

2025 METROCON CON-E Art Contest

Calling all artists! We want to see your spin on our new mascot: CON-E (and her sidekick Mouse of course). You can draw her alone, or with friends- but the important thing is that you have fun and let your art style shine through!

Submissions will be accepted from JAN. 5TH - MARCH 16TH at 11:59PM



~Rules and Regulations~

- You must submit through the official Google form
- **AI ART WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**
- **Must recreate the METROCON Mascot CON-E in your own style** or medium. You can draw, sculpt, paint, build, etc. Any creative format will be accepted.
- You may submit up to **two entry sets** into the contest
- Participants must be age 16 or older to submit entries themselves.
 - *Those under the age of 16 must have permission from a parent or guardian.*
- The artist or artists must submit their own entry. **Proxies are not allowed** to submit, unless the entrant is under 16 years of age or has special circumstances and the proxy is a parent or guardian.
 - If multiple artists collaborate on an entry/entry set, team artists must elect a lead contact artist who may submit on behalf of the other artists in their group. All contributing artists must be listed and given credit! This group entry will count as one of the allowed entry set submissions for each participating group artist. Meaning all collaborators may only enter one additional entry into the contest on their own.
- Entries may not exceed a **PG-13 rating**. **Rating will be at the judge's sole discretion.**

- “Sketch” entries are not eligible for “Best in show” Awards but can receive any one of the judges awards
 - A complete black and white entry is not considered a “sketch”.
- Action or stationary poses are acceptable for all characters.
- **Entries may be disqualified for any reason at the sole discretion of the Director of Engagement**
 - *ie*: Someone who has been caught cheating in past contests or submitting artwork that was not theirs, or some other out of the ordinary situation.
- All artwork submitted will be posted to any/all METROCON websites and social media platforms unless disqualified for rating purposes.
 - Once submitted an entry cannot be revoked.
- By Submitting your artwork to **METROCON** for this contest, you give **METROCON /Team Dynamite Productions** full rights to display this artwork for the convention as they see fit. Once you have submitted an entry, you **CANNOT** revoke artwork from **METROCON** use. **METROCON** may use this artwork for any and all promotional purposes including but not limited to: promotional materials, social media posts, convention guide, etc.
- **By submitting your entry, you confirm that you have read and understand all rules and regulations of the contest and agree to them.**

Prizes:

- 1st Place: One Free METROCON 2025 Artist Alley table, two 2025 weekend badges, miscellaneous swag prizes, and acrylic trophy.
 - If winner already has a 2025 Artist Alley table- their money will be refunded
- 2nd Place: Two free 2025 weekend badges, prize bag, and contest medal.
- 3rd Place: One free 2025 weekend badge, prize bag and contest medal.
- Two honorable mentions will receive a contest medal and a free weekend badge.
- Fan Favorite: Two 2025 weekend badges and contest medal.

A Note on Judging and Voting:

All art submitted will be judged on overall composition, character personality of each mascot drawn, the flow of their image lines, colors and or the absence of colors.

All Art Contest judges’ final results for each image will be compiled together for group averaging and actual placement of each artist.

Concerning the Fan Favorite Award:

The METROCON community will be the sole judge for this category. None of the judges or convention staff will have any say on the winner of this award. ***The award will be based on public voting in the METROCON community on social media.*** This is the only award that can double up on a contestant. (Example: 1st place cannot win 1st and 3rd place. However, 1st place can win first and the Fan Favorite award.)

Harassment of any kind WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! Anyone found harassing other contestants or METROCON staff in regards to the Fan Favorite Voting, or any other portion of the contest will be disqualified from the contest entirely and may result in being banned from future contest participation.

Legal Disclaimers:

YOUR RIGHTS: Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of the artwork they enter except for the following: Your entry/entries to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered artwork— and your name (cosplay/art name(handle) if you do not wish your real name to be published) to be published in METROCON's Art Competition contest website, and used for promotions of METROCON including, but not limited to, publications from METROCON and its subsidiaries, exhibitions, a future illustration contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of artwork, online photo features and contests, web pages, METROCON signage around the convention and Digital or Paper Flyers Promoting METROCON.

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 artwork. 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 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

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