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We're doing a costume contest!

To celebrate the world premiere of Space Jam: The (Unofficial Parody) Musical on June 30th, we're putting up £50 to the winner of our costume contest. Dress up as your favourite character from the 1996 film, and come strut your stuff for our audience and judges!

The Contest:

We're looking for Space Jam fans, lovers of cosplay and costumes, and anyone wanting a chance to shine. The goal is to make a costume emulating (or inspired by) Space Jam, and wear it to our premiere as part of a costume contest.

Everyone will get 1 measure of music (which you'll get a copy of once you sign up) roughly 30 seconds long, to walk up and down the catwalk and try to get the biggest audience reaction, as well as to impress our panel of judges.

Put another way, everyone competing will line up, go on 1 at a time, and get their 30 second window to strut their stuff!

Scoring:

We'll have a judging panel, and their choices will be kept a secret until we announce the winner, so there's no public revealing of "scores" per-se. They'll be deciding the winner based on 3 categories:

Audience Reaction

Which contestant gets the biggest cheers, laughs, and/or applause from the audience.

Performance

Which contestant makes the best use of their time on the catwalk, perhaps using their 30 seconds to also show off a special move, a dance, a pose, a funny moment, or anything else that might surprise the audience and judges in a fun or exciting way.

The Costume Itself

Which contestant has the best costume itself is in terms of quality, originality, and apparent effort. Film accuracy isn't particularly important, but definitely stick within the theme of it being clearly inspired by the film.

Once everyone has gone up, the judges will announce the winner!

The Rules:

1. Contestants must be 18+ and ID will be requested on the door if there's any doubt once someone arrives. If you're found to be under 18 you won't necessarily be asked to leave (children 13+ can watch the show as long as they're supervised by a guardian at all times) but you definitely won't be allowed to compete.

2. So by extension of Rule 1, keep costumes and performances family friendly. There will be children in the audience.

3. Be supportive, courteous, and don't in any way harass or mock other contestants (including in character as part of your performance). Anyone behaving in a way that's deemed to be belittling, threatening, or insulting to others, will be immediately disqualified and may be told to leave the venue entirely.

4. Follow the instructions of our host, Ollie, and event organisers at all times, and don't overrun your 30 seconds of performance time each round. The consistent music cues will make it very easy to know how long you have each round, and when in doubt Ollie will direct everyone so there's no confusion.

5. If your costume includes parts that could obstruct another audience member's view once the contest is over and you're sat down to watch the show, please make sure they can be fully removed and kept on your lap, or stored under your seat, so they don't spoil anyone else's enjoyment of the evening. For instance rabbit ear, hats, or anything on your sides of shoulders would need to be removed after the contest.

6. Props are encouraged so long as they stay on your person at all times, and don't resemble any kind of weapon. Do not under any circumstances bring an object that is thrown, swung around, or could in any way startle or hurt a member of the audience. Furthermore, gesturing to the audience is completely fine, but don't touch anyone as part of your performance under any circumstance.

How To Enter:

If you'd like to be a part of our contest, please first go ahead and buy your ticket for the show:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/space-jam-the-unofficial-parody-musical-world-premiere-tickets-1984307063844?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Tickets go live 20:00 on Friday the 1st of May 2026, and we're expecting the premiere to sell out quickly so it's best you go ahead and grab some for you and your friends as soon as you can.

Once you have your ticket, forward evidence of your booking to riverkitetheatre@gmail.com so we know you'll definitely be attending, with the email subject line including "Costume Contest Entry for _____" (_____ being your name!). We'll then be in touch shortly afterwards to confirm your entry into the competition!

Edit: Sign ups on the door will now be permitted, though we can't guarantee entry due to the above rules and incase there's a lot of interest, so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

At that point just turn up to the show on time and make sure the ticket office knows you're a contestant once you arrive. When the contest is about to start, all contestants will be called up from their seats in the audience to come up and compete.

See you there!