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JIM CUMMINGS IS COMING TO MOTOR CITY COMIC CON
Special appearance Friday, May 15th through Sunday, May 17th, 2020

NOVI, MI. (January 29, 2020) – Motor City Comic Con, Michigan’s largest and longest running comic book and pop culture convention since 1989 is thrilled to announce, Jim Cummings will be attending this year’s con. Cummings is most known for being a voice actor and his work on Darkwing Duck, Winnie the Pooh, and Tigger. Cummings will attend on May 15th, 16th and 17th and will host a panel Q&A, be available for autographs, phone calls, videos and voice recordings (\$50.00 each) and photo ops (\$60.00). To purchase tickets and for more information about autographs and photo ops, please go to – <https://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/tickets/>

“Tell the kid he’s got it,” said the legendary Mel Blanc with a smile, after listening to a young man’s first demo tape of cartoon character voices. The year was 1984, “the kid,” was Jim Cummings. Since then, the kid has gone on to give life and voice to some of America’s most beloved animal Characters, even a few of the late Mel Blanc’s, and he was even nominated for an Emmy Award for his work as the lovable *Tigger* on Disney Channel’s “My Friends Tigger and Pooh,” in which he also voices everyone’s favorite bear, *Winnie the Pooh*. Born and raised in Youngstown Ohio, Cummings spent Saturday mornings riveted to the TV screen as he mimicked the characters in his favorite cartoons, all the while dreaming that one day he would voice them himself. At age 19, he moved to New Orleans, where he performed as a drummer, a singer, a deck hand on riverboats, and even designed and created Mardi Gras floats, all the while absorbing the rich characters and accents that would someday find expression in animation. Years later, Cummings relocated to Southern California and managed a video store as he pursued his childhood dream. He gave his first demo to a customer who was also a movie producer, and the rest, as they say, is history. In 1984, Cummings landed his first role as *Lionel the lion*, in Disney Channel’s “Dumbo Circus.” During his illustrious career, he has worked extensively for the Walt Disney Studios voicing classic characters such as *Winnie the Pooh*, *Tigger*, *King Louis*, *Kaa the Snake*, *Pete* (formerly peg legged Pete), and more. His many other credits include *Darkwing Duck*, *Bonkers*, *Fat Cat*, and *Monterey Jack* on “Chip ‘n Dale: Rescue Rangers,” *Don Kamage* on “Tailspin,” and too many others to mention here.

Cummings has done scores of voices for Warner Bros, as well, including *Taz the Tazmanian Devil* himself, Steven Spielberg's "Animaniacs," "Tiny Toon Adventures," "Batman," "Pinky and the Brain," "Tazmania," "Duck Dodgers," and more. Other credits include "King of the Hill," "Bump in the Night," "Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," "The Replacements," "The Addams Family," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Star Wars Clone Wars," "The Simpsons," "Barnyard," and "Catdog."

Not Limited to the small screen, Cummings has acted in several blockbuster feature films for Dreamworks including "Shrek," "Antz," "Kung Fu Panda's Furious 5," "Hook," "The Bee Movie," "Balto," and more. His credits read like a top-list of animated and live-action films. Credits include "Who framed Roger Rabbit," "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin," "Tarzan," "Pocahontas," "The Lion King," "Babe: Pig in the City," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Brother Bear 2," "The Princess and The Frog" to name a few. Cummings' uncanny ability to sing in character and voice match for stars who are, in his words, "great actors, just not great singers," has led to many platinum and gold records for soundtracks like "Anastasia," "The Lion King," "Fox and the Hound," "Pocahontas," "Hercules," and more. He was also AC, the lead singer of the famed California Raisins. As of late, Jim is enjoying being the only American performer in the primary cast of "Gnomeo and Juliet," where he plays the amorous garden flamingo, *Featherstone*. He is excited for the release on July 15th of the sequel to the animated Disney Classic, "Winnie the Pooh" in which he plays both *Winnie the Pooh* and *Tigger*, too! He will also be playing an evil African Warlord, *Budzo*, in the upcoming feature film, "Zambezia," which is being released later this year.

Cummings' work in voice over includes hundreds of television and radio commercials, movie trailers, promos, and videogames. "Pretty much anything involving microphones, music, noise in general, and padded walls," jokes the affable actor, and "remember, only you can prevent forest fires," so says *Smokey the Bear*, aka Jim Cummings. No matter how busy Cummings, schedule may be, it all stops when Famous Fone Friends of Make a Wish Foundation call on behalf of a very ill child and distraught family in need of a phone call from their favorite cartoon character. "Just bringing a respite, however brief, and perhaps a smile and giggle or two, means so much to the child and their family. I consider it a true blessing to be able to do that." Cummings is a proud father of four and resides somewhere in California with his beautiful two younger daughters Grace and Lulu Rose...and their critters.

Tickets can be purchased on the Motor City Comic Con website at www.motorcitycomiccon.com. Online fees may apply. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) wristbands will also be available for purchase and mailed to homes for an additional fee. RFID wristbands are individual and personalized to your ticket through a unique serial number and microchip in the wristband. These microchips also ensure counterfeiters can't make or sell fake Motor City Comic Con tickets. Those caught with counterfeit wristbands will be asked to leave the convention immediately, ensuring our fans a safe and secure environment to celebrate their fandoms. Your wristband is your ticket to the event. This wristband is non-refundable and non-transferable. You must wear your wristband at all times while attending the convention. Fans who purchase these RFID wristbands and have them mailed prior to the con will not have to wait in any lines before entering the convention.

Advance Online Ticket prices and packages:

Adult Pricing (ages 13 and up) Friday – \$30
Saturday – \$40
Sunday – \$35
VIP Fan Pass– \$249*
Adult Weekend Pass – \$85
Kids 5 and under are free all weekend
Kids 6-12 are \$10 on Friday and Saturday
Sunday is Kids Day – All kids 12 and under are free
Kids Weekend – \$20

***VIP FAN PASS PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Weekend Pass
- VIP Collectible Badge
- Exclusive MCCC Shopping Bag- New & Improved!
- VIP Seating in Panels (Excludes Paid Events)
- VIP Fast Pass For Autographs & Photo Ops Lines
- Exclusive Motor City Comic Con Lanyard
- Exclusive Print
- \$25 Gift Certificate to the MCCC Merch Booth

All autographs and photo ops sold separately

Children 13 & older will require their own VIP Fan Pass to use VIP Fan Pass Perks. If you have a VIP Fan Pass, two children 12 years old & younger per VIP Fan Pass will be allowed to attend panels and use express lines as a VIP Fan Pass Holder.

At The Door Ticket prices and packages:

Adult Pricing (ages 13 and up) Friday – \$40
Saturday – \$50
Sunday – \$45
VIP Fan Pass– \$259*
(Limited VIP's available. Not guaranteed for purchase at door, if sold out prior to the show)
Adult Weekend Pass – \$95
Kids 5 and under are free all weekend
Kids 6-12 are \$20 on Friday and Saturday
Sunday is Kids Day – All kids 12 and under are free
Kids Weekend – \$30

The 2020 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 15 (12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.), Saturday, May 16 (10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Sunday, May 17 (10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Future announcements of media guests, comic guests, exhibitors and events will be announced and posted to www.motorcitycomiccon.com in the coming months.

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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 250 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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