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2021 PROGRESS REPORT



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To our members, fans, and continued supporters:

Boy has it been a long time. It is hard to believe it has been almost two years since we have seen you all and welcomed you to the joy of Dragon Con. We are ecstatic that we are able to welcome you (albeit much less of you than in previous years) home in a few short weeks (yikes).

First off, we want to assure you that we are keeping in touch with the experts and city, and working with our venue partners to make sure everything and everyone stays safe, happy, and healthy.

There are so many things that will be a little different this year, so we wanted to take a moment to highlight a few.

- As mentioned before, we will have an attendance cap and anticipate selling out prior to the in-person event. As part of that overall attendance cap, we will have a very limited number of one-day memberships for select days of the show for purchase on August 1st at 10a EDT. Mark your calendars now, these will go fast.
- Prior to these memberships going on sale, we will be releasing a full plan on COVID precautions and rules to keep our event safe.
- Badge checks will be expanded across the show to support the capped attendance and spacing. If you don't have a membership for Dragon Con, we ask that you participate in some of our awesome virtual elements highlighted below, as the hotels will be closed to members only.
- We will have cleaning breaks across all programming spaces during the day. These deep cleans will be spread out over three panel times so there will ALWAYS be lots of programming options to choose from - just not quite as many as before.
- We will have areas of limited hours across the show. More details on this to follow, but it will be key in allowing us to deliver on cleaning commitments and other enhanced safety measures.
- AmericasMart Building 1 (Gaming) will be closed from 2 am - 8 am daily. Open gaming will be available 24 hours a day in the Savannah Ballroom of the Westin.
- The Walk of Fame will most definitely look and feel a bit different than before. We will have less guests signing to allow for better spacing, flow, and line management. At this time, the plan is to have additional safety protocols than those that will apply to the whole show.
- We are going to be making overall changes in spots of the show where congestion and flow are a common challenge. For instance, the Concourse will modify scheduling to break between each performance, rotating between both locations with less bands and performances. Additionally, we've made the decision to eliminate fan tables for 2021 wherever possible with the same goal in mind.
- We have received our parade permit and at this time will be hosting a modified and scaled back parade. A Dragon Con membership is required to view the parade live and in person for 2021. We will be streaming it online, broadcasting it on the CW, and asking all non-members to watch it on TV.

We are ecstatic to bring forward some of the amazing goodness of Dragon Con Goes Virtual to provide digital content for fans that are not able to be with us and further expand the footprint and joy that is Dragon Con. Virtual happenings to expect include:

- We will have a Fan Track stream throughout the weekend with new content - two panels per track so you can experience one of the most unique aspects of the show from the comfort of your own home.
- We will have a second stream of Main Events from the in-person show so you don't miss out on the panels with our awesome lineup of guests.
- Social is working up some awesome exclusively virtual content that will be hosted across our platforms, along with planning contests and interactive opportunities to engage with fellow fans.
- The Dragon Con Discord continues after a major success in DCGV with some new features being added for this year's show. If you aren't a member, [head over there asap](#) because it's where all the "cool kids" are..

- We will again host a virtual marketplace including Vendor Hall, Comic and Pop Artist Alley, and Art Show through our amazing partners at evenery. If you shopped last year for DCGV, you know what to expect. If you didn't, be prepared for your mind to be blown. You can pick up all sorts of goodies whether you are attending the event or not and it will even be open through Friday, September 10th.

In order to tune in to our live streams (and have access to the extensive archive content) throughout the weekend, a streaming membership will be available for purchase for the low price of \$10 at dragoncon.tv in August. Please note, we will be providing free streaming memberships to anyone with a current membership who is unable to attend the in-person event. To take advantage of this, simply [email the office](mailto:info@dragoncon.org).

For the latest updates and information, our official social media channels will report any changes or important announcements. Please follow our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/dragoncon), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/dragoncon), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/dragoncon) pages to stay in touch.

In the meantime, take a look through the pages of this booklet and see the great guests and events we have planned for our members so far. This Progress Report is testament that we are looking forward to September when we can all gather again, as one big, happy Dragon Con family. Just remember, any information here is subject to change as events and information continues to unfold.

We continue to look forward with cautious optimism in hopes of making Dragon Con 2021 a fantastic event.

