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## **Star Wars Day Welcomes Special Guests Lee Kohse and Stephen Castantino To Tatooine**

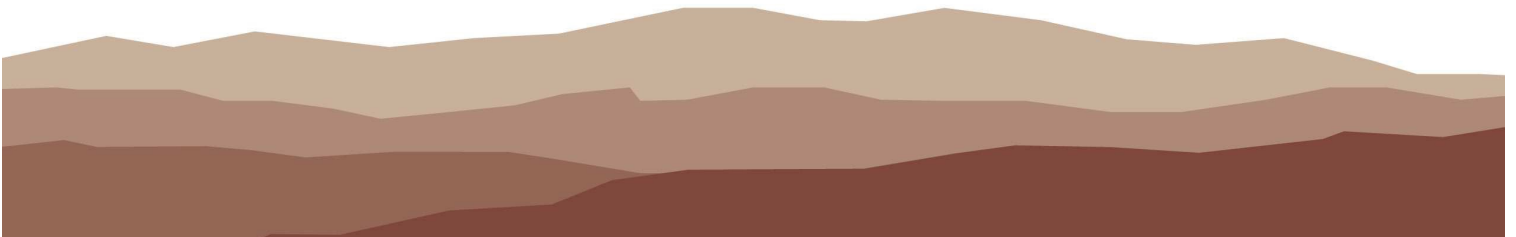
Star Wars fans love diving into the history and nuances of their favorite fandom. On Saturday, February 4, 2023, the Star Wars Day event will let them do just that. LANDS welcomes two special guests: Star Wars artist Lee Kohse, and Stephen Castantino, who played a Gamorrean Guard in the film. Each guest will take to the main stage for a Q & A session. The first, with Lee Kohse, is designed to give in-depth insight into the visuals of the Star Wars universe. The second, with Stephen Castantino, will discuss what it was like on the Imperial Valley set of “Return of the Jedi” in 1982.

Artist Lee Kohse is a California-born artist who provides illustrations for many projects – Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Aliens, The Karate Kid, Transformers, and more. He has provided images for Lucasfilm since 2006 and continues to contribute to the worlds of Star Wars and Indiana Jones. In addition to the Q&A, Mr. Kohse has graciously agreed to judge this year's art show, comprised of Star Wars fan and desert art in a wide variety of mixed mediums. Art show awards and the Q&A session with Mr. Kohse begins at 4:00pm at the main stage.

Stephen Castantino was on set for the filming of the Sarlacc Pit Monster scene as a Gamorrean Guard on Jabba’s barge. A native of Hoboken, New Jersey, Stephen developed a passion for music at a young age. He moved to California in 1978, and met Corey Dee Williams (son of actor Billy Dee Williams) in a martial arts class in Los Angeles. The two became friends, starting a band together. When Billy Dee was readying the character Lando Calrissian for *Jedi...*



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...Stephen was invited out to the set so he and Corey could continue working on their music. Before long, Stephen was recruited for a part in the film. He portrayed a Gamorrean Guard in service to Jabba the Hutt. The Q & A discussion with Mr. Castantino will begin at 4:30pm at the main stage.

Star Wars Day is a family-friendly event. Various activities will be available from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. The Q&A sessions with our special guests will begin at 4:00 (Mr. Kohse) and 4:30 (Mr. Castantino) on the main stage. The day will conclude with a special screening of *Star Wars VI-Return of the Jedi* at 5:00PM. All activities will be conducted from the Buttercup Ranger Station located at Interstate 8 at the Gray's Well exit. Please dress for the weather and bring lawn chairs. Food will be available for purchase from on-site vendors.

For further information please contact: Charla Teeters, LANDS, (760) 791-1856 or visit our website at [www.ISDRADesertDays.com](http://www.ISDRADesertDays.com)

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[www.twitch.tv/kohseart](http://www.twitch.tv/kohseart).

<https://www.instagram.com/leekohse/>

<http://kohse.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LeeKohseArt/>

Stephen Castantino Social Media:

[Stephen Costantino | Official website of musician and actor.](#)

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/stephen-costantino-ep/1070661882>

<https://soundcloud.com/stephen-n-costantino/sets/stephen-costantino-1>



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