**Comic-Con Prague is going big. It promises bigger spaces, a four-ton statue made of LEGO bricks® or a star from Terminator**

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**The Prague pop culture festival Comic-Con Prague celebrates its 5th birthday and attracts a megalomaniacal spectacle. For fans, it adds an extra floor in the O2 universe or a statue of the Almighty Bowser built from LEGO bricks® . New guest actor names have also been added to the line-up.**

*"The fifth edition, which will take place on the first weekend in April, deserves a huge portion of new programming. And with that comes a surprise expansion of our popular event space. And that's by a whole floor. We are adding over a thousand metres of attractive exhibitions of our partners, another main stage, hundreds of places to relax and dozens of hours of accompanying programme. For the first time, Comic-Con Prague will also occupy the main hall A, around which the entire O2 universe was created,"* says **Pavel Renčín**, Marketing Director of Active Radio, which co-organises the event.

A unique four-ton statue of the Almighty Bowser from the world of Super Mario will also add to the unique fan experience. It will be built from LEGO bricks**®** , of which there will be an impressive 663,900. The monumental work, measuring 4.3 metres, was created in 3,290 hours at the LEGO Group's factory in Kladno. Not just a static piece, Bowser features moving arms, head and sound effects, making him an interactive sidekick for fans of all ages. *"We are very happy that we were able to negotiate the statue. It is only possible this year when we are using Hall A for the first time, which is the only venue that can accommodate this statue,"* Renčín adds.

The programme of the event also included new film and TV faces, including Robert Patrick, who is clearly most famous for his role as T-1000, the main villain in Terminator 2: Day of Reckoning. *"There are other names added to the guest list that we are very proud of. Whether it's Paul McGillion, Dr. Carson Beckett from Stargate: Atlantis, or Brendan Wayne, who portrayed the character of Dino Djarin in the award-winning Disney+ series Mandalorian, which he will also reprise in the highly anticipated film. I also don't want to forget the actor associated with all the Red Dwarf episodes. I mean, Craig Charles. And last but not least is the unique Bobby Ewing from Dallas, i.e. Patrick Duffy,"* says **Václav Pravda**, the festival's programme director.

The main partner of the festival this year is Česká spořitelna, which is preparing a unique gaming zone and Treasure hunt with tempting prizes for visitors. "*We are very pleased to celebrate the fifth edition of Comic-Con Prague as the main partner of the festival and we are preparing an interactive gaming zone for all visitors in the Česká spořitelna hall (Hall A) with an area of almost 350 m². At Česká spořitelna, we care about the prosperity and financial health of the entire company, which is why all gamers have our support, whether it is financial transactions or the development of skills and abilities. Visitors can be the first to try out the absolute newest gaming innovations and play their favourite games, or discover interesting facts from the world of gaming and learn how to stay safe in the online world. Be stronger in gaming and in life with us,"* **Monika Hovorková**, Head of Brand and Communications at Česká spořitelna, invites visitors.

Significant growth awaits the Technology Zone of the festival, which has enjoyed enormous popularity every year. Thanks to an increase in space, it will have a new location and offer an even more packed programme. *"This is* the *first time we are participating in Comic-Con and we hope to impress the visitors*. *They can look forward not only to military technology and hi-tech equipment, but especially to meeting our paratroopers, pilots and flight instructors,"* says Colonel **Iva Bednářová**, Head of the Personnel Replenishment Department of the Personnel Agency.

From 5 to 7 April, however, Comic-Con Prague will also offer other screenings, workshops, competitions, video and board games and, last but not least, several exhibitions.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased on the [event website](https://www.comiccon.cz/tickets).

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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 partner of the event is Česká spořitelna, partners of the event are Lego and Prusa Research. Media partners are Evropa 2, Pevnost, ABC, Cinema City, TV Streaming, CzechCrunch and Kudy z boredy.

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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.