



Blizzard Entertainment Brings a Festival of Games and Community Attractions to gamescom 2018

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Visitors can play the latest content and take part in activities for all of Blizzard's game universes in Cologne, Germany, from August 21–25

COLOGNE, Germany--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 20, 2018-- Blizzard Entertainment will be showcasing its games and celebrating its community at gamescom 2018 in Cologne, Germany, from Tuesday, August 21, to Saturday, August 25. Attendees will have the chance to enjoy the latest playable content and plenty of activities for *Overwatch*[®], *World of Warcraft*[®]: *Battle for Azeroth*[™], *Heroes of the Storm*[®], *StarCraft*[®] II, *Diablo*[®] III, and *Hearthstone*[®] at the Blizzard booth in Hall 7 of the Koelnmesse. There's also a full stage schedule, beginning with the unveiling of new content for *Overwatch* on Wednesday, August 22.

A calendar of main stage activities can be viewed on the new "Blizzard at gamescom" website (<http://gamescom.blizzard.com>) and mobile application, available on the [App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#). The site and app also feature a catalog of merchandise that can be purchased at the Blizzard store in Hall 5, including some brand-new and convention-exclusive items, and visitors can create a personal wishlist in advance to facilitate their shopping experience. Some items from the gamescom collection can also be purchased directly on the [European Gear Store](#).

In addition, the Blizzard at gamescom app allows attendees at the event to take an Augmented Reality tour of the Blizzard booth for the chance to win prizes.

Those who can't make it to gamescom 2018 in person can watch the daily Blizzard at gamescom show via the [website](#) starting at 5:00 p.m. CEST Wednesday, August 22, through Friday, August 24, and 4:00 p.m. CEST on Saturday, August 25. Hosted by actor and presenter Naomi Kyle and well-known YouTuber Mark "Turps" Turpin, the show will include live-streamed and pre-recorded content, with spectators having the ability to change camera angles.

Visitors to the Blizzard booth at gamescom will be able to experience the following playable content and activities:

Overwatch

- Blizzard is kicking off the first public day of gamescom 2018 with the **Overwatch: New Content Reveal** on the main stage starting at 11:15 a.m. CEST on Wednesday, August 22. Followed by the new content reveal will be the European premiere of a new *Overwatch* animated short, which will also be available to view on [YouTube](#).
- German *Overwatch* World Cup 2018 team members will battle participants from the audience in *Lúcioball* showmatches live on stage on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the **Overwatch: Lúcioball Challenge**.
- *Overwatch* heroes D.Va, Lúcio, and Brigitte will come to life as their voice actors perform on stage in the **Overwatch: German Voice Actors Panel** at 11:00 a.m. CEST on Friday, August 24, followed by a signing session.
- Attendees at gamescom will be able to enjoy some fun in the sun at the Blizzard booth with Summer Games-themed activities, including custom surfboards, face painting, community *Lúcioball* tournaments, a working Pachimari claw machine, and more.

World of Warcraft

- *World of Warcraft: Battle for Azeroth* will be playable on 80 gaming stations at the Blizzard booth, where visitors can enjoy a solo experience with the Siege of Lordaeron in-game event and group up with friends at gamescom for the Island Expeditions feature.
- *World of Warcraft* cosplayers will show off creations inspired by the latest expansion on stage and via live stream during the **Battle for Azeroth: Cosplay Showcase** at 6:15 p.m. CEST on Friday, August 24, followed by the reveal of the third and final episode in the *Warbringers* series of animated shorts—the tale of Azshara, Queen of the Naga.
- Top German guilds Aversion and Set Sail For Fail will face off in Island Expeditions live on stage during three rounds of the **Battle for Azeroth: Island Expeditions Showcase** on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Visitors to the booth will be able to attend a live Darkmoon Faire, with activities like an airbrush makeup station, a fortune teller, and photo opportunities with the Recruit-a-Friend X-53 Touring Rocket mount, as well as renowned European community content creators streaming live.

Heroes of the Storm

- A new Prime Evil wreaks havoc on the Nexus—Mephisto, *Diablo II's* Lord of Hatred and the latest Ranged Assassin in

Heroes of the Storm, will be playable for the first time at gamescom. His spotlight video can be viewed [here](#).

- The *Overwatch*-themed Hanamura map is new and improved with an emphasis on action-packed team fights, and it's back in the game—now dubbed Hanamura Temple, it will be playable by the public for the first time at the Blizzard booth during the show. Check out our [Hanamura Temple video](#) to see all of the updates in action.
- In **Heroes of the Storm: Live Drawing with Carbot**, Jonathan Burton from Carbot Animations will create his wacky rendition of Mephisto live on stage at 12:00 p.m. CEST on Thursday, August 23.

StarCraft II

- It's about time—Tychus Findlay, the latest Co-op Commander for *StarCraft II*, will be playable for the first time at the Blizzard booth. His spotlight video can be viewed [here](#). On Wednesday, August 22, and Thursday, August 23, *StarCraft II* lead co-op designer Kevin Dong will demonstrate the new commander live on stage with YouTubers Lowko and Winter in **StarCraft: Commander Co-op**.
- In **StarCraft: One vs Many**, YouTubers Lowko and Winter will take on any audience members who think they have what it takes to defeat these pros in a live one-versus-three battle on Saturday, August 25, at 3:00 p.m. CEST.

Diablo III

- Visitors to the Blizzard booth can try their hand at slaying demons anytime, anywhere, with anyone—**Diablo III will be playable on the Nintendo Switch™** console for the first time at gamescom.
- On Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, a Blizzard artist will be creating some diabolical artwork live on stage in **Diablo: Live Drawing with Chris Amaral**.

Hearthstone

- In **Hearthstone: Puzzle Time!**, teams of gamescom audience members will race to complete challenges in *Hearthstone's* new Puzzle Labs live on stage on Friday and Saturday at 12:15 p.m. CEST. These Solo Adventures for the game's latest expansion, *The Boomsday Project™*, will be released to the public on Tuesday, August 21.
- *Hearthstone* players can enjoy a brand-new Fireside Brawl, available for the first time at gamescom.
- Visitors can also snap a photo with a giant game board replica from the [Hearth and Home animated short](#), which premiered at gamescom 2017.

In addition to these games and activities, gamescom attendees can head to Blizzard's main stage for two concerts from the **Video Games Live** orchestra on Wednesday, August 22, and Thursday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. CEST; the **Blizzard Dance Contest** on Thursday, August 23, at 3:30 p.m. CEST; and the popular **Blizzard Cosplay Contest** closing out the week at 5:00 p.m. CEST on Saturday, August 25. Those watching from home will be able to see the Video Games Live concert, as well as the cosplay contest and the Battle for Azeroth: Cosplay Showcase, via live stream at <http://gamescom.blizzard.com>.

For more information about Blizzard at gamescom 2018, visit the [website](#) and follow our social media channels for updates live from the event.

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