardian.



Pinball Tournament presented by First State Flippers - Free!

Qualifying: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Finals: 3 p.m.

Unlimited attempts to qualify.

Top four will play in the Finals.

Prizes for Top 4.

Several machines to try and qualify on.

Top combined scores will play in the Finals.

First State Flippers is a group of people who help promote pinball throughout Delaware. Every Wednesday night they host pinball events in Magnolia, Camden and Milford where up to 32 people come out and play pinball each week. They hold mini tournaments and give away prizes and trophies weekly. Details online at www.facebook.com/1ststateflippers

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The matches start at 3:45 p.m. and include six different matches featuring known pros as well as up and coming wrestlers to entertain the crowd. In addition, they will have traditional booth appearances for celebrity autographs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a variety of well-known personalities in the wrestling world.

EVENTS-AT-THE-BIGGS-MUSEUM

BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Open 10 AM – 5 PM

FREE Admission, courtesy of Dover Federal Credit Union

Step into a world where pop culture meets fine art! During Dover Con weekend, The Biggs Museum of American Art invites you to explore the vibrant intersections of imagination, storytelling, and visual creativity across all three floors.

1st Floor – Special Exhibitions

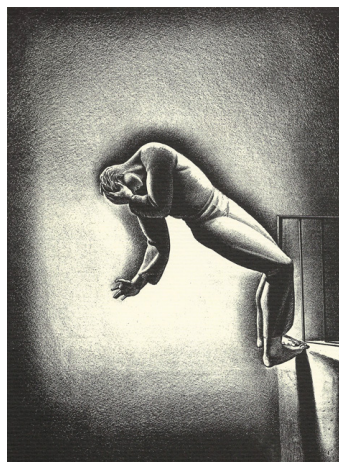
Comic Couture: Beyond the Panels

Curated by The Bridge Art Gallery

Bold, brilliant, and bursting with style—*Comic Couture* pushes the boundaries of comic-inspired art. This high-concept exhibition fuses pop culture with elevated aesthetics, showcasing works that reinterpret iconic comic elements like speech bubbles, panels, and heroes through the lens of fine art. Featuring a dynamic group of artists, it's a visual journey that honors the power of narrative, fantasy, and design.



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Award Winners XXV

Celebrate 25 years of artistic excellence! This juried exhibition highlights the talent of Delaware artists recognized by the annual Award Winners program, showcasing a wide variety of mediums and creative voices.

2nd Floor – Biggs Permanent Collection

Discover the museum's diverse and inspiring collection of American art, spanning centuries of creativity—from early portraiture to regional landscapes and contemporary pieces.

3rd Floor – Feature Exhibition

The Prints of Rockwell Kent: Selections from the Ralf C Nemec Collection

Explore the bold and expressive world of Rockwell Kent. Known for his dramatic woodcuts and adventuresome spirit, this rare collection captures the depth and drama of Kent's work, offering a glimpse into one of America's most iconic printmakers.

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