

Soness Stevens Kitano presents  
**ANIME-ZING! KIDS!**

*A 45-minute interactive show where children and their grown-ups play games, learn how indie animation is made, and become the voices in the anime.*

What if your kid could be the voice of a cartoon? At *Anime-Zing! KIDS!*, kids and their grown-ups are invited into a brightly colored karaoke box where imagination, silly sounds, and creative voices (quiet or loud) are positively welcome.

Created and hosted by Tokyo-based voice actor and comedian Soness Stevens Kitano, best known as the former English voice of *Hello Kitty* for 25 years, this interactive 45-minute workshop-show gives families a chance to discover how voice actors and indie animators bring characters to life.

Kids can volunteer to join games throughout the show, try character voices, create sound effects, perform reactions, and learn some of the tricks voice actors use to create characters. Joining in is always optional (but many kids who arrive wanting to watch soon find themselves excited to give it a go.)

One kid might become a sparkly unicorn. Another might make thunder sounds. Someone else may channel their dramatic llama voice.

At Anime-Zing KIDS!, your imagination and voice are your superpowers.

And yes, fart sounds are still funny.

The show features clips from indie animation creators, including: magical girl series *Wheels & Roses* (Pearl Low, Orange Trail Animation Studios) and sci-fi/comedy *Planet Bound* (Sasha, Catapillart). Audiences get a behind-the-scenes look at how indie animation is made, and then they get to volunteer to dub scenes live on stage.

Anime-Zing! KIDS! is designed by a neurodivergent creator to be positively welcoming. Kids can participate as much or as little as they like. Some jump into every game. Others take their time. Some parents tell us their child has never sat through a whole show before. Then they're the last ones to leave, staying after to ask questions and share their drawings.

Reviewer Clara Reviews awarded the show five stars, writing:

★★★★★ "A positive environment... without rules or criticism of what's allowed."

★★★★★ "The kids are coming for us and our lucrative jobs."

Soness says, "I hope so!" This next generation of voices is Anime-Zing!

- Interactive voice acting adventure for kids who can't sit still
- Learn how indie animation and voice acting work
- Play games and create character voices, sound effects, reactions

- Voice stories created by talented indie animators from diverse backgrounds
- Participation is encouraged but never required
- Great for anime fans and complete beginners
- Grown-ups are welcome to join the fun too

Soness Stevens Kitano is a Tokyo-based voice actor, comedian, 5-time TED/TEDx speaker, and former university lecturer. She spent 25 years as the English voice of *Hello Kitty* and has worked in games (*Nintendo*, *Konami*, *L5*), anime, documentaries, television, and Disney's live performances.

She is the creator, writer and host of Anime-Zing! KIDS! because she believes imagination and voice are superpowers that every kid already has.

She is also AuDHD, which makes for an inclusive environment for kids who think differently.

This year's Edinburgh Fringe performances also feature New York City-based voice actor, director, and educator Jesse R. Tandler (*Grand Theft Auto*, *Bully*, *Law & Order*). Jesse helps lead audience games, character challenges, and live dubbing activities alongside creator and host Soness Stevens Kitano.

## Show Information

**Title:** Anime-Zing KIDS!

**Genre:** kids/family-friendly

**Running Time:** 45 minutes

**Audience:** 4+ all ages

**Tickets:** Pay What You Want (Free Fringe)

**Venue:** Laughing Horse @ The City Cafe, Las Vegas Room

**Dates & Times:** Aug. 6-30 (not 19, 26) at 12:30 PM

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High-resolution images available upon request.

**Photo 1** Soness Stevens Kitano leads children through a live anime dubbing challenge.

**Photo 2** Audience members create sound effects during Anime-Zing! KIDS!

*"People sometimes assume Anime-Zing! KIDS! is about getting children away from screens. It is not. I love animation and games. When I see a kid wearing a Minecraft shirt, I don't ask, 'Do you play Minecraft?' I ask, 'What are you making?' Imagination and voice are superpowers. Maybe all it takes is a microphone and permission to try." — Soness Stevens Kitano*