**Almost 22,000 fans came to the fourth Comic-Con Prague.**

**Comic-Con Junior in Brno will follow in autumn**

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**Nearly twenty-two thousand fans of science fiction, fantasy and horror visited the fourth annual Comic-Con Prague pop culture festival at the O₂ universe in Prague. Visitors came primarily to meet film and comic stars and to compete in "cosplay", i.e. in costumes of popular characters and icons. In addition, however, they attended lectures, talks, workshops, exhibitions and special gaming and video games. A similar programme, even more focused on children and teenagers, will be offered at the autumn Comic-Con Junior in Brno.**

*"The talks with Hollywood actors were again the most popular, for example, during the Saturday morning talk show SG-1 (Stargate) by Corin Nemec and R.D. Anderson we filled both of the two largest halls of the festival with a total capacity of 2,000 people. Friday's official opening was also a highlight, with a whole host of the event's biggest personalities, main organizers and supporters, including US Ambassador Bijan Sabet, Mayor Bohuslav Svoboda and Prague 9 Mayor Tomáš Portlík. The most visually appealing part of Comic-Con were the classic cosplayers, costume lovers and costume makers, and their number exceeded our expectations,"* said **Pavel Renčín**, Marketing Director of Active Radio.

A popular part of the festival was also the programme prepared by the fans of popular universities themselves. It ran simultaneously in 10 halls, and this year the organisers even extended the festival premises to satisfy all visitors. The comic creators' alley attracted fans of picture novels. Exhibitions and game rooms offered the opportunity for active relaxation.

*"Few people missed a visit to the special exhibition Future City, which offered a very unusual experience to those interested this year. With the help of virtual technology they were transported to the Prague of the future,"* added **Václav Pravda**, the festival's programme director.

Video games, arcade games, virtual reality, unforgettable fan cosplay or famous movie stars will also be on offer at the next version of the popular Comic-Con. Comic-Con Junior, the younger brother of the main festival, will take place on 21 and 22 October at the Brno Exhibition Centre. Tickets will be on sale from 1 June 2023.

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News and updates about the event can be followed on the website and social media, where final, more detailed information is gradually added:

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**Organisers and partners**

Comic-Con Prague 2023 is jointly organized by Active Radio a.s. and Comic-Con Prague s.r.o.

The main partners are Coca-Cola, Lego and Prusa Research.

The e-mobility partner is Škoda Auto.

Other partners include Česká spořitelna, Lina, Prague Transport Company, Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the Czech Technical University in Prague, the City of Prague, Prague 9, Prague City Tourism, US Embassy, Lancraft.

Media partners are Voyo, HBO Max, Seznam, Cinema City, PrahaIN, Pevnost, Level, Čtyřlístek, Big Media and ABC.

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**Active Radio a.s.**

Active Radio a.s. is a multimedia group that owns the radio stations Evropa 2, Frekvence 1, Rádio Bonton, Rádio Dance, Youradio and Youradio Talk. It also owns the children's project Pigy. It operates a number of online media, streaming audio services, brings together fan groups on social networks and organises events. The NoLimits division organises events for more than 100,000 people a year. As of 2018, it belongs to the holding company Czech Media Invest.

**Comic-Con Prague s.r.o.**

Václav Pravda founded a new s.r.o. for the purpose of organizing Comic-Con Prague. The company closely cooperates with SFK Avalon o.s., a non-profit association of fans behind the organization of major pop culture festivals - Festival of Fantasy, PragoFFest, FanCity and GameFFest.