

DOMO ARIGATO....

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Sponsors/Affiliates

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TAKII 5 Dealers & Artists
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.... & YOU, TAKII Fans!!!!

The Asian Karaoke Idol Invitational (TAK99) 5 ~ Shin Seiki (Neon Genesis) ~

A weekend-long Asian music/gaming fusion festival!
-HARDCORE KARAOKE, COSPLAY, & CONTESTS-
-EXTREME EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES-
-A+ GAMING, & MORE!!!!-

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April 5th-6th, 2008

"To the extreme, 2 DAYS LONG!"



@ The Rotunda
4014 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA

Hardcore Handbook

Festivity Guide

HAJIMEMASHITE!

...“The Asian Karaoke Idol Invitational (TAKII), PDNMZ's brand of live events celebrating all that is Asian Multimedia Entertainment, is a 2-DAY seasonal Asian Music/gaming fusion festival that takes it to the extreme & happens twice a year (once in the winter/spring, & then again in the summer/fall) on the USA's East Coast.”

What a better way to start off the 1st ever “Hardcore Handbook Festivity Guide” than a message right from the official TAKII website, ne?
HAJIMEMASHITE, one & all, to the ultimate in pleasures & the apex of anticipation in Asian culture appreciation, the world's most extreme Asian music/gaming fusion festival, TAKII 5 ~Shin Seiki (Neon Genesis)~! It took over 2 years to get us this far, so let's take a quick look back at the seasons of TAKII past that have aided us in making this wild dream a reality:

TAKII ~Ichiban~ -- 2/5/06 - William Way LGBT Center - Philly, PA

The 1st incarnation of PDNMZ's "The Asian Karaoke Idol Invitational ~Ichiban~" was a wonderful way for PDNMZ to break into the live event scene & give back to its fans & fans of Asian Music & Anime everywhere. The theme was inspired by SailorMoon SailorStars' 3 Lights (Yaten, Taiki, & Seiya Kou), with the theme song being "Chasin' After You" (by the 3 Lights), from the 4th SailorMoon Musical. People who assisted in planning this event were not quite sure how everything was going to go, given it was the Shoppe's 1st live event, but we were pleasantly surprised by the turn-out & fun that was had. With the assistance of a sponsorship by the Delaware Anime Society, "TAKII ~Ichiban~" gave area Philadelphians & otaku/Asian Music enthusiasts alike an event no one would soon forget! Complete with 7 events & plenty of video games & music to go around, there was never a dull moment at "TAKII ~Ichiban~".

TAKII 2 ~Rebirth~ 7/22/06 - William Way LGBT Center - Philly, PA

TAKII 2 ~Rebirth~ enlisted the help of 4 very close friends (who also are members of a premier Anime/Asian music social club in PA, called "The Lost Otakus"), each of whom assisted in various portions of the day's success (including hosting Otaku Jeopardy, judging for the Asian Karaoke Idol show, & much MORE). What also made TAKII 2 ~Rebirth~ so special was the fact that we had special guest performers by the name of Prism, a live-action SailorMoon performance group! Family members from this group of special ladies made the crazy trip into Philly (in torrential rainfall, no-less) & might I say they did a superb job! The TAKII 2 ~Rebirth~ webpage featured its season theme song, "Watashi-Tachi Ni Naritakute (Wanting To Be Together With You" (by Fujitani Miwako, from SailorMoon SuperS), with its event curtain call song "Yume Warai ~Uhyo Uhyo~ (Laughing In My Dream ~Ha Ha~)" (by Yumiko Kobayashi, from Puni Puni Poemi). Special guests included live-action SailorMoon performance group, Prism, & Japanese Fictitious Duct Tape (JFDC) (who had to reschedule & appeared at TAKII 3 ~Video Game Ecstasy~).

WTF!?! How About Some Festivity Details, Ne?!

So many of our Premier & Classic/Upgrade festivities this season are self-explanatory (if not by title, but their relevance in global pop culture). However, if you come across something you don't understand, no worries - TAKII Coordinators & Coalition Staff will be around to assist you. When appropriate, festivity specifics (ie: how to play a game show, etc.) will be highlighted before the event itself begins.

