



# PANDAMONIUM 2021

DECEMBER 11-12, 2021

THEATER N - WILMINGTON, DE



Theatre N

## EVENT PREVIEW



# PANDAMONIUM RETURNS

**Futures First Gaming's** flagship event returns to Delaware!

For two days this winter, **PANDAMONIUM 2021** will rock **Theatre N** in Wilmington, DE! This COVID-conscious festival will run on **December 11 & 12th**. Designed as a celebration of all things esports, guests can expect nonstop tournament action: **NBA2K22** and **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate** take center stage on Saturday, with **Fortnite** and **Tekken 7** rounding out the festivities on Sunday.

In addition to the tournaments, **PANDAMONIUM 2021** will feature two **Educational Panels**, a series of **Hands-On Tech Workshops**, a **High School Smash Bros. Invitational**, and a **Mario Kart Battle of the Titans** with special guest stars! Our panels include:

- Why Only 2%? Constructed Barriers on the Path to Pro
- Esports, Ecosystems, and Economics

The event will also feature a sponsor and vendor show floor for guests to peruse, shop, and learn about the industry.

We invite you to join us for this celebration of **esports and technology!**



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# ESPORTS INDUSTRY PANELS

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## **ESPORTS, ECOSYSTEMS, AND ECONOMICS**

It's not called "esports" for nothing! Like its physical counterpart, many competitive games center around in-person tournaments, events, and championships. In 2018, the Barclays Center saw a two-day attendance of over 22,000 for the first Overwatch League Grand Finals. After each day of matches, those fans descended on Brooklyn and hit the local bars, shops, and restaurants. Hotels and Airbnbs were booked for miles around, and, for that weekend, local businesses across the city benefitted from the esports event traffic. That's not the only way communities are benefitting from and engaging with esports; esports barcades, LAN centers, and themed clubs are cropping up in cities across the country.

These locations are bringing jobs, revenue, and infrastructure in to revitalize communities and engage with a changing entertainment landscape.

1. What are some ways in which cities can encourage local esports community growth? What infrastructure / conversations need to happen?
2. How can businesses engage with their local esports community?
3. How can cities benefit from having active local esports communities?

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## **WHY ONLY 2%? CONSTRUCTED BARRIERS ON THE PATH TO PRO**

83% of Black and Brown youth identify as gamers, but only 2% ever make it to the professional circuit. This disparity is not due to a lack of talent or a preference for casual over competitive play, but rather because of artificial barriers to entry. Inherent racial bias, prohibitive costs, and a lack of opportunities are preventing Black and Brown youth from excelling in esports positions. Now is the time to push back against discrimination in the industry.

1. What are some ways in which the system needs to change in order to allow Black and Brown youth entry to pro play? What are the major barriers at work?
2. What can communities do to support gamers facing these barriers?
3. How can the gaming and esports industries combat toxicity in their games?



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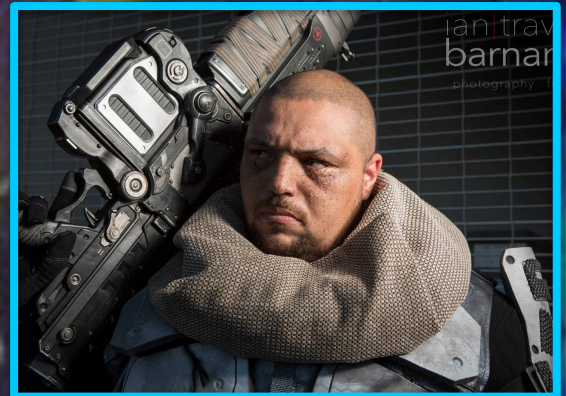
# HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

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## **#1 - COSPLAY, 3D DESIGN, AND AUTOCAD**

Love video games, books, and great stories? Want to learn how to become these characters and create your own?

See how to use 3D printing and AutoCAD create armor and characters for Cosplay, and use these skills to make money and start a career! There may just be a piece of armor given away at the end of the workshop.



