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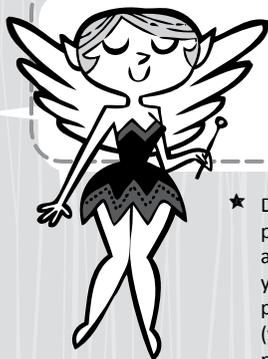
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ Dragon*Con started using barcodes to speed up the registration process for 2011. Well, it was a huge success! So this year, we will again be using the barcode system! Those of you who have purchased your memberships in advance will receive (or have received already) a postcard with a barcode on the mailing label. Please bring that postcard (with the mailing label intact and legible) and a valid government-issued photo ID with you to the registration area at the convention. That will greatly speed up your (and everyone else's) registration experience at Dragon*Con 2012. **NOTE:** Forgetting to bring your postcard or the valid government-issued ID will slow down your registration process.
- ★ While we are talking about badges, for the safety of all of our convention members, you will need your Dragon*Con badge to enter the host hotels during many of the peak attendance times. **Your badge is your passport to all things Dragon*Con!**
- ★ **BRAND NEW:** Beginning on July 14, 2012 and ending on August 17, 2012, a *limited number of Saturday Only* memberships will be available through the Dragon*Con store for \$50.00. No group discounts or transfers allowed. **NOTE:** *Saturday only memberships can ONLY be picked up on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at pre-registration.*
- ★ Shuttle buses will be available again this year, including the popular dedicated shuttle between the host only hotels. Additionally, we are adding an additional shuttle, and we will have special shuttles available for the Annual Parade (for participants only), and the Exclusive Night at the Georgia Aquarium.
- ★ The Dragon*Con membership newsletter, *DRAGON*TALK*, is a brand new publication providing hot off the press information to our current and future members as well as providing them with tips and tricks to surviving four days at Dragon*Con! Read the latest issue at advertising.dragoncon.org/publications/dragontalk.
- ★ Do you live out of town and hate the long drive to Dragon*Con? Have you always wanted to come to Dragon*Con but the airfares were just slightly out of budget? Well pack your bags because we have good news for you! This year we have partnered with Delta Air Lines to offer discounted airfares to out of town con-goers. We have more information on page 63!
- ★ Due to popular demand, we have reprinted our most popular 2010 and 2011 Dragon*Con t-shirts and they are now available for purchase at the Dragon*Con store at store.dragoncon.org.
- ★ And speaking of the Dragon*Con store, now all members get discounts on just about everything—from keychains to lithographs to t-shirts!
- ★ Due to a decrease of usage, childcare will no longer be offered effective with the 2012 show. If you have already purchased a badge for your child to utilize childcare, please contact the Dragon*Con office at 770-909-0115 to request a refund.



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DRAGON*CON STORE

The Dragon*Con store is excited to have some new products in the works for 2012. To start with, we are introducing new collectible pins this year. We will have two designs, one is the awesome baby dragon design by Bobby Chiu plus we will have a special 2012 pin as well. These will be the first of many collectible pins to come.

We are pleased to bring you some fresh lanyard designs which will include a 2012 dated lanyard. For our headgear we are bringing back the popular military style hat in three colors, plus we'll have a new knit beanie in two colors.

If you want drinkware, we'll have a heavy duty stainless steel water bottle with rubber grip in cobalt blue and smoky gray, plus a frosted purple shot glass and beefy 2012 coffee mug.

We have an ultra-cool design for our new mouse pad. Plus we have some fun stuff in the works for kids including a flashing LED bounce ball.

Need a bag to put all your cool finds in? We have lots! You can choose from three colors of cinch sacks, a travel bag that has room for your iPad, plus we are bringing back our ever popular duffle and convention tote bags.

So come see us at the show! We have our main store in the Marriott that opens on Friday, plus a satellite store in the Sheraton that opens on Thursday. This year the Sheraton store will be carrying almost a full line of merchandise so you don't miss out.

And don't forget about our online store at store.dragoncon.org. As soon as new products come in, we'll preview them online. So be sure to check in to see what's new!





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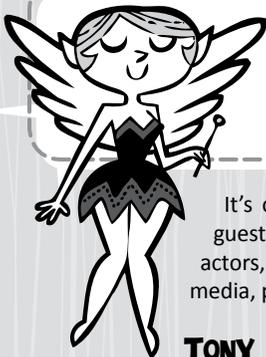


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FEATURED GUESTS

It's only June and already Dragon*Con has over 250 confirmed guests! Dragon*Con is proud to present the most talented writers, actors, comic book creators, and artists in the sci-fi, fantasy, horror, media, pop-culture, and everything in-between universe!

TONY AMENDOLA

Tony Amendola is best known for his recurring role as the Jaffa master Bra'tac in *Stargate SG-1*. He can also be seen in ABC's hit show *Once Upon a Time* playing Geppetto/Marco.



AARON ASHMORE

Aaron Ashmore is perhaps best known for his roles in American TV shows, as Jimmy Olsen in *Smallville* and as Steve Jinks in *Warehouse 13*.



KEVIN J. ANDERSON

Kevin J. Anderson, the number one international bestselling author of nearly a hundred novels, is best known for his *Dune* novels coauthored with Brian Herbert, his *Star Wars* and *X-Files* novels, and his *Saga of Seven Suns* series.



LEE ARENBERG

Lee Arenberg is best known for his portrayal of, "ELLO' POPPET!" pirate in Walt Disney's blockbusters, *Pirates of the Caribbean*. He currently appears on ABC's *Once Upon a Time* as Grumpy.

ADAM BALDWIN



Baldwin has an impressive range of over 60 feature film roles in his career so far. His most recent success has been *Chuck* for NBC. Baldwin is also known widely for his role as Jayne Cobb in Joss Whedon's *Firefly*.

JAMIE BAMBER

Jamie Bamber is a British actor known most widely for his roles as Lee Adama on *Battlestar Galactica* and Detective Sergeant Matt Devlin on the ITV series *Law & Order: UK*.



JOHN BARROWMAN



John Barrowman is a Scottish-American actor, singer, dancer, musical theatre performer, writer, and television personality. He is best known for his portrayal of Captain Jack Harkness in the science fiction series *Doctor Who* and *Torchwood*.

RYAN BENJAMIN

Ryan Benjamin is a comic book artist/illustrator/3D artist known for his work on *WildCats*, *X-Men*, *Star Wars*, *Spawn*, *Captain America*, *Iron Man*, *Batman Beyond*, and many more.

AMBER BENSON

Amber Benson is an actor, filmmaker and novelist. Best known for her work as Tara Maclay on *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*, she's the author of the *Calliope Reaper-Jones* series and the children's ghost story, *Among The Ghosts*. She is also the co-director of the feature film, *Drones*.

BRUCE BOXLEITNER

Bruce Boxleitner is an American actor and science fiction writer. He is best known for his leading roles in the television series *How the West Was Won*, *Bring 'Em Back Alive*, *Scarecrow* and *Mrs. King*, and *Babylon 5*.



LeVar BURTON

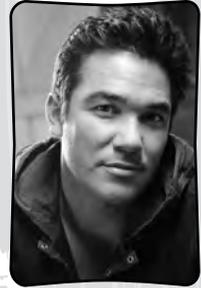
LeVar Burton is an American actor, director and author who first came to prominence portraying Kunta Kinte in the 1977 award-winning ABC television miniseries *Roots*,



based on the novel by Alex Haley. He is also well known for his portrayal of Geordi La Forge on the syndicated science fiction series *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and as the host of the PBS children's program *Reading Rainbow*.

Dean Cain

Dean Cain is an American actor, best known for his role as Clark Kent/Superman in the popular American television series *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*.



eric canete

Eric Canete is an illustrator and designer working in the animation and comic book industries.

Leslie CARRARA-RUDOLPH

Leslie Carrara-Rudolph is best known for her work on *Sesame Street* as Abby Cadabby (Emmy Nominated). Other TV shows include *Muppets Tonight* and *Johnny and the Sprites*. Her film credits include *Forgetting Sarah Marshal* and the new *Muppet Movie*.

VINCENT CASO

Vincent Caso is an American actor and entrepreneur best known for his co-starring role as Bladezz on the critically acclaimed web series *The Guild*.

GARRY Chalk

Garry Chalk has appeared in shows such as *Cold Squad*, *Stargate SG1*, *The Outer Limits*, and *Transformers*. Recently, he filmed *Psych*, and J.J. Abrams' *Alcatraz*. Garry just landed a role in the movie *Big Time Rush Movie*. He is currently appearing in AMC'S hit *The Killing*.



David chERRY

David A. Cherry is an award winning fantasy and science fiction artist/illustrator, skilled in traditional and digital media, both 2D and 3D. He is past president of ASFA. His work includes about everything from book and magazine covers to game box covers to 3D game assets in *Halo Wars*.

Mike choi

Michael Choi is a comic book artist known for his work on books such as *Witchblade*, *X-23*, and *X-Force*.

COOP

Coop is the lowbrow godfather and creator of *The Devil's Advocate* and *The Big Fat One*.

Peter David

An American author of comic books, novels, television, movies and video games, Peter David's award winning comic books include *Aquaman*, *Young Justice*, *Supergirl*, *Fallen Angel*, and twelve years on *The Incredible Hulk*.

FELICIA DAY

Felicia is the creator and star of the hit web series *The Guild*, a sitcom about a group of online gamers. She created a song and music video called "(Do You Wanna Date My) Avatar," featuring the cast of *The Guild* dressed up as their in-game personae. She also appears as Penny in Joss Whedon's internet phenomenon *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*.



Michael DORN

Michael Dorn donned mounds of facial makeup for what was to be his signature role: the U.S.S. Enterprise's Klingon officer Lt. Worf on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Michael reprised his role of Worf on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*.



KENTON DUTY

Kenton Duty is an American actor and singer. He is best known for his recurring role as "Young Jacob" on the final season of the ABC primetime drama, *Lost*, and for his co-starring role as the flamboyant European exchange student, Gunther Hessenheffer on the Disney Channel comedy series, *Shake It Up!*

Gigi EDGLEY

Gigi recently finished starring on the hit series *Rescue Special Ops* as Lara Knight. She is an Australian actress who stole the hearts of sci-fi enthusiasts with her role as Chiana on *Farscape*, a cult science fiction TV show by The Jim Henson Company.



NELSAN ELLIS

Nelsan Ellis is an award-winning American film and television actor and playwright, perhaps best known as Lafayette Reynolds on HBO's *True Blood*.

GARY ELWES

Cary Elwes is known for his role as Westley in the cult classic *The Princess Bride* and for his role as Dr. Lawrence Gordon in *Saw*.

JANE ESPENSON

Warehouse 13 creator, Jane Espenson has also written for *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Firefly*, *Dollhouse*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Caprica*, *Game of Thrones*, and *Torchwood: Miracle Day* among other series. She currently writes for ABC's *Once Upon A Time*, and is co-creator of the web series *Husbands*.

BILL FAWCETT

Bill is a founder of Mayfair Games, a board and role play gaming company and designed award winning board games and role playing modules. He has designed computer games and co-authored several novels. His company Bill Fawcett & Associates has packaged over 350 books. Bill has edited or co-edited over 50 anthologies.

COLIN FERGUSON

Colin Ferguson is a Canadian actor. He currently stars as the lead in *Eureka*, a SyFy channel series that began broadcasting in 2006. Ferguson was a member of the Montreal improv group *On the Spot*, as well as a founding member of the Detroit group *The Second City*.



JOE FLANIGAN

After guest roles in numerous television series including *Profiler*, *First Monday*, and *Sisters*, Joe Flanigan became best known as Major/Lt. Colonel John Sheppard in *Stargate Atlantis*. In addition to acting, he wrote the stories for the second season.

JONATHAN FRAKES

Best known for his portrayal of Commander William T. Riker in the television series *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and as David Xanatos in the animated television series, *Gargoyles*, Jonathan Frakes has recently moved towards directing. He directed and also starred in *Star Trek: First Contact* as well as *Star Trek: Insurrection*. He is also the author of a book called *The Abductors: Conspiracy*.



DAVID FRANKLIN

David Franklin is best known to Sci-Fi/Fantasy fans as the consummate Peacekeeper officer Captain Braca on *Farscape*. Another memorable role is that of Brutus in seasons 4 and 5 of *Xena Warrior Princess*. He played Heat Blast in *Ben-10: Race Against Time*.

MIRA FURLAN

Mira Furlan is best known to the American audience for her role as Ambassador Delenn in the Warner Bros. TV-series *Babylon 5* and as Danielle Rousseau in the the ABC hit series *Lost*.

JOSH GATES

Josh Gates is an American adventurer, explorer, photographer, and television personality. He is currently the host of *Destination Truth* on Syfy, a weekly one-hour show filmed in remote locations around the world that explores some of the world's mysteries and unexplained phenomena.

GIL GERARD

Gil Gerard is best-known to SF audiences as Capt. William "Buck" Rogers in the SF TV series, *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*. His other roles include several movie and TV series appearances.

JUSTIN GERARD

Justin is an artist and illustrator. Justin contributes articles to visual design magazines such as *ImagineFX* and to blogs such as Muddycolors. His work has won several awards including an Ippy Award for his work in *Beowulf, Book 1, Grendel the Ghastly*, and a Chelsey Award.

STEVE GONSALVES

Steve Gonsalves has been on the Paranormal television circuit for close to five years on the wildly popular Syfy hit show *Ghost Hunters*. Steve is set to have a leading role in an upcoming Paranormal television show on the Syfy network called *Ghost Hunters: Next Generation*.

CHRIS GORE



Chris Gore is a comedian and writer who appears on G4TV's *Attack of the Show*. He is the creator of two upcoming animated series—*The Last Guys on Earth* and the stop-motion adult comedy *FetishVIL*. His wildly

popular podcast is PodCRASH with That Chris Gore and is available on iTunes. Chris loves Batman, zombies and long walks on his back.

ERIN GRAY

Erin Gray is an American actress, perhaps best known for her roles as Kate Summers in the situation comedy *Silver Spoons* and as Colonel Wilma Deering in the science fiction television series *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*.

KAT GRAHAM

Kat Graham is a Swiss-born American actress, model, singer, and dancer. She is best known for her role of Bonnie Bennett on The CW television series *The Vampire Diaries*.



KEVIN R. GRAZIER

Dr. Kevin R. Grazier is a writer-producer and planetary physicist who spent 15 years on the Cassini Mission to Saturn and Titan. He is also the science advisor for TNT's *Falling Skies* and the upcoming Syfy Channel series *Defiance*. He co-authored *The Science of Battlestar Galactica*.

ANTHONY MICHAEL HALL



Anthony Michael Hall is an actor, film producer, and director who starred in several teen-oriented films of the 1980s, notably *Sixteen Candles*, *The Breakfast Club*, and *Weird Science*. Hall went on to star in the USA Network series

The Dead Zone as psychic Johnny Smith and most recently as the season 3 main antagonist Walter Sykes in *Warehouse 13*.

LAURELL K. HAMILTON

Laurell K. Hamilton's writing is characterized by vivid prose, erotic sensuality, complex character and world building. Laurell is a regular on the *New York Times* Bestseller List with both her series: *Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter* and *Meredith Gentry: Fairy Princess/Private Eye* series.

Richard Hatch

Internationally known actor, writer and director Richard Hatch starred as the original Capt. Apollo and Tom Zarek in the re-imagined *Battlestar Galactica* series. He has written seven *Battlestar Galactica* novels for I-books, edited *So Say We All*, and written several *Battlestar Galactica* comics.

Virginia Hey

Virginia Hey is an Australian actress who moved into natural therapies, meditation & perfume/candle design. Her acting career began following a successful modeling career, where she was spotted by casting directors for *Road Warrior*. Virginia went on to achieve worldwide recognition for her portrayal of Zhaan in *Farscape*.

TORRI HIGGINSON

Torri Higginson is a Canadian actress best known for her roles in the *TekWar* movies and series, *The English Patient*, *Bliss*, and *Stargate Atlantis*.

Richard Horvitz

Richard Horvitz is an American actor/voice actor best known as the voice Zim from the Nickelodeon cartoon *Invader Zim*. He is also the voice of the original Alpha 5 in *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*, Billy in *The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy*, Daggett in *The Angry Beavers*, and many others!

GRANT IMAHARA

Grant Imahara is one of the hosts of *Mythbusters* on the Discovery Channel, where they use science to prove or disprove urban legends. He is a former ILM special effects artist who has worked on numerous films including the *Star Wars* prequels, *Galaxy Quest* and *The Matrix Reloaded* and *Revolutions*.



GEORGES JEANTY

With such titles as *Bishop the Last X-Man*, *Gambit*, *Weapon X* and *Deadpool* for Marvel and *Superman*, *Superboy*, *Wonder Woman*, and *Green Lantern* for DC in his portfolio, this Miami native who now calls Atlanta home has accumulated an impressive run in comics.

Dave "The Reverend" Johnson

Dave "The Reverend" Johnson is a comic book artist best known for his work on the covers for the title *100 Bullets*.

PETER KELAMIS

Recently, Kelamis appeared as Adam Brody on *Stargate Universe*. His other appearances on TV include *Eureka*, *The Outer Limits*, *Corner Gas*, *Sliders*, *Stargate SG1*, *The Sentinel*, and *The X-Files*. He is also known for his role as Goku in Funimation/Saban's original dub of *Dragon Ball Z*.

SHERRILYN KENYON

In the past two years, *New York Times* bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon has claimed the #1 spot twelve times. This extraordinary bestseller continues to top every genre she writes. With more than 23 million copies of her books in print in over 30 countries, she has placed over 60 novels on the *New York Times* list.

JULIET LANDAU

Juliet Landau is best known as Drusilla on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel* and Loretta King in *Ed Wood*.



