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Get Me to the Geeks Tuscan confab draws Hollywood majors to medieval mecca by Nick Vivarelli

ELCOME TO THE Western world's biggest geek meet.
Some 254,000 ticket-buying fans descended last year upon Lucca Comics & Games, for comics fans with a European twist

#### Tipsheet

WHAT: Lucca Intl. Festival of Comics, Animation, Illustration and Games WHEN: Oct. 29-Nov. 1 WHERE: Lucca, Italy held within the medieval walls of the Tuscan town of Lucca, which Henry James once described as "overflowing with everything."

Numerically the fourday Lucca fest/convention dedicated to fandom. cosplay, roleverse of comics — comprising movies, TV and music — is the second-largest geek culture event after Tokyo's Comiket, which boasts 550,000 fans. That's almost twice as many as Comic-Com in San Diego, though access to both is limited.

Just like Comic-Con, Lucca Comics started decades ago as a comic book convention. And somewhat similarly it's now become an integral part of the Hollywood studios' promotional push in Europe, including Disney's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," Fox's "The Peanuts Movie" and Lionsgate's "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2," which Universal Pictures Intl. Italy is distribbing in the country.

"Five years ago we approached Lucca

responsive, bringing strong content," Giovanni Cova, topper of Milan-basec entertainment marketing company Q Italian distributors and TV broadcast also attend in full force.

That said, Japanese manga mania dominates in the Renaissance-era ger town known for its pink-hued church and 16th-century walls, where a dedic quarter turns into Japan Town during shindig. But aside from the various groultures at play, what really defines L Comics is the venue.

"Lucca has a soul," says Renato Ge vese, the event's topper. "It's a unique universe where everyone comes to sh an experience in the streets, the gardand piazzas, the cafes, the pizzerias, a within the walls of a medieval city whis like an island."

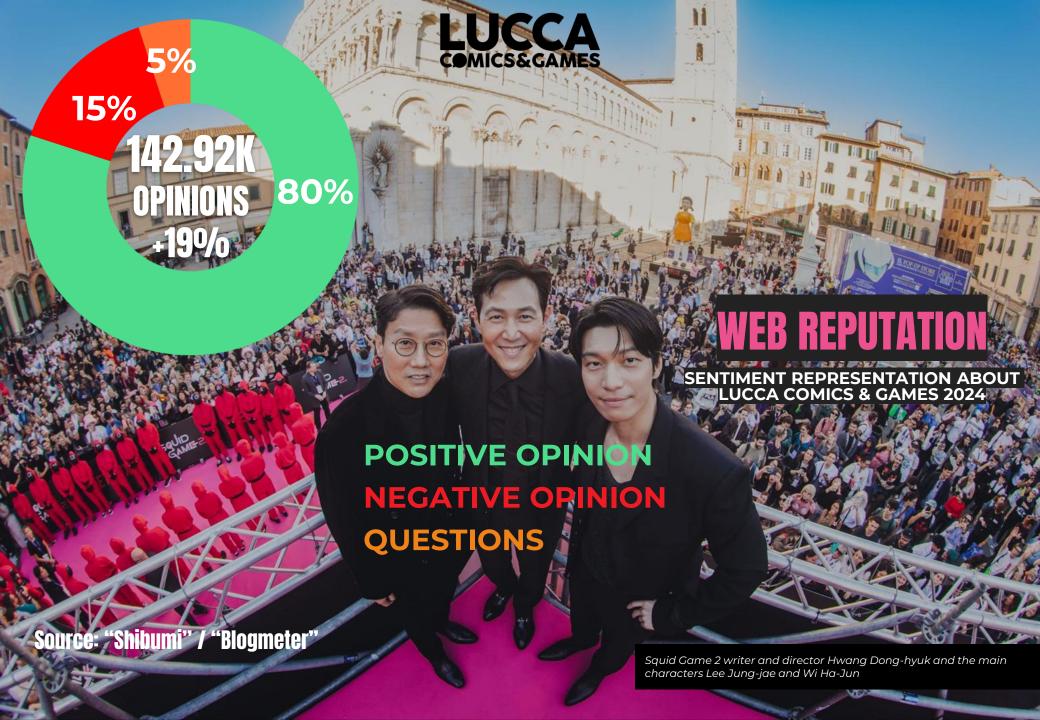
Among its plethora of events and i tiatives Genovese is particularly prou of the fact that Lucca Comics recently launched a crowdfunding portal fo projects with comic world ties and th spawned standout Italian content suc

