

## Gimli the Dwarf, Cat, and Hellboy are heading to Prague. Comic-Con Prague granted fans of sci-fi, fantasy, and horror their wishes

**Prague, February 4<sup>th</sup> - The most famous pop culture festival in the world, Comic-Con, will take place in the Czech Republic for the very first time from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> February at Prague's O<sub>2</sub> universum. The festival will focus on films, TV shows, games, comics, and books mainly in the sci-fi, fantasy, and horror genres. It will also give fans the opportunity to meet several well-known actors, comic creators, writers, and other artists, all at the same event.**

Visitors of Comic-Con Prague can look forward to photo opportunities, autograph sessions, Question & Answer sessions with actors and artists from home and abroad, screenings, workshops, competitions, exhibitions, and concerts, as well as video and board game sessions and the sale of fan merchandise.

### Star guests

*"We were incredibly pleased with the response with which the last announcements of guests were received. John Rhys-Davies, known also as Gimli from the Lord of the Rings films, or Danny John-Jules, whom Red Dwarf fans will remember as Cat, have proven to be very popular. Considering these two names, as well as Ron Perlman, Brandon Routh, Casper Van Dien, and other famous personalities, I believe we have a really strong line up of actors with which we can compete even with more established Comic-Cons from abroad,"* explains Pavel Renčín, Head of Marketing at Active Radio, whose production division, NoLimits, is co-organising the event. Other famous actors and actresses present at Comic-Con Prague include Ian McElhinney, David Nykl, Vladimír Furdík, Predrag Bjelac, Stefan Kapicic, Anna Shaffer, Tracy Scoggins, and Daniela Tlumačová.

Fans can purchase group photo vouchers with their favourite stars, as well as their autographs, on the online store. Comic creators, writers, and other famous figures will also be signing autographs at the event.

Established authors such as Ben Aaronovitch, Ondřej Neff, and František Kotleta have all confirmed their attendance, as have screenwriters and sculptors Brian Azzarello, John McCrear, Rafa Garres, Alvaro Martínez, Marco Turini, Petr Kopl, Dan Černý, Jonáš Ledecký, and many others.

Representatives from the law firm HKDW Legal will be on hand to determine the authenticity of the artists' signatures.

### Program

*"People at Comic-Cons love their costumes, and at this event, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy them too. Many participants will arrive in costumes, and on Saturday night, we will be hosting our own cosplay competition called PragoCosplay. We will be assessing both the quality of the costume and the overall depiction of the character in an acting sense,"* says program director Václav Pravda.

The mayor of Prague, Zdeněk Hřib, will attend the event's opening ceremony on Friday at 6:30pm. *"As a big fan of comics, sci-fi, and fantasy, it gives me great pleasure that Prague is hosting its first-ever Comic-Con. I am very happy that we could help with the organisation of this event,"* says Hřib with

excitement, *"I am sure that this event will be a success and that we will all get to take home wonderful memories. I am mostly looking forward to meeting the legendary Cat from Red Dwarf, Danny John-Jules, and Gimli from Lord of the Rings, played so well by John Rhys-Davies. I am also very excited by the cosplay section, especially the bloc of cosplayers dedicated to Game of Thrones. Comic-Con is coming!"* Cosplayers and star guests will play a major role in each of the large number of events on offer. Fans can also look forward to a concert by the Prague Film Orchestra, led by conductor Jiří Korynta.

Visitors of Comic-Con Prague can also enjoy an area of more than 1400 m<sup>2</sup> which will be dedicated to board games and video games. Large retro video game consoles will also be on offer in the gaming zone, as well as virtual reality, computers, laptops etc. The boardgame room will offer tens of tables where visitors can enjoy card games, board games, and mind puzzles.

Comic-Con Prague also features several other unique specialities and projects. Well-known and up-and-coming artists and cartoonists from all over the world will showcase their work in Artist Alley. There will also be a Star Wars model exhibition and a comic exhibition. Thanks to HBO, fans will also be able to sit on the original Iron Throne from Game of Thrones. Visitors of Comic-Con Prague can enjoy all these things and so much more. Organisers of the event are continuously updating the website and all social media channels with more information.

News and additional information regarding the event will be uploaded online and on social media. We will be adding more specific information here in due course.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/comicconprague/>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/comiccon\\_prague/](https://www.instagram.com/comiccon_prague/)

Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster: <https://www.ticketmaster.cz/artist/comic-con-prague-2020-vstupenky/1018050>

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**Active Radio**

Active Radio Ltd. is a multimedia group which owns radios such as Evropa 2, Frekvence 1, Rádio Bonton, Rádio Dance, Youradio, and Youradio Talk. It also owns the children's project, PiGy. The company is responsible for several online media outlets, an audio streaming service, social media platforms, and event organisation. The NoLimits division annually organises events whose attendance exceeds 100 000 people. From 2018, Active Radio belongs to the holding company Czech Media Invest.

**Comic-Con Prague**

For the purpose of organising Comic-Con Prague, Václav Pravda created a new incorporated company. The business works closely with SFK Avalon, which is a non-profit, fan-run group that organises large scale pop culture festivals, such as Festival fantazie (attended by 3500 fans and will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2020 in Chotěboř), PragoFFest (attended by 4500 fans and celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2019), FanCity (attended by 2500 fans in Prague and is now a smaller event in Chotěboř), and GameFFest (the gaming division of all aforementioned festivals).

**Comic-Con**

Comic-Con is popular throughout the world and it boasts a long history. The first ever Comic-Con was held in the USA in 1970, and since then, it has grown into an event that has a far-reaching impact on the world of popular culture. Comic-Con Prague is a world where dreams come true, especially for fans of sci-fi, fantasy, and horror. This is the first time that such a wide range of actors, comic creators, and other artists attend a single event in the Czech Republic.

Comic-Con Prague gives you plenty of new events and special programs thanks to the close cooperation of experienced fan groups, leading experts, star guests, and a seldom-before-seen number of interested businesses.