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## **#2 - EXPLORING THE BENEFITS OF VR GAMING**

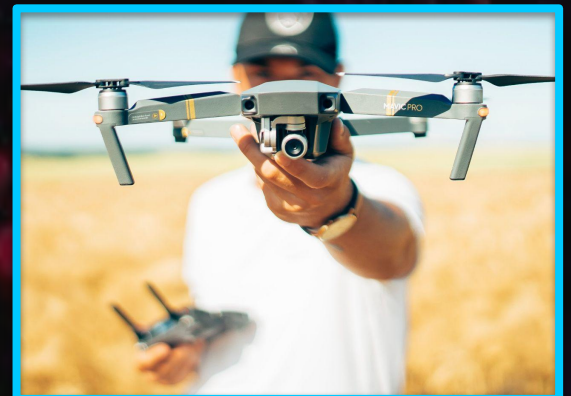
Step into new worlds with this VR workshop! Come by to learn how virtual reality is changing the landscape of the internet, and what that means for the future of gaming. Step out of Penn Cinema and into new frontiers!



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## **#3 - GAMERS OR DRONE PILOTS?**

Ever wondered how to fly a drone? Transfixed by videos of drone racing? Join us for a lesson in drone aviation and maintenance! Fly high above the Pandamonium crowds for a bird's eye view of the future of remote controlled flight!



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# SPECIAL EVENTS

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## **BATTLE OF THE TITANS MARIO KART CHALLENGE**

We've invited some of Delaware's top brass and influential figures to join us for a day of esports fun and "ready up" for a little Mario Kart 8 circuit. Come see who will earn bragging rights and be known throughout Delaware as the Pandamonium 2021 Mario Kart Champion. Special invited guests include Delaware Governor John Carney, US Senator Christopher Coons, DE State Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Ben du Pont, CEO Christopher L. Kenny and more!

## **FFG AFTER DARK - NETWORKING SOCIAL**

After a full day of gaming, workshops, and panels, unwind with FFG Staff and the esports community at The WIN Factory in Wilmington, DE. This networking social features music, beverages, plenty of laughter and of course a video game setup or two. Tickets to this event are included with VIP package. Separate ticket must be purchased otherwise.

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## **HIGH SCHOOL ESPORTS ROCKET LEAGUE INVITATIONAL**

The High School Esports Rocket League Invitational will bring together high school esports clubs and teams from the Northeast region to compete against each other in what will be a historic event for Delaware's high school esports landscape. FFG has extended invitations to select schools from DE, MD, PA, NJ, VA & NY. If your high school has an existing esports club or team or is interested in starting one, we invite you to attend this inaugural showcase of esports talent.



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# SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

11:00am-5:00pm

Registration Open

12:00pm

Opening Ceremony

12:30pm

Hands-On Workshop #1

1:00pm

Mario Kart Battle of the Titans

2:00pm

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

3:00pm-4:00pm

Esports, Ecosystems & Economics Panel\*

4:00pm

NBA 2K22 Tournament

4:30pm-6:00pm

Hands-On Workshop #2

9:00pm-11:30pm

FFG After Dark - Networking Social

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

11:00am-3:00pm

Registration Open

12:00pm

Fortnite Tournament (In Person & Online)

1:00pm

Hands-On Workshop #3

3:00pm

Tekken 7 Tournament

3:00pm

Super Smash Bros HS Esports Invitational

3:00pm-4:00pm

Why Only 2% Panel\*

\* Panels will be virtual only

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# WILMINGTON, DE

## ABOUT THE VENUE

On October 2, 2002, Theatre N at Nemours was opened as Wilmington's only arthouse cinema, a project of the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs under then-Mayor James Baker. Currently, Independent films are shown every weekend with state-of-the-art digital projection and sound system, and a concessions stand including beer and wine. Come game in style on on the BIG SCREEN.

Theatre N is located on the first floor of the Nemours Building, 1007 North Orange Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801.



## WHERE TO STAY

With a number of hotels nestled in Downtown Wilmington or the nearby Riverfront district it's easy to make new traditions during the 2021 holiday season with a trip to Wilmington and the Brandywine Valley.

From Christmastime decor at historic and famed du Pont family estates, to the renowned holiday lights of Longwood Gardens you can fill your days and nights with festive activities that will get you into the spirit and help you create lasting memories for years to come.

Plus who can resist Delaware's tax-free shopping - you can do all your shopping, pick up a gift or two for yourself, and still save money



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