



1ST ANNUAL

MANGA SHAKESPEARE

COSPLAY AND PERFORMANCE COMPETITION



ENTRY FORM

Real Name:

(In the case of groups, please enter the name of the group leader here)

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Mobile number:

Date of Birth: / /

Name of character:

I would like to enter the following categories:

Best costume award Best performance award

Please explain something notable about the costume or its construction:

(For example, describe a part that was challenging or came out really well.

Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary.)

If you are entering the performance category, please note which scene you will be performing:

(Note the stage is not suitable for jumping around, gymnastic or martial arts displays, or other activities which rely on a stable surface. No activities that may endanger the crowd or screens on stage will be permitted.)

If this is a group entry, please give real names, dates of birth and character names:

(For example, describe a part that was challenging or came out really well. Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary.)

Please state how you would like to be announced, or a short introduction:

(Maximum 20 words if possible!)

Please see the Terms and Conditions for this competition as set out at mangashakespeare.ning.com and below.

I understand that SelfMadeHero and MCM Expo may use pictures or video footage of me for advertising and promotional purposes.

I agree to abide by all rules and guidelines laid out by MCM Expo.

Signed:

(If any member of the group is under 16, then a parent or guardian must countersign this entry to agree to the Terms and Conditions laid out at below. If you are signing on behalf of an entrant who is under 16, please state either PARENT or GUARDIAN after your signature)



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THE COMPETITION

At MCM Expo in May 2008, SelfMadeHero, publisher of the Manga Shakespeare series, launches a cosplay competition with a difference – big prizes for never-before cosplayed characters and a special prize for best short performance!

Group and individual competitors will compete for grand prizes and trophies in two categories: **Best Costume** and **Best Performance in costume** based on SelfMadeHero's Manga Shakespeare titles.

Both category finals will be judged at MCM Expo, London in October 2008. They will be hosted and judged by artists from the Manga Shakespeare series and extra special guests.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CATEGORIES

Best Costume Awards – the cosplay costume final will be an official part of the masquerade in the afternoon of MCM Expo, 25th October 2008. It will be judged and hosted by artists from the Manga Shakespeare series and invited costumers.

Best Performance Awards – the performance final will take place in the morning of MCM Expo, 25th October 2008 on the Anime Stage. It will be hosted and judged by actors from a famous theatre company and artists from the Manga Shakespeare series.

PRIZES

The top prizes are sponsored by the publisher of the Manga Shakespeare series:

Best Costume wins £150, a trophy and a set of signed books signed, and a limited edition print

Best Performance wins £150, a trophy, a set of signed books, a limited edition print.

Runner up in each category wins £50 and a limited edition print.

More excellent prizes will be added (dependant on sponsorship).

SelfMadeHero has the right to alter the value and nature of the prizes offered at any time without prior notice. No correspondence will be entered into regarding disputes following the competition.

JUDGING

Best Costume Awards: entries to the competition will only be judged competitively if they have registered with the organizers **before** the masquerade. Scoring will be divided equally between the following categories:

Accuracy – correct colours, details, patterns, hairstyle, etc.

Construction – Judged on good workmanship and finish on costume and props. For guidance on weapons and props, please see the MCM Expo cosplay guidelines.

Costumes should be constructed by the person entering the competition (although your friends, family and teachers can help!). Original costumes based on Shakespeare characters are not eligible for prizes. All costumes must relate to a

character or group of characters in the Manga Shakespeare series published by SelfMadeHero. Details of the series can be found at www.selfmadehero.com

Best Performance Awards: Performance must be in costume and last between three and five minutes. Points will be deducted for performances that are under or over the time limit.

Group performances are strongly encouraged and may attract additional marks. Performance must be live, ie not pre-recorded. You are welcome to use either the abridged text directly from SelfMadeHero's Manga Shakespeare series or the original text. Other abridged, adapted or full text versions of Shakespeare may not be used in this competition for copyright reasons. For guidance on weapons and props, please see the MCM Expo cosplay guidelines.

Audience response and the Actor/Judges' own response to the performance will be the main criteria in deciding the winner of the performance the award: their decision is **FINAL**. MCM Expo and SelfMadeHero reserve the right to reject applications at their discretion.

AGE RANGE

The masquerade is open to all those aged 12 up, but **if you are under 16, your entry form must be countersigned by a parent or guardian.**

FILMING CONSENT

You may be filmed or photographed during MCM Expo in October by SelfMadeHero and MCM Expo who may publish your image on the internet and/or pass it to journalists for publication. By entering the competition you agree to this. If you are under 16, your entry form will need to be countersigned by a parent or guardian to give their consent to your entry to the competition.

HOW TO ENTER

Visit stand at Expo in May to enter or print out this PDF, complete and return it by post to the address below. Alternatively, you may scan the completed form and email it to cosplay@selfmadehero.com.

The closing date for entries is **20th October 2008** unless this is moved by the organizers at their discretion.