

**BLERD**  
**20FEST!**  
**NEW 23**  
**ORLEANS**

**OVERVIEW**

# SPEAKERS & PANELS



VOCATIONAL CONTENT: VARIOUS PROS (ACTORS, DIRECTORS, PRODUCERS, WRITERS, ARTISTS, COSTUMERS, CAMERA & PRODUCTION CREW) SPOKE ON HOW TO GET STARTED IN THE BIZ...

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# CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



**EDUCATIONAL CONTENT: ATTENDEES COULD LEARN BLACK HISTORY, COSTUME MAKING, DRAWING, FASHION, TECH, OR ENTER A WRITING WORKSHOP WITH CASH PRIZES...**

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# COSPLAY THROWDOWN



**CONTEST: PARTICIPANTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET INDIVIDUALIZED FEEDBACK ON THEIR COSTUMES BY EXPERIENCED COSPLAYERS, AND WERE AWARDED PRIZES ...**

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# FREE PLAY ARCADE GAMES



MORE THAN JUST FUN: VIDEO GAMES CAN IMPROVE PROBLEM-SOLVING, READING, LOGIC, HAND-TO-EYE COORDINATION, MULTI-TASKING, DECISION-MAKING & MORE...

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# VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENTS



**COMPETITIVE GAMING: KNOWN TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH & COGNITIVE SKILLS, PROMOTE SOCIAL CONNECTION, PROVIDE A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT, FOSTER CREATIVITY & MORE...**

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# TABLE GAMING



**COOPERATIVE GAME PLAY: GAMES SUCH AS YU-GI-OH! & D&D BUILD CRITICAL THINKING, MATH, AND READING SKILLS, AND ENCOURAGE SOCIALIZATION AND ENGAGEMENT...**

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# FILM SCREENINGS



## PICCOLO IS BLACK.

A CULTURAL ANALYSIS INVESTIGATING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, REPRESENTATION, AND ANIME.



COLLEGE OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS PRESENTS "PICCOLO IS BLACK," STARRING JASON DEMARCO AND OPEN MIKE EAGLE AND YEDDOYE TRAVIS EUNICE IBAMA AND KIM TIPTON AND DAWN RICHARD AND MARCO B AND GEORGE BANKS AND CHANNERL TWYMAN AND TERRROLL JOINER AND PIERRE OLIVIER LEDAIN AND HOLLIS ROSENKRANZ AND RYAN JOINER AND LONDON WATFORD

## GENESIS

AN ANIMATED SHORT ABOUT CREATION



## SUPERNOVA



## ASSAMAN

SUSPENDED IN JOURNEY

DIRECTED BY KATRINA BROOK FLORES

INDIE SHORTS: CURATED BY OUR PARTNER, THE BLACK FILM FESTIVAL OF NEW ORLEANS, WE HAD DAY-LONG SCREENINGS OF AWARD-WINNING BIPOC-CENTERED FILMS + Q & A...

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# OUR VENDORS



  
NEW ORLEANS  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

African American  
Resource Collection

**MERCH: ATTENDEES WERE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH OUR 15 LOCAL & OUT-OF-TOWN VENDORS FOR TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, CLOTHING, JEWELRY, MAKE-UP, FOOD & MUCH MORE...**

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# OUR ATTENDEES

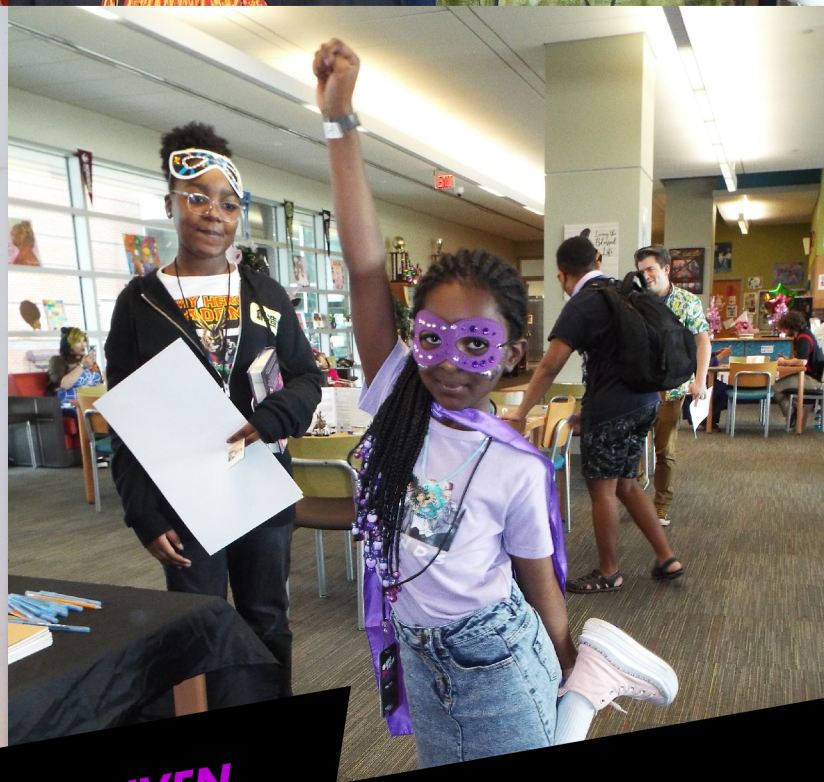


**INCLUSION: WE EMBRACE EVERYONE THAT COMES TO THE EVENT WITH AN OPEN MIND & HEART WHO IS ALIGNED WITH OUR MISSION OF CENTERING THE BIPOC COMMUNITY...**

