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Cosplay at the
RECCACon Kickoff
Event

Also: Full Metal
Alchemist Cosplay



Plus Cosplay at
AnimeDestiny

RECCACon Kickoff Event 2004



Left: Ariannasunrise as Helios from the anime *Sailor Moon*.

Above: Rick Hunter from the anime *Macross (Robotech)*.

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A generic stock-company ninja.

PikminLink as Harry Potter. Although the character is popular enough that you can order "official" accessories, PikminLink created the scarf herself.





Traveling Valentine presents Lupin III and Fujiko Mine from the *Lupin III* series.



Miaka No Baka as R. Dorothy Wainwright and Nandobaka as Roger Smith from the anime *The Big O*.



TsukiNoBara as Caroline from the anime movie *Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust*.



Sailor Starmaker from the anime *Sailor Moon*.



Lori as Haruko from the anime of *FLCL*.



Chris as Zechs from the anime TV series *Gundam Wing*. This outfit is part of his series where he combines the wings from a mobile suit with the outfit of the pilot. The costume took a day and a half to complete, the wings took four days.

Pimp Mario makes another convention appearance.



Riko as Reno from Final Fantasy 7





From the *Bleach* manga (and anime) are Hoshikaji as Kurosaki Ichigo, left, and Piccacello as Kuchiki Rukia, below.

These costumes took about four days of work to complete.

“We recently read the manga and fell in love with it,” Hoshikaji said. “It was well drawn and the story is really engaging.”



Right: Hitori as Quatra from *Gundam Wing*. She says this is the opening theme variation on the character.

Below: From later in the day: Hitori as Naraku from *Inu Yasha*





Youko Su came as her Ragnarok Online character, a priestess .



First-time cosplayer Nicole spent two weeks working until 4 a.m so she could come as Raine from the video game Tales of Symphonia. "I had the most resources available to do this costume," she said when asked why she chose to come as this character. "She's fun, I like her."



From Final Fantasy 7 — a member of the Shinra Attack Squadron.



Left: Miroku from
Inu Yasha.

Below: Actress
Tiffany-Marie, 24,
as Aya Matsuura
from Hello! Project
Soloist. This is a
J-Pop recreation.
Tiffany-Marie has
been cosplaying
for 7 years and has
created more than 20
costumes.





Maiyu as Cain C. Hargraves from the manga *Count Cain: God's Child*. Maiyu said she chose this character "because I like him a lot and I've never cosplayed a guy before." She has been cosplaying since 2002 and has attended conventions in Malaysia, Japan and Singapore. Cosplay is different in the United States, she said. "I think America is nice, there is more creative freedom," she said. "It's easier to talk to people here, you don't have people (cameko) hounding you." She said when she first cosplayed in the U.S. she was surprised that photographers asked permission before taking photos. "I like the costumes. I like the friends I make," she said. "I love cosplay."



Remmy in an original Gothic outfit.



She said this is not a costume, this is a normal outfit.



A Pyramid Head from the video game *Silent Hill*.



With the convention being held in late fall, on a chilly, windy day, Luck-In-Spades wore a warm-looking original Gothic-inspired outfit.





Ai No Hoshi had a great prop to go with her costume. To make the sand gourd, she took two playground-type rubber balls, covered them in paper maché, and after painting it, glued real sand onto it for the final authentic touch.



Ai No Hoshi is our featured cosplayer from this convention, just because she did such a great job with her Gaara costume from the anime and manga of *Naruto*.



"I love Naruto," Ai No Hoshi said.

"Gaara is my favorite. He's creepy in a cool sort of way."



She really paid attention to getting the details right, down to the tattoo on Gaara's forehead.



Full Metal Alchemist Cosplay

Kenshin Kitty as Edward Alric from *Full Metal Alchemist* at ReccaCon Kickoff.



Recca-Con co-chair Christy, seen here at Anime Destiny, as Edward Alric and her daughter Kira as Winray, both characters from *Full Metal Alchemist*.

"It's fun to dress up as things and not just walk around a con," Kira said.

The mother-daughter cosplay team has been cosplaying together for about six years.





The always energetic Hanyaan Faery at ReccaCon Kickoff as Wrath from *Full Metal Alchemist*.



Kenshin Kitty as Edward Alric from *Full Metal Alchemist* at AnimeDestiny. She said she feels a personal affinity for the character.



Envy at ReccaCon Kickoff as Envy from *Full Metal Alchemist* "He's the coolest character there is."



Hiku as Roy Mutang at Anime Destiny from the manga and anime *Full Metal Alchemist*.
 "I like making the costumes and being able to wear them," she said



Xgouki as Roy Mutang from *Full Metal Alchemist* at Anime Destiny.
 "I like the outfit, it's a good outfit," he said.



AnimeDestiny 2004



Above: Astro as Dr. Muraki from the anime and manga *Yami No Matsue*.



GoGo Yubari from the live-action film *Kill Bill*.



Pegasus Maiden models her Jibrille outfit in the courtyard near the convention site. The character is from the manga and anime *Angel Sanctuary*.





