



## Coastal Comic Con Ballroom Panel Schedule

**Saturday, March 2, 2024<sup>1</sup>**

### **12:30 pm – An Afternoon with Sonny Strait: A Journey Through Anime and Art**

Get ready to dive into the vibrant world of anime and voice acting with the incomparable Sonny Strait! Join us for an exclusive panel as we explore the illustrious career of this iconic voice actor, director, and artist.

Best known for his unforgettable portrayal of Krillin in the legendary "Dragon Ball Z" series, Sonny Strait has left an indelible mark on the anime community. With his dynamic vocal range and unparalleled talent, he has brought to life countless beloved characters, captivating audiences around the world.

In this engaging session, Sonny will share behind-the-scenes stories, insider anecdotes, and invaluable insights into the art of voice acting. From the intricacies of character development to the challenges of dubbing, get ready to uncover the secrets of the trade from a true industry veteran. But Sonny's talents don't stop there! As an accomplished artist and writer, he has also made significant contributions to the world of comics and graphic novels. Hear firsthand about his creative process, inspirations, and the intersection of art and storytelling.

Whether you're a die-hard anime enthusiast, aspiring voice actor, or simply curious about the entertainment industry, this panel is a must-attend event. Join us as we celebrate the extraordinary career and talents of Sonny Strait, a true legend in the world of anime and beyond.

### **1:30 pm – Unveiling the Craft: A Conversation with David Matranga**

Step into the world of voice acting and storytelling with David Matranga, an acclaimed talent known for his captivating performances in anime and beyond. Join us for an enlightening discussion as David shares insights into his diverse roles, from the heroic Todoroki in "My Hero Academia" to the introspective Tomoya Okazaki in "Clannad."

Explore the intricacies of character development and the art of conveying emotion through voice as David offers a glimpse into his process as a voice actor. With a repertoire spanning various genres and mediums, David brings a wealth of experience and passion to the table.

Engage in an interactive Q&A session where you can delve deeper into David's career, his approach to voice acting, and his perspectives on the ever-evolving landscape of storytelling. Whether you're an avid anime fan or a budding voice actor, this panel promises to inspire and enlighten as David Matranga lifts the curtain on the magic of his craft.

### **2:30 pm – An Afternoon with the Legendary Voice Talent, Billy West**

Join us for an exclusive and entertaining panel as we dive into the remarkable career of Billy West, one of the most versatile and iconic voice actors in the industry. With a career spanning decades, Billy has lent his vocal talents to some of the most beloved characters in animation, television, and film.

From his groundbreaking work on "The Ren & Stimpy Show" to his contributions to the iconic "Futurama" series, Billy West has left an indelible mark on the world of animation. Get ready to explore the art of voice acting with the man behind the voices of Fry, Professor Farnsworth, Zapp Brannigan, and more.

During this panel, Billy will share anecdotes from his extensive career, discussing the challenges and joys of bringing characters to life through his unique vocal range. Hear about his experiences working on classic cartoons, collaborating with industry legends, and the secrets behind creating unforgettable characters that have become a part of pop culture history.

Whether you're a fan of "Futurama," "Ren & Stimpy," or simply fascinated by the art of voice acting, this panel promises an insightful and entertaining journey into the world of Billy West, a true maestro of the microphone. Don't miss the chance to hear the stories behind the voices that have captured the hearts of fans worldwide.

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#### **4:30 pm – Voices and Versatility: A Spotlight on Leah Clark's Dynamic Career**

Prepare for an enlightening and entertaining journey into the world of voice acting with the exceptionally talented Leah Clark. As a seasoned voice actress known for her diverse roles in anime, video games, and beyond, Leah brings a unique blend of charm and skill to every character she portrays. Join us for an intimate panel where Leah will share anecdotes, insights, and the behind-the-scenes stories that have defined her vibrant career.

Leah Clark's contributions to anime are extensive, with standout roles in series such as "My Hero Academia," "Assassination Classroom," and "Fairy Tail." This panel offers a rare opportunity for fans to delve into the art of voice acting, as Leah discusses the challenges and joys of bringing animated characters to life. Gain a deeper understanding of the nuances of her craft and the dedication required to breathe personality into each role.