Jeff Lewis

Acting credits include *Glee*, *My Name is Earl* and believe it or not, *General Hospital*. He currently performs in the improv group "Hammer, Don't Hurt 'em" alongside his *Guild* co-stars, Felicia and Sandeep.

Peter Linz

Peter Linz has been a Muppeteer for over 20 years. His starring role as Walter in *The Muppets* has won him the most acclaim. Other films include *Muppets From Space* and *Men In Black*. Television credits include *30 Rock*, *Between the Lions*, *Bear in the Big Blue House*, and *Sesame Street*.

Tembi Locke

Tembi Locke has made a career starring in over forty television shows and films. She has appeared on *The Mentalist*, *CSI: NY*, *Bones*, *Friends*, NBC's *Windfall*, and the original *90210*. Currently, she plays Dr. Grace Monroe, a biotech specialist as comfortable with a microscope as a wrench, in the acclaimed Syfy series *Eureka*.

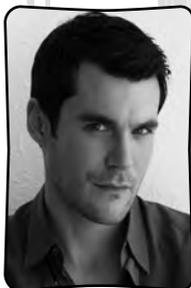


Todd Lockwood

Todd Lockwood's work has appeared on *New York Times* best-selling novels, magazines, video games, and fantasy role-playing games. His first art book, *Transitions*, from Chrysalis books (U.K.), was released in September of 2003. You can see more of his work at his website at toddlockwood.com.

Jonathan Maberry

Jonathan Maberry is a *New York Times* bestselling novelist, multiple Bram Stoker Award winner and Marvel Comics writer.



Sean Maher

Sean Maher is an American actor, best known for his role as Simon Tam in the short-lived science fiction television series *Firefly*.

Don Maitz

The award winning art of Don Maitz has appeared for thirty years on hundreds of publications, and as concept art for two feature animated films: *Jimmy Neutron Boy Genius* and *Ant Bully*. Maitz created the Captain Morgan Rum character and his a-Maitz-ing images have appeared before a worldwide audience.

Joe Manganiello

Joe Manganiello is best known as the werewolf Alcide Herveaux on HBO series *True Blood*. Along with the premiere of *True Blood* season five, he has roles in two summer 2012 films, the Steven Soderbergh directed *Magic Mike* and the all-star ensemble, *What to Expect When You're Expecting*.



James Marsters

James Marsters may best be known for the role of Spike, the punk-goth vampire that he played for six seasons on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*. He's appeared in numerous Sci-fi series, including *Smallville*, *Torchwood*, *Caprica*, *Supernatural*, and *Andromeda*.

Todd McCaffrey

Todd Johnson McCaffrey has written eight books in the Pern universe both solo and in collaboration with his mother, Anne McCaffrey. He is currently working on several non-Pern projects, including the long-awaited *City of Angels*.

Eddie McClintock

Edward "Eddie" McClintock is an American actor who has starred and guest starred in numerous television shows. He currently portrays the role of Secret Service agent Peter Lattimer on the Syfy series *Warehouse 13*.

JAMES ALLEN MCCUNE

James Allen McCune is an actor best known for his role as "Jimmy" in AMC's *The Walking Dead*. James Allen can be seen in Mike Brune's Comedy *Congratulations!*, ShowTime's *Homeland*, and Ric Roman Waugh's feature *Snitch*.

ROSE MCGOWAN



Rose McGowan is well known for her role as Paige Matthews in The WB Television Network supernatural drama series *Charmed*. In 2007, McGowan headlined the critically acclaimed Quentin Tarantino/

Robert Rodriguez double-feature *Grindhouse* as go-go dancing Cherry Darling in *Planet Terror*, and as Pam in *Death Proof*.

STEVEN R. MCQUEEN

Steven R. McQueen is an American actor, best known for his role as Jeremy Gilbert in The CW show *The Vampire Diaries*. He has made guest appearances on television shows such as *Without a Trace*, *CSI: Miami*, *Numb3rs*, and *Everwood*.



JONBOY MEYERS

Jonboy Meyers is an illustrator and concept/character designer working in animation, video games, and comic books.

Rebecca MOESTA

Rebecca Moesta has written the *Young Jedi Knights* series and the *Crystal Doors* trilogy with her husband Kevin J. Anderson. She has also written comics and a *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* novel.

JOSEPH MORGAN



Joseph Morgan was first seen as Troy in the Sky One television series *Hex*. He is best known for his role as Klaus Mikaelson on the hit CW series, *The Vampire Diaries*, and recently starred as Lysander in the 2011 film *Immortals*.

eve MYLES

Eve Myles is best known for portraying Gwen Cooper in the *Doctor Who* spin-off show *Torchwood* and Ceri Owen in the BBC Wales drama *Belonging*.



Ted naifeh

Ted Naifeh writes and draws such acclaimed childrens' comics as *Courtney Crumrin* and *Polly and the Pirates*. He illustrated Holly Black's graphic novel trilogy, *The Good Neighbors*, as well as two *Death Junior* graphic novels. Ted lives in the gloom of San Francisco.

KATHY NAJIMY

Kathy Najimy is an American actress, most notable as Olive Massery on the television series *Veronica's Closet*, Sister Mary Patrick in *Sister Act* and the voice of Peggy Hill on the animated television series *King of the Hill*.

DUSTIN NGUYEN

Dustin Nguyen is an American comic artist whose body of work, for the past ten years, includes flagship titles for both DC Comics and Wildstorm.

NICHELLE NICHOLS

Nichelle Nichols is an American actress, singer and voice artist. Her most famous role is that of communications officer Lieutenant Uhura aboard the USS Enterprise in the popular *Star Trek* television series, as well as the succeeding motion pictures, where her character was eventually promoted in Starfleet to the rank of commander.



JODY LYNN NYE

Jody Lynn Nye lists her main career activity as “spoiling cats.” When not engaged in this worthy purpose, she has published more than thirty-eight books and over a hundred short stories. Her latest books are *A Forthcoming Wizard* (TOR Books) and *Myth-Fortunes*, (Wildside Press) co-written with the late Robert Asprin.

AMY OKUDA

Amy Okuda is an actress best known for her portrayal of Tinkerballa in the web series *The Guild*. In 2011, she appeared in the Break.com original music video “Tonight, I’m Frakking You” which is a science fiction and video game parody of the song “Tonight (I’m Lovin’ You)” by Enrique Iglesias. Recently, she was cast in a horror-social satire film titled *Chastity Bites*.

KAI OWEN

Kai Owen is perhaps best known for his portrayal of Rhys Williams, the long suffering, ever loving husband of Gwen on the hit BBC series *Torchwood*. Recently, he appeared in the third season of *Being Human*.

JAIME PAGLIA

Jaime Paglia is the co-creator and Executive Producer of the Syfy Channel record-setting series, *Eureka*. Getting his start in feature films, Paglia sold his first spec script, *Bombshell*, (written with David Draffin) to Team Todd at New Line Cinema, followed by *Kringle* (written with Andrew Cosby), which sold to Oscar-winning screenwriter/producer Akiva Goldsman and producer Mark Canton. Paglia went on to co-create *Eureka* with Cosby for the Syfy Channel and NBC Universal Television Studios. They also adapted the feature film *Damn Nation* for MTV Films and Paramount Pictures.

SANDEEP PARIKH

Sandeep Parikh wrote and directed Comedy Central and Atom.com’s highest rated web-series *The Legend of Neil*. Sandeep is also known as the co-lead, Zaboo in the acclaimed and multiple award winning webseries *The Guild*, which won Streamys for Best Comedy Webseries and Best Ensemble Cast.

CRAIG PARKER

Parker first came to Dragon*Con having played the elf, Haldir, in Peter Jackson’s, *Lord of the Rings*. He came back for more Atlanta Madness in 2009 while playing Darken Rahl in ABC’s, *Legend of the Seeker* and now, in 2012, returns as the nasty roman, Glaber, in Starz, *Spartacus: Vengeance*.

GEORGE PÉREZ

George Pérez is an illustrator and writer of comic books born of Latin-American (Puerto-Rican) descent. Along with John Byrne, he was arguably the most popular and influential artist in American comic books in the 1980s. He primarily illustrates superhero comics, mainly published by DC Comics and Marvel Comics, and is known for his clean, dynamic, yet ornate style, with a strong emphasis on group superhero action scenes.

ROBERT PICARDO

Robert Picardo is an American actor. He is best known for his portrayals of the Emergency Medical Hologram (EMH), also known as The Doctor, on UPN's *Star Trek: Voyager*, and as Richard Woolsey in the Canadian-American military science fiction television series *Stargate SG-1*, *Stargate Atlantis*, and *Stargate Universe*.



CARRIE PRESTON

Carrie Preston is a film and television actress, producer, and director, currently starring as Arlene Fowler on HBO's hit series *True Blood*.

DAVID PROWSE

David Prowse has played many roles, but he is best known as the man behind Darth Vader's sinister mask in *Star Wars*.

PATRICIA QUINN

Patricia opened the very first performance of *The Rocky Horror Show* with the song "Science Fiction Double Feature" on June 16, 1973, at The Theatre Upstairs (Royal Court) in London. The film version of the *Rocky Horror Show* followed in 1975 where she stepped back into the role of Magenta.



MIKE REISS

Mike Reiss has won four Emmys during his two decades as writer/producer for *The Simpsons*. He created the cult animated series *The Critic* and *Queer Duck*. He is the author of seventeen children's books, and contributed to films including *The Lorax* and *Despicable Me*.

JOHN RHYS-DAVIES



John Rhys-Davies is a Welsh actor and voice actor. He is perhaps best known for playing the charismatic Arab excavator Sallah in the *Indiana Jones* films and the dwarf Gimli in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

J. AUGUST RICHARDS

J. August Richards has become a visible favorite in primetime television, starring in the Joss Whedon hit series *Angel*, Dick Wolf's *Conviction*, and most recently, Steven Bochco's *Raising the Bar* for the TNT network.

REBECCA RIGGS

Rebecca Riggs is best known to fans as the irrepressible Commandant Mele-on Grayza in the Saturn Award winning *Farscape*.

CHANDLER RIGGS

Chandler Riggs is an American actor, best known for his role as Carl Grimes in the AMC television series *The Walking Dead* based on the comic book series of the same name.

RYAN ROBBINS

Ryan Robbins is best known for his roles as Ladon Radim in *Stargate Atlantis* and Charlie Connor on *Battlestar Galactica*. He also guest starred in the *Smallville* third season premiere as Lewis. Currently he plays Henry Foss on SyFy's *Sanctuary*.



Saul Rubinek



Saul Rubinek is a Canadian film and television actor. He has also directed and produced feature-length films. Rubinek currently plays "Arthur 'Artie' Nielsen" a covert agent employed by a secretive council to

recover super-scientific and mystical artifacts, in the Syfy series *Warehouse 13*.

Katee Sackhoff

Sackhoff's rough and ready portrayal of hotshot pilot Kara "Starbuck" Thrace has been stealing scenes on the critically acclaimed *Battlestar Galactica* for years now, turning heads and winning a Saturn award along the way.



Tim Sale

Tim Sale is an American Eisner Award-winning comic book artist. He is primarily known for his collaborations with writer Jeph Loeb.

R.a. Salvatore

As this year's Literary Guest of Honor, and one of the fantasy genre's most successful authors, R.A. Salvatore enjoys an ever-expanding and tremendously loyal following. His books regularly appear on *The New York Times* best-seller lists and have sold more than fifteen million copies.

Daniel Samonas



Other than *Wizards of Waverly Place*, Daniel has guest starred in *iCarly*, *Zoey 101*, *Entourage*, *Hannah Montana*, *CSI: New York*, *Without a Trace* and voiced Teo in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

Brandon Winn Sanderson

Brandon Sanderson's fantasy novels include the *Mistborn* books, *The Way of Kings*, and *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians*, among others. He is completing Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time* series; the final volume, *A Memory of Light*, will be released in 2012. Brandon teaches creative writing at Brigham Young University.

Dan Dos Santos

Well known for his colorful oil paintings, most often depicting strong women, this year's *Dragon*Con Artist Guest of Honor* Dan Dos Santos's work spans a variety of genres including novels, comics and film. He has worked for clients such as Disney, Universal Studios, Scholastic Books, The Greenwich Workshop, Penguin Books, Random House, Tor books, UpperDeck, *Wizards of the Coast*, and DC Comics.

Raphael Sbarge



Raphael Sbarge currently stars as Archie Hopper/Jimmy Cricket on the hit ABC drama *Once Upon a Time*. He's also known to videogame fans as Kaidan Alenko in the popular *Mass Effect* series, and Carth Onasi in the *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic* series.

Cliff SIMON

Cliff is best known for the role of Ba'al on *Stargate SG1*. Cliff's combination of charming bad guy charisma and wicked sense of humor made him a viewer favorite antagonist, keeping his character recurring for five seasons.



Rikki SIMONS

Rikki Simons is a voice actor, writer, and artist. He is most famous for being the voice of the robot in a dog suit, GIR from *Invader ZIM*. As an artist and writer he is known for science fantasy graphic novels.

DOUG SNEYD

Doug Sneyd has been under contract with *Playboy Magazine* since 1964 and has had over 450 full-page color cartoons published in the magazine. *The Art of Doug Sneyd*, a 248-page hardcover book published by Dark Horse Comics, and features 270 Sneyd cartoons.



IAN SOMERHALDER

Ian Somerhalder is best known for playing Boone Carlyle in the TV drama *Lost* and Damon Salvatore in the TV drama *The Vampire Diaries*. He will star in the Gothic movie *Cradlewood*.

MICHAEL STACKPOLE

Michael A. Stackpole is a fantasy and SF novelist, game designer and Skeptic who knows how to dance.

Jewel STAITE

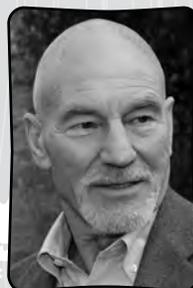
Jewel Staite is a Canadian actress who portrayed Catalina in *Space Cases*, Kaylee Frye in *Firefly* and *Serenity*, and Dr. Jennifer Keller on *Stargate Atlantis*.



JIM STARLIN

Jim Starlin is an American comic book writer and artist. With a career dating back to the early 1970s, he is best known for "cosmic" tales and space opera; for revamping the Marvel Comics characters Captain Marvel and Adam Warlock; and for creating or co-creating the Marvel characters Thanos and Shang-Chi, Master of Kung Fu.

PATRICK STEWART



Patrick Stewart is an English film, television and stage actor. He has had a distinguished career in theatre for nearly fifty years. However, he is perhaps most widely known for his television and film roles as Captain Jean-

Luc Picard in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and Professor Xavier in the *X-Men* films.

S.M. STIRLING

S.M. Stirling was born, France 1953. Best known works are the *Change/Emberverse* novels: *Dies the Fire*, *The Protector's War*, *A Meeting at Corvallis*, *The Sunrise Lands*, *The Scourge of God*, *The Sword of the Lady*, *The High King of Montival*, *The Tears of the Sun*, and *Lord of Mountains*.

Dave Tango

Dave is one of the investigators/evidence analyst on the popular Syfy Channel TV show *Ghost Hunters*. Besides the paranormal, Dave enjoys photography, music, and magic.

Robin Thorsen

Robin Thorsen is a recent graduate of Chapman University in Orange with a BA in Theatre Arts, and an AA from Marymount College in Rancho Palos Verdes. She is thrilled to have been chosen to play Clara Beane in *The Guild*.

Sam Trammell

An intelligent, highly-versatile actor who made inroads on the New York stage while building an intriguing career in mostly independent features, Sam Trammell can currently be seen starring opposite Anna Paquin in HBO's critically acclaimed series *True Blood*.



Michael Trevino



Michael Trevino is best known for his role as Tyler Lockwood in the CW series *The Vampire Diaries*. Trevino also had a small role on the TV series *Charmed* in the eighth season episode, "Malice in Wonderland," as Alastair.

Connor Trinneer



Connor Trinneer is an American film, stage and television actor. His highest profile role has been the role of Charles "Trip" Tucker III on *Star Trek: Enterprise* and Michael on *Stargate Atlantis*.

Emilie Ullerup

Emilie Ullerup's first role was that of Julia Brynn on the remake television series of *Battlestar Galactica*. She is best known as Ashley Mangus from the Syfy show *Sanctuary*.



Garrett Wang

Wang is best known for his role as Ensign Harry Kim on *Star Trek: Voyager* which ran from 1995 to 2001. He was keen to participate in a new role for the 2007 fan production *Star Trek: Of Gods and Men*.

Burt Ward

Burt Ward is an actor and activist best known for his portrayal of Robin in the late 60's television series *Batman* and its theatrical film spin-off. He and Adam West have made several reunion appearances together, including an episode of *The Simpsons* and *Spongebob Squarepants*.





PAUL WESLEY

Paul Wesley is best known for his roles as Aaron Corbett in the ABC Family miniseries *Fallen* and Stefan Salvatore in The CW TV series *The Vampire Diaries*.

ADAM WEST

Adam West is best known for his lead role in the *Batman* TV series and its feature film. He is currently known for portraying eccentric characters, as well as his voice work on animated series such as *The Fairly OddParents* as a cat-obsessed version of himself who is famous for playing a superhero called Catman, and as the fictionalized character of Mayor Adam West on *Family Guy*.



BILLY WEST

Billy is mostly know for his many voices on *Futurama* that include Philip J. Fry, Professor, Hubert J. Farnsworth, Dr. John Zoidberg and others. He is also know for *The Ren & Stimpy Show* as Stimpson J. "Stimpy" Cat.

JANNY WURTS

Janny Wurts is a professional author, with 15 published novels, a short story collection, and a trilogy in collaboration with Raymond Feist; also fantasy artist and cover illustrator, with a painting on display in the collection of the Delaware Art Museum.

DeREK YANIGER

Derek Yaniger is a toothless hillbilly. Born in the backwoods of Arkansas, he was raised on little more than pork rinds and corn squeezins.

