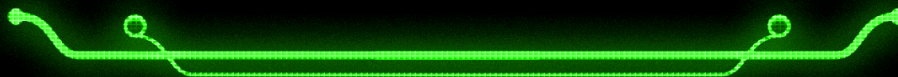




ALIEN COLLECTION



INFO DOC

This zine is a celebration of the Alien franchise! Looking at its wide collection of various stories, we want to showcase the love of this long-running series.

We plan on being for-charity, with all profits going to [The Nature Conservancy](#). The zine will feature art and fanfiction based on any of the non-crossover canon media. Other additions will be considered through the interest check and have been explained below.

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SCHEDULE

Announcement

Oct 9 2024

Interest Check

Feb 17 - Mar 10

Interest Check Results	Mar 17
Contributor Applications	Mar 24 - Apr 20
Contributor Results	Apr 26 (+ Alien Day!)
Join By	May 3
Pitches Due	May 9
Check In #1	Jun 8
Check In #2	Jul 6
Check In #3	Aug 3
Final Works Due	Aug 31

The rest of the schedule is TBD!

Q U E S T I O N S

What is a zine?

A zine is an independently published "mini magazine" that is usually produced in small, limited batches.

Who can apply?

We ask that all interested applicants be at least 18 years of age or older. Other than that, we're open to anyone! No previous zine experience is required.

How many contributors will there be?

- Artists: 20-22
- Writers: 5-6
- Merch Artists: 3-4

Some of these spots will go to mods but the majority will go to applicants.

Will the zine be digital or physical?

The SFW zine will be physical, and the NSFW zine will be digital only.

How will contributors be compensated?

All contributors will be guaranteed at least the digital version of the zine. **If sales allow**, the goal is to compensate contributors with the zine book, any physical merch, and free shipping. **However, as this is dependent on sales, any physical items and shipping compensation is not guaranteed.**

Is it SFW or will there be NSFW content?

The main zine will be SFW, there will be a digital NSFW contributors will have the option of opting into. For the purposes of this zine, 'NSFW' is defined as sexually explicit content.

Will AUs be allowed?

AUs *within* the Alien franchise are allowed (ie. characters across movies that didn't meet can be featured together), but AUs that take place outside of the Alien universe (ie. medieval setting) won't be allowed.

Are ships allowed?

Shipping will be allowed in both zines.

Will the AVP film be featured?

As we're focused on the Alien franchise, no, AVP will not be allowed in the zine.

Does my piece have to feature a xenomorph?

Not at all! We're a celebration of the franchise, not just its popular icon. You can focus on the humans (or androids) in your piece if that's more your style! We want to see a wide range of various characters and really bring to life the world of the Alien franchise.

Where are the zine's profits going to?

As this is a for-charity zine, profits will be donated to [The Nature Conservancy.](#)

Can I share my WIPs online?

No, all work for the zine must be kept private until after the zine has concluded. However, after the creation phase, we will post previews of the work that's featured in the zine.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- You will be providing samples of your best work. If you're using Google Drive, please make sure that **link sharing is turned on**, we will not consider applications that we need to request permission to view.
- NSFW pieces and other explicit materials will be allowed in samples, but we ask that you tag your work accordingly.
- Alien samples are not required, but they are encouraged!
- Submit in the style you wish to portray in the zine.
- All applicants must be 18 or older by the time the contributor applications close.
- Contributors are required to have or create a Discord account as all communication with mods and contributors will be in our Discord server.
- Contributors are expected to communicate regularly with the mods. If a contributor misses a check-in without reaching out to mods, they will be given a one-week warning. If they do not respond, they may be dropped.
- In the case that an applicant has to drop from the zine, they must contact one of the mods as soon as possible to allow time to find a replacement pinch hitter.
- There will be zero tolerance for any involvement in illegal/discriminatory groups or activities (i.e. racial hate groups, homophobic/transphobic groups, etc.). Any person found to be doing so will be removed from consideration (or removed from the zine, if already accepted).

- Contributors will not share the pieces they've created to social media or streaming sites until POs have ended and mods have given permission to do so.
- We will not be judging or controlling contributors based on what they create in their own time.
- Please note that mods will **not** choose applicants based on external factors such as follower counts.
- **Tracing, plagiarism, and AI use will not be tolerated.**

A R T I S T G U I D E L I N E S

- As an Art Applicant, your work will be judged on your knowledge of anatomy, perspective, composition, color theory, and personal style.
- Whenever possible, please choose examples you feel best reflect the style of artwork you would like to create for the zine.
- A portfolio is not required, but is encouraged.
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- We encourage applicants who apply for both page and merch to display a variety of pieces for each application for a better understanding of your skills.
- Make sure to keep all layers/progress work as you move through the check in stages in case it is required by mods during any stage of the zine.

A R T I S T

P O R T F O L I O

All Artists

- 3 art pieces showcasing the best of your artistic abilities.
- At least 1 art piece must have a complete background, full shading, and coloring.
- NSFW pieces are allowed, just add the appropriate tags if needed.

Comic Artists

- At least 1 art piece must show a page of a previous comic, either in color or in black and white.

Merch Artists

- Merch-specific art is highly encouraged, but not strictly required.
- Merch art does not require a background, but if wanting to do a print/wallpaper/etc it is encouraged.

Spot Artists

- Backgrounds aren't required but are encouraged.

Portfolio links are welcome. Carrd and Google Drive are preferred. We will not accept portfolio accounts on Pixiv if they are locked for 18+ content.

W R I T E R

G U I D E L I N E S

- As a Writer Applicant, your work will be judged on your grammar, flow, ability to tell a story within a given word limit, characterization, and general style of prose.
- Whenever possible, please choose examples you feel best reflect the style of writing you would like to create for the zine.

- A portfolio is encouraged but not required.

W R I T E R P O R T F O L I O

- 3 samples showcasing the best of your writing abilities.
- NSFW writing is allowed, just add the appropriate tags if needed.
- Samples must be between 500 words and 2k. There is an allowance of 100 words in either direction, but please note that any samples that go over the limit will be judged negatively for not following directions.
- At least one sample needs to be a standalone (ie. completed) work.
- Excerpts are allowed, however, please include a summary + tags (and fandom if not Alien) so mods can get an understanding of what the piece is about overall.
- Please ensure samples are legible. **Images/screenshots of stories are not allowed** and samples must use legible fonts and font sizes.
- All samples need to be hosted elsewhere (ie. **not pasted directly into the form**). Your samples therefore should be in the form of a link.

Portfolio links are welcome. Carrd, AO3, FF.net, and Google Drive are preferred.