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1st Grand Galloping Gala

Welcome to the 1. Grand Galloping Gala Convention

Dear loyal subjects,

I'm honored to welcome you all in the name of Princess Celestia and the Galacon staff!

The brony scene has had quite the impact in the past year – And not just in the USA, but also here in Europe. That is why the Bronies e.V. was founded: To create an event for fans, young and old, enjoying My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic all across Europe and beyond!

Galacon might be starting out small in its first year, but we'll see where the crusade for our convention cutie marks takes us. We are all doing our very best, that's for sure!

I wish you all a great time in Stuttgart and I hope you are all as curious about the fandom's future as I am.

Best wishes,

Christoph „Saij“ Friedrich
Con chair,
1. President (Bronies e.V.)



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Convention Rules

These rules are in full effect inside the entire venue area of the Grand Galloping Gala Convention (short: GalaCon).

Security/Emergency

What the Convention-Staff says counts.

You are expected to adhere to all orders given by the convention- and the venue-staff as well as the volunteers.

If you ever find yourself in a bind, don't hesitate to ask the staff for help. Don't try to solve a heated situation on your own! If in doubt, let the guards or other Con Staff take care of it instead.

Emergency exits are to be kept usable at all times. Don't get in the way of volunteer work and medical assistance.

In case of fire go to the marked rescue area and listen to the volunteers and fire fighters. Never try to extinguish fire on your own.

Do not harass, ridicule or bully guests or staff. Leave your bad behaviour at the reception!

Do not talk to the Guests of Honour in their freetime. They need their rest just like you do, so please, give them space!

Animals are not allowed. Only exception are guide dogs and similar pets that you depend on for your well-being. All other animals will be removed by the local police or animal welfare on your bill if needed.

Do not camp at the venue.

Depictions and symbols that are prohibited by German law are strictly forbidden (An example would be world war related imagery). If you wear, draw or show content with such depictions, you will be removed from the convention.

Use the trash bins! They are there for a reason. Cleaning up behind yourself is important. If you don't clean up on your own, volunteers are allowed to order you to do so.

All kinds of skates are only allowed for photos. You're not allowed to actually use them as a means of getting around the con.

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Weapons

All kinds of harmful weapons are prohibited.

All replica weapons are prohibited.

Soft air guns, blunted swords, anything explosive, brass knuckles, knives or any other weapons which can inflict serious pain are prohibited.

Spike collars and bracelets are only allowed if the spikes are shorter than 5cm / 2 inch and if they are blunt.

LARP weapons, foam weapons and any other weapons meant for safe usage are allowed.

The convention staff can and will check your weapon and decide whether it's safe or not.

If you break a weapon rule and bring a dangerous weapon into the venue, it's possible that you will be removed by the police AND charged for violating German weapon laws. You can be fined at least 10 000 € for this, so seriously, don't do it. If you're not sure whether or not your weapon will be allowed, ask us via email beforehand.

Youth Protection

All visitors must carry a valid ID at all times.

The GalaCon-Staff is allowed to see it at any given time.

Valid means of ID:

- The ID in your home country
- Your driving license
- Your passport

Other documents are NOT valid and will not be accepted!

All visitors until the age of 10 can enter the GalaCon for free.

Up to the age of 14, visitors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Visitors under the age of 16 must leave the con area at 10pm.

Alcohol and smoking inside the venue is forbidden at all times. Smoking is ONLY allowed at the marked smoking areas. Drunk visitors will be removed from the convention.

All kinds of hookahs are prohibited, electronic cigarettes are allowed.

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Dealer Rules

The convention staff has the right to prohibit items from sale.

Art and crafts are allowed as long as it is safe for a general audience. Don't push this rule, please. The convention staff has the right to confiscate any items that it deems unsafe for a general audience.

All fanmade My Little Pony related items are allowed to be sold. Anything that was not manufactured by Hasbro and its license partners counts as fanmade.

Fake items and items made to pass off as official Hasbro products are prohibited. The staff will confiscate and destroy such items.