(VID GAME TOURNEYS: rules for how each tourney is to be played will be available in the Vid Game Tourney Sign-Up Binder in Vid Game Centrale & wherever else they might be posted around the venue itself).

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Make sure to visit the official TAKII website (<http://takii.pdnmz.com>) & take our online survey, as well as sign up for/participate in our TAKII Forums after TAKII 5 ~Shin Seiki (Neon Genesis)~ has concluded. We wanna know what your thoughts & concerns are & how we can add to our continual development & growth.

OEKAKI!

Use this space of your Guide to make notes, keep track of tourney winners, doodle, write down the number of that cute otaku you have been following around all weekend, & whatever else your heart & mind desire! We'll start you off: ~scribbles~ (...note to self: purchase #1 Contender's Pass!) ^_^

MEET & GREET OUR GUESTS & PERFORMERS!

Don't be shy - just say HI to all of our 8 combined guests & performers for this season of TAKII! Every season of TAKII can boast having the most eclectic, enigmatic set of guests around & TAKII 5 -Shin Seiki (Neon Genesis)- is no different. Taking time getting to know our esteemed guests will reap its own rewards: those who have a #1 Contender's Pass & are able to get signatures & at least 1 factoid about all 8 of our guests will be entered into a raffle drawing (right after the Makenai benefit concert) for an uber-sexy prize! So don't delay & start today!!!!

D-CHAN SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

MANDY MEFFORD SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

JEFFREY BRANCH SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

KAIMO NAGO GAL CIRCLE SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

HALF-BORN SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

ALICIA "DOKUDEL" LUGO SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

CARMEN "[AI]" LUGO SIGNATURE:

FACTOID:

TAKII 3 -Video Game Ecstasy- -- 1/13/07 - The Rotunda - Philly, PA
TAKII 3 -Video Game Ecstasy- was held in our brand new venue (The Rotunda) with very modest expectations. We weren't sure if people would adjust well to the venue change, or if TAKII popularity would increase or decrease. However, we had people arriving already by 10:30am EST that day & it was only the beginning for something that ended up being summed up by 2 words: beautifully extreme! Attendance presumptions were shattered by a couple-hundred people, the TAKII 3 Show had some ferocious competition (as well as judges ^-^), each of our multiple events (some of which aren't listed here) were hot, the live performances were wonderful (& memorable ^_*), & our larger-than-life DDR tournaments on a huge projection screen as a part of the "TAKII Wild Card" event of the night went off without a hitch!

TAKII 4 -Rhythm D-Generation X-Treme - 8/5/07 - The Rotunda - Philly, PA
Coordinating everything for TAKII 4 was such a huge undertaking, but one that reaped so many rewards. From trying to figure out which events we would hold, to flying out our 1st cross-country guest, to changing & updating the schedule on the fly, it all worked out for the betterment of that which we love as this fusion festival spectacular. People as young as 4 & as old as 84, from just around the corner to Chicago, all walks of life were represented & were not disappointed with this season's fusion festival spectacular. The idea for TAKII itself was a dream come true from day 1, with the festival itself proving to be the birthplace of dreams many of our own fans had (ie: Joonaira Entertainment announcing @ TAKII 4 that because of TAKII, he was able to get a cultural funding grant from the local government to complete his cosplay documentary, or Rachel from our Idol Show kissing me on the cheek for restoring within her a source of confidence ^_^). It is because of all of this that we ended up announcing TAKII would, from now on, expand to no less than 2 days!

