



NEWS RELEASE

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Oddmall is back with Dream Worlds Convention At the Canton Museum of Art

Hundreds of attendees are expected for the art and comic extravaganza.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 25, 2017, Canton, Ohio — Things will look a little *different* on February 11 and 12 at the Canton Museum of Art for the fun and unusual **Dream Worlds Convention**, organized by Oddmall. The Cultural Center for the Arts and Canton Museum of Art will be open Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission into the convention and galleries is \$5.00. Museum Members are free. The Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1001 Market Ave N in downtown Canton.

The Dream Worlds Convention will feature amazing fantasy art, tabletop games, kids activities, costumes and costumers, panels and workshops, live art demos, special guests, and purveyors of all things odd, fun, unusual, and wonderful. The Dream Worlds Convention is centered around the *Dream Worlds: The Art of Imaginative Realism* exhibition that is on display inside the Canton Museum of Art galleries.

Dream Worlds Convention includes:

Shopping

Featuring over 140 vendors, it's the perfect place to find something unique for that special someone. Need a cool Valentine's Day gift? Browsing art, comic, and game vendors is a great way to spend an afternoon with family and friends.

Kids Activities

Dream Worlds Convention is a family friendly event and features free art activities for the whole family. Take this opportunity to celebrate "otherness" with fun art demos for all ages. Rebecca Baygents Turk, professional costume designer, will be leading puppet making workshops for kids.

Special Guests

Several amazing guests, from comic and game writers to cartoonists and illustrators, Dream Worlds Convention will feature Robert Turk, Heather Kreiter, Andy Hopp, Chris Seaman and more.

Gallery Exhibition

Dream Worlds: The Art of Imaginative Realism assembles award-winning artists from around the country who play a pivotal role in the art of cinema, television, set design, 3D animation, gaming, and costume design—pushing the boundaries of contemporary realism through the guise of surrealism. Their creations are now a fundamental component of both the fine art world and the commercial art industry. *Dream Worlds* is produced with CMA guest-curator and Canton native, Chris Seaman, an award-winning artist-illustrator.

Entertainment

Costume contest, musicians, and more await at the Dream Worlds Convention.

Saturday, February 11

12pm- O'Brian, Musician

1pm-1:30 – Antarctic Antics Children's Play

2pm- Michael McFarland, Musician

3pm- The Oddmall Costume Contest & Parade

4pm- 5pm- Loveline with HP Lovecraft

Sunday, February 12

11am- Sean Benjamin

1pm- Kevin Conaway

2pm- The Oddmall Costume Contest & Parade

3pm- New Goblonian Live Radio Show with Gandersnitch the Goblin

4pm- Michael McFarland, Musician

Art Demos

Celebrate the love of handmade items with live art demos and hands-on activities for teens and adults.

Special Dream Worlds Admission Price: Admission is \$5; Museum Members are Free.

Admission includes entry into the convention and galleries.

Dream Worlds Convention Hours: Saturday February 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and

Sunday February 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE CANTON MUSEUM OF ART

The Canton Museum of Art (CMA) is one of Ohio's premier museums for an exceptional visual arts experience. CMA is recognized for powerful national exhibits; dynamic CMA-original exhibits; an unrivaled Permanent Collection of American watercolors and contemporary ceramics; and innovative education programs, in-Museum classes, and workshops. CMA is one of only two Stark County museums accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

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