

Masquerade G-Anime 2026

Date: January 17, 2026

Time: 5pm-7pm

Location: Main Events Room

Judging Room: Wright

Greenroom: coming soon

Registration: December

Some changes are planned for the 2026 edition. Please read the informations carefully

What is a masquerade?

A masquerade is an amateur costume contest. Anyone can present a costume on stage in one of the following 2 ways:

- **Sketch (*skit*):** a short performance including a staging that highlights the costume and provides entertainment value.
- **Parade (*walk-on*):** a presentation where costumed people enter the stage, pose in the middle of the stage to show different angles of their costume, and then leave the stage.

There are also 5 possible divisions:

- **Junior (Child):** under 13 years old (with subdivisions depending on whether the costume was made by the participant or by an adult).
- **Novice:** For participants who have not won a prize, except perhaps in the Junior division. As soon as a prize is won in this division, the participant must register in a **higher** division for future participations.

- **Journeyman:** For participants with less than 3 prizes won in this division, or wish to progress. As soon as three (3) prizes are won in this division, the participant must register in a **higher** division for future participations.
- **Artisan:** For participants with less than 3 prizes won in this division, or wish to progress. As soon as three (3) prizes are won in this division, the participant must register in the **master** division for future participations.
- **Master :** This division is the highest. It is mandatory for anyone with:
 - won three (3) prizes in the Artisan division;
 - Won a major award in this nationally recognized division;
 - or whose main occupation is related to sewing or costume making.

Other notes:

- A participant may choose to compete in a higher division than the one for which they are eligible. However, **if they wins a prize there**, they will not be able **to go down** to a lower division afterwards.
- In the case of group participation (duo or group), the division in which they register must correspond **to the member with the highest level**. (For example, if a duo of a Novice and a Artisan is competing together, they must register in the division **Artisan**. **If the group wins a prize**, all members are then required to enter **at least in that division** for future competitions.)
- An honorable mention **does not count** as an award requiring a division advancement.

* Note that the exhibition division is not available for 2026

How to participate?

1. Read the regulations first.
2. Register by filling out the form when it is available. This will only ask you for basic information.
3. In the following days, you will receive a confirmation email. If you receive it, your place in the Masquerade is guaranteed.
4. By completing your online registration, you agree to participate. If you need to cancel your registration, please notify us as soon as possible.
5. If the number of online registrations exceeds the number of places available, we will put you on a waiting list. If a spot becomes available, we will contact you by email.
6. The time slots for the judging will be sent 14 days before the convention.
7. Seven (7) days before the Masquerade, we will send an email to people on the waiting list to validate their interest in the places freed up at the last minute. From that point on, we will only contact those who have responded.
8. If some people have not responded, we will fill the remaining places on Saturday morning on site. (Time to be determined)
9. There will be 60 entries.

Changes for 2026:

- The registration process will be done in 2 steps.
- There is no longer an "exhibition" division due to the great demand. All participants will have to be judged
- A safety ramp will be installed on the steps for stability.
- The G-anime stage cant have a safe access ramp according to the security code due to limited space. We rented a lift to help participants with reduced mobility or large sets to get on stage. However, it is possible that the lift is not available for any reason (e.g., breakage).
- A curtain will hide the participants before entering the stage

- We will do our best to have the live broadcast in the greenroom.
- No wristband will be required to go see the masquerade. Seats will be reserved at the front for masquerade photographers and helper of the judges. Seats will also be reserved for people with reduced mobility who will not be able to wait in line.
- A message for epilepsy will be mentioned before the show, however no strong lights, flashes or strobe will be used during the show.

Registration

BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS HAS BEEN CHANGED!

When registering, you will only be required to provide the following information.

- Legal Name
- Name to be used as well as the desired pronouns for each participant.
- Email address;
- Entry Division (Junior, Novice, Journeyman, Artisan or Master);
- Costume Source;
- Number of participants on stage (maximum 10);
- Email address of each participant;
- Language of communication (French or English).
- Use of the **lift** for the stage

Once your registration is confirmed, we will contact you in early January to schedule your craftsmanship judging appointment and gather information on the nature of your entry. We therefore ask that you pay close attention to your emails, including your spam.

RULES OF THE MASQUERADE:

- No open flames, powders or "flash" papers allowed on stage. If you want to use an electronic flash or other visual effect, you must mention this on your registration so that the host can notify the audience. No laser pointers allowed.
- No substances that are difficult to clean are allowed on stage. If in doubt, ask for permission from the Masquerade Directorate when registering
- No blatant nudity. The Masquerade is ranked "13 and more"
- All weapons presented at the masquerade must follow the festival's rules regarding weapons. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Each participant may not show up more than once during the Masquerade. However, any individual can present as many costumes as they want, but they can only wear one. The others must be submitted by other participants (who may or may not be part of the same group)
- Participants must absolutely show up at the masquerade participant room on time. **If you do not show up on time or are not ready to enter the stage during your turn, you will be disqualified.** Note that only certain reasons can exempt you from this rule ("Act of God").
- The maximum time is **1 minute**. After that, we'll mute your audio.
- The Masquerade Direction reserves the right to eliminate anyone from the competition if the participants lack decency, present a danger to the audience and/or other participants, or for any other reason deemed reasonable.
- **The Masquerade is an amateur competition.**
- Costumes made to measure by a third party will be accepted IF AND ONLY IF the costume designer has completed and signed the registration form.
- Purchased costumes are not permitted.

The judges' decisions are final. If the judges consider that no division costume deserves an award, they may not give any. The same applies to the "Best in Show" award and the "Best in Division" award.

How does the Masquerade work?

On the day of the Masquerade, you will first need to go to the judging room at the time of your appointment to signify your attendance, have your costume judged, speak to the presenter, sound staff, and stage ninjas, and have your official photo taken. You will then be free to enjoy your day at your leisure, until you return before the show.

Note that the time allotted to present your costume to the judges will be controlled and limited. We will adjust according to the number of people in each group.

The gathering in the greenroom will take place one hour before the start of the Masquerade. From this moment on, you undertake to remain in the Masquerade's greenroom.

Yes, you will still be able to go outside to go to the bathroom, however, try to be ready on time.

Once you have passed your entrance, you return to the greenroom to get your personal belongings.

Award ceremony

The Masquerade awards ceremony will take place **on Sunday, January 18, 2026, time to be determined.**