Official products manufactured by Hasbro or its license partners are only allowed to be sold if:

1. They are not available in Germany. (e.g. Twilight plushie)
- OR
2. They are not anymore available in Germany. (e.g. Blindbag Wave 1 2011)

Furthermore, ALL official merch has to be sold for less than the original sale price and without the original packaging.

All dealers need to take care of their items on their own. The Galacon staff can not be held accountable for loss or mishandling.

Items that got left behind can be send to their owner for a fee. After four weeks without claims for the goods, ownership of the respective items will carry over to Bronies e.V.

Taxes

All dealers need to keep track of their entire inventory and all sales with a list. This is a requirement by German law and has to be adhered to accordingly. The list can be viewed by the staff at any given time.

Only full digit prices (1€, 2€, 5€,...) and half digit prices (0.50€, 1.50€,...) are allowed.

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Press Rules

Every member of the classic (e.g.: print, radio, TV) and modern press (e.g.: blogs, websites, podcasts) is expected to protect and obey the Press Code.

Basic Rights

As a member of the press you must ask every visitor for permission before you take a photo or ask them questions.

As a member of the press you are prohibited from using any kind of material that mocks the depicted people or shows them in a bad light. Keep all your work in good taste.

As a member of the press you are expected to be openminded and keep bias and prejudice out of your work.

Report

You are only allowed to report from the Grand Galloping Gala / Galacon if you got validated and allowed to do so by the Press Staff.

Every report needs to be validated by the Press Staff before publishing.

If you or your report are not validated but your material is made available to the public anyway, we as the Con Heads have the right to sue you for misinformation.

Interviews with the guests of honour or the Galacon staff will be arranged by the responsible Press Staff. Don't interview the respective people on your own.



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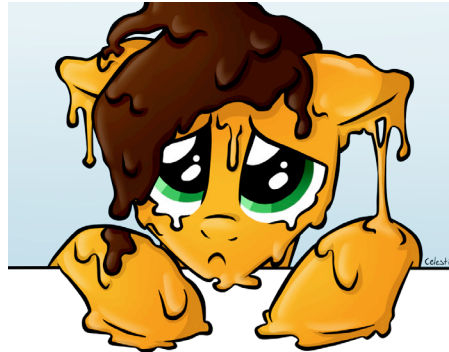
Guests of Honour



SweBow

Legends of Equestria is one of the most anticipated MMORPGs in the brony community. The chance to experience the adventures of your OC and the crusade for your very own cutie mark - That and more is what you can expect to see in Legends of Equestria!

Coming from beautiful Sweden with a special playable demo in store, head of PR SweBow will assist you with your first steps in Equestria.



Icky (Keep On Rockin' Brony)

The man who taught Vinyl Scratch how to spin that record, the „rocking brony“ himself is coming to Galacon. His OC might be a bit on the drippy side but it won't damage the equipment, we promise!

From the Dutch Appleloosa Apeldoorn hails Icky, bringing you his acoustic creations and mixes, guaranteed to make you go wild! Check out what he's got inbetween events and at the Gala evening.

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Mr. Poniator

Only he and the Finnish lion know what's hidden underneath that paper bag, but we can say for sure it's a pony with a talent for animation!

MrPoniator, skilled at summarizing all those silly ponies in short enjoyable clips, will be at Galacon with exclusive works. And if you want to take a peek behind the Flash scenes, make sure you don't miss his panel.



Rautakoura

His name doesn't only mean iron fist, it also describes his special talent – Drawing.

Not only does he create the illustrations for the point and click adventure My Little Investigations, he also brought you many of the convention artworks at the Gala!

From the Everfree Forest in the heart of Finland, Rautakoura has found his way to Stuttgart to present you his creative efforts in physical form.

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Guests of Honour



Julia Meynen

Since 2000, her voice is present in many wellknown TV shows and sitcoms. She has shown up as Lucy from Scrubs, Hakufu from Ikki Tousen and many other places far away from Equestria.

To us, Julia Meynen is the most twilightlicious voice actress in all of Germany – And as our favorite faithful student, she will show us her studies on the topic of friendship.



