THE COMIC-CON MUSEUM’S

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

A Few of our Favorite Memories!

THE TIME WHEN WE HAD NEARLY 10,000 VISITORS DURING DECEMBER NIGHTS

Davey Patacsil, Manager of Membership Programs

We had the privilege to work with a number of amazing groups for this year’s December Nights. Their donation of time and resources allowed visitors to explore their own creativity at make and take stations like the one designed by Cardboard Superheroes, meet well-known artists like Shag or to sit-back and relax while enjoying classic holiday films.

THE TIME WHEN 950 PEOPLE CREATED THEIR OWN COMIC-CON SOUVENIR BOOK COVERS

Julie Raefield, Grants Manager

Not only did the Museum host an incredible collection of original artwork from the last 50-years of Comic-Con Souvenir Books, but we also saw fans put their imaginations to work as they designed their own covers. At one point, all the walls in the gallery filled-up and people began taping their masterpieces up in the lobby. We literally could not contain people’s creativity. It was awesome!

THE TIME WHEN WE MADE SOME NEW FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

Kirsten Running, Donor Database Coordinator

In collaboration with The Helen Woodward Animal Center, we co-hosted the 7th Annual PAWmicon and helped to raise $43,000 in support of orphan animals. While being a great cause, it’s also THE cutest event I’ve ever been to. Guests experienced pet cosplay contests, themed photo opportunities, music, games, food and more. Can’t wait for next year!
THE TIME WHEN WE INDUCTED BATMAN INTO THE COMIC-CON MUSEUM CHARACTER HALL OF FAME
Courtney Gant, Director of Corporate Philanthropy

2019 was a momentous year as we inducted Batman as the very first honoree into the Comic-Con Museum Character Hall of Fame. Celebrating the Dark Knight's impact on pop culture and fans over the last 80 years was really special. I am looking forward to seeing which characters are honored next in 2020!

THE TIME WHEN WE ACTIVATED ALL 68,000 SQUARE FEET OF THE MUSEUM
Craig Jameson, Facilities Technician

Nothing brought me more joy this year than witnessing more than 20,000 visitors access the Comic-Con Museum for free this summer. It gave me goosebumps to see firsthand what this place will be like when we officially open in 2021. We’ve got one more Comic-Con before that though and it’ll definitely be another showstopper!

ALL OF THE TIMES OUR VOLUNTEERS WERE AMAZING!
Emma Hamilton, Membership Coordinator

The saying, “It takes a village” does not escape me when I think back on this year and the incredible support our volunteers provided in helping make all of the events, programs and exhibits we planned a reality. In 2019, our approximately 58 volunteers contributed more than 1,600 hours of their time and talents. We couldn’t be more grateful!

THE TIME WHEN WE SHOWCASED OUR FIRST FEATURE ARTIST
Ingrid de Llamas, Director of Philanthropy

This year, we had the opportunity to work with Josh Agle (aka Shag) to create an exhibit featuring a retrospective of his career. As if that weren’t cool enough, Shag also produced a limited edition print made exclusively for the Museum. Through sales of the print, we have raised over $10,000 in support of the Museum. Thank you Shag and The Shag Store!
On July 18, 2018 we publicly launched the Museum’s Charter Membership Program. Since then more than 13,000 people have joined our ranks and shown incredible support for a project that is still 18-months away from opening. This vote of confidence shows us the Museum can’t happen fast enough! Thank you to all of our members for being foundational supporters!

**CHARTER MEMBERS**
13,353 Founding Members Since July 2018

**MUSEUM INSIDERS**
423,220 Mailing List Subscribers

As you know, each month we issue an electronic newsletter highlighting the Museum’s major events and activities. It has also been an important vehicle for us to communicate with our supporters about the progress we’re making on the project in anticipation of opening day. Thank you for following our updates and stay tuned for even more exciting news throughout 2020!

**SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS & DONORS**
1,030 Supporters have Committed $17.4M Towards our $34M Goal

Over the last 18-months, more than 1,000 individuals, businesses, public agencies and foundations have committed an estimated $17.4 million to bring the Comic-Con Museum to life. Because of these generous contributions:
- Events like our Pop-Up Museum were offered to visitors free-of-charge with support from AT&T, DC & Warner Bros.
- We will soon have a new roof courtesy of the City of San Diego.
- The Museum’s renovation will include construction of five new classrooms thanks to the David C. Copley Foundation and Mandell Weiss Charitable Trust.
- And so many more!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Comic-Con Museum this year! We are eternally grateful and infinitely excited for the year ahead!

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Melissa Peterman, Vice President of Development

It is because of you that the Comic-Con Museum soared above the heights in 2019. Your support is helping us deliver on the vision of a Museum where you can immerse yourself in the popular arts, celebrate your passions and unlock your own creative capacities. Without our valued supporters, there’s just an empty building, but together we are developing a place where everyone can experience the magic of Comic-Con all year round.

AND EVERY TIME OUR SUPPORTERS HELPED US REACH FOR THE SKY!

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