ChelSea QUINN YARBRO

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro has published in many genres including science fiction, fantasy, mystery, young adult, western, and horror. She is a Grand Master of the World Horror Convention, a Living Legend of the International Horror Guild, and has a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Horror Writers Association.

STEVEN YEUN

Steven Yeun is a Korean-born American actor. Yeun is currently starring in the role as Glenn in AMC's original series, *The Walking Dead* since 2010.



TIMOTHY ZAHN

Timothy Zahn is the author of nine *Star Wars* books and the *Cobra*, *Quadrail*, and *Dragonback* series. Recent books include *Cobra Gamble* and the upcoming *Judgment at Proteus*. The 20th Anniversary edition of his first *Star Wars* book, *Heir to the Empire*, was released last September.

MARK ZUG

Mark Zug is an artist and illustrator who is known for his work with the *Septimus Heap* series and Harlan Ellison's adaption of *I, Robot*. He has illustrated many collectible card games, including *Magic: The Gathering* and *Dune*, as well as books and magazines.



ADDITIONAL FEATURED GUESTS

But we couldn't stop there—in addition, Dragon*Con is proud to present the following featured guests and attending professionals! (Lists current as of June 1, 2012.)

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- ★ Peter Abrahamson
- ★ Pete Abrams
- ★ Aaron Allston
- ★ Lou Anders
- ★ Christopher Frederic Avellone
- ★ Philippa Jane Ballantine
- ★ Veronica Belmont
- ★ Clint F. Black
- ★ Jodi T. Black
- ★ Dr. John E. Bradford
- ★ Jennie Breeden
- ★ Heather Brewer
- ★ Mike Brotherton
- ★ Jason Bulmahn
- ★ Bob Burden
- ★ James Burns
- ★ Laura A. Burns
- ★ Mike Capps
- ★ Gail Carriger
- ★ Keu Cha
- ★ A. C. Charania
- ★ Cheeks
- ★ Cinda Williams Chima
- ★ Freddy Clements
- ★ Dave Cook
- ★ Jeremy Dale
- ★ Kathleen O'Shea David
- ★ Keith R.A. DeCandido
- ★ Larry Dixon
- ★ Kevin Dockery
- ★ Elizabeth Donald
- ★ Mark Dos Santos
- ★ Carole Nelson Douglas
- ★ Elonka Dunin
- ★ Mark Edward
- ★ Annie Erskine
- ★ Susan Fichtelberg
- ★ Tom Fleming
- ★ John L. Flynn
- ★ Eugie Foster
- ★ Matt Frank
- ★ Chandra Free
- ★ Stanton Friedman
- ★ Friggatriskaidekaphobia Nurse
- ★ Andrew E.C. Gaska
- ★ Dr. Pamela L. Gay
- ★ Geeky Pinups
- ★ David Gerrold
- ★ Michael Gordon
- ★ Dr. Stephen Granade
- ★ D. J. Grothe
- ★ Rosemary Ellen Guiley
- ★ Daxiong Guo
- ★ Nicole Harsch
- ★ A. J. Hartley
- ★ Gary Kim Hayes
- ★ Diana Tixier Herald
- ★ Kathryn Hinds
- ★ Robin Hobb
- ★ Bill Holbrook
- ★ Nancy L. Holder
- ★ Anson I Hunter
- ★ Faith Hunter
- ★ D.B. Jackson
- ★ Van Jensen
- ★ Les Johnson
- ★ Zack "Jick" Johnson
- ★ Lloyd Kaufman
- ★ Bill Keel
- ★ Thomas W. Knowles
- ★ Alethea Kontis
- ★ Mercedes Lackey
- ★ Cheralyn Lambeth
- ★ Janet Lee
- ★ Mike Lee
- ★ Sunny Lee
- ★ Brad Linaweaver
- ★ Kate Locke
- ★ George Lowe
- ★ John Patrick Lowrie
- ★ Elizabeth Malczynski
- ★ Mari Mancusi
- ★ Gail Z. Martin
- ★ Niall Matter
- ★ Ellen McLain
- ★ Travis Scott Merrill
- ★ Tom Merritt
- ★ Kara Mikos
- ★ Chris Moreno
- ★ Tee Morris
- ★ Chris Mueller
- ★ Sabutai Musashi
- ★ Jana Oliver
- ★ Teresa Patterson
- ★ Diana Peterfreund
- ★ Phil Plait
- ★ Van Allen Plexico
- ★ Kalayna Price
- ★ Jean Rabe
- ★ Benjamin Radford
- ★ Stephen W. Ramsden
- ★ Trina Ray
- ★ John D. Ringo
- ★ Nicholas John Robatto
- ★ Andy Runtton
- ★ John Sabol
- ★ Mike Sakuta
- ★ Stuart M. Sayger
- ★ Matteo Scalera
- ★ Bruce Schneier

- ★ Randal L. Schwartz
- ★ Eugenie C. Scott
- ★ Captain William Shepherd
- ★ Russell D Shilling
- ★ Scott Sigler
- ★ Samantha Sommersby
- ★ Jennifer St. Giles

- ★ Kim Steadman
- ★ Jeanne C. Stein
- ★ Paul Stevens
- ★ Billy Tackett
- ★ Jonathan Tarbox
- ★ Greg Theakston
- ★ Jamie Wade Tyndall

- ★ Debbie Vigiúé
- ★ Jean Marie Ward
- ★ Toni Weisskopf
- ★ Michael Z. Williamson
- ★ C. L. Wilson

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- ★ Rachel Aaron
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- ★ Sanam Azeem
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- ★ Aleksandra "Sasha" Chernova
- ★ Suzanne Church
- ★ John Cmar
- ★ Pamela Cole
- ★ Cysero
- ★ Daisy Viktoria
- ★ L. M. Davis
- ★ Joshua P Dease
- ★ Lucienne Diver
- ★ Maxwell Alexander Drake
- ★ Barbara A. Drescher
- ★ Claire M. Eddy
- ★ Nathan Edmondson
- ★ Peter H. Friedman
- ★ Galanoth
- ★ Dr. Bill Gibson
- ★ Veronica Giguere
- ★ David Macinnis Gill
- ★ Honey Goodenough
- ★ Clay and Susan Griffith
- ★ Daniel Griffith

- ★ Yaya Han
- ★ Laura Haywood-Cory
- ★ Leanna Renee Hieber
- ★ Matt Hughes
- ★ Chris A Jackson
- ★ Margaret Killjoy
- ★ Deidre Knight
- ★ Artix Krieger
- ★ Bonnie Kunzel
- ★ Dennis K. Lee
- ★ Rob Levy
- ★ J. F. Lewis
- ★ Kelly Lockhart
- ★ John Lotshaw
- ★ Patrick Mason
- ★ Misty Massey
- ★ James Maxey
- ★ T.C. McCarthy
- ★ Adam David Myers
- ★ Bobby Nash
- ★ Bob Neilson
- ★ Josh Nite
- ★ Steven Novella
- ★ Nythera
- ★ James Palmer
- ★ Ay-leen the Peacemaker
- ★ Lars Pearson
- ★ Phoenicia
- ★ John Picacio

- ★ David L. Potter
- ★ Barry Reese
- ★ Gray Rinehart
- ★ Tedd Roberts
- ★ Linda Robertson
- ★ Jacob Rougemont
- ★ Aron Siegel
- ★ Kevin Simmons
- ★ Stephanie Slater
- ★ Tim Slater
- ★ Fr. Bryan Small
- ★ Gordon Smuder
- ★ John C. Snider
- ★ Ken Spivey
- ★ Jon Sprunk
- ★ Roxanne Starr
- ★ Christina Stiles
- ★ Gillian Summers
- ★ Anthony Taylor
- ★ Titan
- ★ James R. Tuck
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CROSSED SWORDS

Broadswords, rapiers and even batlefs clash in this dazzling display of Hollywood-style combat. Harsch and Sakuta reveal secrets and demonstrate many behind-the-scenes moves that make up your favorite movie, TV and theater sword fighting stunts.



CRÜXSHADOWS

A blend of new wave, gothic, pop, rock, and electronica, the band’s unique and often catchy songs have become staples of the dark wave, EBM, and electro-alternative scene. Over the last fifteen years their success among the gothic, EBM, new wave, and dark electronic genres has earned them a near legendary underground status. With a constant and ambitious release schedule, and a dizzying live performance itinerary, they have turned conventional wisdom on its ear and maintained their position among the scenes elite from each year to the next.

EMERALD ROSE

Emerald Rose is one of the top Celtic folk-rock bands in the Southeast US. A rich “world fusion” sound with influences ranging from the Chieftains to Jethro Tull has given this band a thirteen year career and national following. The band’s original lyrics address everything from Celtic myth to modern science, often with a touch of humor as noted in their release *ConSuite*. Emerald Rose music has been included in two soundtracks, *Ringers* and *Done the Impossible*. With hauntingly beautiful poetic lyrics and the knack for crafting a solid and fluid arrangement, their latest release represents their roles as musical veterans reaching for the path of musical legends.

VOLTAIRE

As a musician, he is a songwriter whose music can best be described as a collection of murder ballads, tongue-in-cheek exercises in the macabre, with just enough bawdy songs about Star Trek and Star Wars to keep a con audience rolling in the aisles. Many know him for his song *Brains!* from the Cartoon Network show *The Grim Adventures of Billy And Mandy*. Voltaire’s live shows, whether solo or with his skeletal orchestra, are highly theatrical—full of stories and games.



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With over 80,000 square feet of selling space, Dragon*Con hosts the largest Dealers' Rooms and Exhibitors' Halls in the world! Merchandise runs the gamut of products, from weapons to games, comic books and art to costumes, and videos to jewelry. No matter what you're looking for, it's here! (Current as of June 1, 2012).

EXHIBITORS, MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL

Imperial Ballroom, Hall 1

- ★ A Wrinkle in Time
- ★ Adventure Retail
- ★ Artemis Leather
- ★ Austin Browncoats
- ★ Big City Comics
- ★ BladeDaddy.com
- ★ The Contact Lens Company
- ★ Cosplay Deviants
- ★ Edgework
- ★ Gamer Concepts
- ★ Heirloom Jewelry
- ★ House of Anime
- ★ K and J Non-Sports Cards
- ★ Laurell K. Hamilton
- ★ Mighty Barnacle/Sherrilyn Kenyon
- ★ Ms. Martha's Corset Shoppe
- ★ Museum Replicas
- ★ Pegasus Publishing
- ★ Pendragon Costumes
- ★ Poetic Earth Handmade Journals
- ★ Pretty Spooky Handmade
- ★ Quantum Mechanix
- ★ Rebel Base Comics & Toys
- ★ R. T. Originals
- ★ Sara Cura
- ★ Scarlett's Corset
- ★ Shadows on the Wall
- ★ Solomon's Mine
- ★ Southeastern Browncoats
- ★ Starbase Atlanta
- ★ Steam Powered Pinky
- ★ T-shirt Bordello
- ★ Twisted Heroes
- ★ World in Chains Chainmail
- ★ World of Strange

Marquis Ballroom, Hall 2

- ★ A Wrinkle in Time
- ★ Anime Depot/King Roach Enterprises
- ★ Applehead Factory
- ★ Arda Wigs
- ★ Atomsplit
- ★ Bricks & Boards
- ★ Brute Force Studios
- ★ Capt. Comics/Graham Cracker
- ★ Corsets by Casta Diva
- ★ Chessex Manufacturing
- ★ Delicious Boutique
- ★ Earth Wisdom
- ★ Elmore Productions
- ★ Fool Moon Treasures
- ★ Grrreat Entertainment
- ★ Griffyn Ink
- ★ Guild Launch
- ★ Holistic Design
- ★ Honeck Sculpture
- ★ Intergalactic Trading
- ★ James Hill Studios
- ★ Kif's
- ★ Kimono USA
- ★ Larry Smith Bookseller
- ★ Lightspeed Fine Art
- ★ Magical Fashions
- ★ The Mermaid's Tresses
- ★ Miniature Building Authority
- ★ The Missing Volume
- ★ More Than Publicity
- ★ Needle Play Design
- ★ Norcostco-Atlanta Costume
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- ★ Tairen's Lair & Author's Lair
- ★ Tales of Wonder
- ★ Troma Entertainment
- ★ Ultra Sabers
- ★ Utilikilts
- ★ Vamplet

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International Hall

- ★ 8th Day Anime
- ★ Afterimages of Ghostfire
- ★ Ambient Arts
- ★ Anime Palace
- ★ Anime Remix
- ★ Aradani Studios
- ★ Arsenal Models
- ★ Art of Michael C. Hayes
- ★ Badali Jewelry
- ★ Bast's Garden
- ★ Beautiful Brains
- ★ Binarysoul Design
- ★ Brick by Brick Design
- ★ Chimera Publishing
- ★ The Contact Lens Company
- ★ Crafty Celts
- ★ Crazy Ed's Comics
- ★ Creativi-C Designs
- ★ Crimson Chain
- ★ Discotek Media
- ★ Dragon Fire Art
- ★ The Dragon's Keep
- ★ The Dragon's Lair
- ★ Dumpster Wear
- ★ Eclipse
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FAN TRACKS

Official fan track programming will be starting at 10:00 am on Friday! With nearly 4,000 hours of scheduled events in only four days, what are you waiting for?!

Our exciting foray of regular events include panels, seminars, workshops, film and anime showings, gaming, the Masquerade, Independent Film Festival, charity auctions, our now annual parade, and much, much more. We are excited to announce the newest addition to our full line up of fan tracks, the Puppetry Track (page 31) and the Video Game Track (on page 60)!

ALTERNATE HISTORY

The Alternate History Track enters its fourth year with a fresh start, featuring an all new brand of entertainment—from parties such as the Aether Lounge and the all-new Mechanical Masquerade, to our new Gadgeteer's Showcase highlighting



some of the best and brightest in builders and makers, with socializing at the track going on all weekend long. The schedule is filled with author panels featuring S.M. Sterling or Gail Carriger, on topics such as *The Steam Horizon* and *The Abundant World of Alternate History*, to costuming events like *The Desperate Steampunk and Multi-Culturalism in Alt. History*, not to mention the *Clockwork Celluloid*, a series of short film screenings. The wide array of panels is sure to please all walks of alternate history. Whether a steampunk, anachronist, retrofuturist, or otherwise, there is something for everyone at the Alternate History Track!

AMERICAN SF CLASSICS

Join us this year as we take you back to a more simple time. Along the way we will be joined by some old friends like Richard Hatch and Virginia Hey as well as some new ones, including "Charmed One" Piper Paige Matthews (Rose McGowan).

Visit the American Science Fiction Classics page at classicscifi.dragoncon.org to stay up to date!

AMERICAN SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY MEDIA

The American Science Fiction and Fantasy Media track covers lots of shows! Check to see if they are here first. We have new favorites *Game of Thrones*, *Once Upon a Time*, and *Lost Girl* and don't forget our old friends *Battlestar Galactica*, *Eureka*, and *Sanctuary*. There will be guest panels from a few of these, notably, Colin Ferguson, Niall Matter, and Jamie Paglia from *Eureka*. For the first time, *Battlestar Galactica* will present Katee Sackoff with Jamie Bamber. Additional confirmed guests are Adam Baldwin, Jane Espenson, Ryan Robbins, and Aaron Ashmore. We'll have the return of some fan track favorites, such as the SciFi Saturday Night Drive-In and our previews of the upcoming season. We'll be testing the waters with our Game Show of Thrones. Remember when you play the game of thrones, you win or you die. There is no middle ground. Well ok, maybe some at least at Dragon*Con!

You can find us on our Facebook page (DragonCon-American SF Media), our twitter (@DconAmSFMedia), and our *scifimedia.dragoncon.org*. So keep up to date with what's happening! We stay active through the year with news and updates.

ANIMATION PROGRAMMING

Cartoons are a joy shared by millions of people across the globe, from early silent toons to modern CG masterpieces. Join the Animation Track for special events, panels, and great featured guests in 2012, including actors Ed Asner (star of Disney/Pixar's *Up*), Billy West (star of *Futurama*), Mike Reiss (writer for *The Simpsons*) and more! We'll cover your favorite shows, movies, studios, and some new developments in the field of animation!

We also welcome back the annual Cosplay Contest, hosted jointly with the Anime/Manga track, featuring some excellent costumes and craftsmanship from animated TV, movies, and games!



ANIME-MANGA PROGRAMMING

All the wonderfulness of the land of anime and manga is back at this year's con. Anime viewing rooms, industry experts and star voice actors will be yours for the taking. Everything from back-of-vault classics to the latest releases from the top companies will be on display. We have a wide array of panels, speakers and workshops covering everything from classic anime and the history of manga to the future of the industry and how to break into the business. Industry guests FUNimation's Lance Heiskell and Arashi Production's Jonathan Tarbox will be in the house, along with some special guests soon to be announced. Among the events for 2012 are the classic Cosplay Contest, the ever-popular Dub Your Own Hentai, and the infamous "Son Of" late-night show.

ANNE MCCAFFREY'S WORLDS

A trailblazer for women in speculative fiction, Anne McCaffrey's tales of adventure, suspense, romance, and tragedy are among the most timeless in the genre. Though focused on her seminal series *The Dragonriders of Pern*, Anne McCaffrey's Worlds—popularly known as Weyrfest—encompasses everything from the Dragonlady's short fiction to the life of the legend herself. Coauthors and fan favorites Todd McCaffrey and Jody Lynn Nye will answer questions and share their latest literary efforts. We'll sing with crystals, ponder the pitfalls of planet pirates, and even get a bit raunchy with our frank discussion of how dragons... well, make more dragons. (Ahem.) With so many universes brought to life by Anne's vast and wonderful imagination, there's always something to talk about.

APOCALYPSE RISING

The year is 2012 and the Apocalypse is rising. Be you an unbeliever or the undead, we have some fantastic new programming taking shape.