Anneli Heed

If you live in Sweden and suddenly Astrid Lindgren is calling you can bet it's our guest screwing around - Known for her voice imitations and stand up comedy, Anneli Heed hails from the land of DIY furniture.

Twilight needs her scaley assistant, her loyal pal Rainbow Dash and the troublemaking Cutie Mark Crusaders – Anneli has all of those down pat, but you know her best as Wonderbolt leader Spitfire.

Auction

Artists from all over the world have put their hearts and their hooves into their artwork – Artwork that we will lead to a good cause beyond making people smile.

Our charity auction is open to all guests and their wallets, looking for enthusiastic bidders willing to spend money for the greater good. Art is enjoyable in its own right, but we are trying to make it go the extra mile.

All proceeds will go to the current project of Bronies For Good in partnership with Your Siblings e.V. - Providing safe and clean housing for children in Uganda. With your help, these children will get a place to live, play and learn in, thus providing them with a better future.

Among others, you will get the chance to bid on works by **John Joseco, Kefkafloyd, Rautakoura, Kiyoshii and Futtashy.**

Don't miss out – YOU could be the highest bidder!

About: Bronies for Good

Bronies for Good wants to foster the growth of a global community of caring, socially conscious individuals. To this end, we organize projects such as the Seeds of Kindness fundraiser within our community, projects that educate, projects that inspire, and projects that save lives.

Four projects that will achieve all of these goals are the projects of the Seeds of Kindness fundraiser. These are four initiatives run by locals in Uganda, Burundi, and Tanzania that can attain complete self-sufficiency with the help of our one-time donations, which Your Siblings, as the mediating charity organization, forwards in full. We have already succeeded in funding three of these projects. The last one, however, a project to support an orphanage in Uganda, still needs our help.

Ruth Nambowa and her team want to expand their orphanage to accommodate more than fifty children who have lost their parents to the war or to diseases such as Aids. Children who would live on the streets and would otherwise have to steal to survive will receive access to education, food and care, and a new future and family.



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Gala Evening (requires a preordered gala event ticket)

Saturday
20:00 bis 01:00 Uhr

The big moment has come – Our dear Canni hosts a Grand Galloping Gala just for you!

Here you'll have the chance to enjoy a classy evening with others, either just hanging out or occupying the dance floor.

If you feel like you dance like Twilight at the garden party, you should take a look at our workshops; there, we will show you the basics of dancing waltz. The times for said workshops can be found in the con guide!

Yes, the event will have a dresscode, but as long as you look clean, decent and fitting for such an event, you will be fine. Also, cosplay costumes in the same vein are also allowed.

If you have any questions about the gala event and the dresscode, feel free to ask Sweetie Pie!

Canni also got a champagne reception (alcohol free) and a buffet planned, so you definitely won't go hungry.

Rest assured:
This will be the best night ever!



