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Attention culture and entertainment editors

Otakuthon Manga Festival presents its first guests

MONTREAL – April 12th, 2018. Otakuthon announces today the presale of the tickets for the 13th edition of its comic book and japanese animation convention, that will be held August 3^{rd} - 5^{th} 2018 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

Otakuthon presents this year its biggest concert line-up to date. The convention is proud to feature **CAPCOM LIVE!**, a show containing symphonic rock arrangements of the most memorable *Capcom* video games (*Street Fighter, Resident Evil, Monster Hunter,* etc.). Figuring also as honored guest is the **maidreamin** squad, presenting a *maid café*-themed cultural performance. Japanese pop band **fhána**, known for their numerous musical inclusions to anime series, will be giving during the convention their first show ever in Canada.

Convention goers will also have the chance to meet pop rock singer **Shiena Nishizawa**, rising star from the release of her first single *Fubuki* in 2015, as well as **LIA**, voice of the synthesizer singer IA. All of the mentioned artists will be performing at the 2018 convention.

Other guests include **Danny Choo**, developer of the *Smart Doll* line of fashion dolls, as well as voice actor Kyle Hebert (*Wreck-It Ralph, Naruto, Dragonball Z, League of Legends*, etc.).

"We are proud to present a diverse musical guest line-up reflecting some popular trends from Japan!", says Stefan Latour, co-president of the festival. "We are also looking forward to providing attendees with better service using the latest RFID badge technology."

The convention's theme for 2018 will center on the influence of a great many Japanese video games: China's Romance of the Three Kingdoms and its actors. More details on the website.

- WHEN?: Friday August 3rd, 2017 from 10 AM to 6 AM Saturday August 4th, 2017 from 10 AM to 6 AM Sunday August 5th, 2017 from 10 AM to 6 PM
- WHERE?: Palais des congrès de Montréal 201 Viger Ouest Avenue Montreal (Québec) H2Z 1H2

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ABOUT OTAKUTHON

Otakuthon is Canada's largest bilingual festival celebrating Japanese animation (anime), graphic novels (manga), gaming, and pop culture. The first of its kind in Montreal, Otakuthon is a full-fledged, bilingual anime convention that features a number of special guests as well as many panels, activities and events spotlighting all the aspects of the Japanese culture. Each year, the event is organized by passionate volunteers who give their free time to make a convention for fans by fans.

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