
Ripped off by YaoiCon Auction

Posted by akeleven - 2007/10/28 22:17

As stated in the rules of bidding on items in the art show:

Art Show Sales

Buyers may bid on any piece (aside from those marked Not For Sale (NFS) or already sold by quick sale) until the close of the Art Show room on Sunday. Three (3) bids will send a piece to live auction. Any piece with fewer than three (3) bids will be sold for the highest bid price.

I bid on 6 items, 2 with the buy it now price. At (And After) the end of the show at 2 pm I was the only bidder on the remaining 4 items.

After I left at 2:10 pm the 4 items were taken to the live auction and opened to bidding disregarding the above rules! As it happens only one of the art pieces was sold out from under me. But it was an original and therefore irreplaceable.

Also, the charity auction was held before the advertised time. All because they "didn't have enough art in the auction."

In conclusion: I did not go to live auction because I thought they would observe their own rules. And I missed any chance to buy the charity items (of which there were two I particularly wanted).

All in all this has been an inferior con. Right now I don't expect to attend again (unless they have a guest that I just have to see.) It isn't worth the hours of waiting in lines for every event. Even with the new "get the ticket" early plan it takes 1 -2 hours in line to get to the popular events. :(:x

Re: Ripped off by YaoiCon Auction

Posted by Darkmoon - 2007/10/29 09:43

I don't know about you, but we waited less than 30 mins in an actual line to get tickets for cosplay. Of course, we were also out there an hour ahead of time to hang out in the courtyard, but that was lunch time anyways. And it did take them a little while to set up, but I honestly don't think they expected that many people to be hanging out there beforehand. It's only the first year they've done the ticketing thing for the big events, there's bound to be some bumps. They'll be better next year. As for actually getting IN to cosplay, we showed up 30 mins beforehand like the schedule said and as soon as 6pm rolled around they started letting people in. That seemed to go smoothly to me, as the room filled up fast and things got underway quickly.

I can't say anything about the Art Auction, as I didn't participate (\$90, even while I'm sure it's worth it, is still FAR too much for me) but I think the ticketing for a first time went well. It's sure as hell beats Fanime's 2 hour wait in line for Cosplay to get a good seat.

The new line system....

Posted by Korhindi - 2007/10/30 00:48

....worked great!

I arrived to the courtyard late, and the line for the Bishi auction was almost to the hotel main doors. Yet, even with that, not only did I get a seat in the auction, but I was able to get into the AMV contest and the Cosplay contest too. The whole process took about 15 to 20 minutes to get the tickets. Contrasted with last year's multi-hour wait and only being able to see two events, I'll take the new system anyway.

The actual seating for each individual event was flawless. It was very fast for all events, and even though I had a high number for the auction (475), I still got a good seat with good views.

I can see you being mad about the art situation if it played out as you said, but please don't rant about the seating...that whole process rocked! Even for those of us who were at the back of the line. :D

Re: Ripped off by YaoiCon Auction

Posted by Titania - 2007/10/30 22:18

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Posted by BunofGovt - 2007/10/30 22:49

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I think you mean 3:50-3:55. The Art Auction did start late, at about 3:30 PM because the free raffle was going on just outside in the Convene lobby area. I was trying to watch both at the same time. The Auction was neat, but I think it would have helped if the emcee would have stated whether credit cards were accepted during the auction itself for any latecomers. I realize she was trying to go a little fast, because of the time. I asked some of the people watching by the doors but they didn't know for sure. I'd have bid on a few items if I knew for sure...

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Re: Ripped off by YaoiCon Auction

Posted by akeleven - 2007/10/31 03:07

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The YaoiCon staff have graciously connected with the artist to try to get me an equivalent piece. I appreciate their commitment to make the best of the situation.

I apologize to everyone that was bothered by my need to vent. I can only say that I became a little unglued and regret it.

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Posted by Puppy - 2007/10/31 15:04

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I can say with absolute certainty that the Art Auction and Charity Auction were separate and within the time listed in the schedule. The Art Auction started about 2:15-2:20 on Sunday after Kelda finished gathering up all the eligible pieces and the staff picks to be auctioned off.

It seems like there was a lot of confusion this year for some reason, and a lot of people mistook the Charity Auction for the Art Auction. We finished selling all the pieces right around 3 for the Art Auction, and the Charity Auction was setting up after us.

As the Auctioneer for Art Auction, I was there until the last art piece was sold, but after that, I had to leave to help with another event and I didn't have a chance to stay to see the Charity Auction. But it did definitely start after the Art Auction had finished.

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