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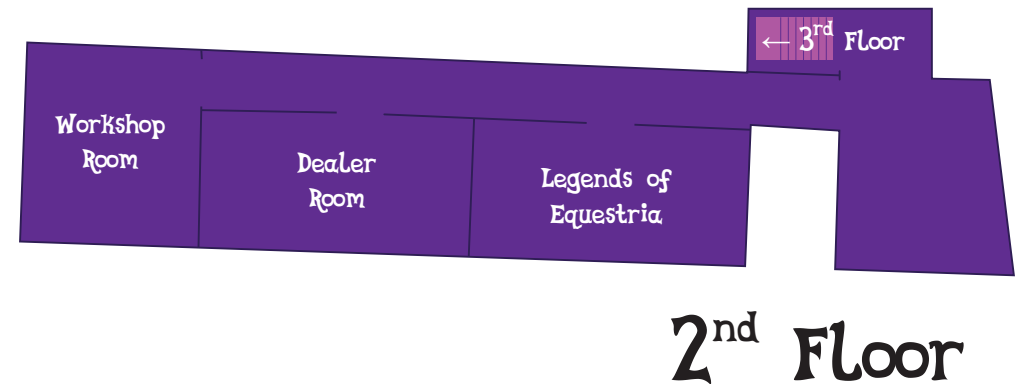
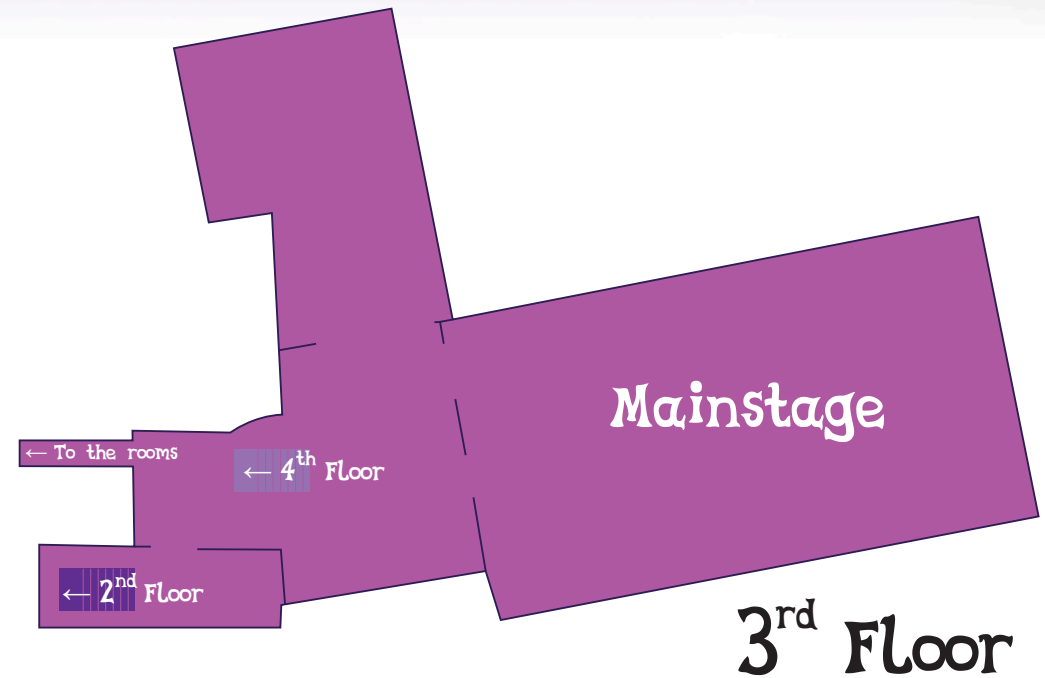
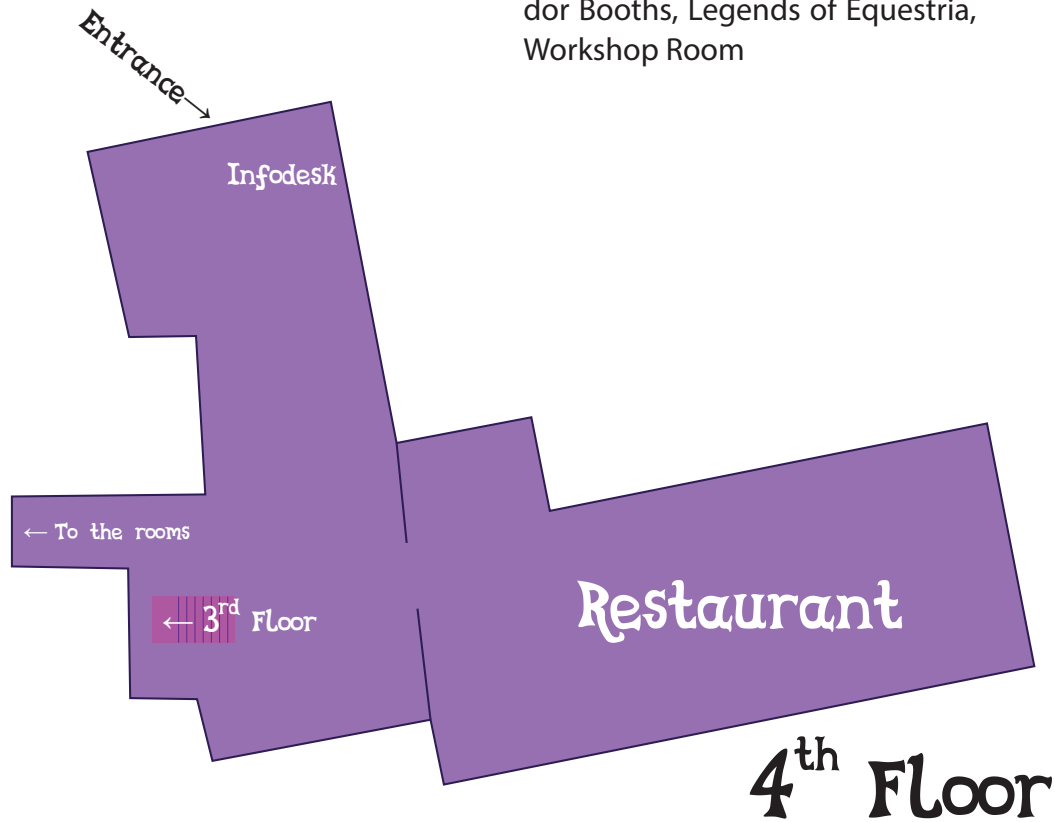
Floor Plan