From asteroids to ice ages, we'll be ready to prepare you for the next civilization-ending disaster with panels on first aid, bug out vehicles, and epidemiology (*diseases! plague!*). Then you can put all that knowledge to work in our new live-action, simulation panel that is sure to make you laugh and cry.

But don't fear if shambling is more your style, because we have the return of *Zombie 501*, *The Walking Dead*, and the newest installment of the *Zombie Squad Seminar*. Not to mention a few gory new comers...

No, we're not going to mention them; you'll just have to show up and find out. So gear up, bug out, and be sure to follow us on Twitter (@ar_track_dc) or Facebook (Dragon*Con Apocalypse Rising Track) for the latest updates!



BRITISH SF MEDIA

BritTrack is a celebration for Anglophiles and lovers of England whose passions include *Doctor Who*, *Torchwood*, *Robin Hood*, *Primeval*, *Being Human*, Neil Gaiman, Douglas Adams, *James Bond*, *The Prisoner*, *Red Dwarf*, *Luther*, *Monty Python*, *Life on Mars*, *Sherlock*, *The IT Crowd*, *Merlin*, *Top Gear*, and the many other pop-cultural, and historical legacies the United Kingdom has given us.

This year's guests include John Barrowman, Eve Myles, and Kai Owen from *Torchwood*, and Patricia Quinn from *Doctor Who* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. This year we will be celebrating a preview of *Doctor Who*'s 50th Anniversary. In addition, *James Bond* and *The Young Ones* will be honored this special year.

As per usual we are up to no good in the streets of Atlanta, so come join us at a Meet and Greet or our next annual picnic or Saturday night of the convention for the Heros and Villains' Ball! For more information about the track visit us at british.dragoncon.org!

COSTUMING

This year, you'll find more tech in our panels, along with a few low-budget, low-tech sessions. Our Dragon After Dark contest gets an amusing makeover (a must see).

Don't forget online registration for the Costume Contest opens in early July. Last year we reached maximum allowable entries a few days prior to Con so don't miss out this time.

Also, fans have an opportunity to showcase their creativity and help out Dragon*Con's charity in a big way—by making headdresses to be sold at the Apocalpyto Disco for Charity (see page 42 for details). Please email us if you are interested in donating.

Visit our site often for more info, news and scheduling at costuming.dragoncon.org.



ELECTRONIC FRONTIERS FORUMS

Electronic Frontiers Forums is a series of lectures and panels which cover the intersection of law, technology, society, and activism.

Originally inspired by the Computers, Freedom, and Privacy Conference, Electronic Frontiers Forums has taken on a life of its own by bringing some of the best technical and legal minds together to hash out the future and have a little fun along the way.

Worried about freedom of speech, privacy, and your rights on line? So are we! Now in it's fourteenth year, Electronic Frontiers Forums covers your rights on the Internet and the latest trends in online media.

Topics include online privacy, security, freedom of expression, intellectual property, online activism, social networking, online publishing, and multi-player gaming.

Specific topics we aspire to cover this year include the National Defense Authorization Act (indefinite detention), CIPA, SOPA, and PIPA, ACTA European protests and the TPP (Pacific version of ACTA), TV Everywhere, Internet marketing and online publishing, the Research Works Act, the Megaupload takedown, the Apple eBook lawsuit, Reddit, Git, ISP's and graduated response, and Oracle v. Google.

FILK

From its humble beginnings as a misprint of "Folk", the controversy continues into the present as to the exact definition of filk music. Filk is the music of science fiction, fantasy, and horror fandom.

That being said, the only thing that is certain about Filk is its inherent uncertainty. There are original filks, parodies, and "found filks" from both independent and mainstream music. There are acapella filkers, acoustic instruments, electronic instruments, gear and gadgets. Filk's musical styles cross all ages and cultural boundaries.

We will again have open filking, concerts, and workshops! Keep an eye on the Dragon*Con website for new guest announcements and the latest information on programming.

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HORROR AND DARK FANTASY

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Things are getting scarier at the Horror and Dark Fantasy track—Dragon*Con's home for monsters, malice, and the macabre! Our programming spans from the nightmarish visions of Stephen King and H.P. Lovecraft to the dark side of contemporary cinema, television, and music. The Horror and Dark Fantasy track is ready to entertain audiences with its signature mix of actors, artists, authors, and musicians. Tentative topics of discussion include our "new annual" update on the fiction of Stephen King, the skewed world of David Lynch and *Twin Peaks*, dark urban fantasy, horror movie remakes, *Evil Dead* fandom, utilizing humor in horror and dark fantasy, and more!



We'll even have a special appearance by Nelsan Ellis, Joe Manganiello, Carrie Preston, and Sam Trammell from the hit TV series *True Blood*.

Stay up-to-date with breaking programming developments at darkfantasy.dragoncon.org and [facebook.com/DragonConHorror](https://www.facebook.com/DragonConHorror). Hex, Blood, and Rock & Roll to the grave... and beyond!

INDEPENDENT FILM & FESTIVAL

It's everything about film. We'll be screening the best independent films, giving you the back stories, and showing you how to do it. Our featured event is "The Dragon*Con Independent Short Film Festival". This celebrated fest brings you the very best in genre film: over 70 movies from live-action horror to animated comedy. Look for zombies, ghosts, dragons, and Lovecraftian puppets. Many of the filmmakers will be in attendance.

But we have more than screenings. We'll have panels on directing, low-cost F/X, and distribution. Plus the return of the **Tech Guys**, who will be giving seminars on the latest and greatest technology and how to make it all work for you on your next film project.

And don't miss our Late Night Shorts—Twisted films definitely not for the kids.

KALEIDOSCOPE TRACK

Do you have what it takes to hang with *Wizards at Waverly Place*? Are you a "YouTuber" like *iCarly*, have a platypus for a pet, or are you into extreme sports? If you answered "yes" to any of these... Kaleidoscope Track is looking for you! Share your favorite scenes/episodes from the popular shows of Disney Channel, Disney XD, Nickelodeon, and Cartoon Network... *iCarly*, *Phineas and Ferb*, *Wizards of Waverly Place*, *Shake it UP*, *Big Time Rush*, and more. Meet celebrity guests Daniel Samonas and Kenton Duty. At Kaleidoscope you will get to step into the world of wizardry, dance at the "Hoe Down Throw Down," witness a stage fighting demonstration and talk to the experts from *GeekMom.com*. Designed for ages 9 to 13, but all kids at heart are welcome! Parental involvement is required in all activities for any person under the age of 16.



PARANORMAL

Welcome to the 2012 Paranormal Fan Track! A Reality-based theme and ever growing popularity give this track a next-gen feel. This year we have worked hard to bring you the latest and greatest of all things paranormal. Suitable for all levels of interest, come get your fill of ghosts, UFO's and mysterious creatures roaming the earth. This is a rare chance to hear from the experts themselves on the new advancements and discoveries making headlines around the field of paranormal research. Don't miss Josh Gates from *Destination Truth* along with Steve Gonsalves and Dave Tango of the hit TV show *Ghost Hunters*. Additionally, this year we are stoked to welcome Nuclear Physicist, lecturer and author Stanton T. Friedman, who is widely known for his work with research on UFO's. There is a little bit of everything in store for you this year. Can't wait to see you there!

PODCASTING

Creating informative, engaging content from news and interviews to online web series featuring some of your favorite celebrities, podcasters create entire worlds tailored to fit in your pocket and involving listeners in ways that traditional media never dreamed of.

Our panelists this year for "Podcasting: Now and Beyond" will again include many pioneering podcasters from top rated programs from around the world and a full schedule of live shows and informative panel discussions.

We'll also be hosting the Seventh Annual Parsec Awards, dedicated to rewarding excellence in Speculative Fiction Podcasting, Sci-fi & Fantasy Original Content and a variety of other categories dealing with the new frontiers of Portable Media.

For details as they unfold, podcasts from featured panelists as well as information about podcasting and portable media, follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/dragonpodcast and check out the our blog and podcasts online at dragonconpodcast.com. This is just the beginning, so make sure and check your schedule and join us for Podcasting: Now and Beyond events at Dragon*Con 2012.

<new!> PUPPETRY

The brand new Puppetry Track at Dragon*Con will celebrate puppetry in pop culture as well as expose attendees to the amazing world of live puppet theatre. Live performances and workshops will display the various forms of puppetry, including hand puppets, hand and rod puppets, table top puppets, shadow puppets and marionettes. Film screenings will include Heather Henson's *Handmade Puppet Dreams* short film series, *TransylvaniaTV*, local film makers the New Puppet Order, and more. Lectures and panels will range from the history of puppetry to pop culture puppetry, the *Muppets* to Sid and Marty Kroft. Dragon*Con favorites, *Bob and Carl: The Sci-Fi Janitors*, will be back with an all new Late Night Puppet Slam! Recently announced Guests include Peter Linz (Walter, *The Muppets*) and Leslie Carrara-Rudolph (Abby Cadabby, *Sesame Street*)!



ROBOTICS AND MAKER FAN TRACK

The Robotics Track will be expanding to include the Maker movement, a trend of brilliant minds taking invention and improvement of technology into their own hands. Added subjects will include electric vehicles and hackerspaces, while popular classics such as the R2D2 builders and Robot Battles will remain.

Ed Barker and the Kell Robotics Team present a guided session of hands on robot building designed to promote interest in the FIRST program. Lego Mindstorm kits will be used by attendees to build robots, which will then be used in a task based competition. Following the session is a panel on FIRST and how to get involved.

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Science Track

The Dragon*Con Science Track has brought you the people who turn science fiction into science fact for over a hundred years!* In 2012, you will tremble in awe and fear as you meet:

- ★ Gene-hackers who want to MUTATE YOU for fun and profit!
- ★ Whiz kids who build CHEAP NUCLEAR REACTORS out of eBay junk!
- ★ AI and robotics engineers who are MAKING HUMANITY OBSOLETE!

...plus the usual assortment of mad scientists, evil geniuses and/or dangerous lunatics.

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SciFi & Fantasy Literature

2012's SciFi and Fantasy Literature track is the latest in the tradition of bringing you authors to question, works to discuss and arguments to win. We will inform, entertain and whet your appetite for more in the way of literary gems. What do you like to read and why? Are the characters in your favorite works well written or not? We will introduce you to new authors, new ideas, and new opinions. Are you the most knowledgeable about the field or can you draw better than anyone else for our genre games? R.A. Salvatore and John Ringo are here this year as are many more that you may or may not have discovered. Visit us in the Hyatt hotel for more literary offerings.

Silk Road: Asian Cinema and Culture

Silk Road programming is as varied as the cultures it represents! Watch and discuss cinema from Japan to Bollywood and about such topics as Godzilla and Chinese Belly Dancers. Attend demonstrations in Martial Arts and the Silk Road Expo featuring dances from (and inspired by) the Silk Road. Learn something new at hands-on panels like origami, Asian braiding, henna and dance. New this year is an Iron Chef panel and an Origami Contest. In honor of the Year of the Dragon at Dragon*Con, the theme for the first annual Origami Contest is Dragons! Learn more about the Silk Road, the Expo, and the Origami Contest at silkroad.dragoncon.org.

Skeptic Track

Providing a full complement of live entertainment and discussion panels for the legions of free thinkers, science enthusiasts, and skeptics helping to put the science in science fiction, our list of guests include many of the world's most prominent skeptics from the world of television, podcast and print media: Benjamin Radford, Mark Edward, Dr. Phil Plait, and Margaret Downey, just to name just a few. From why there is too much 'bad thinking' in society, to the world of psychics and cult behavior, the Skeptic Track is here to make you think. Visit the Skeptic track on the web at skeptics.dragoncon.org.

Space Track

Space Track celebrates its 5th year as an independent Dragon*Con track. So, what's the biggest way to celebrate? With an Astronaut of course—and that's just what we're doing! Space Track is proud, honored, and just flat out giddy that Captain William Shepherd, Commander of ISS Expedition 1 and Mission Specialist for STS's 27, 41, and 52, will be joining us this year!

A NASA astronaut is an exceptional gift for the track of course but there's more! Curiosity will have begun her Mars mission and Opportunity is still roving strong. We'll provide updates on all the robotic missions: Dawn, at Vesta; Messenger at Mercury; Kepler's expanding list of exoplanets; and we can't forget Cassini. We've now left the Shuttle Age behind but the Commercial Space Age is truly taking off!

The Kevin & Phil Show will once again leave you laughing while you're learning, Les Johnson will be back with his keen insights, and Stephen Granada will once again take the complex and make it seem simple. Space Track just wouldn't be Space Track without our fabulous astronomers. Pamela Gay will tell you all about the ever expanding "Zoo Verse" for citizen scientists, Stephen Ramsden will have his wonderful solar telescopes available for all to see the wonders of our Sun, and Dr. William Keel will keep us up all night bringing us the distant glories of the universe! Space Track—like the Universe itself we're still expanding!

STARGate MULTIVERSe

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Stargate Multiverse Track has returned once again to amaze and excite you! From track panels to charity events, we've got a multitude of extravagant phenomenon to tantalize and tingle your every whim! Visit the Gateroom in the Westin and join us in welcoming back cast favorites such as Joe Flanigan, Torri Higginson, and Jewel Staite, and let yourself shudder in awe as we welcome for the first time, Gary Chalk, Tony Amendola, Peter Kalamis, and Connor Trinneer! And while not for the faint of heart, we've brought together again a collection of games and events for our Annual Charity Carnival Games Night! Get together with friends and foes alike to show off your Stargate skills with our all new Team Bar trivia, all while raising money for ALS (Lou Gerigh's Disease). Take yourself to places of awe and wonder with our Green-Screen photos and stick around because you *never* know who will show up!

STAR WARS @D*C

We know you'll still be recovering from that other Lucasfilm event in August, so come enjoy what makes Dragon*Con different. Lightspeed Dating will be back, a bigger Lego panel will be returning, SuperFan will try to stump you with his trivia contest, Shaun and the gang will thrill and delight those of age at the Adult Themes panel, and of course, we'll party like it's the end of the world, at the Last Party on Alderaan. It's a fabulous year to be a *Star Wars* fan—*The Old Republic*, *The Phantom Menace in 3D*, *Star Wars* for the Kinect, and of course *The Clone Wars*... and we can't wait to hear what the fans love most. Use the Force, or Facebook, and tell your friends—it's going to be another fabulous year for *Star Wars* at Dragon*Con!

TOLKIEN'S MIDDLE EARTH

Tolkien's Middle Earth is looking forward to a hopping track this year as *The Hobbit* movie is currently filming and everyone is getting excited to see a beloved classic brought to life. Join us for costuming panels, scholarly discussions on the books, a night of gaming and fan films, and our party, An Evening in Bree with music by Emerald Rose.

TREK TRACK

In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* we have Sir Patrick Stewart (Captain Jean-Luc Picard), Jonathan Frakes (Captain William Riker), LeVar Burton (Lieutenant Commander Geordi La Forge), and Michael Dorn (Lieutenant Commander Worf) as guests! Highlighting this year's programming, the third Annual Miss Star Trek Universe pageant will showcase a wonderful range of female species, as well as the return of the Trek Track Party to be tentatively held Sunday night. Complementing the *The Next Generation* cast we also have iconic legend Nichelle Nichols (Lieutenant Uhura) and Connor Trinneer (C o m m a n d e r Charles Tucker) from *Enterprise*. In addition to our fabulous Trek actors, we are happy to welcome author David Gerrold back to Dragon*Con. He is responsible for the original series episode, "The Trouble With Tribbles," one of the most popular Trek episodes of all time.



WHEDON UNIVERSE

Do you feel that the status is not quo? Do you randomly exclaim "Shiny!" on a daily basis only to get weird looks from bystanders? Don't panic. There is nothing wrong with you. You are not alone and we can help. Just bring yourself to the Whedon Universe Track and let us give you a "treatment". We will treat you the best in live performances, games, discussion panels and celebrity Q&A sessions all in honor of famed writer/director and Supreme Being Joss Whedon. Joss is responsible for some of the most magical and genre defining works of science fiction and horror in the last twenty years most notably *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Firefly*, *Dollhouse*, *Dr. Horrible*, and the current summer blockbuster, *The Avengers*. If you can't get enough salty goodness throughout the year then this will be the place to stock up. *GRRR ARRGH!*

Wheel of Time

2012 is an exciting year as we count down to the release of the final *Wheel of Time* novel, *A Memory of Light*, due to be published January 2013. Series co-author Brandon Sanderson will join us for speculation, theorizing, trivia contests, costuming, and much, much more. We'll also be examining what the future of the franchise will look like, from possible movie deals, to graphic novel adaptations. We'll be hosting our ever popular Evening at the Winespring Inn party and handing out plenty of awards for our annual costume contest. With the series finally coming to a conclusion, this will be the final year of a dedicated Robert Jordan track at Dragon*Con. However, as all good *Wheel of Time* fans know, this is not THE ending of WoT programming at Dragon*Con, just AN ending.

WRITERS' TRACK

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Where am I? Glancing around, I don't recognize my surroundings. It's a city, a back-alley with a big city feel? And who am I? Panic thrusts its icy fingers into my mind, sending terror into the blank page of my mind.

What am I supposed to be doing? There must be something...I glance around again. The slime of the alley has disappeared. I'm near large concrete, marble buildings. People stream past, hardly taking notice of the zombies following them with hungry eyes. Was that a vampire? Must be. Blood trickles from its mouth...I dart into a door and find myself in a large hotel. Peering over my shoulder, I make my way to an elevator and step into the car. Down it plunges, finally opening in a carpeted hall. People are milling about, mindlessly, it seems. I make for a door across the way.

There's a sign...Writers' Track. My Peeps! I plunge through the door and take a seat. This is the beginning of the rest of my life, the first steps. I'm a writer.

