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NIPHO, THE TWITCH SENSATION BY LEOPHAN



Photo by Emphy

All the way from the warmth of Spain comes Nipho Yote. A long time singer and performer with a passion for music in all its forms. Ever since childhood music has been an important part of his life. A tool to overcome adversaries, and to make friends.

On Twitch he has made a name for himself with his community driven singing streams. With a diverse song list, and a good sense of humor Nipho has garnered a sizable following in a short time, reaching 2000 followers and Twitch affiliate status late last year.

As fun as Twitch can be, it is no match for a real live audience, and at NFC this year Nipho is hoping to recreate some of the magic of his streams on the Taqueria.

While there may not be the same onslaught of redeems and Nutella, there will be a carefully curated song list for the audience to choose from. Maybe even some proper sing-a-long classics. The Thursday concert was a cozy and intimate affair, and Nipho really showed off his pipes. Friday afternoon he's back at the same place, same yote. So go request your favorites.

And should you want more of Nipho's voice afterwards you can also catch him on main stage Saturday where he

competes in Eurovision.

What are you most excited about for your first visit to Sweden?

When I knew that Eurovision was going to be celebrated in Sweden, I was very excited to see if I could live part of the experience, but sadly it is going to be later. Also some friends wanted to try surströmming xD

How are you preparing for the cold winds of Malmö?

I was very scared about the weather but thankfully it seems it isn't going to be that cold, although I'm bringing a big coat :D

Is this the first time you perform live for a furry audience?

Is going to be the second one! I had the opportunity to perform at Furrnion (Spanish convention) last year. But is my first international furry con and that gives you a little insecurity, is not the same as talk/sing on your native language

Will there be any NFC exclusive songs on the songlist, something not seen on stream?

I've been thinking a lot about this but I wasn't sure because it also depends on the audience's mood. I will definitely be open to do songs out of the song list if people wants to :D

GO FAST WITH FURS BY MILES T.F. BAXXTER

Speedrunning has become a popular pastime among furries: trying to beat a game as fast as you can. Now you can learn more about this hobby at the panel "How to Speedrun - Furry Games Done Quick!" Hosted by two experienced speedrunners, Pho (ex *Sonic the Hedgehog* world record holder) and Stox (dedicated *Legend of Zelda* glitch hunter), who are both flying in from the UK not only to attend NordicFuzzCon, but also to attend European Speedrunner Assembly together with several other furs.

European Speedrunner Assembly is a bi-annual event taking place in Malmö this very week, raising money for charity. Tune in live on Twitch: [twitch.tv/esamarathon](https://www.twitch.tv/esamarathon)

While speedrunning is competitive, it is also social and collaborative. "Everyone combines their efforts to come up with strats and progress the routing of the game," Pho says. "Despite there being a 'competitive leaderboard' we all help each other. Speedrun communities are fun for that."

New discoveries always help improve the routing of the game for all runners. Stox has discovered several useful glitches, most notably the Stale Reference Manipulation glitch in *The Ocarina of Time*, which they say "changed the landscape of many categories."

Catch the panel later today (Friday)! Check the schedule for location and time.

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GAME DEV MEET-AND-GREET BY JAKY

Anyone who hangs out with furies long enough will soon realize that there are an awful lot of games industry furies out there. And if not professionals, lots of aspiring or just amateur developers are found in the fandom as well. So a meetup for this group makes a lot of sense. Well, on Wednesday, that is just what happened. A whole lot of furies filled up the room Separaten in Valhalla.

Three game devs presented their projects and the subjects were right up the attendee's tails. Highly advanced questions about the technologies used came from the intrigued audience.

At the meetup we asked EosFoxx, a professional 3D animator for games and guest of honor at NFC 2015, a little about furies and games development.

Why do you think so many furies are in the gaming industry?

Furies are very technical. Games are technical and games are also fun and

expressive. So those things fit well with furies. Furies can also be very passionate about what they do and make those things happen, and those are very good traits for going into the gaming industry at all.

How does the gaming industry feel about furies working in it? Is it a problem?

No it's not a problem, at least not at the companies I have worked at. They either just didn't care because it is in your private life, or they have been impressed that I was doing furry animation in my free time and learning as well.

What is your favorite game with content appealing to furies?

Spirit of the North! You play as a fox. Everything in this game is very beautiful and the story is very touching. I can totally recommend playing that game.



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A FEAST MAID FOR THE GODS BY ZANDER NOXQUILL

There are moments during the hustle and bustle of Nordic Fuzz Con where one feels that a break is in order. A moment of quiet reflection in which to breathe and remember that enjoyment is not simply dashing as quickly as possible between all the events you want to see.

This is where that great Swedish institution comes into play: the fika. A moment where time stands still to make way for the simple pleasures of life that we can revel in for the sheer joyful indulgence - good, sweet, sticky food, a cup of coffee, and of course, the company of friends.

Since 2017, NFC has hosted a Maid Cafe, a fixture which has become a personal favourite of this reporter.

For 2024 they elevated us into the banqueting hall of the gods, held for the first time within the spacious and airy Taqueria.

On every table was a small pelt, upon which lay a little card giving details of a different creature from Nordic

Mythology - my table was therefore host to Jorgmundir, the fearsome world serpent and ouroboros! (Though thankfully it ate its own tail and not my food!)

As ever, the real attraction of the Maid Cafe is the adorable fursuited fluffers who take your orders and bring them to your table with the swish of a tail. The food was, I am happy to report, as excellent as ever. I enjoyed that delightful Swedish treat of Salted Caramel Cheesecake that was light and smoot, washing it down with piping hot cocoa.

The Larger hall of the Taqueria allowed the maids and butlers more space to navigate and thus the service was particularly speedy, for which I must congratulate them.

'All in 'all, it was a most agreeable fika and one which I recommend every fur experiences for themselves at least once at NFC. Make sure to feast at Aegir's table whilst you can!

ANIMALS OF MYTH



FENRIR

The beastly wolf son of Loki that brings about the end of Odin when unchained. (By Rexam)



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Thank you @NordicFuzzCon for bringing me this wonderful fox 4 years ago. Today he said "Yes" and makes me a complete fluff I also wanted to thank everybody who was with us all over the time and joined us today for this special moment #NFC2024 Suit @Ryf_Fox photo @RedNoise2