The youth hostel Stuttgart International has a special perk: The entrance is on the fourth floor. From here, you can reach the other floors via stairs or the elevator.

Fourth floor: Entrance, Info Desk/Check In, Restaurant

Third floor: Main Stage for all big events

Second floor: Dealers Den/Vendor Booths, Legends of Equestria, Workshop Room



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Competitions

Catch the Character

Want your cutie mark as an honorary member of the Foal Free Press? Here's your chance!

Some special characters are hiding all across the convention area. Your objective is to find them and take a photo of each. Curious? Attend the contest introduction and hear more!

Saturday
13:45 – 14:45
Main Hall

Grand Prix de la Chanson de Ponyvision

The Eurovision trophy went to Sweden this year, but maybe you can grab the PONYvision victory for your country?

All you need is a functioning voice and confidence in your lyrics knowledge and you're in! No matter if you're a Sweetie Beelle or a Scootaloo when it comes to singing – Try your best and have fun!

Saturday
13:45 – 14:45
Main Hall

Cosplay Competition

Thread by thread, you've stitched it together – And since you've always kept in mind your pacing and put some magic in, your cosplay turned out great. But what now? How about showing it to the crowd in our contest?

If you, on your own or as a group, want to show the world that you're on par with Rarity, sign up at the Check-In! Our judges and guests can't wait to see your craft.

Saturday
13:45 – 14:45
Main Hall



Panels

Legends of Equestria

Curious how life must be for your ponysona, how one gets a cutie mark, how it feels to trot through Ponyville?

If you can wholeheartedly say Yes to one of these questions, you should take a peek at Legends of Equestria. SweBow and his team will present you the current status of the Alpha demo on stage – And if that left you hunger for more, you can play the demo yourself at the con.

Saturday
13:45 – 14:45
Main Hall

Ponies Don't Animate Themselves, Ya Know?

MrPoniator is a busy pony – Not only did he make the Galacon promo, but also many other animations long and short starring colorful equines. And we can tell you, it's not done with the snap of a finger!

The secrets behind the wonderful art of animation and how you could get a go at giving life to a pony yourself - Expect that and more at Poniator's panel!

Sunday
9:30 – 10:30
Main Hall

Voice Actor Q&A

While the US voice actors allow us a peek into their world daily on Twitter, the various translated dubs remain a mystery. How does the process work, how does it feel to represent an existing role, what does every pony do?

At Galacon, you get the opportunity to ask everything your heart desires. As long as you keep your questions polite, Anneli Heed and Julia Meynen will do their best to enlighten you!