XTRack

XTrack is looking forward to a great 2012 Dragon*Con, highlighting returning shows (*Warehouse 13*, *Fringe*, *Supernatural*), welcoming new shows (*Grimm*, *Alcatraz*) and missing loved shows (*X-Files*, *Lost*). We are especially excited about our guests from *Warehouse 13*: Saul Rubinek and Eddie McClintock are returning; joining them are "Jinks," Aaron Ashmore, and series creator Jane Espenson! Anthony Michael Hall is attending his first Dragon*Con and will be talking *The Dead Zone*. XTrack is all about paranormal shows, conspiracies, aliens, supernatural occurrences and government secrets—we look forward to sharing those shows and those discussions with you!

YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

The Young Adult Literature track has tons of great things for the young, or the young-at-heart. We feature panels and programming focused on the literature written for teens, but with wide appeal to many much older fans.



We feature lots of book discussions on a wide range of YA topics. Some of our panel topics this year include: the best YA books to look for, a discussion of the *Hunger Games* movie, fan works, mapping the world of Panem, tuff chicks, a debate about zombies vs. vampires, villains

in *Harry Potter's* world, and book club style discussions. For you costumers, we host the YA Lit costume contest. For those of you who just like to chill and play a game, we have "Are You a Death eater." If you like to dance, don't miss the Yule Ball on Sunday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton! Come in your best 80's style costume, your Hogwarts finest, or just the clothes on your back.

Whether it's *Harry Potter* or *The Hunger Games*, C.S. Lewis or Percy Jackson, we've got something for you at the YA Lit track. Visit our track website at yalit.dragoncon.org!



SPECIAL EVENTS

11th ANNUAL DRAGON*CON PARADE

This year we are celebrating eleven years of signaling, loudly, and clearly, that Dragon*Con has laid claim to the city of Atlanta! Give yourself a present and come join our now legendary event. We filled the streets with an estimated 3,100 costumed Dragon*Con members and their themed vehicles in 2011. Let's make 2012 even more spectacular!

We are looking for more marching bands/live music performances and other interesting additions to the parade this year—you know, floats, balloons, that sort of thing—and more, more, more of the incredible costumes that represent Dragon*Con and its attendees. Parade participation is open to all Dragon*Con members and registering to march with us is quick and easy. To find out more about



how to be a part of it visit the Dragon*Con website, or join our Yahoo group at groups.yahoo.com/group/dc_parade.

IMPORTANT NEWS: This year, all applicants for the parade will be part of a jury process. If you are contemplating participating, be sure to register by

the pre-con deadline. Mark your calendars, and register to participate in the Parade by August 15, 2012.

Come enjoy the awe-inspiring sight that is the Dragon*Con Annual Parade, Saturday, September 1 at 10:00 am!

The 26th ANNUAL DRAGON*CON INDEPENDENT SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The acclaimed Dragon*Con Independent Film Festival returns for another four days of the very best genre films, including Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror, Mysteries, Thrillers, Comedies, and animated films of all types.

In our 26th year, we are again focusing on the finest short films of the fantastic, and a number of features as well. Our screening room will be open 18 hours a day, filling day and night with movies you've never seen and will really want to. You'll see familiar faces, and stunning newcomers. Directors, producers, writers, and actors will be on hand to discuss their work, answer questions, and share a drink of two. Movies are screened in themed blocks, such as Horror Comedy, Cyberpunk, Twisted Tales, Action, and A Celebration of Animation. Films will be judged in specific categories, and awards will be presented on Monday at 1:00 pm.

The ARMORY

Sponsored by Lansky Sharpeners, DSC Trident, Emerson Knives, Serbu Firearms, and Custom Digital Designs

Dragon*Con presents a unique display of actual weapons presented by noted military historian, author, and firearms expert Kevin Dockery. The Armory display will include everything from handguns to hand grenades, explosives (inert only, safe we promise) to rocket launchers, to swords to sniper rifles. At various times throughout the convention, Dockery and special guest authors and experts will provide detailed commentary on the weapons and their use similar to his presentations on the Discovery and History Channels.

ART SHOW AND PRINT SHOP

Dragon*Con has the largest Juried Art Show in fandom with something for everyone! The Art Show and Print Shop hosts over 150 artists and 10,000 pieces of original art and prints each year priced for every budget.



Our Art Show includes many artist guests, bazaar tables, an art gallery, a print shop, and more! This year's Guest Jurors are Daniel Dos Santos, Mark Zug, and Justin Gerard. While the Jury determines many of our onsite awards, we still need your help! All Convention attendees are eligible to vote on a fan favorite's portion of the Art Awards which include—Best: Alien, Amazon, Fairy, Dragon, Horror, Astronomical Scene, Warrior, and Most Humorous. So, come vote for your favorite artist to help them win their category!

And don't miss out on the program panels and workshops! Past programming has included—jewelry creation, the jury panel, live painting demos, how to jumpstart your art career business, and one-on-one panels with guest artists. Check the programming schedule before the convention, and broaden your artistic talents at the Art Show Programming panels!

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

Each year, Dragon*Con assembles many of its willing guests for scheduled autographs (signings) in one area. Not every guest is willing—or able—to sign items, but that didn't stop us from packing in over seventy-five guest autograph sessions last year!

Some guests, usually screen stars, charge for autographs, but autographs staged in our autograph area are always free! Limitations on number and type of items may be made, generally at the request of the signer, and occasionally due to time considerations.

Autographs will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. We promote equal access for our physically challenged attendees but this does not exclude them from the first-come, first-served rule; all convention attendees will receive their autograph in the order of their arrival.

BLOOD DRIVE

Robert A. Heinlein, the man who started the tradition of science fiction convention blood drives at MidAmericon back in 1976, believed very strongly in blood donation and in giving to the community in general, in his words, "paying it forward." In addition to a lifetime of writing, this is part of the marvelous legacy he left us.

The success of this drive is a reflection of the wonderful generosity of the Dragon*Con community and a fitting tribute to the man who gave so much of himself to his sci-fi family. In 2011, we registered 3,449 people and over 8,000 units of blood products were put into inventory! Stop by this year and help us break last year's record!



BUFFY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

Life's a show and we just need to rule it. One of your musical favorites up close and in person. What could go wrong?

CELEBRITY PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Dragon*Con is pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for you to be photographed with some of your favorite media guests! Froggy Photos and Craig Damon Photos will be handling these photo sessions throughout the weekend.

Check our website for more details as they become available in the near future.

charITY AUCTION

Last year, Dragon*Con charity events raised over \$40,000 for the National Inclusion Project and collected over 8,000 units of blood ! This year our charity events will be supporting the Georgia Chapter of the ALS Association.

Just what is ALS? Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a neurodegenerative disease that usually attacks both upper and lower motor neurons and causes degeneration throughout the brain and spinal cord. Most commonly, the disease strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70, and as many as 30,000 Americans have the disease at any given time. Lou Gehrig first brought national and international attention to the disease in 1939 when he abruptly retired from baseball after being diagnosed with ALS.

The mission of the ALS Association is to find the cause of the disease and discover a cure through global, cutting-edge research, and to provide much-needed services to patients and their families.

Although the cause of ALS is not completely understood, the last decade has brought more significant advances of research into ALS than all of the time since the disease was first identified in 1869.

If you would like to make donations for our Charity Auction, please contact our director of charities at charityevents@dragoncon.org, or mail your donation to: Dragon*Con, Attn: 2012 Charity Events, 445 Atlanta South Pkwy #105, Atlanta, GA 30349.

In addition to a great charity auction, Dragon*Con and the Atlanta Braves are proud to be able to offer the following tickets for the Braves from August 31–September 3, 2012, with a portion of the ticket sales going to the ALS. To purchase tickets, visit the Braves website at braves.com/dragoncon.

Upper Pavillion	\$8.00
Upper Box.....	\$18.00
Outfield Pavilion	\$26.00



Do you obsess over facts and dates? Do you have an irrational dislike of people who love a slightly different version of what you love? Do you enjoy themed t-shirts? Most importantly, want to support the ALS Association of Georgia, the official charity of Dragon*Con 2012? Then you are no different than an Atlanta Braves fan!

Tickets start as low as \$8. Visit braves.com/dragoncon to purchase tickets to any game from 8/31-9/4 and a portion of the proceeds will go towards benefiting the ALS Association of Georgia.

**Please, no droids, career tributes, daleks, dementors, ringwraiths, reavers, and especially no SPARKLING VAMPIRES. Oh, and clean up your own ectoplasmic residue (you know who you are). So Say We All.*

COMICS AND POP ART

Dragon*Con Comics and Pop Art continues to present the finest talent and programming in the world of comic books, lowbrow and pop surreal, art toys and character design.

2012's stellar lineup of creators includes the amazing illustrator behind NBC's *Heroes*, DC Comics' *The Long Halloween*, and *Dark Victory* (which inspired the blockbuster Christopher Nolan *Dark Knight* trilogy of films), artist Tim Sale, as well as popular *Batman* artist Dustin Nguyen, comic superstars George Pérez, Jim Starlin, Mike Choi, Peter David, Ryan Benjamin, and Georges Jeanty, retro pop art icon Derek Yaniger, and long-running Playboy cartoonist Doug Sneyd!

To top off this already outstanding roster of talent, Dragon*Con is excited to announce the appearance of pop art legend Coop!

Also in attendance will be character designer Sean "Cheeks" Galloway (animated *Spider-Man* and *Hellboy*), Pete Abrams, Keu Cha, Mark Dos Santos, Annie Erskine, Chandra Free and many more—over 100 artists, writers, and designers in all. The fine folks from Geeky Pinups will be on hand, and once again visitors to artist alley on Saturday will be treated to an incredible exhibit of privately-owned original comic and pop art that has to be seen in person to truly be appreciated!

There will be a full roster of panels and programming all weekend, giving attendees a chance to interact firsthand with creators from all aspects of the contemporary art world. Look for Dragon*Con-exclusive releases from dozens of attending artists, and browse for original art, sketches, autographs, prints and much, much more at what has quickly become THE venue for fans and collectors of comics and pop art!

The DC*TV Late Show

It's so late it's early... a "morning show" for a place where morning is a dirty word. Each day our hosts go over the latest Dragon*Con news, discussing events, providing schedule changes, and helpful hints to help fans survive this massive multi-media event. The show is run and broadcasted live on DC*TV each day of the convention (Friday–Monday) and available later as a podcast.

DR. HORRIBLE'S SING-ALONG

Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog, a 2008 musical tragicomedy miniseries, produced exclusively for Internet distribution, tells the story of Dr. Horrible, an aspiring super villain; Captain Hammer, his nemesis; and Penny, their shared love interest. Dress as your favorite character, and come sing-along with us!

DRAGON*CON BURLESQUE: A GLAMOUR GEEK REVUE

Taloolah Love is honored to be the producer of the Dragon*Con 2012 burlesque show and is thrilled to unveil *Dragon*Con Burlesque: A Glamour Geek Revue*. With this two hour show, she hopes to appeal to not just the gluttons for glamour, but also to the Geek Chic who make



Dragon*Con what it is. Be sure to mark this on the must do list for the weekend, you won't regret it! She has a few spots left in the show. Requirements for performers and helpers can be found at dragoncon.org/events.php#Cabaret.

DRAGON*CON'S PINUPS BY THE POOL PARTY

Taloolah Love and her bevy of bathing beauties bring to you a poolside treat! Music, gorgeous ladies, and fun is what's to be had at the poolside party at The Fabulous Sheraton Hotel. Ladies, be sure to don your most glamorous Hollywood style duds or vintage swimsuits for this classy competition of cuteness! Prizes will be awarded and more at this sumptuous swimmer's paradise.

Cabana boys and equally tasty master of ceremonies, New Orleans John will move the party along as Taloolah Love and her Burlesque Bombshells from Saturday night's Glamour Geek Revue will party the night away in all of it's enchanting glory!

Note: Still accepting applications for Cabana Boys. Must meet costume requirements, and be willing to stay through the whole event.

DRAGONSLAYER awards

Sponsored by Guild Launch

Unlike most industry awards where overpaid talking heads stand on stage and congratulate themselves on their own success, DC*MMO and Guild Launch (guildlaunch.com) have come up with an awards show "For Fans, By Fans". There is no need to worry about lame categories like "Game of the Year" or "Best Graphics". That's what every other awards program does, and that's not Dragon*Con's style.

DC*MMO and Guild Launch want to celebrate the great, and especially the not-so-great, moments in MMO Public Relations and Customer Service. Did Ghostcrawler promise you a moose? Did your favorite MMO studio spend months hyping a new release only to see their servers crash on launch day? Did they turn around and give all of the players a free month's worth of game time as a way of apologizing? The Dragon*Slayer Awards are recognition for those who go the extra mile as well as those who didn't make it very far out of the gate.

Guest of Honor awards BANQUET

Join many of Dragon*Con's Guests of Honor for an evening of fine food and live entertainment. This year, Robert Picardo will be the guest performer!

Banquet tickets may be reserved through our office. Please note that **seating is limited** and tickets will be available at the convention only while they last.



The 2012 Dragon*Con Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Regency VI-VII Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tickets are \$65.00 and may

be purchased by calling the Dragon*Con office, mailing in the registration form, or ordering online through our store at store.dragoncon.org.

Late Night PROGRAMMING

Can't sleep? Afraid of the dark? Party-holic? It's never too late to have fun at Dragon*Con! "Open 24 hours a day" isn't just for diners and dives anymore! Get your party pants on, grab your friends (what are they doing trying to sleep anyway?), and come to one of our live concerts, DJ hosted dances, or drum circle, every evening until the sun comes up!

Late Night PUPPET SLAM

Underground puppet slams are popping up everywhere, even Dragon*Con! Puppet slams feature short-form puppet and object theater for adult audiences, existing in the spirit of vaudeville, burlesque, and experimental performance art. Join your hosts, the Sci-fi Janitors, and see what happens when artists of all disciplines join forces to create bold, original experimental puppetry performances!

Night at The GEORGIA AQUARIUM

For the last three years, Dragon*Con's partnered with the Georgia Aquarium to give all of our convention goers a little something extra. We are



excited that we will continue the tradition again this year with another exclusive "after-hours" evening experience.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 1, from 7:00 pm–11:00 pm. Advance tickets are \$20.00 per person until August 31, and \$25.00 per person thereafter.

All of the Georgia Aquarium's main exhibits will be available! DJ Spider will be spinning tunes during this unique experience and the food court and cash bars will be available as well. A special shuttle bus will be provided by the convention for this event.



**Dragon*Con Night at Georgia Aquarium
Featuring DJ SPIDER**

**Saturday Sept. 1, 2012
7pm-11pm**

\$20 advance / \$25 after Aug. 29

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GEORGIA AQUARIUM

PARSEC AWARDS

First presented at Dragon*Con in 2006, the Parsec Awards are annual awards created to recognize excellence in science fiction podcasts and podcast novels. Nominations are accepted from the listening public for each category and submitted for judging by a panel of authors, podcasters, and other professionals. Join us on Saturday, September 1, as we announce this year's winners!

PARTIES

★ The Aether Lounge

Care to have a drink and relax before the revelry of Dragon*Con begins in earnest? Join your fellow fans as we christen what was once just an informal mix and mingle into a ballroom level event featuring DJs from within the Alternate History Track—Emmett Davenport of the Clockwork Cabaret Radio Show and Track Director DJ Doctor Q. It should be a casual calm before the storm and a chance to catch up with your fellow fans of Alternate History.

★ Apocalpyto Disco for Charity

News flash: the World is ending... again. This time it's the ancient Mayans that have predicted our demise. Since the end is nigh there is only one thing the Members of Dragon*Con can do about it... Party! And nothing says the end of the world like... Disco. Dragon*Con presents:

Apocalpyto Disco, Our Last Dance

Cause when we're bad... we're oh so bad. Friday Night, 10:00 pm—Until the end of the World (or Saturday, whichever comes first!)

Last dance... last chance for...(insert here) Ain't no "Jive Talkin'," "You Should Be Dancing" in your "Boogie Shoes." It's Friday "Night Fever" meets "Jungle Boogie" as we are "Stayin' Alive" in this "Disco Inferno." Come and show "How Deep Is Your Love" as we get crazy for a cause. This ain't no "Car Wash," so "Don't Leave Me This Way" and "Get Up and Boogie" and declare... "I Will Survive." See you in "Funkytown..."

This is a charity event. All donations will benefit the Dragon*Con 2012 selected charity, The Georgia Chapter of the ALS Association. The Costuming Track is donating some "Hot Stuff" to raise money for the charity! Cash Bar will be available. So come boogie down like there is no tomorrow!

★ Heros and Villains' Ball Sponsored by Guild Launch

So last year, at the Sheraton on Saturday night, Dragon*Con had a "Gathering of Heroes" party in one room, and a "Villains Ball" in another. Since Heroes cannot "be heroic" without Villains, and Villains cannot spout overly dramatic dialog without Heroes, the MMORPG Track and The British Sci-Fi Track decided to join forces and throw one big bash. Our very own Krystalle Voecks will be spinning tunes until the wee hours and we will have photo areas set up if you'd like to show off your favorite heroic (or villainous) costumes.

★ The Mechanical Masquerade

The Alternate History Track is proud to bring the Mechanical Masquerade, previously the annual Fall Celebration by the Artifice Club, to Dragon*Con. This fantastic event will feature some of the best and brightest from any time period. Costumes or formal wear with a mask are encouraged, but all are welcomed. There will be live music, DJs, and a chance to waltz, swing, tango, and just move your feet to music from the past and the many possible futures that could have been and more!

★ World of Warcraft Fan Gathering

This year's World of Warcraft Fan Gathering has something for every WoW fan. Are you into cosplay? The DC*MMO crew is going to have a costume contest with celebrity judges where you can show off your creations. Are you one of the legion of fans who have been asking for a WoW Trivia Contest? They're doing one of those too! Unfortunately, the one thing they will not have this year are the puntable Gnomes. The Gnomes formed a union and have been picketing Grim's house all year long.

