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Sakura-Con 2015 April 3-5 Sumi Shimamoto
Seattle, WA

ANCEA (Asia Northwest Cultural Education Association) is proud to present the eighteenth annual Sakura-Con April 3rd-5th at the Washington State Convention Center in Downtown Seattle Washington.

Sakura-Con is proud to welcome Sumi Shimamoto as a guest of honor.

Ms. Shimamoto is an extremely prolific voice actress, known for her roles in classic Ghibli titles such as Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind, as Nausicaä; My Neighbor Totoro as Yasuko Kusakabe; and Princess Mononoke as Toki. Other classic roles include Clarisse d'Cagliostro in Lupin the Third: The Castle of Cagliostro and Kyoko Otonashi in Maison Ikkoku. With over 100 titles to her credit, Ms. Shimamoto has been in a number of other notable titles, such as Bleach, Detective Conan, Soreike! Anpan Man, Smile Precure and many more anime, games and ova's. Sakura-Con is incredibly honored to welcome her back for her second appearance.

Sakura-Con is a round-the-clock festival of Japanese media, cultural arts, education and entertainment.

Members who attend Sakura-Con are treated to exclusive appearances from Japanese and American celebrities from the anime, manga, gaming and music industry. Fans, Industry, Guests and Cultural Presenters put on educational and entertaining panels celebrating all aspects of Asian culture and media fandom.

Highlights include concerts, theaters, dances, free gaming suites, exhibitors and much more!

Sakura-Con started with 313 attendees in its inaugural year and has grown to be among the top five largest anime conventions in the nation and the event with the second highest local economic impact of any event hosted in the Washington State Convention Center. Sakura-Con is now projecting 23,000 individual members.

Would you like to be one? Please visit www.sakuracon.org for instructions.

ANCEA is a state and federal 501c3 non profit corporation and entirely volunteer run. The corporation's bylaws state that no one, even the board of directors, can be paid, so Sakura-Con is truly "for the fans, by the fans." 100% of resources donated go toward supporting the ANCEA mission. In 2012, ANCEA received an official commendation from the Japanese Foreign Ministry for contributions to friendship and understanding between Japan and the USA.

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