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# KIDS' CORNER



A PLACE OF THEIR OWN: THEY WERE GIVEN MATERIALS WITH WHICH TO DRAW, COLOR, & COLLAGE, AND ASKED TO ANSWER THE QUESTION: "WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?"...

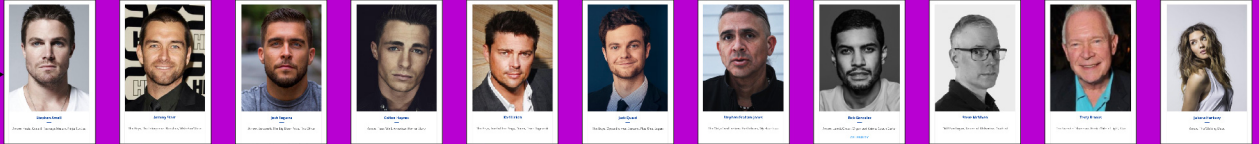
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# COMPARISON CONTRAST

A TYPICAL  
COMPETING  
LOCAL CON

VS.



**ATTACK KITYKAT**  
BOOK THE AHEAD OF THE FIN...  
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**STANLEY LAUGHTRY**  
ACTOR: BLACK...  
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**NEEMA BARNETTE**  
ACTRESS: BLACK...  
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**SYLVESTER BARZEY**  
AUTHOR: ADAM...  
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**MARTIN BATS BRADFORD**  
ACTOR: AMERICAN...  
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**DURADO D. BROOKS, JR.**  
CAMERA OPERATOR...  
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**MIA BUNN**  
ARTIST/WRITER/ANIMATOR...  
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**QUEEN CALEICO**  
COMEDY WRITER...  
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**MEGAN COATES**  
COMEDY WRITER...  
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**NICOLE COLLINS**  
ACTRESS: AFRICAN...  
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**MART DUMAS**  
AUTHOR: THE...  
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**WILLIAM ELLIS**  
WITH OWNERS...  
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**FRANKIE FAISON**  
ACTOR: CAT...  
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**BRANDI GERARD**  
ACTOR: HAD...  
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**DEMETRIUS GROSSF**  
ACTOR: I...  
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**KENETHA HARRINGTON**  
ACTRESS: AFRICAN...  
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**RODNEYNA HART**  
LA STATE...  
BLERD 2023!

**RUSTON HENRY, JR.**  
PRODUCTION...  
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**DONALD HESS**  
CREATING...  
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**KY HIKARI**  
COMEDY...  
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**LOU HILL**  
WRITER/COMPOSER...  
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**LADDE HUBBARD**  
AUTHOR: THE...  
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**ALEX JENNINGS**  
WRITER: AFRICAN...  
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**ROYCE JOHNSON**  
ACTOR: JEROME...  
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**MERC DA ARTIST**  
LEARN TO...  
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**SHANDA QUINTAL**  
ACTRESS: AFRICAN...  
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**RONDREKA RACINE**  
MANAGING...  
BLERD 2023!

**AFUA RICHARDSON**  
ILLUSTRATOR...  
BLERD 2023!

**KRISTINA KAY ROBINSON**  
WRITER/PERFORMER...  
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**ANGÉLIQUE ROCHÉ**  
AFRICAN...  
BLERD 2023!

**TERENCE ROSEMORE**  
ACTOR: AMERICAN...  
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**MARCUS ROSSER**  
WRITER: IN...  
BLERD 2023!

**MAURICE CARLOS RUFIN**  
AUTHOR: THE...  
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**SHIRATORI HIME COSPLAY**  
FROM...  
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**JUSTICE SINGLETON**  
TV/FILM...  
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**AMANDA EMILY SMITH**  
WRITER: CONNECTION...  
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**IMANUEL SMITH**  
COMPARISON...  
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**GABE SORIA**  
WRITER: NATHAN...  
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**VENTURE BROS**  
COMEDY...  
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**DB WELLS**  
ACTRESS: I...  
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RAISON D'ÊTRE: SOME HAVE ASKED WHY WE  
FEEL THE NEED TO HAVE A SPECIFICALLY BIPOC  
EVENT; PERHAPS YOU CAN SPOT THE DIFFER-  
ENCE BETWEEN OUR EVENT AND OTHERS...

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