

## Preview: 2015 Wizard World Comic Con Chicago Runs August 20 to 23

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Drea de Matteo, Emmy Award winner for ‘The Sopranos.’

CHICAGO – One of Chicago’s most popular pop culture gatherings is the Wizard World Comic Con, and the 2015 edition is building anticipation for the weekend of Thursday, August 20th through Sunday the 23rd. Besides the fan costumes, vendor booths and comic book legends, Wizard World has appearances from TV and movie celebrities, highlighted by Burt Reynolds (“Deliverance,” “Smokey and the Bandit”) and Jeremy Renner (The Avengers film series).

To gear up for this year’s Wizard World Comic Con, HollywoodChicago.com is publishing – for the first time – a series of Exclusive Portraits from the Wizard World Fan Fest in March of 2015. The Fan Fest was a special show that thanked the fans of Chicago for their loyalty to the main event, which starts tomorrow. Photographer Joe Arce was there, and shot an even dozen of the TV and movie celebrities names that Wizard World offered.

The Wizard World Comic Con is a yearly event in Chicago, but also has upcoming 2015 events in San Jose, California (September 4-5-6), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (September 11-12-13), Columbus, Ohio (September 18-19-20) and Nashville, Tennessee (September 25-26-27). [Click here](#) [21] for details regarding all things at the 2015 Wizard World Comic Con Chicago and beyond, including a listings of celebrity autograph/photo opportunities, comic creators and the huge vendor market.

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*Wizard World Chicago Comic Con will take place August 20th-23rd, 2015, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois.*  
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