Calling all Manga and Anime Lovers!
Wednesday, April 29 • Lewis Auditorium

Teens and adults are invited to come enjoy all or part of these great programs about Japanese animation. Refreshments will be served.

4:00 p.m.
Visual Visionaries: The Style and Artistic Influence of Manga and Anime

Rachel Lenz will discuss the artistic elements used in the creation of anime and manga to achieve its distinctive appearance. After a drawing demonstration, the audience will have the opportunity to try their hand at Japanese cartooning.

Rachel Lenz is a University of Illinois graduate student studying Japanese and English literature.

6:00 p.m.
Bringing Anime to America

David Fleming discusses what is involved in the production of the DVDs you see on store shelves and the dubbed shows that air on television. It’s more complicated than you might think!

David Fleming is a professional anime translator who composed subtitles for Japanese anime series, films, and video games for over fifteen years.

7:00 p.m.
Special Guest Presenter
Melek Ortabasi
An Introduction to Anime

Do you have questions about anime that you’ve been afraid to ask? Melek Ortabasi will explain how anime developed and talk about why it’s so popular around the world.

Melek Ortabasi is an assistant professor of world literature at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia. She specializes in Japanese literature and culture, and teaches modern literature, film, and the theory and practice of translation.

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