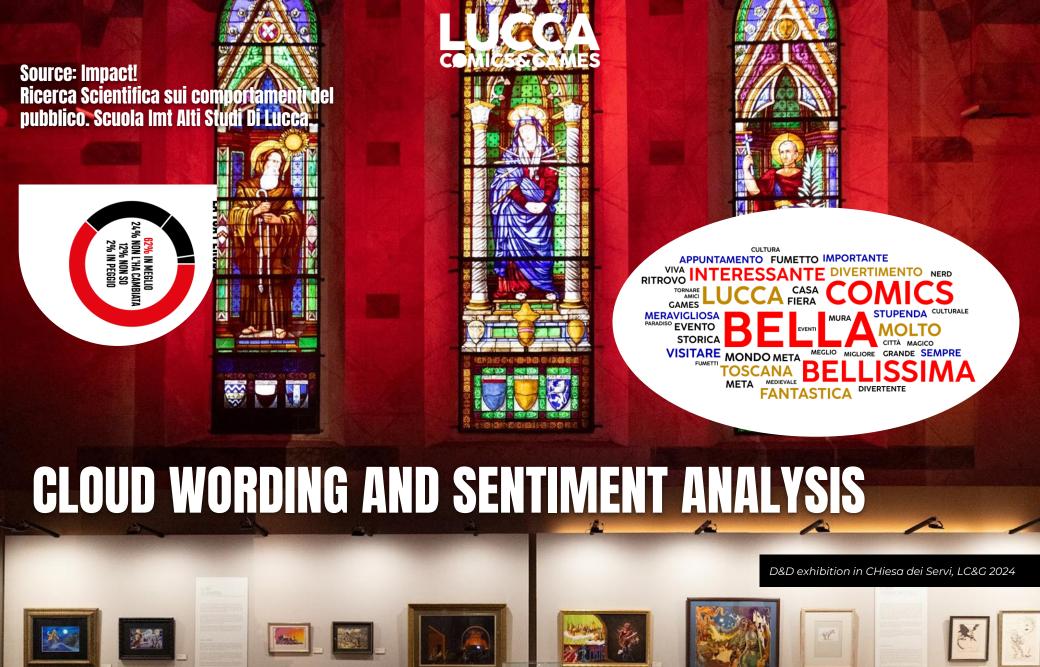
















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From anime to fine art: Japan's Yoshitaka Amano is celebrated with a major retrospective

BY COLLEEN BARRY Hardward 5-11 PM CFT Newsonbur 13, 2024

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MILAN (AP) — In a career spanning more than 50 years, Japanese artist Yoshitaka Amano has gained a following as an animator, illustrator, video game creator and fine artist. All those facets are on display in the largest retrospective of his work in the West, which opened Wednesday in Milan.

The "Amano Corpus Animae" exhibition celebrates Amano as a transversal artist whose Japanese style has been infused with Western influences, from the Italian Renaissance to Marvel superheroes and Pop Art.

Curator Fabio Viola said the exhibition aims to give the 72-year-old Amano "an artistic dignity" with his first major European show.

Amano's prolific career across media — from his start as an animator at the Tatsunoko studio at age 15 to recent work including posters celebrating Puccini's centenary — reflects his notion that an artist is someone with many talents.

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#### Netflix to Preview 'Squid Game' Season 2 at Lucca Comics & Games

The creators and stars will attend Europe's top pop culture convention, which will also feature special celebrations for the 50th anniversary of 'Dungeons & Dragons' and the 40th anniversary of 'Tetris.'

BY SCOTT ROXBOROUGH [ JUNE 26, 2024 6:22AM

Lucca on Wednesday announced other highlights of this year's convention, which include special celebrations for the 50th anniversary of fantasy roleplaying game *Dungeons & Dragons*, the 40th anniversary of the pioneering computer game *Tetris*, and the 25th anniversary of iconic Japanese manga *One Piece* (which Netflix recently adapted as a live-action series).

The festival also unveiled this year's poster, designed by Japanese artist Yoshitaka Amano, called The Butterfly Effect, supposedly inspired by Giacomo Puccini's opera *Madame Butterfly* (see below). A renowned contemporary artist, painter and sculptor, Amano is perhaps best known for his designs for the *Final Fantasy* video game series.





