**METROCON 2018's Picture This! Contest**

We're happy to announce the Picture This! Contest returning for METROCON 2018! Submit your photos of Cosplayers, Dolls, BJDs, Figurines and more for a chance to win! **All entries must be submitted online by June 1st 2018**, any online entries after that date will not be valid.

\***Awards will be shown via Musical Slide Show during the judging period at the end of the Lip Sync Battle contest IN THE SPECIAL EVENTS HALL (Saturday Night)**.

**Awards Categories:**  
\*Best in Show  
\*Best Composition  
\*Most Expressive  
\*Best Convention Photo  
\*Most Humorous  
\*Most Adorable   
\*Best Model

\*Best Photoshop  
\*Most Interesting use of Location  
\*Judges Awards  
\*Cosplay Director Award

**\*\*New Award:** **Best Meme**

\*\*\*\*\*awards subject to change

**Rules:**  
\*All photos MUST be taken and submitted by the Photographer. No proxies allowed.  
\*You may submit between 1 and 5 photos to the contest.  
\***All photos submitted must NOW BE IN JPEG format ONLY!!!!**  (This is due to past files being corrupt or not uploading properly(it is NOT that difficult to convert your image to a JPG format, NO RAWS!))   
**\*Only photos taken between May 1st  2017 and June 1st 2018 are allowed to be entered into the contest.  
\*Entrants must plan on attending METROCON 2018**.  
\*Anyone caught entering photos they did not take will be banned from entering future contest. (The only exception is a guardian submitting a minor(s) in their care/family that wish to enter)  
\*All photos must in some way relate to anime, video games, conventions, some aspect of Japanese / Asian culture or related to the theme of the convention.   
\*All photos for this contest must have a rating of PG13,  PG, or G, this is a family friendly convention and we will be showing these photos during a Special event.  
  
**When you upload your photos, please include the following** **in the description field**:

**\*\*\*WITHIN YOUR EMAIL ENTRY must contain:**  
Equipment used  
Location  
Character(s) used. \*  
Show(s) characters are from. \*  
Name(s) of Models used. \*  
Any comments you would like to add. (Filters/etc)  
(Fields with a \* are optional as they might not apply to all entries)

**You may:**  
Use any feature of your camera.  
Use filters or standalone utilities designed to preserve image integrity (Neat Image, Noise Ninja, Unsharp Mask, dust & scratch and color correction tools) these filters must be applied uniformly to the entire image.   
You may Saturate / desaturate or change the colors of your entry.

Add a border and text to the outside edge of your image, if it's easily visible as such.  
Use RAW conversion software, so long as all changes are made globally.

You may use Photoshop filters and technics to clean up images and to add effects, as there is now a Photoshop specific award (you do NOT have to use this, but it is an option now) side note: any and all photos that do NOT use photoshop on their pictures can qualify for EVERY single award in this contest except the Photoshop award.

You may also submit Photo Memes (ie. Funny, happy, sad, etc (use your imagination))

**DO NOT Submit a photo containing anything that goes against the general rules of the site (nudity, etc)**

**PLEASE submit High Quality JPEG Photos**, the winning photos are Printed out every year....and low quality cell phone pictures print horribly....so please be smart about the quality and size of the photos you submit (make sure they can be printed at least 8X10 print out quality)  
Good luck to all entrants!

**YOUR RIGHTS**: Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of the photographs they enter except for the following: Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered photographs—and your name to be published as winners or finalists in METROCON's Picture This contest website, and used for promotions of METROCON including, but not limited to, publications from METROCON and its subsidiaries, exhibitions, a photo contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of photographs, online photo features and contests, and web pages.

**LEGAL CONDITIONS:** By entering this competition, you agree to these entry rules and the following legal conditions:

By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials do not infringe on any third party’s rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permission from any third party if a third party or third party’s property appears in the photograph. METROCON reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of METROCON CosplayStaff shall be final and binding.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless METROCON/ Team Dynamite Productions, its affiliated organizations, and each of their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives (collectively, the "Companies") from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or related to the METROCON, any prize won, any use of the entry materials by METROCON, the warranties participants make, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any METROCON-related activity, or participation in METROCON.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the METROCON convention is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the Companies reserve the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Companies are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the METROCON, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the METROCON, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Companies assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, photographs. The Companies are not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant’s or to any other person’s computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in METROCON.

If, for any reason, METROCON is not capable of completion of the contest as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Companies that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest, the Companies reserve the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.

In no event will the Companies, their advertising and promotional agencies, or their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of participant’s access to and use of the Companies’ websites, or the downloading or uploading and/or printing of material from said sites. Without limiting the foregoing, everything on the Companies’ sites is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Some jurisdictions may not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so some of the foregoing limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Check your local laws for any restrictions or limitations regarding these limitations or exclusions.  
  
FAQ:  
**\*\*May I have some ideas of what pictures I should take?**  
Some examples are:  
Bad idea: A photo of a cat  
Good idea: A photo of your cat in a Gundam costume.  
Bad idea: A photo of your friend.  
Good idea: A photo of your friend in a costume.

**\*\*I don't have a camera. Will METROCON provide me with one? What can I do?**  
METROCON will not provide you with a camera to enter this contest. You may borrow a camera from someone. Most Cell phones now have high quality cameras, as long as the photo can be printed well in 8 x10, it can be accepted.

**\*\*May I submit a photo I took previously?**  
Yes. Photos taken between May 1st 2017 and June 1st 2018 are allowed to be entered into the contest.

**\*\*I Photoshopped the photo I want to use a long time ago. Can I still enter it?**  
No. We are sorry, must be a photo from the dates listed above

**\*\*I have a friend that I took a photo of but I can't find it anymore. I can submit one that they took of themselves, correct?**  
No, you must have taken the picture yourself.

**\*\*I didn't read all that legal stuff and I really don't care. I'm just going to take pictures of random people and enter them without their permission!**  
That would be inadvisable as in they may seek damages against you. Please get permission from someone before you enter their picture in this competition.