



# Clear Ether

Monday 2016

## Arisia Masquerade 2016



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### Kamikaze Kids

Wrangled by Jill Silvester "Annie"  
(*Who gratefully thanks the parents*)  
Lycia Goldsmith "Fancy Dress, Robin  
"Piper" & Erika "Elsa" Douglas  
"Woodland Panda Princess & Super Cape"  
(seen above), Fiona & Willow Duquette-  
Holmes "Olden Days Dress & Beauty",  
Elliot Robinson & Cassie  
Handford "Transformation &  
Thunderbolt", Jessica Dubin "Bingo  
Game" Molly Rabin-Marquez "Black  
Kitty Attack", Sarah Napoleone  
"Glorious", Martha R. Meyer-Curley "Girl  
Who Loves Summer", Allira Holt "Rey &  
Her Droids", Rafi Zeballas "Flowery the  
Flower".

## 2016 Masquerade Presentation

### Award Winners

#### Novice Division:

Best Character Embodiment - #28 - Harley  
Quinn - Min Nelson  
Best Backpacks - #25 - Steampunk  
Backpack Travelers - Mario & Elise  
Taddeo  
Most Elegant - #22 - Odile - Aurora Arntz  
& Karen Arntz

Most Creative - #23 - Steampunk Rainbow  
Bright - Megan Daggett

**Best In Class** - #10 - Woodland  
Dancer - Kelly Davis

#### Journeyman Division:

Best Video Game Costume - #35 -  
Flamie the Dragon from the game  
Secret of Mana - Carly Monsen  
Most Creepy - #29 - Nightmare -  
David M. Scales  
Best Period Outfits - #17 - Thomas  
& Lucille Sharpe: The Horror Was  
For Love - Milo Stein & Mae Horak  
Best Movie Recreation - #24 - Kylo  
Ren and Rey - Maya Gagne & Jonah  
Warford

**Best In Class** - #11 - Judge Brass -  
Thomas Jewell

#### Craftsmans/Master Division:

Best Movement - #14 - Aysa Cloudsinger:  
Pandaren Monk - Jamila Sisco  
Most Cohesive - #32 - Brave - Lily Fehler  
& Schon Levy  
Best Abuse of the MC - #30 - Sex and the  
Emerald City - Wonder Wendy Farrell,  
Tracy Farrell, Arisia Huff, Skip Farrell &  
Stacy Allen Farrell  
**Best in Master Class** - #18 - The Lady of  
the Lake - Emily Simon

**Best In Show:** #37 - Disney in  
a Nutshell - Rae Bradbury-  
Enslin, Lisa Ashton, Gaia  
Eirich, Anastatia Holt, William  
Kennedy, Kimani Feaster

## 2016 Masquerade Workmanship Award Winners

#### Novice Division:

Honorable Mention for Best  
Use of Scavenged Items - #34 -  
Imperator Furiosa - made by Giuliano Lin

Honorable Mention for backpacks - # 25 -  
Steampunk Backpack Travelers - made by  
Mario & Elise Taddeo  
Honorable Mention for Stellar Props - #12  
- Gingerbread Jinx - made by Chibi  
Kitsune  
Best Recreation - #22 Odile - made by  
Karen & Aurora Arntz  
Award for Excellent Tailoring - #23 -  
Steampunk Rainbow Brite - made by  
Megan Daggett  
Award for Riveting Leather & Corsetry -  
#19 - Will it Blend- made by Adira Balzac  
**Best in Class** - #9 - Madam Hooch - made  
by Beth Washington

#### Journeyman Division:

Honorable Mention for Best Use of "Cones  
of Shame"- #20 - King and Queen of  
Hearts and the Wretched Child Alice -  
Sandy Cronin-Tassi,  
"Head and Shoulders Above" award for  
hand-made stilts - #29 Nightmare - made  
by David M. Scales  
Best work for Combination of Leather,  
Wood & Brass - #11 -  
Judge Brass - made by Thomas Jewell  
Best Recreation- #24 - Kylo Ren & Rey -  
made by Maya Gagne, Jonah Warford &  
Terry Becker  
Award for Wing Construction and Painting  
- #35 - Flamie the Dragon from the game  
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Secret of Mana - made by Carly Monsen

