

Welcome to 3D-Con 2018 in Cleveland!!

Come join us near Ohio's North Shore for six days of 3D fun. The National Stereoscopic Association and this year's host club, the Ohio Stereo Photographic Society, are excited to offer our attendees the most comprehensive annual stereo photography event for collectors and photographers alike. Stereo Theater, Trade Fair, state-of-the-art Workshops, Exhibits, Image Competitions, Art Gallery, Room Hopping and a 3D Auction are staples of the event. We plan to mix in a little Virtual Reality, as well. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites Cleveland-Rockside in Independence, Ohio. Independence is located just off I-77, 13 miles due south of Cleveland.

Considered one of the greatest cultural cities in the country, Cleveland landed on National Geographic's "Places You Need to Visit in 2018" – one of only 3 U.S. destinations on the list. We want to welcome you to this wonderful city during 3D-Con. We are planning excursions to provide a taste of what Cleveland has to offer. Plan to join us Tuesday, July 17th as we "trolley" from our host hotel through downtown Cleveland on a sight-seeing tour that will include several photo op stops like the Cleveland sign with an amazing view of the downtown skyline, the Arcade (an amazing architectural landmark), and Playhouse Square. Playhouse Square is the nation's 2nd largest performing arts center outside of New York City's Lincoln Center. Lunch will be on your own in Little Italy, famous for its Italian Restaurants. The afternoon will be spent with time at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse and also in the museum district with access to the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History and the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

On April 8, 1921, the Capitol Theater opened its doors to the public at the dedication of the Gordon Square Arcade and Community Building. It began as a vaudeville and silent film house. This historic property has been renovated to its original design and was reopened in 2009. It hosts mainstream as well as independent films. Our Wednesday evening excursion will include dinner on your own in the Gordon Square neighborhood, a west side arts district. Your ticket will allow you to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a drink before the showing of a classic 3D movie on the big screen in the Capitol Theater.

Cleveland has put itself on the national map with its diverse restaurants and we've planned a unique experience for the SSA dinner on Thursday night. Within two miles of the hotel are many fine dining choices, one of which is a fun and gourmet establishment called *Melt Bar & Grilled*. Simply put, *Melt* was born from Cleveland musician and chef Matt Fish's love of two things: great craft beer and the humble grilled cheese sandwich. The sandwiches are no longer simple, but include many uncommonly delicious combinations. What had been the best-kept secret in Cleveland was soon thrust into the national spotlight, as *Melt* caught the attention of two hot television series *Man vs. Food* and *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. Be prepared for a different, but guaranteed satisfying, SSA dining experience.

The Sunday evening excursion features one of Cleveland's newer attractions in the historic Powerhouse building. Originally built in 1892, the structure now houses approximately 70,000 square feet (6,500 m²) of exhibition space and features exhibits representing both local and exotic species of fish. One of the main attractions is the Shark Sea Tube - a 230,000-US-gallon tank with a 175-foot acrylic shark tunnel offering panoramic views of marine life, including sharks of various species. Ample finger foods, soft drinks and water will be provided with the cost of admission, and a cash bar will be available.

What would a visit to Cleveland be without taking the time to appreciate the exhibits at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? And that's not all, the Monday full day tour will include admission into the Rock Hall, the Great Lakes Science Center (which offers many hands-on exhibits) and the Steamship William G. Mather, all located

within a 5 minute walk from each other. All three museums are located on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie with Cleveland's impressive skyline as a backdrop which offers fantastic opportunities for 3D images.

In July 2018, 3D enthusiasts from all over the world will be in attendance at 3D-Con sharing their vast knowledge and love of all things stereoscopic. Whether you are a beginner or expert, or even somewhere in between, you will find programs to enjoy and help you reach your 3D goals. Come make new friends or re-connect with old ones.

We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland!!