

BOUNTY HUNTERS

Scouring the galaxy for the stars of *Star Wars*...

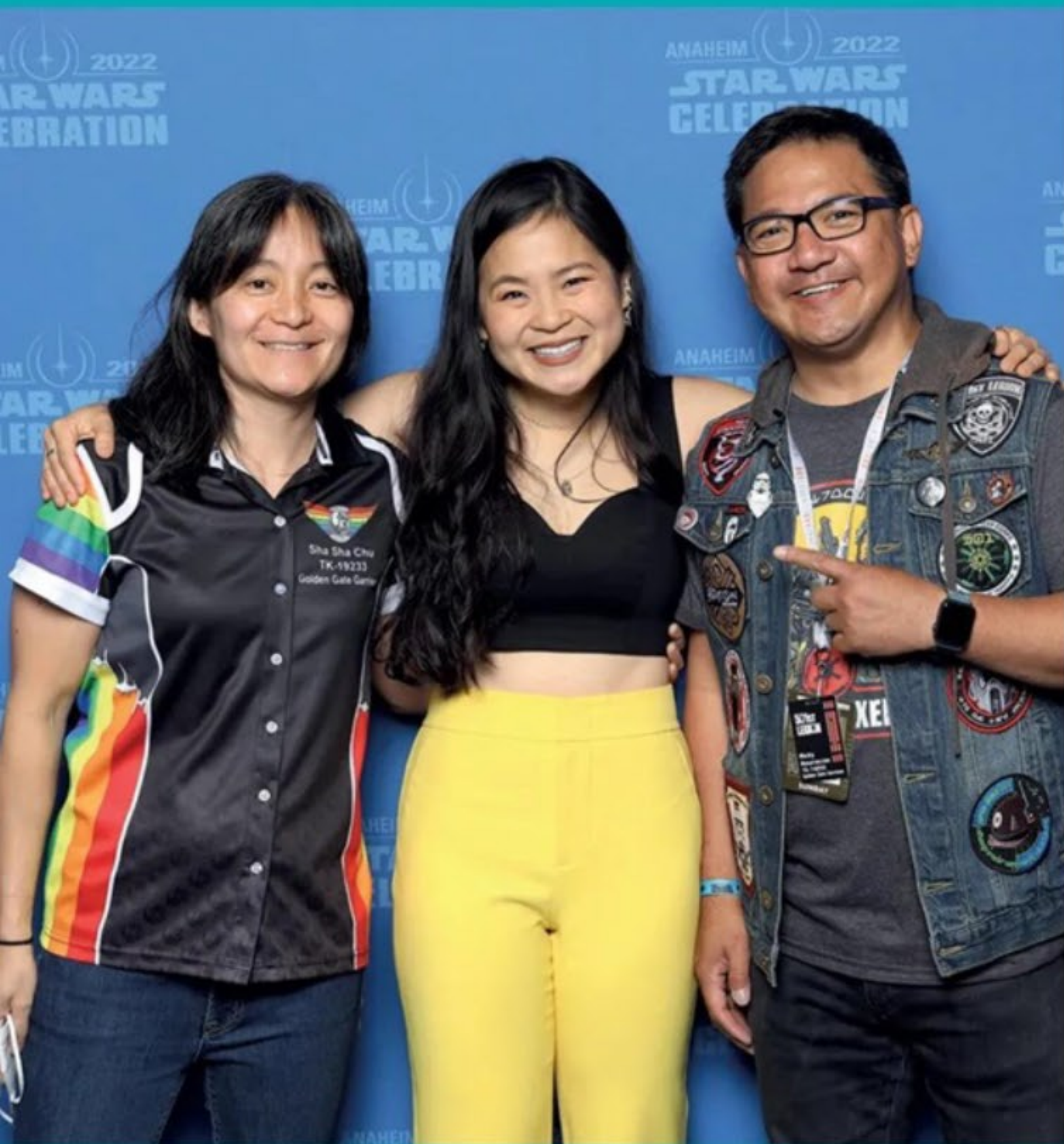
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KELLY MARIE TRAN: A Rose by any other name



Sha Sha Chu and friend Ricky pose with Kelly Marie Tran, who portrayed Rose Tico in *The Last Jedi* and *The Rise of Skywalker*.

When Sha Sha and her costumed con-buddy Ricky heard that Kelly Marie Tran would appear at *Star Wars Celebration Anaheim*, they did not waste the chance to meet the talented actor who played Resistance fighter Rose Tico in *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (2017) and *The Rise of Skywalker* (2019). "I have been a *Star Wars* fan for as long as I can remember but seeing Kelly Marie felt like one of the first times I'd seen myself on the screen," shares Sha Sha.

"When it was announced she would be appearing at Celebration, I booked my photo-op right away," Sha Sha reveals. "It was important for me to be able to tell her in person how happy we were that she was there, and for her to understand how many fans love her and her character."



A COLLECTOR'S BOUNTY

Hunting memorabilia with creative cosplays

Brian Rehka fell in love with *Star Wars* the moment the *Tantive IV* appeared on screen in 1977, and he went on to see *A New Hope* ten times in the theater. The fan immediately began compiling what would become a massive collection of more than 1200 pieces of costumes, custom props, collectables, and pop-culture items. "I call my place Rancho Vader in honor of Skywalker Ranch and Rancho Obi-Wan," says Rehka.

Having crafted numerous *Star Wars* costumes to make appearances at children's birthday parties, Rehka eventually decided to join the 501st Legion in 2006.

Since that time, the cosplayer has completed more than 350 troops with cosplays ranging from Darth Vader and Boba Fett to a Tusken Raider and Dengar.

"I had so much fun I created my own Dengar costume, which many have said is the best they have ever seen. I went on to do Disney *Star Wars* weekends, a few *Star Wars* Celebrations, and other events," explains Rehka. "Darth Vader is my primary costume and I love that character, but when I put on Dengar for a special event it is like being a rock star." The cosplayer feels Dengar's smaller role in the saga makes fans appreciate him more.

