





NFC 2023 - Toy Town Friday, February 24th 2023



Guide to Swedish Furmeets!

Furmeets! We love them, and they are an excellent way to get into the fandom and make new friends. Many of us took our first steps into the fandom by attending one, sometimes with apprehension about this new world. The importance of these meets cannot therefore not be overstated. An expert on this subject is Aaron Yeen. His panel about furmeets in Sweden gave an insight into the current state of furmeets in the homeland of NordicFuzzCon. As a fur located in Stockholm, Aaron is an authority on the goings on in the community of the capital. But not only Stockholm meets were covered, the rest of the country did also get the attention it deserves. From Skåne in the south to Umeå in the North there are furmeets.

The panel also covered some important points of furmeets. Important examples are that you DON'T need a fursuit to attend and that even minors can attend. Especially for minors the furmeets can be a good way to scratch their furry itch for the first time. And parents that are worried about these "strange" meets can come along and see for themselves what is going on.

Aaron also shared information about Telegram groups for local communities and who to contact for gaining access. Hopefully that will come in handy for the Sweden based furs attending the panel. Now, let's meet! (Jacy)



Furovision behind the scenes

Last fall, a call for singers was sent out. Furovision was coming back, and it was time for hopeful singers to submit an audition tape.

Several hopefuls sent in a video or audio recording, and over the span of several weeks, the field was narrowed down to 10 contestants. Yesterday, they all met for the first time when they had their first rehearsal. In the early hours of the morning, for a convention, main stage opened its doors and the stage tech crew stood ready to guide nervous contestants through their songs. Stage directions and practical information was given and one by one the contestants got to know the stage. From operatic show tunes, to Eurovision and anime music, this year's edition of the Furovision Song Contest has something for everybody.

The rehearsal went by more or less seamlessly, and the promise of an amazing show this Saturday hangs in the air as the Furovision team hastily leaves as the next event gets underway. At the contest on Saturday the contestants will not only be judged by 4 jurors, but also by you watching from the audience, or on stream. After all 10 have performed, we will open the public vote. Once the jurors, Burr, Vozzy, Rhubarb and Cosmik have presented their scores, the votes from the public votes will come in and reveal the final result. Both the juries and the audience award a total of 184 points, making it an even 50/50 split between the two. So don't miss out on this year's Furovison, on main stage Saturday at 13:30. **(Leophan)**



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Arcade

NFC is back, and with it, the beloved Arcade. Far from being idle during the Covid years, head of Arcade, Neko, has been busy expanding the selection of games, scouring the Internet for the best and rarest games with which to fill the arcade hall. And fill it he has, to the point where it's burst at the seams and is now overflowing into the lobby!

Most of you have probably already noticed it - a whole range of arcade games, all of them fursuit friendly, many of them multiplayer.

And that's not all. This year, the arcade also contains pinball machines as well as more toys. Many more toys. Neko says: "We are happy to have been able to dig forth a nice selection of toys to showcase at this year's NFC Arcade Room, including the likes oldies such as Star Trek the Interactive VCR Board Game and newer experiences such as BattleBots. We're also glad to be able to expand the arcade experience outside of the Arcade Room this year so even more arcade games can be made available day and night with the same level of fursuit friendliness as inside of the arcade."

So if you fancy yourself a fursuit pinball wizard, this year is the year to prove it. **(Dook)**







NordicFuzzCon's Con Store

Be sure to not miss out on the ConStore, conveniently located opposite the venue bar. You can buy many exclusive convention items, like a plush of the convention mascot Mausie, collectible cards featuring art by many different furry artists, and of course hoodies and t-shirts. Supplies are limited, so be sure to stop by sooner rather than later. (Miles)

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Teddy bears are possibly the most well known and common types of plushies in the world, but they're all special and unique to their owners. For over 25 years now it has been the mission of Build-A-Bear Workshop to take it one step further and let people fully customize their plushie friends from their fur colour to the scent, clothes and accessories! (Rexam)





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