

Youmacon 2017 Fan Art Theater Documents

Explanation of how Judging and Awards are Handled

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Judging

- Due to the sheer number of videos submitted in previous years, the number expected to be submitted this year, and the time available to show said videos the Fan Art Theater will institute a different style of exposition than in previous years.
- All videos submitted to the competition will continue to be allowed to compete as long as they are not disqualified.
- All submissions, including those of an adult nature, will compete together during judging sessions. However, videos deemed too adult for a general audience will be moved to a specific carded showing block during the convention.
- All videos will be brought before a panel of judges consisting of Youmacon Staff, Fan Art Theater Staff, and general attendees at designated judging sessions between the submission deadline and the convention.
 - Entrants will not be allowed to be on the judging panel.
 - Staff is the only exception to this rule, however they will not be allowed to judge during the Staff Competition.
- The coordinator will also judge videos with the judges. However, scores from the coordinator will only be taken into account to break ties.
- Judges will view and rate videos on a scale between 00 and 100 in 3 judging categories which shall be weighted based on importance for an optimum viewing at the convention.
 - The Judging Categories follows:
 - Quality
 - Judges will determine the overall quality of the video based on both audio and video quality. The better looking and sounding the video is, the higher the score.

- Creativity
 - Judges will determine the overall perceived creativity of the video, which is to say how original the video is in comparison to others in the contest and other videos the judges have seen.
 - Enjoy ability
 - Judges will determine a score based on how well they enjoyed the video in question and how well they believe our audience will enjoy the video.
- Weighting of categories shall be handled as follows:
 - Quality – 25%
 - Creativity – 15%
 - Enjoy Ability – 60%
- Weighting will allow for each video to be given a total score of 0-100 for each judge.
- Final scores for each video will be determined by adding the total score from each judge and dividing it by the maximum score available by all judges.
 - If there are 3 judges, max total score would be 300.
 - If 3 judges gave scores equaling 56.7, 48.2, and 82.4, total score would be 187.3.
 - Taking these totals, we will divide 187.3 by 300 ($187.3/300$) to obtain a percentage of 62.43%
- Videos will then be ranked based on their final percentage score from highest to lowest.
- In the event there is a tie between videos in ranking, the coordinator's scores will be taken into account in order to break the tie, however only for videos which are tied.
- The ranking of videos will determine which videos will be played during the convention during the competition viewing blocks.

- The highest ranked videos will be added to the list one by one until the time limit for the showing blocks have been met.
- All videos not on the final list for showings will not be shown during the viewing blocks, however will be retained for other viewings and requests during the con.
- Judges will also select specific videos during judging sessions in order to award special awards to.
 - These judges awards will have no bearing on final scores.
 - Judges awards may be given to videos not in the final con showing.
 - Final Scores will have no bearing on Judges Awards
- Judges will rank videos on a scale of 0-100 as a determination of adultness or the need to card before viewing.
 - All entries will be similarly graded and ranked in order of adultness via percentage.
 - All entries above a specific threshold will be moved from being shown during standard convention blocks to a specific carded event where they will compete for an audience choice Adult Video Award.
 - Even such entries deemed to be adult in nature will still compete with normal entries for standard judges awards and even potentially the Best in Show award.
 - If such adult entries do indeed win an award they may not be shown during the Award Ceremony depending on the nature of the submission, but instead will be shown during carded adult blocks.