★ **Yule Ball**

The pleasure of your company is requested at the Yule Ball where students of Hogwarts will socialize with their “foreign” guests! There will be well-mannered frivolity, wear your Hogwarts finest or whatever!

★ **Zombie Prom**

Fancy yourself royalty, or regret not going to your high school prom? Then we have the party for you! Shamble the night away amidst tacky decorations, cast your vote for Zombie King and Queen, and even get that longed for portrait of a zombie biting your loved one. All that and more at the hottest shamble-fest at Con, Zombie Prom!



Reading Sessions

Offering readings by authors from their own works (and usually some discussion with the audience afterward), our past readers have included T. W. Miller, Janny Wurtz, Kevin J. Anderson, Jana Oliver, Karen McCollough, Tracy Hickman, Laura Curtis, and Caitlin Kiernan. Check the website closer to the convention for the latest on who will be reading for you this year!

Silk Road Expo

The Silk Road Expo is a fan based performance exposition based on the arts of the Silk Road. The Expo features dance performances from the past and present, both historical and imagined. It is also open to applicants who wish to present art forms such as martial arts, puppetry, lion/dragon dance, song or poetry from (or inspired by) the Silk Road. For more information about presenting at the Expo please see silkroad.dragoncon.org.

TRACY HICKMAN'S KILLER BREAKFAST

A rampaging gamemaster, 200 first-level characters facing certain death...and show-stopping musical numbers! Tracy Hickman and his madcap crew take on all comers in their classic, wacky, no-holds-barred role playing game for two hundred plus players. Play onstage or join in the audience participation. A hilariously unconventional convention tradition! Tickets to this event are \$8.00 per person and may be purchased online at store.dragoncon.org or by contacting the Dragon*Con office.

Video and Film Rooms

Dragon*Con will feature two video rooms: one devoted to mainstream movies and the Video Festival, and the other for Japanese Animation.

★ **Main Video**

The Main Video Room shows some of the latest movies you might have seen, and some you might never have known existed.

★ **Anime Video**

Dragon*Con's Anime video room shows the latest animated titles from Japan, and some classics you might have overlooked, available subtitled or dubbed in English.

WALK OF FAME

The Walk of Fame will again be in the fabulous Hilton Atlanta hotel in the Grand Ballroom! Our Walk of Fame houses some of the biggest names in multi-media today. With guests such as Kat Graham, Steven R. McQueen, Joseph Morgan, Ian Somerhalder, Michael Trevino, Paul Wesley, Nelsan Ellis, Joe Manganiello, Carrie Preston, Sam Trammell, LeVar Burton, Michael Dorn, Jonathan Frakes, Nichelle Nichols, and Patrick Stewart, this is the place to meet (and get an autograph) from the hottest names in sci-fi/fantasy and pop culture! Check the Dragon*Con website closer to the show for a complete list of this year's Walk of Fame guests.

WRESTLING

Our tenth anniversary last year was the best show we have done so far, but you ain't seen nothing yet! Just a little hint, maybe, just maybe, tables, ladders, and chairs, OH MY! 7:00 pm Friday night, pool level of the Hyatt—be there!



CONTESTS

COMIC BOOK QUICK SKETCH

So, you think you can draw? Think you can draw quickly? The Comic Book Quick Sketch is open to all con attendees. Check your program book or check in at the Contest Registration table in front of Centennial Ballroom in the Hyatt for more information about time and locale.

Contestants will have 30–45 minutes to draw, color, and letter a character, a comic book page, or whatever their fevered imaginations can create. Winners will receive a plaque proclaiming them as the winner in their category and while the contestants are doodling, drawing, lettering, and creating, our guest artist(s) will be doing the same—and the original signed artwork becomes prizes for the winners!



COSPLAY CONTEST

The Anime and Animation tracks at Dragon*Con are proud to bring back the Cosplay Contest! The Cosplay Contest location and time will be listed at the convention in the Pocket Program. Be sure to come by pre-judging if you wish to enter the contest! Pre-judging will be held in the Anime Programming room prior to the contest—you'll parade your costume in front of

our panel of judges and they will rank the winners based on craftsmanship and accuracy. Contestants are judged on their costume only, no skits will be allowed. All

entrants will then get a chance to show off their handiwork at the Cosplay Contest on the stage! Contest forms will be available onsite at pre-judging only. **NOTE:** Only costumers with animation, Japanese anime, or video game costumes may enter the cosplay contest.

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DRAGON*CON after DARK

Our rapidly growing Dragon*Con After Dark contest on Saturday evening spotlights macabre and mature-themed costumes. We see them in the hallways and at the bar, but this provides a chance to display them in a venue that does not compete with the noise or interruptions of the typical social setting!

DRAGON*CON'S FROM The Page TO The Stage: COMIC BOOK PAGEANT



Join us in the Centennial Ballroom of the Hyatt at 8:30 pm on Saturday, September 1st, for the newly renamed contest, From the Page to the Stage: Comic Book Pageant, which promises to thrill fans of both comic books and costumers alike!

Comic Icon, George Pérez hosts this premiere costume contest, with a \$1,000.00 prize pool, with prizes for first, second, third and specialized categories. Obtain registration forms from the contest registration desk at the convention. This contest is for those portraying a comic book character; male, female, humanoid or alien, as long as it appeared in a comic book! Please bring reference material if not in the mainstream of the genre to help the judges know how awesome your rendition really is!

FANDOM MUSIC Video awards CONTEST

No longer limited to Anime Music Videos, the Fandom Music Video awards consist of two divisions and six categories! Come see the most creative live-action and animated action, comedy, drama, fun/dance, romance, and other music videos ever created by fans at our awards ceremony. Submissions accepted until August 15, 2012. The videos eligible can be seen on our website at fandommusicvideoawards.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT COSTUME CONTEST

This costume contest focuses solely on costuming and will be held Friday night at 8:30 pm. Judges will be looking at the costume itself, the workmanship, design, and inspiration. This will be open to groups and individuals, experts and novices, and costumes from mainstream or self-creative. The judging panel will be people with extreme costume backgrounds. Prejudging will be required. For more info, including the contest registration form, visit costuming.dragoncon.org/pages/contests.html#registration.

HALLWAY COSTUME CONTEST

Contest staff will be roaming the halls of all venues with digital cameras, taking pictures of those folks who are too shy to get up on stage in the Masquerade. Pictures will also be taken at the Contest Registration table in front of the Centennial Ballroom in the Hyatt Regency on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. You may purchase a copy of your official entry picture for \$10.00 with the proceeds going to this year's Dragon*Con charity.



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MASQUERADE

In the grand tradition of convention costuming, dating back nearly five decades in SF fandom, Dragon*Con is proud to present the largest Masquerade Costume Contest in the Southeast and one of the largest in the world!

The Dragon*Con 2012 Masquerade Costume Contest will be held in the Hyatt Centennial Ballroom. Registration for the Masquerade will be available during the con at the Contest Registration Desk located outside the Centennial Ballroom in the Hyatt. We'll be open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am–5:00 pm, and Sunday, from 10:00 am–3:00 pm. There is no pre-registration. Simply drop by the Contest Registration Desk during the con and register. For a complete list of rules, please visit our site at dragoncon.org/masquerade.php.



MISS STAR TREK UNIVERSE PAGEANT

Last year's Miss Star Trek Universe Pageant was truly an event to remember. It was not easy for our celebrity judges to select a winner from amongst the talented contestants. In the end, it was a Tribble with an acoustic guitar, singing about galactic peace that came out as the winner.

We believe the Third Annual Miss Star Trek Universe pageant will be just as memorable as the last. Potential Contestants can find out more by visiting our site at trektrack.dragoncon.org.

ORIGAMI CONTEST

New for 2012, in honor of the Year of the Dragon at Dragon*Con, the Silk Road hosts the first annual Origami Contest; this year's theme is the Dragon. This will be a juried competition with prizes for 1st Place decided by the judges and Fan Favorite decided by votes. For more information, rules and prizes please see silkroad.dragoncon.org.

ROBOT BATTLES™

Robot Battles™ doesn't have a TV show or supermodels, or huge cash prizes. What it does have is a radio and television personality with very poor taste in costumes, the



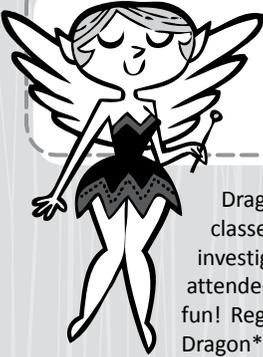
most involved audiences in the country, the most imaginative builders around, and the most unique stage hazards in the sport, ranging from rubber snakes to stuffed animals to soft spongy rubber ducks. For a complete list of rules, please visit robotbattles.com.

STAR WARS COSTUME CONTEST

Think you're a dead ringer for Han Solo? Got a killer General Grievous getup? Can't decide if Princess Leia or Padme Amidala had a better wardrobe? Whether you are a novice or an expert, a fan or a competitor, come on out to the Star Wars Costume Contest at Dragon*Con this year. Participate or spectate, it's sure to be a great time!

WOW COSTUME CONTEST

Come and show off your finest Azerothian fashions for our fans and judges. Prizes will be awarded in a wide variety of categories (Best in Show, Judge's Favorite, etc). We ask only that no actual undead (or Forsaken) contestants participate and recommend keeping your hands, feet, horns, hooves, or wings far away from the MC or the judges until they have been properly restrained.



WORKSHOPS

Dragon*Con is proud to offer a diverse range of workshops and classes for our attendees this year! From meditation to paranormal investigation to writing, there is bound to be something for our attendees that like to squeeze a little class time in while having fun! Registration costs for these workshops are separate from your Dragon*Con membership and space is limited.

For more information, or to reserve your place in one (or more) of our exciting workshops, visit our website at dragoncon.org/workshops.php, or contact the Dragon*Con office via email at dragoncon@dragoncon.org, or by phone at 770-909-0115. Workshops may now be purchased online through our website at store.dragoncon.org.

acting WORKSHOP with amBeR BENSON

Cost: Members, \$250.00; Non-Members, \$350.00

Date: Thursday, August 30 and Friday, August 31

Time: 9:00 am–12:00 pm and 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Limit: 20 participants

Notes: No videos of the workshop will be permitted.

If you are interested in a career in acting either on the stage or screen or just want to polish up your professional skills, here is your chance to learn skills, and gain insights from the successful, talented, and knowledgeable Amber Benson.

This two-day workshop will include:

BREAKING INTO THE BUSINESS: We will talk about the business aspects of becoming an actor. This will include Getting an Agent, The Audition Process, and New Media: Using YouTube and The Internet To Create Your Own Celebrity.

AN IMPROV PRIMER: Good Improv skills are imperative for any would-be actor. Learn to listen to and interact with your fellow performers by playing Improv Games that bolster your confidence in your own instincts and help you to relax and enjoy the process of being creative.

CHARACTER BUILDING: Learn to create a backstory for your character. This also includes developing accents, physical characteristics, etc. that can give you a real insight into your character's internal motivations.

SCENE BREAKDOWN: Breaking into pairs, you will work on two character scenes that will then be performed in front of your fellow workshop participants. Each participant will also receive a copy of an "audition scene" or "sides" that we will work on together during the course of the workshop. On Friday afternoon, each participant will have a 'mock audition' that will be recorded on video and then watched and critiqued. (After the workshop has concluded, participants will get a copy of their audition tape via email. And a chance to get personal advice and ask your questions.)

ARTIST WORKSHOPS with David a. cherry

	Acrylic Painting Technique	Life Drawing Session	Photoshop	3D Studio Max	Personal Project Review
Cost	Members, \$40.00 Non-Members, \$140.00	Members, \$50.00/Workshop Non-Members, \$150.00/Workshop			
Date	Friday, August 31		Saturday, September 1		
Time	9:00–11:00 am	2:00–5:00 pm	9:00 am–Noon	1:00–4:00 pm	4:00–6:00 pm
Limit	30 participants	15 participants	30 participants	30 participants	5 participants
Notes	You may take notes but no videos of the workshop will be permitted.				
			Those bringing electronic devices will need to provide their own extension cords.	Deadline: A disk containing the models or game project should be submitted by August 1, 2012.	

Whether your interest is traditional, digital, illustration, or game art, 2D or 3D, one or more of these workshops, taught by award winning David A. Cherry, will be for you. For the past several years, he has taught 2D and 3D game art production at The Guildhall at SMU in Dallas, a graduate school for those interested in working in the ever expanding game industry.

Available workshops include:

ACRYLIC PAINTING TECHNIQUE: Would you like your acrylic paintings to look like oils? Frustrated at trying to blend them? From brushes and palette to initial sketch to step by step progress through an entire painting, David will share what he does and why. This is a unique opportunity to understand the process and procedure of a top professional.

LIFE DRAWING SESSION: Live model provided/ instruction and critique by David Cherry. Bring a sketchpad and drawing tools such as conte crayon, charcoal, and/or pencils. Sketchpads can be whatever size and type of paper you prefer.

PHOTOSHOP FOR ILLUSTRATION AND GAME ART: Photoshop is more than knowing what all the buttons do. It is knowing how to problem solve like a professional to achieve superior results. David Cherry will share his knowledge of the program, answer your questions, and show you how to use it to best advantage to create everything from sketches, to paintings, to textures for game assets. Bring your questions. David will have the answers.

3D STUDIO MAX GAME ASSET CREATION: Ever dream of becoming a 3D artist and making games? Just curious how the game models are made? What are the steps and procedures for creating a 3D game asset? Learn the process from an experienced line production artist. Cherry will walk you through it from beginning to completed game asset using 3D Studio Max 2012, Photoshop CS 5, and the UDK game engine.

PERSONAL PROJECT REVIEW: A small group session in which you can present your game art (2D or 3D) project or idea to David Cherry for advice, problem solving, and technique suggestions. Each attendee will be given 20 minutes. Bring your laptop and software, if you have them and any sketches or concept drawings if not.

ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP

Cost: Members, \$195.00; Non-Members, \$295.00

Date: Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1

Time: 10:00 am–1:00 pm and 2:00 pm–6:00 pm

Limit: 30 participants

Notes: Participants will need to bring pen and paper, laptop, or voice recorder for taking notes. If you bring an electronic device, you will need to bring an extension cord. No videos of the workshop will be permitted.

This two-day workshop is designed for writers and editors of science fiction, and focuses on astronomy, physics, and other space sciences. The workshop will be directed by astronomy professor Mike Brotherton. Joining Mike is Launchpad co-founder and science education specialist, Dr. Jim Verley, observational cosmologist Adam Myers, astronomy education researchers Tim and Stephanie Slater, and planetary astronomer Kevin R. Grazier.

Among subjects to be included are fundamentals (light, gravity, size scales, cycles in the sky), planets (solar system and extrasolar), stars (properties and evolution), galaxies and cosmology, and issues common to “science fiction science” (artificial gravity, relativity, the space environment, etc.)

Special attention will be given to common misconceptions, jargon, and techniques for communicating science that make science less accessible. Examples from popular movies and books, good and bad, will be used for illustration.

The aim of the workshop is to provide participants with an introduction, or an update, to modern astronomy and related fields as practiced in the 21st century, to encourage them to include more and more accurate astronomy in their writing, and to learn how to improve their presentation of scientific concepts to the public.

BELLY DANCING WITH PHOENICIA WORKSHOP

Cost: Members, FREE; Non-Members, Not Admitted

Date: Friday, August 31—Monday, September 3

Time: To Be Determined

Limit: To Be Determined

Notes: No videos of the workshop will be permitted.

Available workshops include:

FRIDAY, INTRODUCTION TO BELLY DANCE:

This is an actual dance class open to anyone of any experience level covering basic steps and turns used in belly dance and many other types of dance.

SATURDAY, ISOLATIONS & TRAVEL STEPS IN

BELLY DANCE: An actual dance class open to everyone covering isolated body movements and combining them with traveling steps to music.

SUNDAY, USING THE ARMS & HANDS IN

BELLY DANCE: An actual class open to everyone demonstrating various arm styles to coordinate with and enhance steps.

MONDAY, INTRODUCTION TO BELLY DANCE:

This is an actual dance class open to anyone of any experience level covering basic steps and turns used in belly dance and many other types of dance.

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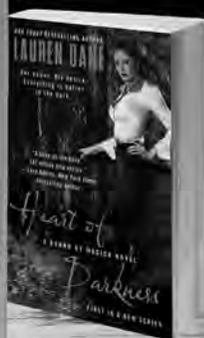
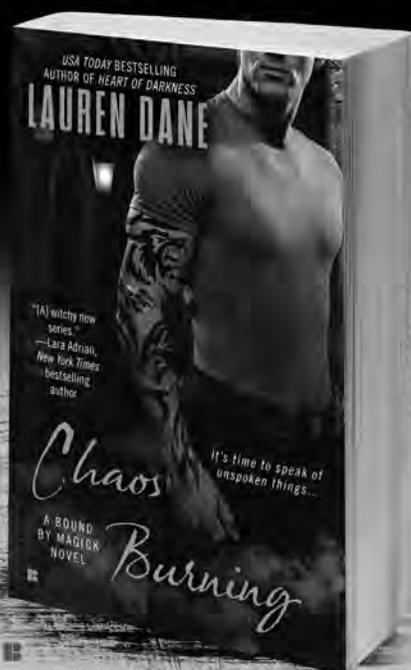
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BENJAMIN RADFORD'S SCIENTIFIC PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION WORKSHOP

Cost: Members, \$40.00/Workshop; Non-Members, \$140.00/Workshop

Date: Thursday, August 30 or Sunday, September 2

Time: Thursday, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm or Sunday, 10:00 am–12:30 pm

Limit: To Be Determined

Notes: Fee includes a workbook and discount on Radford's book *Scientific Paranormal Investigation*.

