Friends Forever: A Liyue Friends Zine



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About:

- A **SFW** zine focusing on the **Liyue friend group** consisting of:
  - Chongyun
  - Hu Tao
  - Xiangling
  - Xingqiu
  - Xinyan
  - Yun Jin
- Only **platonic** ships will be allowed, we'll be focusing on their friendship!
- This zine will be **100%** for **charity**
  - Ideas for which charity will be gathered during the interest check and decided later on by the contributors.

We are aiming to have:

- ~20 artists, 4 writers and 4 merch artists
- Numbers are subject to change depending on the interest check.
- The **inclusion** of **writers** may be **dependent** on whether I can find a **Writing Mod**.

Contact Us

Questions can be directed to our Twitter DMs (@LiyueFriends), email (liyuefriendszine@gmail.com) or Tellonym.

Schedule

- **Dates are tentative**

~~**Dec 27: Interest Check Opens**~~

~~**Jan 8: Moderator Apps Open**~~

~~**Jan 17: Interest Check Ends**~~

~~**Jan 25: Moderator Apps Close**~~

~~Jan 26 27: Moderator Emails Sent Out~~

~~**Feb 1 Contributor Apps Open**~~

Feb 27 Contributor Apps Close

Feb 27 - Mar 2 Judging

Mar 2-4: Contributor Emails Sent Out

Mar 4-7: Waiting Period

Mar 8: Creation Period

Apr 8: 1st Check in

May 8: 2nd Check in

June 8: Final Submission

July 1: Pre Orders Open (for 1 month)

Aug 1: Pre Orders Close

~August-September onwards: Production / Shipping

Moderators: (All mods are over 18)

Pochaimo (Head Mod | Art / Graphics Mod | Communications Mod): Twitter

- Hi! I'm Pochaimo and you can reach me at my Twitter page above! These are the roles I'm planning on moderating for this zine and I'll be overseeing the general project as a whole. I'm over 18 and I'll also be managing any unfilled moderator roles. Although this will be my first time hosting a zine, I've previously participated in zines and am currently participating as a contributor in one. This is a passion project of mine and I am fully committed to see this through. I look forward to possibly working with you and the completion of this zine!

Crow (Merch Mod): Twitter / Instagram / AO3

- Heya! I'm Crow and I've been playing Genshin for about a year at this point, but the Liyue friend group are still some of my favorite characters after all this time :)

Alex (Writer Mod): Twitter / Tumblr

- I've loved the Liyue friend group since they were just a trio. I guess that means I've been playing for too long...
- Other projects: Unto the Abyss (Writing Mod)

Chloe (Formatting / Layout Mod): Twitter / Carrd

- Hi!! I'm Chloe (she/her) and I'm the formatting mod for this zine! This will be my 19th (I think) zine! I'm the graphics and formatting for Cloudburst: A Chongyun Zine, and other zines I have worked on/working on include Match Point: a Haikyuu Magazine, 20.07.1994: A Grand King's Path, and Nook Cookbook. Outside of zines, I'm trying to be a Visual Communication Design major at my college, and I have a job as a designer at a student run newspaper there!
- I've loved Liyue since I entered it, and I've been a Chongyun main since the first day I downloaded genshin and he came home. After that, it was only a matter of time before I fell in love with the various Liyue friendships and I'm super excited to work with everyone on this project!

Asteria (Production / Finance Mod): Twitter / Instagram

- Merha! I'm Asteria and I will be your Finance and Production Mod for this zine (´∩。• ᵕ •。∩`) I'm a psychology student but I have no brain cells /j. Thank you for having me! I hope that you guys look forward to this zine!

Natsumi (Shipping Mod): Twitter / Instagram

- Hello~ I'm Natsumi! I'm a stationery fiend who's deep in Genshin brain rot right now and I'll be helping out with shipping. The Liyue friends are such an adorable group, both individually and their interactions together!

For Contributors:

Contributor Application schedule: Feb 1 - Feb 27

How will contributors be compensated?
Contributors will be compensated at the very least with a digital zine + any digital merch. If we reach a break even, contributors will be compensated physically and, if profits allow, contributors could be compensated with a full bundle of the zine.

General Application Requirements

- **Working email**
  - Application results and submissions for check-in / final pieces will be done through email

- **Your top 3 best pieces**
  - Send us your favourite pieces that illustrate your skillset and art style
    - For page artists: one piece should feature a drawn background
  - Ideally, one piece should feature Genshin Impact in some way or form (however, if you don't have a complete piece, feel free to submit what you can!)

