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DON'T FEAR, LAFAYETTE — COMIC CON IS COMING BACK IN 2027

GatorVerse Comic Con announces inaugural July 17, 2027 event at the Heymann Center, bringing comics, collectibles, gaming, cosplay and pop culture back to Acadiana

LAFAYETTE, LA — October 6, 2026 — Comic convention fans in Lafayette and across Acadiana have something new to look forward to: **GatorVerse Comic Con** is coming to Lafayette on **Saturday, July 17, 2027**.

GatorVerse Comic Con, LLC today announced its inaugural one-day convention at the **Frem F. Boustany Convention Center at the Heymann Center**, creating a new family-friendly destination for comic book fans, collectors, gamers, cosplayers, artists and pop culture enthusiasts throughout the region.

The announcement comes as Lafayette-area fans look forward to a new chapter for local comic convention events. **(Note: GatorVerse Comic Con is an independently organized event and is NOT affiliated with the now retired Louisiana Comic Con or its producer Humble Enterprises, LLC.)**

“Our goal is to create something that belongs to the fans of Acadiana,” said **Dana A. Romero, Co-Founder of GatorVerse Comic Con, LLC**. “There is an incredible community of comic book fans, collectors, gamers, artists and cosplayers throughout this region. We want to give that community a place to come together, celebrate what they love and make new memories.”

A New Convention for Acadiana

GatorVerse Comic Con is being designed as a **family-friendly celebration of comics, collectibles, gaming, cosplay and pop culture**.

The inaugural event is planned to feature **nearly 70 vendor and artist spaces**, along with a variety of attractions and activities for fans of all ages.

Planned convention features include:

- **Artist Alley** featuring comic creators, illustrators and independent artists
- **Gaming Alley** featuring tabletop gaming and trading card games
- **Vendor Hall** featuring comics, collectibles, toys, anime merchandise, apparel and other pop culture items
- **Cosplay programming and showcase opportunities**
- **Family-friendly panels and activities**
- Opportunities to meet creators, discover unique collectibles and connect with fellow fans

Strong Local Roots

GatorVerse Comic Con's Presenting Sponsor is **Stronghold Collectibles**, a locally owned business with deep roots in the Acadiana comic book and collectibles community.

"We are excited to help bring a new comic convention to Acadiana," said Jason Strong, co-owner of **Stronghold Collectibles**. "As a local business with a long history in the comic and collectibles community, we are proud to support an event that gives fans, creators, artists and vendors an opportunity to connect right here in Lafayette."

Local Gaming and Trading Card Collectibles Retailers Join the Lineup

GatorVerse Comic Con is also proud to welcome two more Acadiana businesses as Featured sponsors. **Cajun Card Breaker of Youngsville** has signed on and will host a One Piece Trading Card Game tournament at the convention. **Sanctuary Games and Comics of Lafayette** also joins as a sponsor, adding to the region's tabletop and gaming presence. They will be sponsoring a Smash Video Game Tournament and Pokémon Trading Card Game Tournament

"Acadiana's tabletop and gaming community deserves a hometown show, and we're proud to help make GatorVerse Comic Con happen. This is going to be a great day for local gamers and fans across Acadiana. " said Dan Boudreaux, **Owner of Sanctuary Games and Comics.**

The event will be hosted at the **Frem F. Boustany Convention Center at the Heymann Center**, providing a central Lafayette location for the inaugural convention.

"We are thrilled to welcome GatorVerse Comic Con to the Frem F. Boustany Convention Center," said **Dennis Skerrett, Venue Administrator – Arts & Culture Manager at Heymann Performing Arts and Convention Center.** "Our facilities are uniquely positioned to host this dynamic, community-driven event that brings families and pop culture enthusiasts together under one roof."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GatorVerse Comic Con 2027

Saturday, July 17, 2027

**Frem F. Boustany Convention Center at the Heymann Center
Lafayette, Louisiana**

Doors Open: 10:00 AM (VIP Ticket holders will enter one hour earlier)

Planned Features:

Comics • Collectibles • Vendor Hall • Artist Alley • Gaming Alley • Cosplay • Panels •
Family-Friendly Activities

Tickets & Exhibitor Applications Start in October

Discounted Early Bird ticket sales for **GatorVerse Comic Con 2027** are available for purchase now through the GatorVerse website, the Heymann Center website and in person at the Heymann Box Office.

Additional announcements regarding guests, artists, vendors, gaming, cosplay, programming, and sponsorships will be released as the convention plans develop.

Fans, vendors, artists and potential sponsors can follow GatorVerse Comic Con for upcoming announcements and event information.

For media inquiries, exhibitor information, sponsorship opportunities or general event information:

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ABOUT GATORVERSE COMIC CON

GatorVerse Comic Con, LLC is a Lafayette-based event company dedicated to creating family-friendly celebrations of comics, collectibles, gaming, cosplay and pop culture. GatorVerse Comic Con presented by Stronghold Collectibles will host its inaugural one-day convention on July 17, 2027, at the Frem F. Boustany Convention Center at the Heymann Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. ###