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ABOUT ME

My name is Suzanne; I'm also known by my cosplay alias, Sparkle Pipsi! I'm a veteran cosplayer with over 10 years of experience creating and modeling costumes. I particularly love dressing up as idols and magical girls!

My love for anime, video games, and all things nerdy inspired me to begin making my own costumes. I'm always looking for a new technical challenge, and over the years I have gained skills in sewing, wig styling, prop/armor making, and electronics. While I work hard to improve my own craft, I also find it important to be active in the cosplay community by sharing my knowledge with fellow cosplayers; the friends and experiences I have gained through cosplay are priceless, so I do what I can to give back! I have had the honor of spreading my love for cosplay and costume craftsmanship by making guest appearances at conventions, judging cosplay contests, hosting panels and workshops, and producing cosplay tutorials.

Thank you for reviewing my resume. If you are interested in having me as a guest or participant at an upcoming cosplay event, please contact me with details at sparklepipsi@gmail.com.

EXPERIENCE

COSPLAY SENPAI - Nan Desu Kan 2016 Panel Host & Guest Judge for Costume Contest

COSPLAY GUEST - Louisianime 2015 Panel Host & Masquerade Judge

COSPLAY GUEST - Anime North Texas 2014 Panel Host & Masquerade Judge

VIZ INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE - Anime Expo 2014 & 2015 Official Sailor Venus cosplayer for VIZ Media's Sailor Moon events

VIZ INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE - Anime Central 2014 Official Sailor Moon cosplayer for VIZ Media's Sailor Moon events

COSPLAY GUEST - Anime Matsuri 2012 Panel Host & Masquerade Judge

COSPLAY JUDGE - World Cosplay Summit 2011 USA Qualifier

MASQUERADE JUDGE - Anime Los Angeles 2010

AWARDS

Best Group Performance // Pacific Media Expo 2015 Best Group Performance // Pacific Media Expo 2014 Best Group // Japan Expo 2014 "Wild Card" Finalist // 2014 World Cosplay Summit USA Best in Show // AniMegaCon 2012 Honorable Mention: Craftsmanship // Fanime 2012 Best of Division: Group Craftsmanship // Fanime 2011 Jacky Dosai's Judges Award // Anime Expo 2010 2nd Place // World Cosplay Summit USA Preliminary 2010 Best Re-Creation // San Diego Comic-Con 2008 Best X-box Themed Entry // San Diego Comic-Con 2008 Performance Best in Show // Anime LA 2008 Excellence in Workmanship // Anime LA 2008 Best Presentation // San Diego Comic-Con 2008 Best in Show // Anime Expo 2006 Judges Award // Anime Expo 2006

Additional award information available on request

PANEL OFFERINGS

GETTING STARTED IN COSPLAY

Even if you've never touched a sewing machine before, this panel will cover everything you need to get started on your own exciting costume creations! Come learn what you need to know to get crafting with confidence; basic sewing techniques, picking out and altering patterns, choosing fabrics and materials, as well as tips for making your costume-wearing experience more enjoyable.

COSPLAY LIGHTING ELECTRONICS

Learn how to add light-up magic to your costumes! This panel will teach you how to incorporate LED lights to your costume or prop, including how to create a basic circuit, an introduction to the tools and materials needed, and ideas for how to seamlessly incorporate LEDs into your projects.

DESIGNING CUSTOM FABRICS FOR COSPLAY

If the perfect striped, plaid, or patterned fabric for your cosplay doesn't seem to exist, then design your own! Come learn about the basic tools and skills you'll need to digitally illustrate and custom print your own fabrics for costumes.

SEWING BOWS FOR COSPLAY

Bows and ribbons are a cosplay staple, but not all bows are created equal -- from small hair accessories to giant gravity-defying trains, different shapes and sizes of bows require different construction techniques. This panel will teach you how to analyze and execute the techniques needed for your bow-covered costumes!

SHOES FOR COSPLAY

Oftentimes finding accurate footwear for your costume isn't a walk in the park! Come learn how to make shoes and boots that are accurate to source material; you will learn techniques for sewing convincing covers, what types of paints work best, tips for finding affordable and workable bases to start from and more!

THE ART OF MASQUERADE SKITS

Take your cosplay skit from Otaku to Takarazuka! This panel will present tips and tricks for creating the perfect masquerade skit, from conception and production to rehearsal and performance. You'll learn from award-winning skit writers and performers, and also get insight from a Judge's perspective. Let's take the stage!

Have an idea for a panel or workshop you'd like to see from me? Suggest away! Email me at sparklepipsi@gmail.com





Honey (Sakizo Artworks) Completed in May 2016

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Rhaegal (Inspired by Game of Thrones) Completed in October 2015

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Honoka Kosaka "Snowy Mountain" (Love Live) Completed in January 2016



Millhiore F. Biscotti (Dog Days) Completed in July 2015

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Chii (Chobits) Completed in February 2014

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Mari Illustrious Makinami (Evangelion) Completed in August 2013

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Eternal Sailor Venus (Sailor Moon) Completed in May 2013

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Miki Hoshii "Starry" (The iDOLM@STER) Completed in August 2012

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