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‘STAR TREK’ STAR GEORGE TAKEI COMING TO MOTOR CITY COMIC CON

Special appearance on May 18th, and 19th

NOVI, MI. (February 18, 2019) – Motor City Comic Con, Michigan’s longest and largest comic and pop-culture event, is pleased to announce “Star Trek” star George Takei will attend this year’s convention on May 18th and 19th at the Suburban Collection Showplace. Takei will be hosting a panel Q&A and will be available for autographs (\$80) and professional photo ops (\$100). Tickets are on pre-sale on the Motor City Comic Con website – www.motorcitycomiccon.com

With an acting career spanning six decades, George Takei is known around the world for his founding role in the acclaimed television series “Star Trek”, in which he played Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the Starship Enterprise. But Takei's story goes where few stories have gone before. From a childhood spent with his family wrongfully imprisoned in Japanese American internment camps during World War II, to becoming one of the country's leading figures in the fight for social justice, LGBTQ rights, and marriage equality, Takei remains a powerful voice on issues ranging from politics to pop culture. Mashable.com named Takei the #1 most-influential person on Facebook, currently with 10.4 million likes and 2.8 million followers on Twitter. Takei hosts the AARP-produced YouTube series “Takei's Take” and is the subject of “To Be Takei”, a Jennifer M. Kroot documentary on his life and career.

Takei has brought his voiceover talent to hundreds of characters in film, television, video games, and commercials including “Kubo and The Two Strings”, “Mulan”, “Mulan II”; “Batman Beyond: The Movie”; and “Free Birds”. He has voiced characters for numerous animated series including “The Simpsons”, “Transformers: Animated”, “Kim Possible”, “Futurama”, “Avatar: The Last Airbender”, “Spider-Man”, “The Smurfs” and George Lucas' “Star Wars: The Clone Wars”. In addition to his acting, Takei has also starred on Broadway and is an accomplished author.

The openly gay Takei has long been a passionate advocate for social justice, outspoken supporter of human right issues and a community activist. He has served as the spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign "Coming Out Project," and was Cultural Affairs Chairman of the Japanese American Citizens League. He is also chairman emeritus and a trustee of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. He was appointed to the Japan-US Friendship Commission by former President Clinton and the government of Japan awarded Takei the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, for his contribution to US-Japanese relations. The decoration was conferred by His Majesty, Emperor Akihito, at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

This year will be monumental as Motor City Comic Con embarks on its 30th year and is expected to be the biggest convention in their history. Motor City Comic Con will utilize Suburban Collection Showplace's newly expanded 180,000 square foot space by adding more events, exhibitors, media guests and comic guests as well as plans to introduce new concepts. Fans can expect to experience Sporcle trivia and Geek Speed Dating along with more exciting activities to be announced. This annual event attracts over 60,000 attendees each year with the opportunity to increase attendance for 2019. Fans can still expect all their traditional favorites such as Cosplay Contest with celebrity judges, an after-party on Saturday night and many kid-friendly activities.

Tickets can be purchased on the Motor City Comic Con website at www.motorcitycomiccon.com. Online fees may apply.

General Ticket prices and packages:

Adult Pricing (ages 13 and up)

Friday – \$30

Saturday – \$40

Sunday – \$30

VIP – \$220

Adult Weekend Pass – \$80

Kids 5 and under are free all weekend

Kids 6-12 are \$10 on Friday and Saturday but Free on Sunday

Kids Weekend – \$20

Sunday is Kids Day – All kids 12 and under are free

The 2019 Motor City Comic Con will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace which is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi, Michigan on Friday, May 17 (12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.), Saturday, May 18 (10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Sunday, May 19 (10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Doors open 30 minutes earlier for advance ticket holders. Future announcements of media guests, comic guests, exhibitors and events will be announced and posted to www.motorcitycomiccon.com in the coming months.

Follow Motor City Comic Con on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for more details on upcoming new guests, programming, limited VIP packages, photo opportunities and more.

ABOUT MOTOR CITY COMIC CON:

Michigan's largest pop-culture event since 1989, Motor City Comic Con gathers comic book and multimedia dealers from across the country, offering a vast variety of pop-culture merchandise, including comics, art, t-shirts, movie memorabilia, posters and more. Over 300 comic book creators, writers and artists are featured at Motor City Comic Con each year, as well as actors from the television and movie industry. Motor City Comic Con offers fun for kids young and old. For more information, visit <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com>

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