

Sakura-Con Lip Sync Events

Lip Sync Extravaganza

This event is a fun and family-friendly competition where participants of all ages perform energetic and creative lip-sync renditions of their favorite songs. Contestants compete against others at their skill level, with everyone having a shot at winning Best in Show!

18+ Lip Sync Battle

Watch as cosplayers 18 and older take the stage, bringing characters to life with their electrifying performances! With the freedom to choose bold songs and push the boundaries of creativity, performers add sass, humor, and sexiness to their acts, making every moment unforgettable.

*All rules for the 18+ Lip Sync Battle are listed below the show structure section

Sign-ups are processed on a first-come- first-served basis, separated by level. All submissions will be reviewed by the Lip Sync Specialist in the order they are received.

Submissions open March 7th 11:00am through March 23rd at 11:59pm pst

**Contestants may apply for both events but must create two distinct performances. Repeating the same character is allowed, but the performances must feature different songs.

Lip Sync Extravaganza

Eligibility

- All participants must have a **Sakura-Con 2025** badge.
- All participants must read and agree to all the rules for both Sakura-Con Lip Sync events.
- Performances previously entered are ineligible.
- By registering for the Cosplay Lip Sync Extravaganza, all participants agree to allow Sakura-Con to use their images for promotional purposes, both photographs and video.
- All convention [policies](#) must be upheld during the entirety of the both Lip Sync events. Anyone breaking Sakuracon rules will be disqualified and reported

General Information

- Lip Sync Extravaganza is an SC_All event
 - Offensive language of any kind is not allowed—no racial or sexual epithets; no profanity, etc.
 - No excessive violence.
 - All sexual jokes must have a non-sexual interpretation that is at least as obvious as the sexual one.
 - No nudity—**all** costumes must adhere to the official Sakura-Con rules.
 - If you have a question about your content, please feel free to ask the Lip Sync Specialist if it is allowable.
- You may surprise the audience, but ***never surprise the crew.***
- No messy substances—wet, dry, or oily
- No jumping on or off stage—please use the officially designated stage entrances and exits.
- Entrants must abide by the convention weapons policies. All weapons must be peace-bonded and approved. Pointing weapons at anyone not in your cosplay group will **not** be tolerated.
- Contestants may **NOT** use stage time to make political, religious, insulting, or other demonstrations not related to their entry.
- You must have some kind of foot covering. Shoes, sandals, or boots are required. Be aware of safety concerns. If your character does not wear shoes the lack of accuracy will be forgiven; consider flesh-toned or clear shoes.

Judging

Contestants are judged solely on their performance. Costume construction has no influence on the performance judging.

- All contestants **must** give a performance.
- Contestants will be assigned a numerical score by each judge based on a set rubric comprising lip syncing, stage performance, use of props, and other, etc.
- Three awards based off level with an overall Best in Show.

Performance

- Each person or group is allowed only one (1) entry per show.
- Costumes **do not** have to be self-made.
- **Contestants must provide their own music.**
 - File uploads are preferred for online entries.
 - You **MUST** also deliver your music file by USB thumb drive at Check In
 - Please include your person/group name and performance name in the filename.

- One track is preferred; we cannot change tracks or start in the middle of a track.
 - No YouTube links will be accepted
- We can accept MP3, M4A, and other common file types. We strongly prefer 128kbps or higher.
- ***We will not play or rip music off portable MP3 players, such as iPods or cell phones.***
- Leave the stage as clean as it was when you set foot on it. Arrange to remove all items you bought on stage at the end of your presentation.
- Don't plan for complex lighting. Default lighting cue is: lights go up, music starts, you come on stage right, you leave on stage left.

Song Selection

- Each person or group is allowed only one (1) entry per show.
- Songs may be from any category, but are limited to **3 minutes**.
- You must include the lyrics for the song you are using so that we may review for approval. If the song is not in English, you must include lyrics in the original language and the English translation.
- No heavily edited audio (added voice lines, original medleys, etc.). Editing for time is okay.
- The Lip Sync Specialist **WILL NOT** edit the music for you.
- Be prepared to perform at least two different songs. If two people have the same song, one or both will be asked to perform a backup song ahead of time.

Show Structure

- The Lip Sync Extravaganza will be run in three levels:
 - Beginner, Intermediate, and Master.
 - Groups must go off the most experienced members level when choosing a level. Group size is limited to 5 people or less
 - There will be an award for each level winner and an overall Best In Show.
 - Contestants may be bumped up a level based on the decision from the Lip Sync Specialist.
 - For contestants entering both shows, if they win an award at the 18+ Lip Sync Battle they will not be eligible for an award at the Lip Sync Extravaganza

18+ Lip Sync Battle

Eligibility

- All participants must have a **Sakura-Con 2025** badge and be 18 years or older
- Must have an 18+ verified stamp and/or bracelet
- All participants must read and agree to follow all rules of the 18+ Lip Sync Battle
- Performances previously entered are ineligible.
- By registering for 18+ Lip Sync Battle, all participants agree to allow Sakura-Con to use their images for promotional purposes, both photographs and video.
- All convention [policies](#) must be upheld during the entirety of the 18+ Lip Sync Battle. Anyone breaking Sakura-Con rules will be disqualified and reported.

General Information

- SC-18/R Rated event
 - Explicit language is allowed.
 - Avoid characters that appear or are portrayed as minors. Characters must be established as 18 years or older in the canon from the start of the series.
 - No excessive violence.
 - No nudity—**all** costumes must adhere to the official Sakura-Con dress code.
 - Be clever, not crass! If you think your costume or presentation might be too risqué or offensive, it probably is.
 - If you have a question about your content, please feel free to ask the Lip Sync Specialist if it is allowable.
- **3-minute** song performance for each entry.
- For the safety of performers and audience members, stunts are not allowed as part of the 18+ Lip Sync Battle
- All other rules unless otherwise stated are the same as the Cosplay Lip Sync Extravaganza

Show Structure

- The 18+ Lip Sync Battle will be run in three levels:
 - Beginner, Intermediate, and Master
 - Groups must go off the most experienced members level when choosing a level. Group size is limited to 5 people or less
 - There will be an award for each level winner and an overall Best In Show.

Submission Requirements

This applies to both shows. All requirements will be listed on the sign up form as well.

- Stage Name
- Character(s) and Series
- 3 minute performance song
 - Must be already edited for time
 - Songs must be in MP3, M4A, or other common file types. Strongly prefer 128kbps or higher. **NO** YouTube links
 - Backup song required (contestants must have it or their entry could be rejected)
 - Input lyrics for 1st choice song. If the song is not in English, you must include lyrics in the original language and the English translation.
- Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Master)

Check-In

Important: Tech Rehearsal/Check In is mandatory unless otherwise communicated.

18+ Lip Sync Battle will be Saturday 8:00-10pm. Check In/Tech Rehearsal is 6:30pm at Arch 6E (SakuraDome). The show will take place in the same room as check in.

Cosplay Lip Sync Extravaganza will be Sunday 2:30-4pm. Check In/Tech Rehearsal is 1:00pm at the Summit Stage. The show will take place in the same room as check in.

All correspondence, including acceptance, waitlist, and denial emails, will come from doublemischiefcosplay@gmail.com. Any questions should also be sent to this email, where the Lip Sync Specialist will respond.