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**CONKOPELLI**

**COKOCOCON**

**COPPERCON**

*Phoenix, AZ*

[CoKoCon](#) Update for Monday, July 23. We'll be updating you weekly up to the con! Note: attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

## ART

While CoKoCon is a general sf/f con with a focus on books and authors, we're not going to neglect art.

### **STEVE RUDE**

Our Artist Guest of Honor, kindly sponsored by LepreCon, Inc., is Steve 'The Dude' Rude in **his only Arizona convention appearance in 2018**.

Steve is best known for his comic book art. He started out in 1981 by co-creating *Nexus* with Mike Baron and was promptly hired by all the major companies: DC, Marvel, Image, Dark Horse and many others. He's won many awards for his work, including a Kirby Award in 1986 and a whole collection of Eisner Awards. In April, he painted the 1930s variant cover for the landmark *Action Comics* issue #1000.

Steve will be **live painting throughout the con** in the Art Show, when not on other programming, so CoKoCon is an unparalleled opportunity to meet and talk with a true legend of the industry.

### **SKETCH OFF**

One event in which Steve will be participating is our **Sketch Off**. We'll supply the artists (**Steve Rude** and local favorites, **Gilead** and **Mark Greenawalt**); you, the audience on the day, will pick a theme! The artists get 15 minutes to sketch it. They'll do this for 2 different themes each. At the end of the event, we'll auction off the results for our con charity, the Y! Achievers.

Steve, Gilead and Mark will be appearing on other programming during the con. Watch [our website](#) for details.

### **MARK GREENAWALT MASTERCLASS**

Mark's centerpiece event will be a two hour masterclass, **From Concept to Cover: A Workflow for Digital Illustration**. He'll stage a photoshoot with a (clothed) cosplay model, explaining his lighting and photographic techniques, then load the results into a fantasy background in PhotoShop and demo his workflow using masking, layers, pens and a Wacom tablet. He'll end by sharing some layers and progress scenes from published images, while explaining how to make a visually captivating and enticing book cover.

### **ART SHOW**

While we're scheduling a lot of art programming, we'll also have a dedicated Art Show, with original sf/f art from artists both inside and outside Arizona. If you're looking to show your art, we're still open for submissions; if you want to submit, see the [Art Show page](#) on the website.

## **AUGUST 1 DEADLINE**

We're getting pretty close to some deadlines and our next one is August 1. This is the date by which you'll need to [register your room parties](#) and [book your ad space](#) in our program book. Also, after August 1, we cannot guarantee that rooms will still be available, so we recommend that you [book your room now](#) so that you won't miss anything we have planned.

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general sf/f convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2018 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 31 to Sep 3) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with children (7-12) half price and Kids-in-Tow (under 7) free (limited to 2 per adult). Hotel rooms are \$92 and suites \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details on our website:

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