
AuroraCorp to host 2nd annual Aurora-Con Anime and Video Game Convention

Anchorage, Alaska – August 1st, 2007 – AuroraCorp formally announces their second annual Anime and Video Game convention, Aurora-Con. To be held at the Egan Convention Center on September 23rd, 2007.

Aurora-Con will be an all day event starting at 11am for everyone that pre-registers; 12 o'clock for everyone that shows up at the door and running to 10pm that evening. Admission at the door will be \$25 for everyone 13 years of age and over, kids 7-12 are half off, and children 6 and under get in the convention free.

AuroraCorp is proud to announce 5 guests of honor for this year's convention:

Matt Greenfield is the co-founder of *ADV Films (A.D. Vision, Inc.)*, currently serves as Senior Vice-President in charge of creative development. He is happy to be attending Aurora-Con with his lovely wife, Tiffany Grant.

Having decided back in mid-1992 that he was spending way too much money on his favorite hobby of anime (back in the days when it was hard to come by) he decided to see if he couldn't make some money off his hobby. In August of that year, he and John Ledford founded ADV – now the largest distributor of anime in North America.

As a writer, producer and director Greenfield has helmed well over 500 TV episodes and feature films including such fan favorites as **Gunsmith Cats, Golden Boy, Blue Seed, Noir, Martian Successor Nadesico, Rahxephon, Gasaraki, Princess Nine, Dragon Half**, the legendary **Neon Genesis Evangelion, Chrono Crusade, Gantz**, the live-action **Gamera: Guardian of the Universe** and the classic **Megazone 23** OVA series. Matt's recent projects include **The Fuccon Family, and even Godannar**.

Besides writing and directing, Matt has voiced characters in many ADV titles such as **Golden Boy, Samuari Showdown, Cromartie High School, Battle Angel** and **Sorcerer Hunters**. His best known acting roles are *Hyuga* in **Neon Genesis Evangelion** and *Sugishita* in **Blue Seed**.

For more information on *ADV Films*, please visit www.advfilms.com.

Tiffany Grant ...best known as *Asuka* from **Neon Genesis Evangelion**, Tiffany was the first voice actor hired by *AD Vision* in February 1994.

Since then, she has done OVAs & movies including *Yu* in **Comic Party Revolution**, *Satella* in **Chrono Crusade**, *Kome* in **Blue Seed**, *Madame President* in **Golden Boy**, *Becky* in **Gunsmith Cats**, *Chocolate* in **Sorcerer Hunters**, *Dug Fin* in **Dragon Half**, *Kaorin* in **Azumanga Daioh**, *Bonta-kun* in **Fullmetal Panic? Fumoffu**, *Shizuru* in **Godannar** and *Kuriko* in **Maburaho**, plus she has voiced characters in well over 800 TV episodes.

Ms. Grant has written the English dubbing scripts for TV series **Angelic Layer**, **Godannar**, **Sister Princess Hello Kitty's Animation Theater**, **Maburaho**, **Comic Party Revolution** and the live-action Korean action/comedy **Jungle Juice**. She has also adapted scripts for several of *ADV's* subtitled projects including fan favorite **Miyuki Chan In Wonderland** and the live-action film **Tokyo - The Last Megalopolis**.

Non-anime work includes the movie **Arlington Road** (with Jeff Bridges), and the independent films **Four Deep** and **Laughing Boy** which has played to enthusiastic film festival & convention audiences in numerous cities including Chicago, New York, and L.A.

Tiffany has years of experience in theatre, commercials, industrial films, and many other jobs too numerous to mention. For more information on Ms. Grant, please visit <http://tiffanygrant.eva-r.com>.

Brett Uher is a comic artist from the great state of Alaska. He enjoys snow machining, football, movies, and video games. His favorite super hero is *Ghost Rider* and he's a huge *Transformers* fan. He's been drawing since junior high and is a graduate of the Joe Kubert School of Cartooning & Graphic Art. Brett is now the artist for the upcoming TokyoPop release of *Dark Moon Diary*.

Lisa Furukawa is a Japanese-American pianist, singer, and songwriter. Utilizing her talents in contemporary and classical music, Lisa's performances and recordings display a fusion of Japanese folk, alternative pop, and electronica.

Lisa has three CDs of original songs published through her Yume label. Her first recording, "This Moment is the Show," is an intimate CD of solo piano and vocal arrangements. Her second CD, "Pearl Diver," is a collaborative piece that originated from Lisa's piano and vocal compositions, but was realized and recorded with cellist, Deborah Shields and percussionist, John Metcalf. Her third CD, "[Reaching the Dragon](#)," released in May 2006, is available through her [website](#).

Originally from Tokyo, Japan, Lisa began studying the piano at the age of three. She has BA's in Music and Asian Studies from UNC-Chapel Hill, and is an educator and translator as well as a performing songwriter. She has translated everything from pop tunes to state songs into Japanese, and hopes to promote cultural understanding and diversity through music. Lisa will also be performing a concert at the convention.

Spike Spencer has been a voice actor since the early nineties. He has voiced hundreds of episodes of anime including such notable titles as *Evangelion*, *Battle Angel*, *Suikoden*, *Orphen*, *Spriggan*, *Nadesico*, and currently in production on *MAR* and *BLEACH*. He has also voiced many radio and television commercials, video games (including "World of Warcraft"), and several other projects. An accomplished actor, he has worked with such notable stars as Tommy Lee Jones, Sandra Bullock, Frank Langella, Tia Carrere, and Scott Glenn and many other stars. Spike is also an author, including "How to Be A Frickin Genius Voice Actor, Step One," "What Happens At The Con, Stays At The Con?," And a "Dating Cookbook." Spike is also a screenwriter with several projects in various stages. Spike is soon to begin production on his first feature film that he scripted, "Dwindle Down." Spike also has his official website up and running at: <http://www.worldospike.com>.

Our gaming room has expanded this year. Now hosting LAN gaming, Guitar Hero, and more. Open all day.

There are now 2 panel rooms at this year's convention. We have panels ranging from A Parents Guide to Anime, History of Anime and Manga, Basics of the Japanese Language, Voice Actor panels and more.

All day there will be a room dedicated to showing Japanese animation or Anime. This room will feature series for young and old for the entire length of the convention.

Rounding out the entire convention is our huge Dealer's Room and Market Place. Local vendors and outside vendors will be their selling products feature anime characters, video games, and any Asian related material.

For any questions about the press attending Aurora-Con 2007 please go to <http://www.auroracon.org/press.html> for all the info.

AuroraCorp is a non-profit organization that focusing on teaching Japanese culture through the means of Anime, manga, and video games. AuroraCorp started in October of 2005 with a vision on bringing Japanese culture and pop culture to Alaska. For more information on AuroraCorp, Aurora-Con or any other events please visit our website at: <http://www.auroracon.org>.