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Old Tucson Hosts Second International Arizona Steampunk Wild Wild West Con II Convention and Festival

(TUCSON, AZ) Old Tucson presents the Wild Wild West Con II Steampunk Convention and Festival, Friday, March 8 thru Sunday, March 10, 2013. Wild Wild West Convention is America's first and only Steampunk convention/festival to take place in a western-themed town. Jason Drotman, President of the Con said, "After an incredibly successful event in 2011, we're very excited to make this year's convention larger than ever before!" The organization was so pleased with the venue and the warm welcome they received in Tucson that they decided to return to Old Tucson's steampunk era town for the second international event. If you've never heard of Steampunk, or you've heard of it but never experienced it, you're sure to be amazed and amused. This is your chance to get a glimpse at this growing phenomenon where it belongs - in an Old West setting.

Wild Wild West Con II celebrates three fun-filled days of Steampunk fashion, merchants and music. You'll find Victorian sensibilities combined with retro-futuristic technology against the backdrop of an 1880's town. Hundreds of devotees will descend upon Old Tucson to celebrate all things Steampunk. Much like a Renaissance Fair, many of the guests as well as convention staff members and guests will be outfitted in full Steampunk regalia.

Steampunk culture blends Victorian Age dress with a retro-futuristic vibe. Think Old West/Victorian dress meets inventions based on writings of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne with a sprinkle of the "The Wild Wild West." Add cogs, gears, goggles, and tricked out guns and you get the idea.

The Con features more than 40 panels, workshops and concerts during the three days of the convention. Topics will range from "101" classes for those new to Steampunk to "make and take" workshops to advanced hands-on classes for those who want to expand their skills. Panels include interactive entertainment, exclusive video presentations, Meet & Greet panels with many of the artists and musicians, and more! Even little Steampunks will enjoy arts, crafts, and games as well as all the cool stuff already in place at Old Tucson. More information about Steampunk and details about Con activities are available at <http://www.wildwildwestcon.com/>.

WWWC2 will benefit Kids Need to Read, a non-profit organization that works to create a culture of reading for children by providing inspiring books to underfunded schools, libraries, and literacy programs across the United States, especially those serving disadvantaged children.



Register for the full convention experience or buy Old Tucson General Admission tickets by going to www.OldTucson.com and clicking on "Buy Tickets." Select "General Admission" from the drop-down menu and scroll down to find Old Tucson General Admission tickets and a selection of Wild Wild West Con passes.

This Old Tucson Signature Event is the Second in a series of six that is taking place this season at Old Tucson. For more information on Old Tucson Signature Events please visit OldTucson.com.

*******SPECIAL INVITATION - FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ONLY*******

Contact Old Tucson by Friday, **March 1st** to arrange an appointment to immerse yourself in Steampunk culture as outlined below or to discuss other ideas that fit your goals.

- Interview with Eccentric Steampunk Professor Elemental. His hobbies include adventure, invention, and a good cuppa.
- Interview with Abney Park, a Steampunk band based in Seattle that mixes elements of industrial dance, world music, and Steampunk-influenced lyrics in their work.
- Try your hand at the refined sport of Tea Duelling (care to challenge another broadcast group?)

Photos of the first WWWC event are included, and many more are available upon request.

Old Tucson is Southern Arizona's premier location and Hollywood's most famous western movie location and has been immortalized in over 300 feature films and TV Westerns since 1939. For more information about Old Tucson, Where the Spirit of the Old West Comes Alive, please visit our website at www.OldTucson.com or call us at 520-883-0100. Old Tucson is located at 201 S. Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85735

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