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Otakuthon Anime Convention unveils an impressive international guest lineup

MONTREAL – May 18th, 2023. Otakuthon is excited to announce the presence of its first guests for the 2023 convention, which is set to take place from August 11th to 13th, 2023 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

This year's North American guests lineup features accomplished voice actors with an impressive and diverse list of credits. Otakuthon is proud to welcome **Keith Silverstein**, known for his voiceover work in *Genshin Impact*, *Overwatch*, *Hunter x Hunter*, *Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir*, and *Jojo's Bizarre Adventure*. Attendees will also meet **Joe Zieja**, a well-known voice actor in *Fire Emblem: Three Houses*, *Just Cause 4*, *Star Fox Zero*, *The Battle Begins*, and *Fate/Apocrypha*. He is also the author of the *Epic Failure Trilogy*, a whimsical military sci-fi series described as "Terry Pratchett in space." Attendees will have the opportunity to meet **Khoi Dao**, a voice actor who worked on famous projects such as *Phantasy Star Online 2*, *Sword Art Online: Alicization*, and *Pokémon Masters*, as well as **Laura Stahl**, a renowned voice actor who has lent her voice to various shows and video games, including *Fire Emblem: Engage*, *The Promised Neverland*, and *Genshin Impact*. She has also adapted scripts for popular anime such as *Yashahime: Princess Half Demon*, *Fate Grand Order: Absolute Demonic Front Babylonia* and *Eden*, among others.

The convention also offers an exciting music adventure, featuring the renowned **Orchestre de Jeux Vidéo**, a 50-piece musical ensemble that produces video game music concerts conducted by **Jonathan Dagenais**. The orchestra's exceptional instrumental composition creates an original orchestral experience that infuses video game soundtracks with new colours and textures. Otakuthon is also proud to present **Shota Nakama**, a Japanese music producer and arranger for *Final Fantasy*, *God Eater*, and *Sonic Symphony*. For fun and novel experiences, attendees can indulge themselves with rakugo performer **Cyril Coppini**, the phantom thief from the future, **Alban Knox**, as well as the psychic from the future with enigmatic powers, VTuber **Uki Violeta**.

The Otakuthon Cultural Society, which organizes the convention every year with the support of its many volunteer staff members, was awarded in 2018 a certificate of commendation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan for its contribution to the

promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada. Further details about the convention and registration can be found on the website.

WHEN?

Friday, August 11th, 2023 from 10 AM to 3 AM

Saturday, August 12th, 2023 from 10 AM to 3 AM

Sunday, August 13th, 2023 from 10 AM to 5 PM

WHERE?

Palais des congrès de Montréal

1001, Place Jean-Paul-Riopelle

Montreal (Quebec) Canada, H2Z 1H5

ABOUT OTAKUTHON

Otakuthon is Canada's largest bilingual festival celebrating Japanese animation (*anime*), graphic novels (*manga*), gaming, and pop culture. As the first of its kind in Montreal, Otakuthon is a full-fledged, bilingual anime convention that features a diverse range of special guests as well as many panels, activities, and events spotlighting all aspects of Japanese culture. Every year, this event is made possible by the hard work and dedication of passionate volunteer staff members who generously devote their time to creating a convention that is entirely for fans, by fans.

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