



## **FAN EXPO Canada Turns 25!**

***Join the celebration with events across the city including Pride, Toronto's Geekiest Canadian Citizenship Ceremony, Films with Live Orchestras and more!***

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TORONTO, ON (June 20, 2019) – Since its inception in 1995, FAN EXPO Canada has been inviting fans to discover, celebrate and belong and has grown to become the country's largest comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming convention. To mark this special occasion, the show is presenting a series of community events across the GTA in addition to the exciting programming lineup that will be announced in the coming weeks. The four-day extravaganza will take place a week earlier this year from **August 22 – 25** at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. Tickets are available now at [fanexpocanada.com/tickets](https://fanexpocanada.com/tickets).

"FAN EXPO Canada has the most dedicated and passionate fans in the convention world and it's because of them that we are celebrating this important milestone," said Andrew Moyes, Vice President, FAN EXPO HQ. "As a thank you to our fans, we are working with partners to bring the magic of FAN EXPO to communities across the city. Here is to another 25 years of bringing the best in pop culture to the fans."

**Highlighted events celebrating 25 years of FAN EXPO Canada include:**

### **June 23: Toronto Pride Parade**

FAN EXPO HQ alongside their fans and cosplay community groups will march along the streets of Toronto to celebrate freedom, community and the right to belong in honour of the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and the LGBTQ2S+ liberation.

### **August 19: FAN EXPO Cosplay Picnic and Parade at the CNE**

Visitors at this year's CNE will have a chance to mix and mingle at the Cosplay Picnic and snap photos with their favourite cosplay when the Cosplay Parade comes marching through the grounds. Participants in the parade will include individual cosplayers and community cosplay groups.

### **August 19 – 25: FAN EXPO EATS**

The FAN EXPO EATS restaurant promotion runs from August 19 – August 25, 2019 – a week long promotion to provide fans and visitors an opportunity to experience all that Toronto restaurants have to offer.

**August 22: Toronto's Geekiest Canadian Citizenship Ceremony**

Opening day guests can show their Canadian pride by joining FAN EXPO Canada in welcoming 90 New Canadians as they receive their citizenship. The private ceremony will take place from 12pm to 1pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 206B, North Building.

**Saturday, August 24: CN Tower light show**

The CN Tower will be lit in the FAN EXPO Canada colours in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary beginning at sundown, with a standard light show that runs for eight minutes at the top of every hour.

**Saturday, August 24: Cosplay Masquerade Ball**

Join us in the Imperial Room at the Fairmont Royal York for a night of masks and mystery. Dance the night away at the Cosplay Masquerade Ball and enjoy an evening of music, drinks, and special giveaways. Be sure to stay until midnight for the traditional masquerade ball unmasking!

**Sunday, August 25: SuperPower 5K**

Fans can wrap up an amazing FAN EXPO Canada weekend by supporting the SickKids Foundation at the **SuperPower 5K**. A fun five-kilometer race for all ages, the SuperPower 5K takes place on the Toronto Islands beginning at 9:30am this year. Visit [superpower5k.com](http://superpower5k.com) to register. Run. Walk. Fly!

**October 31 – November 1: TO LIVE Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince**

Relive the magic of year six in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince™ in Concert. With this film, based on the sixth installment of J.K. Rowling's classic saga, fans of all ages can now experience the thrilling tale of Harry's obsession with a mysterious potions book accompanied by the music of a live symphony orchestra as Harry soars across the big screen in HD!

For a full list of events and updates please visit [fanexpocanada.com/en/fxc25](http://fanexpocanada.com/en/fxc25).

**The full programming and guest lineup will be announced in July.**

**For a list of programming and guests to-date as well as info and tickets please visit:** [www.fanexpocanada.com](http://www.fanexpocanada.com)

**To apply for media accreditation, visit:** <https://www.fanexpocanada.com/en/work-with-us/media.html>

**FAN EXPO Canada™** celebrates 25 years inviting fans far and wide to discover, celebrate and belong with them from August 22-25, 2019 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The annual convention is the largest comics, sci-fi, horror, anime, and gaming event in Canada and the second largest in North America. This year the show floor will be packed with exciting family-friendly activities and celebrity guests including Jason Momoa (*Game of Thrones*, *Aquaman*), David Harbour (*Stranger Things*, *Hellboy*), Rainn Wilson (*The Office*), Jeff Goldblum (*Jurassic Park*), Zachary Levi (*Shazam!*), and more. The all-ages pop culture convention expects to host over 130,000 fans in 750,000 sq. ft. of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for the four-day event. Tickets are available now at [fanexpocanada.com/tickets](http://fanexpocanada.com/tickets).

**FAN EXPO HQ** is the largest pop culture exhibitions group in Canada and one of the largest in the world. Collectively it hosts over 500,000 fans annually at FAN EXPO Canada™, FANEXPO Vancouver™, FAN EXPO Dallas, FAN EXPO Boston, Toronto Comicon, Calgary Expo, Edmonton Expo, Dallas Fan Days, MEGACON Orlando, Calgary Expo Christmas Market & Toronto Fan Days.

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