Saturday
16:00 – 17:00
Main Hall

Autograph Hours

Saturday
14:00-15:00 Julia & Anneli
Workshop Room

Sunday
9:45-10:45 Julia
12:45-13:45 Anneli
Workshop Room



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Workshops

Dancing 101

Saturday
13:00 - 14:00 & 17:15 - 18:15
Workshop Room

Dancing is fun, but it's not always as easy as reaching your hooves in and out – Especially not if you want to go to the Grand Galloping Gala! So, everyone who thinks that their dance skills need some polishing are in luck – We offer two dance workshops!

Here, you will learn all the basics to turn into a suitable dance companion for the gala. Specifically, we will cover waltz and possibly some other basic steps. And don't feel bad if you stumble over your feet, hooves or whatever you possess - You're here to learn, after all!



Ponysuit Workshop

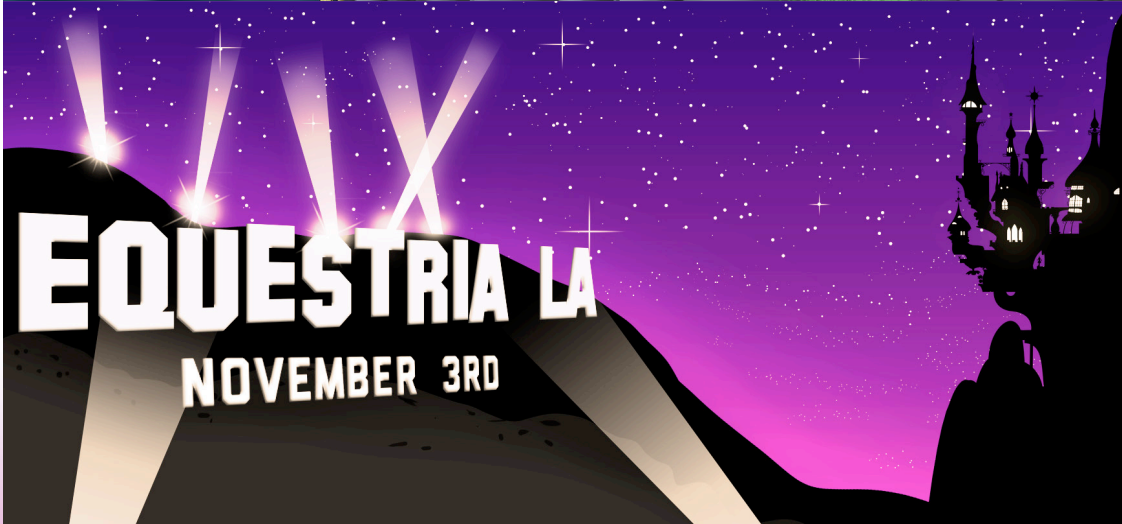
Sunday
12:00 - 13:45
Mainstage

Costume making has its well-deserved place among pony fan activities and this workshop delves into one of many trades – Fursuit making.

Atalon the Deer is a professional mascot costume creator and will grant you exclusive behind-the-scenes insight into his work. Of course, he will bring a variety of ponysuits and techniques how to make them! Whether you want to commission him for your very own OC suit or learn the ropes of sewing and crafting a pony yourself, you are in the right place. Learn how to become a part-time pony!

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THE GRAND GALLOPING GALA FOR EUROPEAN BRONIES



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Who is Canni Soda?

Can you believe it? Imagine little me, dreaming of an event like the Grand Galloping Gala for all of her life ... and earning her cutie mark by more or less accidentally creating the tastiest tea all across Equestria, and now – POOF!



I'm the host for the first European Galloping Gala! It is my life's dream come true! I'm a happy, enthusiastic pony, but even confident Canni gets intimidated by such a tremendous event, you know. Regardless, I'm very glad to have you all here and I hope I'm doing a good job as a host! I want to make my sister proud, after all. Rest assured: I could never do it without all of you wonderful guests, volunteers and everyone else involved!

Have lots of fun, you hear? Because I'm having so much of it I can't hold it all myself!

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Special Thanks

We want to send a few grateful words to everyone who made this convention possible! Starting with our sponsors:

Hasbro Deutschland GmbH, for their moral support and beyond

EDEL AG, for heeding the DVD call

Panini GmbH, for all their best efforts

Ruckus Media, for the soothing iPad apps

Xalino, for printing every silly thing we asked for

SDI Media, for dubbing Friendship is Magic all across Europe

getDigital, for the supply of WeLoveFine shirts

StartNext, for giving us the opportunity to become one of their most successful projects.