Nandobaka and Miaka No Baka cosplayed as a couple, he as Kira Yamato and she as Lacus Cline from the Anime TV show *Gundam Seed*.

I love this show," Nandobaka said of why he chose this outfit. "And to match her costume.

The couple was awarded Honorable Mention in the Best Cosplay category for this outfit and their skit "A Harro is Forever" in the Cosplay Contest.



Char from the original *Gundam* series

Chris's costume is also based on *Gundam Wing*. It combines pilot Duo Maxwell with the wings of the mobile suit he flies.





Vincent from the video game *Final Fantasy 7*.

Pimp Mario and Whore Peach: an original interpretation of the Nintendo video game characters..



Loner as Brian Fury from the video game *Tekken 3*. He took an Honorable Mention award in the video game division of the Cosplay Contest.

He said he chose this costume "because it's a no weapon convention and most of my other costumes have weapons."

Creating the costume took about two hours with the makeup taking another half hour to put on.

He's been cosplaying since May of 2004.



PikminLink as Oracle Link was awarded an Honorable Mention in the video game category of the Cosplay Contest.



Faust from the *Guilty Gear X* Video Game.



Left to Righth: from the *Final Fantasy X-2* video game are Rikku, Yuna and Lenne



TsukiNoBara as Caroline from the anime movie *Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust*.

This is one of three costumes she's created, and has been very popular at area conventions.

"I really like the hair," she said.

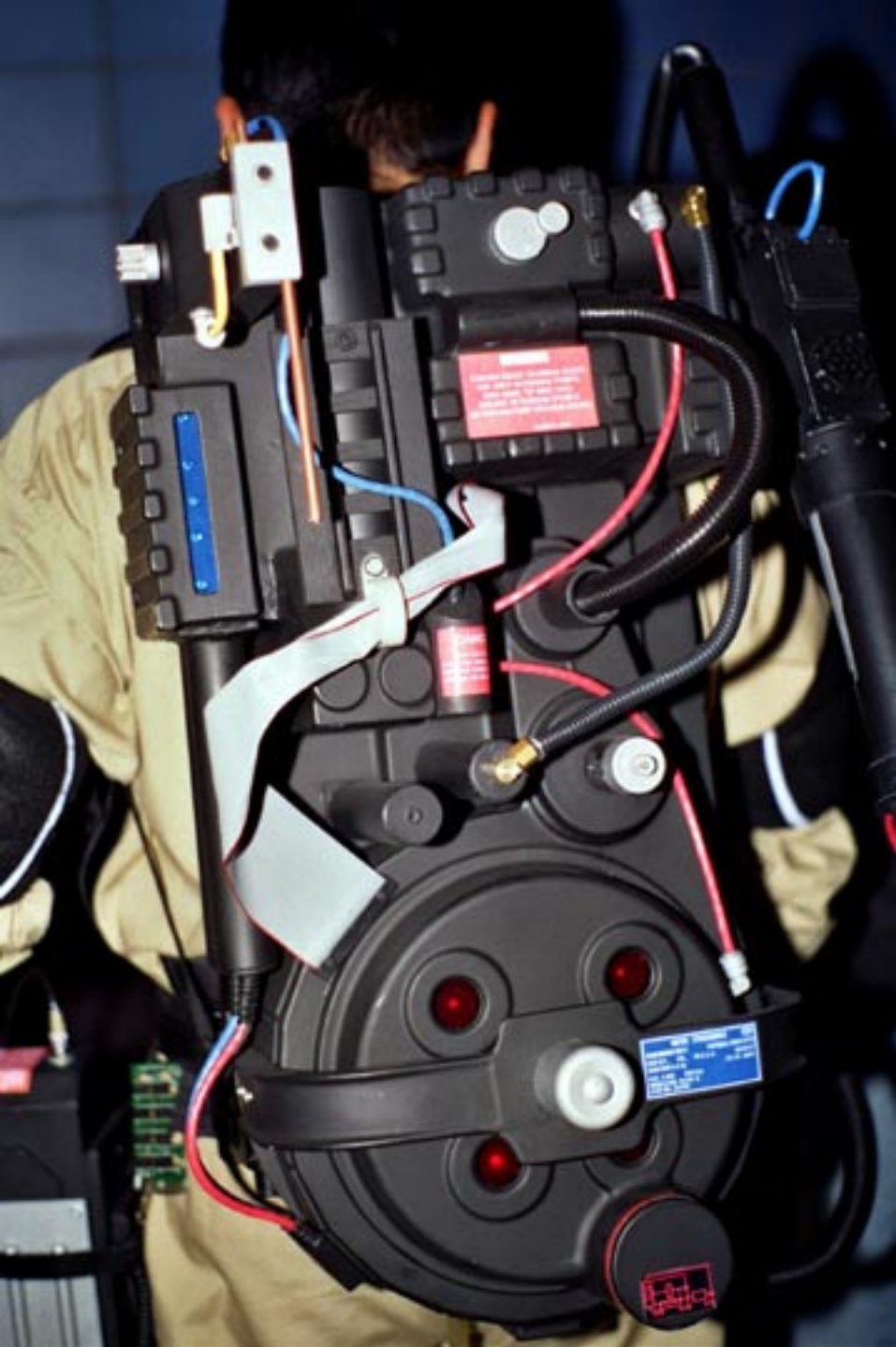
She has been cosplaying since 2002

"I like how you can be someone different for a day and I like having pictures taken."