**Best in Class** - #17 – Thomas & Lucille Sharpe: The Horror was For Love – made by Milo Stein & Mae Horak

**Master Division:**

Honorable Mention for Fabric Dying - #18 – The Lady of the Lake – made by Emily Simon

Honorable Mention for Fur-work and Sculpting - #14 – Aysa Cloudsinger: Pandaren Monk – made by Jamila Sisco  
Simple and Elegant Award - #26 Princess Hilda of Lorule – made by Elizabeth Lepisto

Award for Exceptional Concept- #30- Sex in the Emerald City – made by Wonder Wendy and Friends

**Best in Master Class** - #37 Disney in a Nutshell – made by Rae Bradbury-Enslin, Lisa Ashton, Gaia Eirich, Anastasia Holt, William Kennedy

**Workmanship Best in Show Arisia 2016** – #32 Brave – made by Lily Fehler & Schon Levy



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**Doom, Gloom, and Despondency song competition.** Kat Weiler won this year's competition with her entry, "Shipwrecked With You".

The pool will be **closed** for the rest of the convention (which ends today).

**Student Writing Contest**

The Student Writing Contest would like to thank its hardworking judges for taking the time to read and provide feedback and encouragement for these young writers.

John Scalzi wrote terrible fiction as a teenager. He got better at it.

Keith DeCandido is an Author, editor, musician, baseball fan, and all-around long-haired hippie weirdo freak.

Kiini Ibura Salaam is a writer who always wrote weird stuff without knowing that it was weird. She's working on her second collection of short weird tales and is paving the way for her first novel to be published. She believes weirdness is realness as we each have our own unique universes in our minds.

A quick review of Gabriel Squailia's early writing reveals that he found his voice in his sophomore year of high school, then lost it for 15 years. Be careful where you put those things.

**Honorable Mention** - "Average Joe" by Alexandra Kouroriez; "The Spaceman" by Ellis Ryder

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - "Porcelain Woman" by Joyce Hida

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - "Void of a Soul" by Alexis Felicia Romero; "Mithredath" by Caroline Jeffers

**1<sup>st</sup>** - "The One-Eyed Knight" by Rowan Bagley

**Student Art Contest**

1st - Alyssa Cilli - Winds of Waves (matching award to Bishop Feehan High School)

(tie) 2nd - Kate Gardiner - Exploration of becoming one with nature

(tie) 2nd - Taylor Johnson - The Confidence Within

3rd - Fengwei Zhang - Stormtrooper

Honorable Mention -

Jonathan Ude - Labyrinth  
Conchair's Choice - Alyssa Cilli - A Discovery

**Blood Drive**

We don't have numbers from Children's yet, but I believe they did well, as they have since we switched them to Friday afternoon and early evening from Sunday. MGH had 79 presenting, 16 deferred, for 63 successfully donating.

This continues the troubling small but consistent decline in numbers of presenting donors on Saturdays to MGH at Arisia since we switched Children's to Friday. This is consistent with a nationwide general decline in numbers of donors presenting themselves.

From that first MGH bus in 2004 through the three buses we've now hosted for years, Arisia has had an extraordinary positive impact on thousands of pediatric and adult patients' lives. Bravo!

I welcome feedback on potential schedule changes to [blooddrive@arisia.org](mailto:blooddrive@arisia.org). Thank you all for your continued support of this critically needed community service for so many years! -- John Hodges

The Teen Unconference Panels are in! Teens: grab your friends and check out the panels YOU created!

Monday  
11:30am, Alcott - Origami Frogs  
1:00pm, Bulfinch - School vs. Hobbies:  
How to get all your work done and still enjoy your hobbies

Been to panels? Have opinions? Fill out the feedback survey at

<http://arisiafeedback.questionpro.com> !



The president of Arisia, Inc., Conor Walsh, may or may not be a fish. Updates as events warrant. (photo credit Vander Photography)