History has yet to write its story on this season of our trailblazing festival, but with what we have in store, we are sure that it will be nothing short of epic. Featuring a dozen individuals as guests & performers, over a dozen gaming systems & over 4 dozen games on schedule to be played on them, an expansion of our Cosplay Exhibitions -Battle Royale- in the form of TAKII's Next Top Cosplayer, & Philly's 1st-ever indoor/outdoor J-music fusion benefit concert in the form of Makenai, there truly will be something for everyone to enjoy. Let us not forget, however, TAKII 5's ultimate mission: to bring awareness & give assistance to this season's TAKII Charity Beneficiary, ASIAC (AIDS Services In Asian Communities). The epidemic of AIDS/HIV spares no class, or race, of people, in its destructive path of ruining lives & tearing apart families, as it has been for so many decades. ASIAC realizes the impact this disease has had on the Asian community in particular & has decided to be a key player in bringing relief to those people afflicted in the Greater Philly region. All during TAKII 5, we will fundraise money via donations game-related auctions for their mission & announce a grand total of our efforts before TAKII 5's end.

TAKII would be nothing without YOU, & together, we can make an ever-lasting impact on the world - making history 1 season at a time, all-year-round.

-D-chan, TAKII Coordinators, & Team TAKII Coalition Staff

FESTIVITY NOTES:

- MAIN STAGE
 - No one is to be on stage, or touch any equipment, unless otherwise directed to do so by TAKII Staff
 - Festivities going on simultaneously with Main Stage festivities that produce excessive amounts of noise will be turned down, if not paused
- TLO VIDEO LOUNGE
 - All programs are to be viewed in silence, unless it is obviously appropriate to do so otherwise - use your heads ^_^
 - If a video needs to be adjusted in any way, please let a TAKII Staffer know
- VID GAME CENTRALE
 - VID GAME FREE PLAY
 - Everyone is to take turns in an orderly fashion - don't monopolize a game station.
 - Do not provide your own games - we have enough already ^_^ . Additionally, games will be swapped out & rotated on a random as-needed basis by TAKII Staff only
 - VID GAME TOURNEYS
 - Sign-ups will end after the Tourney has started - sign up early
 - Brackets are done at random & the rules are non-negotiable - all settings are final
- EXTREME X-POSE PANEL CENTRALE
 - Please be seated in an orderly fashion - take all of your trash with you when you leave
 - Have fun- panels are much more exciting when you & your friends engage the panelist

VARIOUS RULES/REGULATIONS:

- All fees paid are are non-refundable & rules non-negotiable under any circumstances
- Your attendance of any season of TAKII implies that you have read, understood, & agreed to our Rules & Regulations - failure to comply will result ultimately in ejection & appropriate legal action taken by TAKII Coordinators

PRICE GUIDE:

- ENTRY = FREE
 - Vid Game Free Play
 - TLO Video Lounge
 - Say WTF Karaoke
 - Extreme X-Pose Panels
 - Meet & greet our guests & performers
 - Take it to the extreme in all that is said & done!!!!
- #1 CONTENDER'S PASS = \$10.00/person
 - FREE entry to all tourneys, contests, & gameshows
 - Pre-reg in the future for more incentives!!!!
- TAKII SWAG STATION/SNAK SHAK ITEMS = As listed
 - Fresh sushi & sashimi
 - Ramune
 - Pocky
 - Numerous other Asian edibles (food) & libations (drinks)
- GAMESHOWS = Free to play -- \$1.00/person to gain ability to win a prize
 - Win, Lose, Or Draw: Artist Alley Edition
 - "Who's Got No Talent!?" Show
 - Password -TLO Edition-
 - Fusion Festival Family Feud
 - HUZZAH: The EVEN MORE NEW "Press Your Luck"
 - Otaku Jeopardy
 - Match Game -Unholy Unions-
- VID GAME TOURNEYS = \$1.00/slot
 - Slots are non-transferrable - if you are not present for your match, then you will be skipped w/o debate
- TAKII 5 SHOW = \$5.00/person
 - Sign-ups will end after the Show has started -- sign up early
- COSPLAY EXHIBITIONS -BATTLE ROYALE- = \$5.00/person
 - Sign-ups will end after the Exhibitions have started - sign up early (no matter which facet of Cosplay Battle Royale you are competing in)
- CHARITABLE DONATIONS = Anything you are able to contribute at any time during the course of TAKII 5
 - All proceeds will benefit ASIAC: AIDS Services In Asian Communities
 - Hand in your donations to D-chan directly