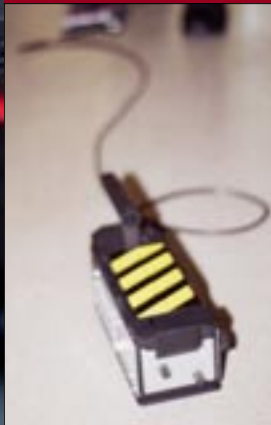
In addition to cosplaying, she sold manga at the swap meet. She had some great prices on some nice books.

TsukiNoBara was awarded Honorable Mention in the Best Cosplay category for this outfit in the Cosplay Contest.





This guy had the best props at Anime Destiny. Unfortunately, my photo of him from the front didn't turn out, but the work he put into the equipment he carried as a Ghostbuster really shows. He even had a ghost trap.



Liddo-chan as Chii in her bakery uniform from the manga and anime *Chobits*. Liddo-chan has created five costumes in the year she has been cosplaying. I like her, she's really cute," Liddo-chan said.

The outfit took about 10 hours to create, with the bodice being the hardest part.

"I'd never done grommets before, but it was fun," she said.





Umi as R. Dorothy
Wainwright and Ken as
Roger Smith from the anime
The Big O.

Competing as Cosplay Nostylgic they
won best skit at the cosplay contest.





Mana, a J-Rock recreation, took this cosplayer all summer to create.



Upper Right: AnimeDestiny convention staffers pose as characters from the Maria-sama ga Miteru Managa.



In addition to doing cosplay, Meow, here in a Japanese school girl fuku, is also an artist and had some of her work for sale in the dealer's room.



Sai has been cosplaying for the past 6 monts. Here she's seen in a J-Rock style costume.
"I'm really into J-Rock and the visual aspect (of J-Rock)," she said.

Slinky Rice in an original EGL creation.





This is a normal school outfit for this anime fan.



Bloody Bunny, wearing an original EGL outfit, has been costuming for three years, mostly with EGL outfits. "I just love the creativity and the uniqueness," she said. "I think they look pretty."







Elisa as Kino from *Kino's Journey*
"I like the series," she said. "I like the themes the series touches on. She's not a girly-girl typical female character."

Tog as Hakkai from *Saiyuki*

Sailorstarsun as Marui Bunta
from the manga/anime *Prince of Tennis*



Alex Ross from the anime
Last Exile.



Convention staff
member Ponta
takes a break from
his duties to show
off his version of
Ryoma from
Prince of Tennis





Naruto Cosplayers:

Left: Sasuke

Right: An original
Leaf Village shinobi
based on two
characters.





Katie as Luc from *Suikoden 3* made this costume because she liked the video game's character designs. She's made 30 different costumes since she began cosplaying in 1996. This outfit took about a week to create.



Win-Myun Kim as Yuber from *Suikoden 3*. The outfit was created by Kaite.



Sarah from *Suikoden 3*.



This page and next: all characters
from the video game/manga/anime
Harukanaru Toki no Nakade.

Left: Abe Yasuaki

Below: Motomiya Akane

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Top Left: Tachibana Tomohisa

Top Right: Fujihime

These cosplayers won for best group
in the cosplay contest.







Faye Valentine from the anime *Cowboy Bebop*.



The second monther-daughter cosplay team at AnimeDestiny was Kimiko & her two daughters. Kimiko is wearing an original creation while daugheters are Kiki from *Kiki's Delivery Service* and Pikachuu from *Pokemon*.

Convention Chair and Cal Animage Alpha President Kimberly Fung.



Liddo-chan was a competitor in the Iron Cosplay contest. All 2-person contestant teams had to create a mecha out of cardboard, paper plates and red vines.



Remmy, of Con Artist Cosplay, gives the judges a good look at the winning entry in the Iron Cosplay contest.
Co-designer Luck-In-Spades is going to run the Iron Cosplay competition at AnimeOverdose next year. Remmy did a great job presenting the costume, giving the judges lots of time to see the costume from both front and back.



Cosplay contest judges Eurobeat King of Cosplay.com and Jason Lum from Usagi.com said that craftsmanship, detail, presentation, comedy, character and overall good spirit were what they looked for when judging.



Remmy said he learned the "figure eight" maneuver he used to win by watching Mecha cosplay specialist Chris' earlier performance.



Kira models the mecha that she and Christy created for Iron Cosplay.

While the number of cosplayers at the Rumble Invasion was pretty small, the bands were good.

Luddo, right, seemed a little taken aback by the girls in green hair in the audience, but played an excellent set.

StereoStar FM, below, also played a good set and their lead singer, a math teacher by day, offered to help fans with their math homework.