- **General Portfolio**
  - Social media links are ok! (ex. Twitter, Instagram, AO3 profile…)
    - However, **please ensure that it is easy to view your work if using a less-organized social media site.**
      - For example, putting your art tweets in a Moment, tagging your art tweets with a specific tag (let us know which tag to look at!), a direct link, etc.
  - Any sort of portfolio / image hosting site is also ok!
    - Ex. Google Drive / Imgur

        - This is just for us to explore more of your works outside of your top 3 works!

- **Contributors should be 14+ by the time of application**

- Have or be willing to make a **Discord** account
    - Our communications will primarily take place on a discord server

- **Be respectful** to your fellow contributors and moderators
    - Any kind of hate speech will not be tolerated.
    - If something / someone makes you uncomfortable during the zine process, please contact a moderator!

- **Be committed to the schedule**
    - Circumstances happen sometimes so please let any mod know if you need an extension or if you're unable to complete your part in time.

- **Please keep in mind that this is a SFW zine**! Submit the pieces you think fits the theme of the zine the best as we'll be looking for pieces done in a SFW setting.
    - <u>If submitting any kind of NSFW art or writing, please make sure to indicate it and give us a warning!</u>

<u>Does following count matter? What about art style?</u>
Not at all! We'll be looking for how you represent characters in your art and writing. We'll be looking for a variety of art styles so don't be afraid to send in your app!

<u>For Writers:</u>
- Try to keep your work examples to 1.5 - 3.0 k words!
- If possible, try to submit pieces that are similar to the theme of the zine! (ex. SFW, friendship-related)
- **We'll be specifically looking for:**
    - <u>Plot & pacing</u>
    - <u>Characterization & character development</u>
    - <u>Creativity</u>
    - <u>Style & sentence flow</u>
    - Decent grasp of grammar, spelling, and punctuation (the above criteria will be prioritized more than grammar!)
- **We'll also be looking for 1-2 poets if there's enough interest from contributors!**

<u>For Page Artists/Spot Artists/ Merch Artists:</u>

- At least one of top 3 pieces for the Page Artist application should be fully coloured and include a drawn background.
    - Page artists will need to be able to draw a background (something more than a solid colour / gradient bg)
- Based on the interest check results, we'll aim to have a spread of solo and group character pieces, **focusing more on group character pieces (2+)**

- **We'll be specifically looking for:**
    - General sense of anatomy (Stylized is ok!)
    - Colour sense
        - Saturated and desaturated colours and everything in between is welcome! We're looking for all sorts of art styles. What we're looking for most is the finished product to be a cohesive piece!
    - Composition
    - Backgrounds (not required for spot artists!)
    - Character interactions (would be nice to see but not a must to apply!)

- **Spot artists -** will be required to draw ~3 small pieces to accompany our writer's works!

- **Merch artist-specific**: If you have examples of your previous merch, be sure to send it in the contributor application! We'd love to see it!
- Merch artists will be expected to create 2 pieces of merch for our zine

Contributor Application FAQ

Can I apply for more than one role?
Feel free to send in another application for any additional roles you'd like to go for! **You'll only be chosen for one!**

I need to update my application, how should I do so?
Just submit your application again and we'll judge your most recent application! You can also
If there is any other concerns, please feel free to contact us (Twitter DMs (@LiyueFriends), email (liyuefriendszine@gmail.com) or Tellonym)

Contributor Guidelines

- Focus of the zine is on the Liyue Friend Group so we expect your pieces to be focused on one or more of the friend group members!
    - Characters outside the friend groups will be allowed if they're not a main part of your piece.

For Writers:

- 1.5 - 2.5k word count limit for prose
- Writers will be expected to write a fic or poetry about the Liyue Friend Group
    - … TBA

For Page Artists/ Merch Artists:

- Templates will be provided for both page artists and merch artists to use
- Traditional art will be allowed if it can be properly scanned.
- CMYK colour profile
    - **A5** paper size zine
- **Final pieces** for Page Artists will be **required** to include a drawn **background** (something more than a solid colour / gradient)

Contributor FAQ

Can I post/sell my work for the zine?

The rights of your piece belong completely to you so you're free to sell and post your art; **HOWEVER, we ask that you do not post substantial work-in-progress pieces or finished pieces until after the zine preorders period**.

- This is subject to change and we'll let you know when it's ok!