Ever wondered how to scientifically investigate ghosts, Bigfoot sightings, miracles, or crop circles? In movies and on television it looks easy, but how do real-life paranormal investigators discover what really happened, separating truth from myth?

Come find out in a unique, intensive workshop taught by Benjamin Radford. Radford is a Research Fellow with the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, deputy editor of *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine, co-host of *MonsterTalk* podcast, columnist for *Discovery News*, and author of six books including *Scientific Paranormal Investigation: How to Solve Unexplained Mysteries*.

Radford is one of the top scientific paranormal investigators in the world, and has appeared widely on television, radio, podcasts, books, magazines, and blogs. The goal is to understand and explain the mysteries using science and evidence, not to prove or disprove the existence of these phenomena. He will share his experience and insights gained over a decade of first-hand field investigations, drawing from dozens of case studies involving ghosts, monsters, psychics, miracles, and more. Radford will explain the step-by-step process in investigations, including critical thinking, evaluating unusual claims, interviewing eyewitnesses, and conducting field experiments.

Tai chi with ERIN GRAY WORKSHOP

Cost: Members, \$20.00/Workshop; Non-Members, \$120.00/Workshop

Date: Saturday, September 1 or Sunday, September 2

Time: Saturday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm or Sunday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

Limit: To Be Determined

Notes: Wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in and be prepared to be either barefoot, wearing socks, or flat shoes. If you have foot problems and have to wear your tennis shoes and inner supports, that's fine.

"Tai Chi is a powerful healing art, a moving meditation, and a non-contact martial art all in one. Once you learn Tai Chi and Chi Kung, you can practice these ancient Chinese healing art forms anywhere, anytime, and for the rest of your life. "When I discovered Tai Chi, I found an exercise that satisfied my physical, mental and spiritual needs equally. After 30 years of practice, I feel Tai Chi contains within its structure, principles that are key to unlocking our greatest potentials." —Erin Gray

This one hour workshop will be an introduction to the theory and practice behind Chi Kung and Tai Chi. The first half of the class will include 8 simple Chi Kung exercises, combining breath and gentle movements. Chi Kung, the art of energy, is also the foundation behind Tai Chi. These Chi Kung movements will open and balance the channels of energy running throughout your body and improve the function of your organs.

In the second half of the class you will learn the principles behind Tai Chi, and the first five movements of the Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan Short Form. Much like Yoga, Tai Chi calms your mind, enlivens your spirit, and strengthens and relaxes your entire body. Unifying mind, body, and spirit through the practice of Tai Chi develops awareness that brings peace, balance and happiness into your life.

VIRGINIA HEY MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Cost: Members, \$100.00; Non-Members, \$200.00

Date: Sunday, September 2

Time: 10:00 am–12:30 pm

Limit: To Be Determined

Notes: For more specific information about Virginia's workshops go to virginiahey.com/Meditate.html.

De-stress, heal, relax, feel more radiantly beautiful and connect with your Highest Guidance. Join Virginia Hey, Australian meditation teacher, Reiki practitioner and certified natural therapist, for a meditation workshop that comprises of a one hour discussion followed by a one hour guided meditation.

WRITERS WORKSHOPS

Two Day Intensive Workshop with Jody Lynn Nye

Cost: Members, \$250.00; Non-Members, \$350.00

Date: Thursday, August 30–Friday, August 31

Time: 9:00 am–12:00 pm and 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Limit: 20 participants

Notes: Fee includes a written critique by Jody Lynn Nye.

Requirements: Each participant is asked to submit a manuscript to Jody of 2,000 to 7,000 words of a short story or partial novel. Novels must also include a full synopsis. All manuscripts must be submitted in standard format, double-spaced in Courier or Times New Roman 12 point type, pages numbered in the upper right corner. No handwritten manuscripts will be accepted. Your cover letter must include your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number. If you wish your manuscript to be critiqued in class, an electronic copy is also required, to share with other students, e-mailed as an attachment to jodynye@yahoo.com, once you are notified you have a place in the workshop. Send the manuscripts by August 1, 2012, to Dragon*Con, Attn: 2012 Writer's Workshop, PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-0459.

This two-day intensive workshop will be directed by Jody Lynn Nye, bestselling science fiction and fantasy writer with more than forty books and over a hundred short stories to her credit, including collaborations with Anne McCaffrey, Piers Anthony and Robert Asprin. She has taught at Columbia College Chicago, and at numerous writing workshops for more than twenty years.

Among the subjects to be covered during the two day course are story structure, character development, world-building, narrative hook, research, description, collaboration, nonfiction, format, the business of writing, marketing and promotion.

Guest lecturers will speak during the course on topics involving their expertise, including Todd McCaffrey (co-author, *Dragonriders of Pern*), David Gerrold ("The Trouble with Tribbles," *The Martian Child*), and Toni Weiskopf (Publisher, Baen Books), among others. The students are encouraged to ask questions after the experts' presentations.

The aim of this workshop is to help aspiring writers to learn to practice their craft at a professional level. Students of every level are welcome, from beginners to those writers who are starting to sell their work.

Hourly Workshops with Aaron Allston and Michael A. Stackpole

Cost: Members, \$90.00/15 Sessions; Non-Members, \$190.00/15 sessions OR Members, \$8.00/Session; Non-Members \$108.00/Session

Date: Friday, August 31—Sunday, September 2

Time: Sessions begin at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4:00 pm

Limit: To Be Determined

New York Times bestselling authors Aaron Allston and Michael A. Stackpole combine their talents to provide fourteen hour-long seminars on writing which will help you turn your dreams of being published into reality. With over fifty years of publishing experience between them, and hundreds of publications from bestselling novels to short stories, graphic novels and gaming material, Stackpole and Allston have built long careers through strong storytelling techniques and secrets they will share with you.

The seminars cover everything from the very basics and writing in a franchise universe, up through plotting and characterization, and even cover presenting your manuscript and strategies for success in the age of digital publishing. Why hope for success when you can learn from working writers and guarantee it?

Only a session outline is provided, for full session details, visit our website.

Friday, August 31

- ★ 10:00 am: *Seminar 1: The Rules of Writing*—these are the insider tips and tricks that you'd pick up in the first five years of your writing career, all presented here in an hour.
- ★ 11:30 am: *Seminar 2: Writing Careers in the Post-Paper Era*—an up to date look at the digital revolution and how you can profit and develop your career with it.
- ★ 1:00 pm: *Seminar 3: Social Media 101 for Creative People*—you've heard of Facebook and Twitter, but did you know beyond checking on the lives of your friends and stalking celebrities, you can use these, and many other social websites, to help support your career?
- ★ 2:30 pm: *Seminar 4: Talk to Me: Dialogue*—the art of writing dialogue improve characterization, influence the reader's responses, and deliver the emotional wallop your story needs.

- ★ 4:00 pm: *Seminar 5: Description*—techniques to transform those passages into memorable experience that propel your story to its conclusion.

Saturday, September 1

- ★ 10:00 am: *Seminar 6: Finding the Story*—a series of exercises that will let you build a story from the barest spark through twists and turns.
- ★ 11:30 am: *Seminar 7: 101 Ideas in an Hour*—the path to creating characters, aliens, magic systems, and societies that you can use as jump-off points.
- ★ 1:00 pm: *Seminar 8: Ruining Your Career Before It Gets Started*—Aaron Allston walks you through the minefield of deadly career-killers.
- ★ 2:30 pm: *Seminar 9: Style and Mood*—establishing and sustaining the tone of a novel and how to switch from technique to technique
- ★ 4:00 pm: *Seminar 10: Twenty-One Days to a Novel*—a set of 21 exercises that is a practical, kick-in-the-pants place to start your career.

Sunday, September 2

- ★ 10:00 am: *Seminar 11: Writing a Successful Series*—the intricacies of designing a series from the ground up with special emphasis on techniques.
- ★ 11:30 am: *Seminar 12: Characterization*—techniques to create compelling and memorable characters.
- ★ 1:00 pm: *Seminar 13: Plotting*—from creating an outline to maintaining flexibility.
- ★ 2:30 pm: *Seminar 14: Unclogging Your Plot*—the Thirteen Deadly Sins that can grind your novel's plot to a halt.
- ★ 4:00 pm: *Seminar 15: Showing Off Your Manuscript*—ways to put your fiction before the eyes of others, including advance readers, work shoppers, editors, and agents.



TOURNAMENT GAMING

INTRODUCTION

For the 2012 convention, we've managed to gather 99% of the gaming events under one roof. We have moved MMOs to the Hilton from the Sheraton! We are also introducing a new track this year: Video Gaming that will be helmed by industry luminaries Julianne and Mike Capps. We will also continue with our very own "pocket program" publication that will focus on the gaming events. It will once again be available in Gaming Registration. This allowed us to keep our traditional pocket program down to a manageable size and allowed us more room to grow information directly related to gaming in a dedicated publication. It will also be available on online prior to the convention on our website.

The Way Things Work—How to Survive the Gaming Experience at Dragon*Con

Here are a few words that will hopefully give the prospective gamer a useful overview of how gaming is run at Dragon*Con. It should prove to answer some of the obvious questions and help both the new and veteran convention gamer as you plan your adventure with us.

Please check our website, www.dragoncon.org, and select the Gaming link for information about pre-registration. The event tickets you buy via the website will be available at Gaming Registration which will be open Thursday evening and at 8:00 am every morning of the convention. If you are interested in running or judging your own game, submissions are now open on our website.

In order to play in most events you will need an event ticket. Most event tickets cost \$3.00, but there are some free demonstration games and a few are more expensive. CCG "sealed deck" and "booster draft" events can cost considerably more but you are also buying product in whatever game you are playing. You can also purchase generic tickets that are usable at any event. If an event is sold out you can show up for that event with a generic ticket and if anyone with a "real" ticket for that event does not show up you will be able to step in. This is particularly true for the larger events where there is more of a chance of a no show or cancellation. Board games are the glaring exception, one only need buy a Board Gaming sticker for the entire convention for \$5.00 in order to check out and play one of the hundreds of games in our game library.

Dragon*Con uses four hour sessions in an effort to maximize the number of games each player can experience during the convention. The four-day period is divided into 14 gaming sessions as follows:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Time
Session 1	Session 5	Session 9	Session 13	9:00 am–1:00 pm
Session 2	Session 6	Session 10	Session 14	1:00 pm–5:00 pm
Session 3	Session 7	Session 11		6:00 pm–10:00 pm
Session 4	Session 8	Session 12		10:00 pm–2:00 am

Ideally tournament judges will manage their time so that each game is finished with fifteen minutes left in the session allowing everyone time to get to the next game. Large tournaments in some of the gaming areas do not follow this pattern, and some games run over one and a half or two sessions which is usually noted in the description area for that event. When you are looking at events in the listings, you will see that events are typically referred to by their session numbers and not the day or time. Please note that some games fall a little bit outside the Session system and will be noted accordingly in all publications.

MechCORPS AT DRAGON*CON

They're back! MechCorps is a place to let off steam by beating on your friends in a virtual arena by driving Giant Robots loaded to the teeth with guns, lasers, missiles and all types of weaponry.

Twelve players at a time enter the cockpit simulator pods after a short training session. Each player uses seven display screens, over 50 controls, foot pedals, throttle and joystick to take on all others.



The game is easy to learn, but hard to master. Adjustable skill levels allow the novice to enjoy the game, but can also give the veterans a challenge.

See more info on the pods and the game in our Training Manual at MechCorps.com/TrainingManual.

BOARD GAMES

All you can play board game sticker remains at \$5.00. The board game sticker allows unlimited use of the Dragon*Con Board Game library from 9:00 am on Friday until 12:00 pm on Monday. Over \$10,000 worth of games at your disposal.

Mayfair Games returns with Settlers of Catan Championship Qualifier

Play against the best Catan players at Dragon*Con for a chance to compete at the Catan Championship at Origins.

New for 2012: Team trivia on Saturday night. Prove you and your friends are the biggest brains at Dragon*Con.

The *Star Fleet Battles Tournament* is the longest running, sanctioned tournament at Dragon*Con and will once again be ready for experienced and novice players alike! Join us this year as we celebrate our 13th year in a row with a Rated Ace Competition that promises the best of Table-Top action! The winner earns a seat in US Nationals competition at GenCon to represent all of GA! Register in advance to ensure your place at the table.

Board Gaming FAQ

- ★ **What is Board Gaming?**
At Dragon*Con board gaming is a catch all section including traditional box games as well as non-collectible card games.
- ★ **Does this include games like Monopoly and Clue?**
Mostly our focus is on old school war-games and the newer German-style games, as these tend to be what our fan base wants to play, but we are open to all types of games.
- ★ **So these games are complex with lots of rules?**
Complexity varies from tactical games like *Star Fleet Battles* to simple card games like *Flux*.
- ★ **Do I need to know how to play before I can join in the fun?**
No, the judges at Dragon*Con are specifically chosen for their instructional abilities and would be happy to teach you. For tournaments, we do recommend a degree of game knowledge.
- ★ **Tournaments? So are there prizes?**
Most of our tournaments offer prizes ranging from copies of the games to framed certificates to show off to your friends.
- ★ **Sounds fun, where do I sign up?**
Once the gaming registration site is up, you will be able to purchase the \$5 board gaming ribbon as well as tickets for limited seating tournaments.
- ★ **I am interested in judging _____.**
Contact us at dragoncon@dragoncon.org listing the game you wish to run and we will get back in contact with you to discuss it.

CCG (COLLECTIBLE CARD GAMES)

Magic: The Gathering

Dragon*Con is once again partnering with Sunmesa Events (sunmesaevents.com) to present a very extensive roster of *Magic: The Gathering* events.

Casual Formats

Limited Events:

- ★ Dragon*Con M:TG Convention League
- ★ M:TG Theme Deck Tournament
- ★ M:TG Four Pack Sealed Deck Tournament

Constructed Events:

- ★ Dragon*Con M:TG Commander (EDH) League
- ★ Learn to Play-Magic: The Gathering

Tournament Formats

Limited Events:

- ★ Mini Master
- ★ M:TG Single Elimination Booster Draft
- ★ M:TG Swiss Style Booster Draft
- ★ M:TG Two Headed Giant Sealed
- ★ M:TG Magic 2013 Chase the Foils Sealed
- ★ Avacyn Restored "Shiny Sealed"
- ★ M:TG Magic Innistrad Block Sealed
- ★ Onslaught Tournament Pack Sealed
- ★ M:TG Magic 2013 Sealed Tournament

Constructed Events:

- ★ M:TG 8 Player for a Box Constructed
- ★ M:TG Pick Your Prize Standard
- ★ M:TG From the Vault: Dragons Standard



Ascension Tournaments

- ★ Friday Ascension
- ★ Saturday Ascension Tournament 1
- ★ Saturday Ascension Tournament 2
- ★ Ascension Tournament
- ★ Monday Ascension Tournament 1
- ★ Ascension Learn to Play

Main events by time and format:

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
9:00 am		Four Pack Sealed		Magic 2013 Sealed
1:00 pm	Random Theme & 2HG Inn Sealed	Shiny Sealed AVR	Onslaught Tournament Pack Sealed	
6:00 pm	Magic 2013 Sealed	Pick Your Prize Std. & Inn Sealed	Foil Set Standard	

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Standard	0	1	1	1
Sealed	2	3	1	0
Theme	1	0	0	0
Draft	0	0	0	0

GAMING PROGRAMMING

For 2012 we are gearing up to be another big year! As a fandom convention, we draw people from all sorts of circles, enabling us to provide Game Mastery panels, which draw celebrities from the CCG world, video game world, board game world, and RPG world.

We are bringing back some of our most popular guests and adding a hands-on approach to a number of our panels. For example, we will offer a panel on making LARP boffer weapons and a hands-on indie games panel.

D&D 5th Edition has been announced and we have one of their lead designers on board to talk about this new title. Monte Cook's promised a big announcement, so make sure you are there!

Just a touch of the fantastic panels Gaming Programming has planned for you this year:

- ★ TSR—Monte Cook, Tracy Hickman, & Jean Rabe
- ★ Behind the Scenes of a Game Company—Schwalb, Buhlman
- ★ World of Darkness—TBA
- ★ Boffer Creation Lab—Matthew Malis
- ★ Dungeon Design 101—Monte Cooke
- ★ Game Mastery 101—Sean Molley
- ★ Advanced Game Mastery—Sean Molley
- ★ Xtreme Dungeon Mastery—T. Hickman
- ★ Killer Breakfast—Tracy Hickman
- ★ How Board Games Grew Up TBA
- ★ LARP—Matthew Malis
- ★ Storytelling Through RP—T. Hickman
- ★ Girl Gamers Unite—TBA
- ★ Can Gaming Save Your Life—Julianne Capps, Jason Morningstar
- ★ Gaming With Children—Tori & Clint Black
- ★ D&D Next—Robert Schwalb
- ★ Pathfinder—Buhlman
- ★ Monte Cook—Monte Cook
- ★ Pimp Your Game—Eloy LaSanta, Alexander Macris
- ★ Indie Games—J. Morningstar, LaSanta
- ★ Indie Demo Panel—J. Morningstar, Alex
- ★ Savage Worlds—Tori and Clink Black

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Live action Role-Playing

Live Action Role-Playing Games (LARPs) at Dragon*Con 2012 once again continues to build on its consecutive, highly-successful years that set new standards for Live Action Role-Playing. As always, we respond to the input of our attendees by focusing on genres for which there is a strong demand and on production companies that produce the highest quality experience for our attendees.

LARP gaming will once again return to the Hilton for D*C12. Specific space assignments have not yet been finalized for the LARP division. LARP gamers will continue to be able to take advantage of the “cat walk” running between the Hilton and the Marriott Marquis giving fast and easy access to D*C’s other hotels as well as the Peachtree Center food court, all without ever having to attempt to cross Courtland Street.