Awards

- There will be 4 types of awards given out to videos submitted to the competition
 - Judges Awards
 - These awards will take the place of previous category and other awards normally decided upon by the judges in the past.
 - Guest Awards

- These awards will take the place of the fan favorite and other awards previously decided upon by the audience at the con.
 - Audience Choice
 - This award is decided by audience ballot during the special carded adult competition showing.
 - Best in Show
 - This award is at the sole discretion of the competition coordinator and is typically handed to the entry that is deemed best overall from submissions to the competition.
- Judges awards will be decided upon during the judging sessions. Whereas Guest Awards will be decided upon by attendees during the con.
- Judges will confer during judging sessions and decide if a specific video they believe deserves an award, and at that time will also determine the name of such an award.
 - Judges awards can have any range of names.
 - Judges awards may take the form of previous category awards such as Best Action, Best Drama, ect. But are not required to do so.
- All judges scores and award decisions shall be considered final.
 - The coordinator reserves the right to break ties, but shall have no further weight on scores or award determinations other than 1 coordinator specific award, or to ensure that all award titles are both fitting and non-derogatory in nature.
- Guest Awards may be given by any attendee, staffer, guest, vendor, or artist of Youmacon. That is, anyone with a Youmacon badge shall be allowed to give an award.
 - Each badge holder however shall only be allowed to give out 1 award.
- Guest Awards can be given by visiting the Fan Art Theater video list Kiosk, which will be provided near the Fan Art Theater Staff booth in the Fan Art Theater.
 - Guests can find the video they wish to give an award to and fill out the form either provided on paper or digitally via the kiosk.
 - Guest Awards can be given any name and given to a video or a person.

- A Guests Badge Name and Badge Number will be taken along with the award and verified by Fan Art Theater Staff to ensure the award giver is unique and the award is non-derogatory in nature.
- Guest Awards will be announced during the Award Ceremony after all Judges Awards have been announced as long as time permits.
- Guest Awards not announced during the Award Ceremony shall be announced during Fan Art Theater Closing Ceremonies.
- All Awards will be announced via the Fan Art Theater Twitter Feed after the Award Ceremony and as Guest Awards are submitted through Sunday until they are no longer being taken.
 - You can follow the Fan Art Theater Twitter at: [@FATatYouma](https://twitter.com/FATatYouma)
- Guest Awards will continue to be taken until Youmacon Closing Ceremonies begins.
- Certificates will be printed for All Guest Awards, provided the winner of the Award wishes to receive a physical copy of the award.
 - These will be printed on demand only.

Convention Showings

- Showing blocks for the Fan Art Theater Competition will be provided at various times during the convention.
- All showings will be held in the Fan Art Theater room unless otherwise noted as taking place in other Live Events rooms, such as Main Events.
- An entrant may request to see a specific video of theirs not already in the list or scheduled at a later time in the list during any Competition showing in order to see their video on the big screen.
 - Entrants will only be allowed to request this once per screening to ensure a fair screening for all entrants.
- An entrant wishing to request to see their own video may do so by speaking to Fan Art Theater Staff during any showing in the Fan Art Theater.

- Showings of the Competition outside of the Fan Art Theater however will not allow requests.
- Entrants will be provided preferential seating during all Competition showings as well as during the Awards Ceremony.
- Entrants attending the convention should visit the Fan Art Theater when they arrive, after they have obtained their badge, in order to be provided with a special Sticker Denoting that they are an Entrant and a list of all events where Preferential Seating is provided.
- Preferential seating and the showing request capabilities will not be provided without the aforementioned sticker.

Adult Entry Specifics

- All entries deemed to be too much to show during normal convention screenings will be shown during special, carded, adult blocks scheduled at night in the Fan Art Theater Rooms.
- Adult entries will still be judged during the normal judging sessions and will be eligible to win judges awards.
- Competition judges will make the final determination on entry content in order to place an entry into the Adult showing block.
- Another guaranteed award will be decided during the Adult showing block, voted on via popular ballot by attendees at the event, titled the Best Adult Video Award.
 - Ballots will be handed out to all attendees at the Adult showing block whom will be asked to select their top 3 favorite videos, ranking them from 1 to 3.
 - Rank 1 entries will gain 3 points. Rank 2 entries will gain 2 points. Rank 3 entries will gain 1 point.
 - Points will be totaled up for all entries after the showing and the video with the most points will win the popular vote.