Beyond the recording booth, Leah has made her mark in various creative realms, showcasing her versatility in acting, directing, and producing. Learn about her experiences working on both sides of the microphone and discover the insights she has gained throughout her multifaceted career.

This panel is a must-attend for anime enthusiasts, aspiring voice actors, and anyone fascinated by the art of performance. Join us as Leah Clark takes us on a captivating exploration of her journey through the diverse landscape of voice acting, offering a glimpse into the passion and dedication that fuel her creative endeavors. Don't miss the chance to connect with this talented artist and gain a deeper appreciation for the dynamic world of voiceover acting.

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## **Coastal Comic Con Ballroom Panel Schedule**

### **Sunday, March 3, 2024<sup>1</sup>**

#### **1:30 pm – Exploring Futurama: A Journey through Space, Time, and Laughter with Billy West**

Get ready for an intergalactic adventure unlike any other as we delve into the futuristic world of "Futurama" with the incomparable voice actor, Billy West! Join us for an immersive panel experience as we celebrate the iconic animated series that has captured the hearts and minds of fans worldwide.

"Futurama," created by the visionary Matt Groening, took audiences on a whirlwind journey through the 31st century, blending science fiction, satire, and heartfelt storytelling with a generous sprinkling of humor. At the heart of this beloved series were the unforgettable characters brought to life by the immensely talented Billy West.

As the voice behind fan-favorites like the lovably clueless Fry, the cantankerous Professor Farnsworth, the suave yet clueless Zapp Brannigan, and many more, Billy West's contributions to "Futurama" have been nothing short of

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legendary. His incredible vocal range, comedic timing, and ability to infuse each character with personality and charm have made him an integral part of the show's success.

In this special panel, Billy West will take us behind the scenes of "Futurama," sharing fascinating anecdotes, behind-the-scenes stories, and insights into the creative process that brought this futuristic universe to life. From the recording booth to the screen, get ready to explore the joys and challenges of voicing multiple characters in a world where anything is possible.

But our journey doesn't stop there! We'll also dive into the enduring legacy of "Futurama," exploring its impact on popular culture, its devoted fanbase, and the themes that continue to resonate with audiences to this day. From its clever satire to its poignant moments of emotion, "Futurama" remains a timeless classic that continues to inspire and entertain.

Whether you're a die-hard fan of the series, a casual viewer, or simply curious about the magic behind the scenes, this panel is a must-attend event. Join us as we celebrate the genius of "Futurama" and the unparalleled talent of Billy West, a true legend in the world of animation.

### **2:30 pm – Voices Unite: An Anime Extravaganza with Leah Clark, Sonny Strait, and David Matranga**

Prepare for an anime extravaganza like no other as we bring together three titans of the industry: Leah Clark, Sonny Strait, and David Matranga! Join us for an unforgettable panel where these talented voice actors will share insights, anecdotes, and behind-the-scenes stories from their illustrious careers.

Leah Clark, known for her iconic roles in "My Hero Academia" and "Fruits Basket," will take us on a journey through the world of voice acting, exploring the art of character creation and the challenges of bringing anime characters to life.

Sonny Strait, the legendary voice behind Krillin in "Dragon Ball Z," will regale us with tales from the recording booth and share his experiences as both a voice actor and director in the anime industry.

David Matranga, with his captivating performances in "Attack on Titan" and "Clannad," will offer insights into the nuances of anime dubbing and the evolving landscape of voice acting.

From comedic hijinks to heart-wrenching drama, this panel promises something for every anime enthusiast. Don't miss this rare opportunity to connect with Leah Clark, Sonny Strait, and David Matranga as they come together to celebrate the art of voice acting and the enduring legacy of anime.

### **4:00 pm – Chick-fil-A Leland Town Center Presents: First Annual Children's Cosplay Contest**

Buckle up comic con attendees and welcome to the first annual Children's Cosplay Contest. This event is dedicated specifically to our younger fans, so come on our and support contestants of all ages. We have lots of great prizes for everyone, so it's a can't lose event! If you want to participate, please register at the Information Table located in the River Concourse. With guaranteed fun, let's close out Coastal with smiles, laughs and tons of prizes!

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