As for the games themselves, we anticipate the return of many fan-favorites including *Dark ConFrontation* and *Forrest of Doors*. D*C12 will also feature Nightfall Productions’ family of games running a cross-over genre game pursuant to the *Mind’s Eye Theatre* rules system. Also returning to D*C will be the highly requested and well-received boffer-LARP demonstration lead by Dagorhir Battle Games. Joining us for a second year will be Najha Productions running games in the *Houses of the Blooded (Blood Aria)* and using *Vampire: The Requiem* rules systems.

We are also anticipate running the highly-successful and often requested LARP character building workshops.



Whether you are an experienced LARPer or just looking to get your LARP feet wet, our character building workshops will be available throughout the weekend to help you make your character ideas come to life and be played in one of the many different LARP games that D*C12 offers.

Please note: As of press time, the LARP division is still accepting applications to run LARP games at D*C12. If you would like more information, please contact the LARP Director, Wayne Melnick, at larps@dragoncon.org.

As always, space permitting, we expect to have several “display-only” tables for those LARP games that run continually throughout the year. So, if you want to “live the part” or if you just want to find some information on what exactly Live Action gaming is, join the LARP division for a fun-filled weekend of gaming.

All events and scheduling are tentative until scenario production and staff scheduling are complete. Dragon*Con reserves the right to modify the availability and/or times of the games being run. For general information on any LARP game running at D*C12, please contact the LARP Director, Wayne Melnick at larps@dragoncon.org. You can also check out updated information on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/DragonLARP/208955237961> or just search keyword “DragonLARP.”

DragonCon LARP Division, “Step Away from the Table.”

MINIATURES GAMING

Crowd favorites and competitive play returns! Quickfire 2.0, FASA, and StormReavers bring back the multi-player fun they’ve been known to host. Classic BattleTech expands its schedule, while Dust Tactics and Blood Bowl come back for their sophomore year.

HeroClix returns with its 2nd Annual HCRearms Championship. With an outstanding schedule and a long-running and locally supported effort, HeroClix will promise to be a great time for the new and the old.

MASSIVELY MULTIPLAYER ONLINE ROLE-PLAYING GAMES (MMORPGS)

Sponsored by Guild Launch (guildlaunch.com)

We've moved! We have migrated from the Sheraton to the Hilton to join the rest of gaming. Look for us on the second floor of the Hilton. We are also pleased to present the following contests and special events:

- ★ **The 4th Annual "Quest for the Bling Gnome" - MMO Trivia Contest**
The Bling Gnome. Hideously ugly to some, a symbol of achievement for others. He is the Geek's Stanley Cup, and he only comes out once a year at Dragon*Con. Show off your knowledge of MMO games with your fellow teammates and become immortalized on the Bling Gnome's throne for the inspiration of future generations of hardcore MMO geeks.
- ★ **World of Warcraft Fan Gathering**—page 42
- ★ **The Heroes and Villains Ball**—page 42
- ★ **DragonSlayer Awards**—page 40
- ★ Additional information can be found in the "Fan Track" portion of this book on page 30.

ROLEPLAYING, CAMPAIGN GAMING



Campaign Gaming at Dragon*Con 2012 will continue with the bonanza of offerings of years past, and adding to that in order to provide something for everyone. This year, Campaign Gaming will be offering as many as 5 campaigns, ranging from standard D&D to d20 modern/

future to non-d20 based systems. At present, we do not have a firm commitment on the specific events that will be offered, as release schedules for events have not been finalized by the various companies that offer Campaign style gaming. When current release schedules are available (ensuring the ability to provide the newest event scenarios, while being able to guarantee these scenarios will be received in a timely fashion for the show), we will update the Gaming Registration website. All event scheduling should be available for the final *Pocket Program*.

Living Forgotten Realms, now being run independently of WotC by Baldman Games is a shared world campaign has become the largest RPGA shared world campaign to date. With a wide variety of events being offered all over the world, attendees can be assured of a large variety of LFR events from which to choose.

Witch Hunter: Dark Providence will make another appearance at Dragon*Con, after a very successful first five years at the show. *Witch Hunter: Dark Providence* is based on a d10 style system created by Paradigm Concepts, Inc. It is also one of their two sponsored campaign style settings, set in a gothic horror version of 1600's Earth.

Also from Paradigm Concepts, Inc. will be a return of their new *Legends of Arcanis* campaign. Having a very successful debut at Dragon*Con 2011 (where every table offered sold out), we look forward to even more *Arcanis* goodness this year.

Also returning for a fifth straight year, and looking to be even bigger and better than ever is Paizo's flagship campaign system, Pathfinder Society. The Pathfinder Campaign System is based on a modified version of the OGL 3.5 system, which has been tweaked and improved by the great staff at Paizo and their lead game designer, Jason Bulmahn (who will be at this year's show and running a few special events). Last year, saw Pathfinder Society become the largest campaign offering at the show, taking the top spot from LFR, and was the first time a non-WotC offered shared world campaign has ever held the top spot at Dragon*Con. We fully expect this year to be even better, with more events and more tables offered than ever before.

Come out and see if you have what it takes to be heroes of legend.

ROLEPLAYING, NON-CAMPAIGN GAMING

Dragon*Con will be offering a banquet of Role-playing Games from a variety of game systems including new systems run by their developers.

The Cheese Grinder returns for its 10th year! That's right a decade of death. This year shall be our bloodiest yet. A new master of cheese will be revealed and he is quoted as saying "There is no such thing as failure. Success or death!" This round robin game will run from Friday morning to Sunday morning for 48 hours of tasty cheese.

Besides heading back into the Nexus there will be several flavors of D&D to sample: 3.5, 4.0 and their cousin Pathfinder.

There will be games with dice (most everything except Amber) and games that are on a dice free diet (Amber).

DIGITAL GAMING

We continue our all-console format featuring XBOX-360, Playstation 3, and Wii. In 2011, we featured rare mystery games every day, announced via Twitter and Facebook, *Marvel vs. Capcom*, *Gears of War 2*, and *Call of Duty: Black Ops Team Zombie* tournaments! Since it was so popular last year, we will be back with a fully loaded *Rock Band* setup including the charity tournament. Continue to check *gaming.dragoncon.org* for the latest news on Digital Gaming at Dragon*Con this year!

<NEW!> VIDEO GAMING

Video games. Four days. Non-stop ... well, almost! For the first time ever at Dragon*Con, video games have their very own track! Join us for days of panels, lectures and discussions all about the video games you love. This track has been created by insiders from the games industry and promises info about games you want, conversation on hot topics facing the industry, and real professionals working in real jobs making real games. And of course, you want premieres, right? We've got those, too. Come on over! There will be cake...but it's not real.

There will be games that are high in level content as well as those less filling lower level games. Play in a party where you are trying to stick everyone else with the check (player VS player) or in a party that splits the check.

Choose heavy in role playing or less filling, more combat. We are offering up a tasty smorgasbord of gaming opportunities and we have certainly gone too far with the food metaphors. But maybe there is room for one more.

The online event submission system is now open for you to have the opportunity to share your dish with others. Run the same game multiple times or multiple different games.



Here is a tentative list of some of the folks and companies attending:

- ★ Epic Games, Mike Capps and Jim Brown
- ★ ChAIR Entertainment, Brandon Sanderson
- ★ GearBox, Randy Varnell, Jonathan Hemingway
- ★ Obsidian, Chris Avellone
- ★ Plus folks from Firaxis, Hi_Rez, Red Storm, Dquare Inix, Insomniac and Volition



CONVENTION SERVICES

Disability Services

Dragon*Con seeks to do its utmost to provide equal access to its participants with disabilities in accordance with State and Federal Law.

We can offer a variety of services to help you enjoy your Dragon*Con experience, including wheelchair accessible shuttles between the hotels, large print or electronic programs upon request, dedicated staff in Main Programming areas, and assistance through registration for people with disabilities. We provide some standard accommodations based on seating requirements via stickers for your badge.

If you need more information about our department or the accommodations you might need, please contact Cherie Wren at disabilityservices@dragoncon.org.

Detailed information on all of the services we offer, as well as information on navigating the con, can be found at dragonconds.wikia.com/wiki/Disability_Services_Guide_to_DragonCon_Wiki.

Dragon*Con spans five hotels and six city blocks: if you have difficulty walking long distances, we strongly recommend you consider renting an electric scooter. Scooter and Wheelchair rentals are available by contacting ScootAround Inc. toll-free at 1-888-441-7575, by email at info@scootaround.com, through their website at scootaround.com/rentals/d/dragoncon or by fax at (204) 478-1172. **Please contact them early.**

FAN & FREEBIE TABLES

Our fan tables and freebie tables will be located in two different hotels, the Hyatt Regency (outside the Grand Hall) for our fan tables, and the Sheraton near registration for our freebie tables. Tables for performers and bands will now be located at the Marriott Marquis's Convention Level.

HOSPITALITY/CONSUIE

"Consuites" are a tradition of sci-fi and fantasy conventions throughout the United States. We'll provide a lounge stocked with all sorts of complimentary soft drinks, coffee, and munchies for all attendees to enjoy when feeling a bit hungry. We have planned a Consuite with plenty of snacks that will be open twenty-four hours a day throughout the convention (with a few breaks for cleaning purposes).

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Desk is your one-stop center for getting all your questions answered. We will have an information booth located in each of the five host hotels. Their exact location will be available on the mini maps provided in the *Pocket Program* at the show. The staff will be able to help you find where everything is located and just about any other question or request you may have. And if they don't know the answer, they'll send you directly to the person who does or contact them by radio.





TRAVEL iNFORMATION

HOST HOTELS

Our host hotels for 2012 will again include the familiar surroundings of the Hyatt Regency Atlanta along with the legendary Atlanta Marriott Marquis, the Hilton Atlanta, Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, and the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel. The Hilton is across the street from the Marriott which is connected by a climate-controlled tube-way to the Hyatt. The Marriott is easily the most architecturally unique hotel in the city, if not the entire Southeast. Although our host hotels are sold out, there is still limited room space available at our many over flow hotels. DC*TV will be available at all five of our host hotels! Exact channels will be available closer to the convention and listed in your *Pocket Program*!

OVERFLOW HOTELS

This year Dragon*Con has fourteen official overflow hotels, all located within a short walk, courtesy shuttle bus, or MARTA trip away! The following chart outlines the official overflow hotels, availability, and room cost as of June 1, 2012. For a complete, up-to-date listing of overflow hotels, including contact information, location, any special booking instructions, and reservation rate codes, please visit us at dragoncon.org/location.php#overflow.

Hotel Name	Rooms Available	Cost
Atlanta Marriott Downtown	No	N/A
Atlanta Marriott Suites Midtown	Yes	\$189-\$219; Code: dradaa
Days Inn	No	N/A
Fairfield Inn & Suites Atlanta Downtown	No	N/A
Glenn-Marriott Autograph Collection	Yes	\$195-\$215; Code: dcndcna
Hilton Atlanta Airport	Yes	\$149; Code: drag
Holiday Inn Atlanta Capitol Conf. Center	No	N/A
Meliá Hotel Atlanta	No	N/A
Quality Suites Buckhead Village	No	N/A
Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel	Yes	\$198-\$219; Code: dgxdgxa
Ritz Carlton Atlanta Downtown Hotel	No	N/A
Twelve Hotel and Residences	No	N/A
W Atlanta Hotel	No	N/A
W Atlanta Midtown	Yes	\$199-\$219; Code: dragoncon

Parking

Parking is available throughout downtown Atlanta, and in limited supply at the various hotels. Below is a list of some common parking places for our attendees and their cost (for those of you on a budget).

NOTE: Prices are accurate as of publication date, but are subject to change. Be sure to check with your preferred venue closer to the convention.

- ★ **Hilton Atlanta:** \$28/day valet parking; \$21/day self parking (Garage height is 6 feet)
- ★ **Hyatt Regency Atlanta:** \$32/day valet parking (Garage height is 6 feet)
- ★ **Marriott Marquis Atlanta:** \$32/day valet parking; \$36/day for oversize vehicles
- ★ **Sheraton Atlanta Hotel:** \$29/day valet parking; \$22/day self parking
- ★ **Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel:** \$29/day overnight valet parking; \$22/day self-parking
- ★ The parking decks around main hotels: \$5–\$30 per day, but generally don't allow in-and-out privileges



COURTESY SHUTTLE BUSES

Dragon*Con provides courtesy shuttle bus service between all main convention hotels and some of the over flow hotels during most hours of the day and night. We are proud to again offer a dedicated shuttle bus that only travels between the host hotels, as well as a special shuttle for the Night at the Georgia Aquarium and Annual Parade events. **Brand new this year:** Dragon*Con will be adding an additional bus! For a complete schedule, including times and locations, check our website closer to the convention, or reference your *Pocket Program* booklet at the convention.

MARTA

All of our convention hotels are convenient to MARTA's Peachtree Center station. The Hyatt and Marriott can both be reached from the station via indoor walkways. MARTA has direct train service from Hartsfield Airport's terminals with no transfers, with an approximate travel-time of 30 minutes from the airport to Peachtree Center and our hotels. Fare is \$2.50 for a trip. There's a \$1.00 surcharge to purchase a Breeze ticket, which can be loaded with more than one trip. Multi-day visitor passes are available for one to four days and range from \$9.00–\$19.00. For complete Marta details, including their hours of transport, visit itsmarta.com.

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Hartsfield International Airport, just fifteen minutes south of downtown Atlanta and the convention district, is a two-hour flight (or less) from 80% of the population of the United States. This year, Dragon*Con has partnered with Delta Air Lines to offer attendees a 2%–10% discount on airfares to the convention. **Reservations must be booked for travel between August 28, 2012 and September 6, 2012.**

In order to take advantage of this opportunity, please visit Delta Air Lines (delta.com) and enter meeting/event code NM8S7 for domestic travel into Atlanta or NM8SR for international travel. Reservations can also be made over the phone at 800-328-1111 Monday–Friday, 7:00 am–7:00 pm CDT, however a direct ticketing fee will apply.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Registration will again be located at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. Dragon*Con badges are not mailed out pre-show, however memberships ordered prior to the July 13, price change will receive a confirmation postcard in the mail.

Memberships are available for purchase via the Dragon*Con Store or you may fill out the membership form on the back inside cover of this booklet and mail it to the Dragon*Con office. The address is:

Dragon*Con
Attn: 2012 Memberships
PO Box 16459
Atlanta, GA 30321-0459

Please make your check or money order payable to Dragon*Con in US dollars.

MEMBERSHIP PRE-REGISTRATION PRICES AND DEADLINES

Dragon*Con membership covers all four days, all panels, events, demonstrations, concerts, performances, contests, snacks and munchies in our ConSuite, a host of other activities, this annual *Progress Report*, our onsite *Souvenir Program Book*, and *Pocket Programs*.

The following are NOT covered in your membership fee:

- ★ The Guest of Honor Banquet
- ★ Most Tournament Gaming sessions
- ★ Costs of various Workshops
- ★ Certain autographs (at the sole discretion of the guest; mostly screen stars)

Pricing for the Memberships to Dragon*Con 2012 is as follows:

- ★ \$105.00 until July 13, 2012
- ★ \$120.00 thereafter

ONSITE MEMBERSHIPS

For those of you who are paying onsite, you can shorten your time in line as well. Visit our site at dragoncon.org/dc_pde_barcode.php and complete the form. Completion of the form will generate a .pdf file with a QR code that you will need to print and bring to onsite registration at the convention. This form is not connected to any database, and is only a tool for printing your own QR code.

After you've arrived on-site and gone through the registration cashier line, there will be a special line at data entry for those of you with this .pdf, speeding your progress through the check-in process.

DAY BADGE MEMBERSHIPS

Day badge memberships are available only at the door on the day that you wish to attend. Please see the chart below for details on available memberships:

Type	Valid Days of Attendance	Date Available for Purchase	Cost
4-Day	Fri.–Mon.	Aug. 29– Aug. 31	\$120.00
3-Day	Sat.–Mon.	Sept. 1	\$90.00
2-Day	Sun.–Mon.	Sept. 2	\$60.00
1-Day	Friday	Aug. 31	\$40.00
	Saturday	Sept. 1	\$50.00
	Sunday	Sept. 2	\$40.00
	Monday	Sept. 3	\$30.00

WILL CALL MEMBERSHIPS

Dragon*Con will again be offering a "Will Call" service just before the convention, for those of you wishing to make last minute pre-convention membership orders. Will Call memberships will be available August 17–August 29 for \$140.00.

DRAGON*CON 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY; Only One Membership Per Form; Feel Free to Make Copies

Is this new/updated information since the last time your attended Dragon*Con? Yes No

Date: _____ OFFICE USE ONLY (Badge/Member ID#): _____

Purchaser Information (if purchasing membership for someone other than yourself):

Full Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Membership Information:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Birth date (MM/DD): _____ Gender? Male Female

Home Phone: _____

Badge Name (limited to 17 characters): _____

E-mail: _____

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Membership rates are:

\$105 until July 13, 2012

\$120 thereafter, and at the door

_____ **Group Memberships** are discounted \$5 per Membership when 10 or more are purchased in advance at one time, in one envelope.

_____ Saturday Evening **Guest Awards Banquet** Tickets @ \$65 each (Limited to 400)

TOTAL: _____ Paid by: Money Order Check Charge (Visa/Master Card Only)

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____/_____/_____

Mail payments to:

Dragon*Con 2012 Memberships
PO Box 16459
Atlanta, GA 30321-0459

Only credit card purchasers may fax registration forms to (770) 909-0112. For any additional information you may phone us at (770) 909-0115 or e-mail us at dragoncon@dragoncon.org.

I agree to be completely responsible for any and all damage I cause to Hotel or Convention property. I further understand that violation of Convention rules will result in the loss of my Convention badge and forfeiture of my Convention membership.

I understand that access to all Convention functions requires a Convention badge worn in plain sight, and **that there are no replacements for missing or lost badges.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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