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WASABICON, JACKSONVILLE'S FAVORITE "COMIC CON" EXPERIENCE, RETURNS FOR YEAR FOUR! *The annual celebration of pop culture in North Florida will take place October 31-November 1, 2015.*

(JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, October 9, 2015) Beginning in 2012, **WasabiCon (www.WasabiCon.com) is a** weekend celebration of anime, comic books, cosplay, gaming, science fiction, video games, and "geek culture". The event draws over 2,000 attendees annually to the Jacksonville Marriott, located at 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. This year, events begin Saturday (October 31st) at 11:00 AM and run until 5:00 PM on Sunday (November 1st). You can find the event schedule online at www.WasabiCon.com/schedule

Ticket prices are \$20 for Saturday, \$15 for Sunday, or \$35 for the weekend. Children under 3 years old get in for free. Advance ticket sales (online) end October 18th - but you can still purchase tickets during the event at the Jacksonville Marriott. Parking is free. **Note:** The rideshare app, Uber (<u>uber.com/app</u>), is offering a free ride to the convention for new users (up to \$20) by using promo code WASABI when signing up.

This year's convention will host a variety of celebrity and local talent including **David Sobolov** (the voice of Gorilla Grodd on the popular CW television series *The Flash* and the voice of Drax the Destroyer in the animated *Guardians of the Galaxy* television series and video games) and **Amanda Miller** (the voice of the iconic Sailor Jupiter in the *Sailor Moon* and *Sailor Moon Crystal* anime series). In addition, AMC's *The Walking Dead* fans will have a chance to meet featured zombie **Triston Johnson** all weekend. Other appearing talent include the 1701st Fleet Star Trek Club, local cosplay celebrity Candy Keane, Essential Paranormal, Extra Life Team Jax, GAAM, Jig to a Milestone, Miss Fushi, Noise Complaint, author Seth Kubersky, and the Umbrella Corp. 219th Cosplay Group. Additional talent is being added all the way up to the show. For the latest list, please check out <u>www.WasabiCon.com/#guests</u>

Entertainment at the convention is designed for a variety of interests and includes tabletop and video game events, industry panels, fan presentations, vendors, artists, and more. Since Saturday of the convention falls on Halloween, **WasabiCon will be hosting a costume contest with over \$500 in prizes** (sponsored by Mythical Mountain).

WasabiCon is made possible through the generous support of a number of **local and national sponsors**: Borderlands Comics & Games, Calliope Games, Fireside Games, Formal Ferret Games, FUNIMATION, Guidebook, Japan Candy Box, Jimmy John's Subs, Kawaii Box, Mythical Mountain, Steve Jackson Games, Uber, and Video Game Rescue.

For press credentials and interview requests, please contact the convention production team via email at <u>contact@WasabiCon.com</u>.

ABOUT GREEN MUSTARD ENTERTAINMENT: Started in 2001 as Wasabi Anime®, Green Mustard Entertainment, Inc. is an event production company that specializes in fan-focused entertainment and pop culture conventions. Based in Orlando, Florida, the company has made appearances and designed entertainment for some of the largest conventions in North America including Anime Expo®, Dragon Con, Florida Supercon, and Gen Con. Green Mustard Entertainment currently owns and operates five fan conventions in North America: Florida Anime Experience, Florida Comics Experience, InvaderCON, PinUpalooza, and WasabiCon.