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『グラディエーター別 主演 のポール・メスカル、デンゼ ル・ワシントンらが来日会見 Posted on 2024年11月4

クリエイターと出演者たちがヨーロッパ最大のポップカルチャー・コンベンションに出席。『ダンジョンズ&ドラゴンズ』50周年と『テトリス』40周年の特別祝賀も行われる。

大ヒットした韓国スリラーシリーズ『イカゲーム』のクリエイター/脚本家/監督のファン・ドンヒョク、主演のイ・ジョンジェとウィ・ハジュンが、今年のルッカ・コミックス&ゲームズで待望のシーズン2をプレビューする。ヨーロッパ最大のコミックとゲームの祭典であるこのイベントは、イタリア中部の中世都市ルッカで10月30日から11月3日まで開催される。シーズン2は今年後半に公開予定だ。





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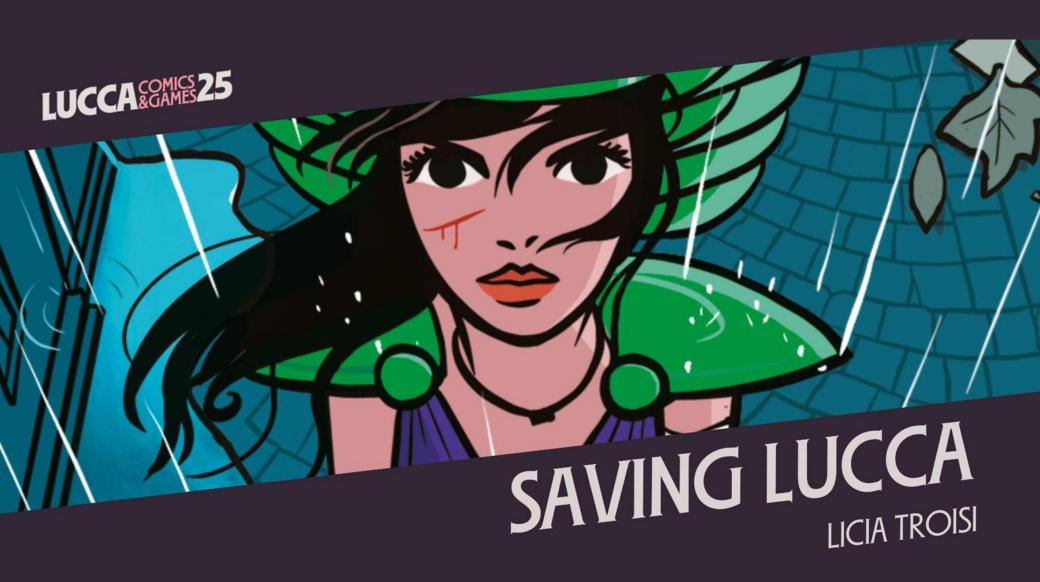
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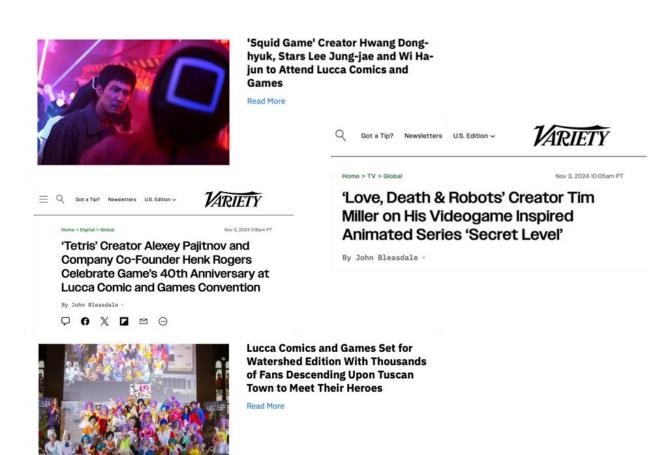
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Lucca Comics Chief on Why the Medieval Town Named a Street After 'Dungeons & Dragons' Co-Creators Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson

Lucca Comics & Games, which is held annually in the Tuscan town, has expanded to become the largest geek meet in Europe.

By Nick Vivarelli • Read More



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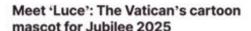


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Vatican's anime-style mascot Luce goes viral on internet with Catholic memes, fan art









Vatican unveils new cartoon mascot for Catholic Church
Archbishop Rino Fisichella says the mascot named Luce is "created from the desire
to enter into the world of pop culture, so beloved by our young people".

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The Dicastery for Evangelization, responsible for organizing the Jubilee of 2025, took part in the Lucca Comics and Games festival with a pavilion ... www.lubileeum.2025.va







The Vatican Attends Lucca, Launching Their Cartoon Mascot, Luce

Luce is the the Vatican's official mascot for the 2025 Jubilee, was unveiled by Archbishop Rino Fisichella for Lucca Comics & Games







