

The sound of charity by Leophan

Ever since the beginning of NFC there has been a charity concert. Over the course of the years it has evolved from a single performer with a keyboard, to a full band with vocalists and guest acts.

These days the charity concert is run by the con's in-house band The SnOwOfIakes, founded by Pinky and currently consisting of Chudlight, Flao, Pilosus, Llew, Petephin, Shadowwoflen and CamiRoo.

They are going to be joined by guest artists from the vast network of talented artists the fandom provides.

Preparations for the show usually begin in May with brainstorming of songs for the set-list, and working out the logistics of the stage and schedule. From there on out it's practice, practice, practice until they are ready to present not one, but two grand charity shows at the con.

At the shows you can expect a variety and pop and rock, as well as songs from Europe's cultural highlight Eurovision. The SnOwOfIakes strive to provide something everyone can enjoy.



Female Furs Roundtable by Jacy



Did you know that less than 10% of attendees at NordicFuzzCon are women? Such a difference in numbers can make the experience for female furies quite unique in both positive and negative ways. This is precisely the topic that will be discussed at the **Female Furs Roundtable** event.

This panel will be hosted by Pinky Fennec, a mainstay of NFC ever since the beginning and member of the board of directors, and Dune, accessibility & inclusivity coordinator for NFC. Together they will be hosting discussions and share their unique insights of the convention and fandom from a female perspective. They aim to create a safe and open experience for visitors of the roundtable.

We asked Dune about the background of the panel.

This panel aims to raise awareness of our experiences in the fandom and educate others on how we can aim for positive change in our community,

understanding and tackling misogyny and how to support each other no matter how you identify.

The format of the event is an introduction of the panel group and then discussions of issues for women in the fandom and how to tackle these problems in order to make improvements. The organizers seek to empower people and encourage them to take a step out into the light and share their own stories. There will be an open mic for these stories and perhaps insights on how to make an even better community.

Dune also adds

Whilst this panel showcases its female speakers, we encourage those of any gender to attend and listen to the talk, as long as there's no photography or videography being filmed. Sensitive topics will be discussed, so please be aware.

The Female Furs Roundtable will take place on **Friday 21 February at 11:45 in Clarion Live 10.**

togetherness starts with tea

by Zander Noxquill

As a Brit who comes from a country that values the sacred leaf as much as the Japanese, a tea tasting ceremony was very much my cup of...well, you know.

I must confess, I have never been to a tea ceremony before, and went in with an open mind and a sense of tingling excitement.

In the back of Valhalla, we were led into a cosy corner of the Södra Hallen Restaurant, with tables set for five in front of a projector screen.

Upon each table was the beautiful earthenware tea set, comprised of a teapot (chahu), tea jug (chazhong), covered bowl for steeping the tea (gaiwan) and five drinking cups.

Before most of the teas were consumed (bar a few whose bouquet was too delicate) the lecturer taught us to 'flush' the jug and cups by pouring out the water from the initial brew and then steeping the tea again. We steeped each tea at least three times, because with each brew, the

flavours shifted subtly, with hidden notes coming to the fore.

One of my personal favourites was the Long Jing "Dragon Well Tea" (but perhaps I am biased). It had a sweet, nutty flavour, with smoky undertones, that I feel would make it an ideal drink in the cold winter months. Such as now. Incidentally, I would strongly suggest that you slip along and bathe in the subtle scents and gentle flavours of an exquisite blend that only a tea ceremony can provide.

A day at the museum by Dook



One of the sights to see in Valhalla is the allegedly haunted museum. I was allowed a quick visit between tours to satisfy my curiosity by a friendly curator who patiently explained that the "haunted museum" label is something of a misnomer. The museum is, of course, not haunted. It is a museum of allegedly haunted items. The curator was careful to stress the word "allegedly" as none of the items are, of course, actually haunted since hauntings do not exist and to display actual haunted items - if they had existed in the first place - would be irresponsible and potentially dangerous.

At this time the assistant to the curator proudly explained that the amount of supposedly haunted item related casualties in the museum was close to zero, and that the friendly woman with the very wide smile who was enthusiastically trying to show me a knife was just new on the job and a little overeager. She also appeared to enjoy strawberry jam a lot, which I found very


sympathetic. I was served tea by an interesting floating tea pot, and was given a quick explanation of the various items on display. I can't do them justice here, and I strongly recommend a tour if you have the time. The curator with assistants were very knowledgeable about their subject, and explained the history of the objects very well, making the subjects understandable even to the uninitiated like myself.

Part of the museum - accidentally labeled as "hell" due to a comedic misprint - was unfortunately not available at the time due to maintenance issues. It appeared that an exceptionally large jam spill had occurred, although I was assured that the exhibit - which I was reassured is of course not actually hell - would be open in time for the next scheduled tour and that almost no casualties had in fact taken place. With that I had to leave the staff to their preparations, and I strongly recommend that you visit. Especially if you like strawberry jam.



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