We especially want to thank all the artists who kindly supported us with illustrations for the Galacon: Rautakoura, JohnJoseco, Kiyoshiii, SerenaMidori, Salahir and Perrydotto.

Regarding StartNext, we'd like to give our most sincere thanks to all our supporters, from the most generous donors to the ones who gave us their last bit:

Firestorm „Danger“ Dash, Sander „ElectricSpark“ Vermeire, „Nanonium“, Sebastian „Xello“ Schraven, „Raygius“, Martin Schröter, Galen Crofut, Andrew „Agile52“ Leaver, Feel „Yeti“ Bushara, „Speyde“,

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Our biggest thanks however go out to everyone who has lend a helping hand and/or hoof for this event. All the volunteers who gave up their free time for a good cause and everyone who didn't mind helping – We are extremely thankful! You are all the very best and you show that Friendship is indeed Magic.

Last but not least, your most faithful convention staff:

Christoph „Saij“ Friedrich – Alicorn of Galacon

Jens „JayJay“ J. – We'd be flat broke without him

Gerjet „Weatherhoof“ B. – He was mad enough to start this all

Antonia „Perrydotto“ K. – Strong shoulder for the volunteers

Sonja „Sweetie Pie“ B. – The staff's very own Pinkie Pie

Felix „silsha“ A. – The helpful little troll

Stefanie „Lizard“ C. – Our beloved pet, well, lizard

And of course Canni Soda ...

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The background features a soft gradient from purple/pink at the top to light blue at the bottom. The top section has faint star-like speckles. The bottom section shows stylized white clouds and two small flags on poles.

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Galacon '13

Well, everypony, the con guide and the first Galacon have both reached their respective ends. But no need to be sad or „borrowing“ Doctor Hooves' Tardis – We will be back in full swing in 2013! (As long as Discord doesn't turn the Earth into a giant Oreo in December, of course).

2013, we promise you will have another best night of your life in Stuttgart! We invite everyone from Europe and all over the world to support us. All helping hooves are welcome! There's SO much on our to-do list for the second Galacon – No surprise, either, considering it will be the 30th birthday of the My Little Pony franchise. Tell us if you got any wishes, criticism or ideas for next year, people who should definitely attend the con, all that good stuff.

Galacon 2013 will **DOUBLE THE FUN** and I'm sure I forgot at least half of the things I planned for this epilogue. One thing that's definitely been forgotten so far is asking Canni whether she has any closing words or not. So, without further ado, some final sentiments from our beloved Canterloni-an earth pony.

Canni, if you'd be so kind ...



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Summer 2013

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11:00	11:30 - 12:00 Opening Ceremony	
12:00	12:00 - 12:30 Catch the Character	
13:00	13:00 - 14:15 Grand Prix de la Chanson de Ponyvision	13:00 - 14:00 Dancing 101
14:00	14:15 - 15:30 Legends of Equestria	14:00 - 15:00 Signing Session
15:00	15:30 - 16:15 Sweet Singing	15:30 - 16:45 Press ONLY : Green Room Panel
16:00	16:15 - 17:15 Ponies don't animate themselves, ya know?	
17:00	17:15 - 18:30 Voice Actors Panel	17:15 - 18:15 Dancing 101
18:00		
19:00		
20:00	20:00 - 1:00 Gala Ball	
21:00		

SU	Mainstage	Workshop Room
9:00	9:30 - 10:45 Cosplay Contest	9:45 - 10:45 Signing Session Julia
10:00	10:45 - 12:00 Raffle	
11:00		
12:00	12:00 - 13:45 Ponysuit - Workshop	12:45 - 13:45 Signing Session Anneli
13:00	13:45 - 14:00 Award Ceremony Cosplay Contest	
14:00	14:00 - 15:15 Bronies for Good Charity Auction	
15:00	15:30 - 16:15 Finale	
16:00		