We hope to see you there.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- As you may have noticed, you will no longer be receiving a postcard with your membership purchase. We now ask that you bring the QR code you receive during your membership purchase and a valid government-issued photo ID with you to registration.
- We take harassment very seriously at Dragon Con. Our goal is to be the most accepting convention in the world regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or planet of origin. There's space for everyone to be who they want to be here in the Dragon Con community. We are renewing our focus on Rule #7: don't be a jerk. For more information about our convention policies, please [visit our website](http://www.dragoncon.org).
- Shuttle buses will be available again this year, including the popular dedicated shuttle between the host only hotels. Additionally, we will have special shuttles available for the exclusive events.
- AmericasMart Building One will be undergoing renovations and some of your Gaming favorites have switched floors or even moved buildings. Please see the "[Gaming](#)" section of this Progress Report for more information.
- Please note: Service dogs are welcome at DragonCon, but emotional support animals and therapy animals are NOT permitted in Con space. Please [see our policy](#).
- Dragon Con Disability Services seating policies will be updated for 2021 to include a seating cap on disability seating. See the "[Convention Services](#)" section in this report for more information.
- To celebrate 35 epic years of Dragon Con, we've included a few fun, nostalgic activities in the [center of this report](#). Grab those gel pens and jelly shoes, we're kickin' it old school!





JARROD CARL ALBERICH

Jarrod Alberich is a writer for Z2 Comics and a writer, inker, and cover artist for White Rocket Books. He is the creator of *Hamilton vs Burr: A Werewolf Tale* and an artist for Marvel/UpperDeck Trading Cards.

CURT ANDERSON

Curt Anderson is a master of deception. He has performed his brand of magic across the country and around the world. His show *Jail Break the Mind* combines magic, mentalism, and real, amazing feats of mind. His show will make you question reality.

KEVIN J. ANDERSON

Kevin J. Anderson has published 140+ books, more than 50 of which have been national or international bestsellers. He has written numerous novels in the *Star Wars*, *X-Files*, and *Dune* universes, as well as a unique steampunk fantasy novel, *Clockwork Angels*.

DINO ANDRADE

Recently featured as Speedy Gonzales (*New Looney Tunes*), Dino Andrade is also Mekkatorque, Putricide, and Mimiron (*WoW*), The Scarecrow (*Batman: Arkham Asylum*), and many more of your favorites. Other credits include *Star Trek Online*, *Prey*, *Dishonored 2*, *Dungeons & Dragons: Neverwinter*, *Hellsing Ultimate*, and Pop (of Snap, Crackle and Pop)!

ASHER ANGEL

Asher Angel began his career as a child actor in the 2008 film *Jolene*, starring Jessica Chastain. He is known for his role as Jonah Beck in the 2017 Disney Channel series *Andi Mack* and as Billy Batson, alongside Zachary Levi, in DC Comics' *Shazam!*.

JON ARMSTRONG

You have seen Jon Armstrong amaze Kathy Lee on the *Today Show*, cause Penn on CW's *Penn and Teller's Fool Us* to exclaim his act as "the most original I've ever seen!", and have Jay Leno profess his love to him on *The Tonight Show*.

DANE AULT

Dane Ault is the artist behind Monkey Minion Press, an art company he runs with his wife and business partner, Ashlie Hammond. Monkey Minion Press has been publishing art books, kid's books, and all manner of POPaganda, science, and space-related art prints and posters for over a decade.

HAWKINGS AUSTIN

Hawk's current supervillain title is Director of Radiation Effects. In his quest to take over the world, Hawk has landed a series of jobs with NASA, DoD, and Missile Defense, testing spacecraft for natural (and unnatural) environments. Hawk has published professionally in engineering, science, history, and fantasy.

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*. Bamber also appeared in *Feared*, *Dollhouse*, *NCIS*, and more.

ANJALI BHIMANI

Anjali Bhimani is the voice of Symmetra in *Overwatch*, Nisha in *Fallout 4: Nuka World*, Kala in *Indivisible*, Stingray in *We're Alive: Frontier*, Miriam on *UnDeadwood*, and more. TV credits include *Modern Family*, *Grace and Frankie*, *S.W.A.T.*, *Crazy-Ex Girlfriend*, *Silicon Valley*, and many more.

TOM BIONDOLILLO

Tom Biondolillo, a comic artist and illustrator, has worked on titles such as *Alien versus Predator*, *Star Wars*, *Saint Germaine*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Dragonlance*, *Myst*, *Duke Nuk'em*, *Vampire*, *Mage*, *Shadowrun* for entities such as Darkhorse, HASBRO, WOTC, TSR, SJGs, AEG, FASA, Random House, National Wildlife Service, and more.

CHRISTOPHER BIVINS

Chris Bivins has worked on a variety of projects, from storyboards on *The Belko Experiment*, to animation on the slot game *Dragon's Lair*. Along with his partner-in-crime Joe Karg, they are the art collective Combo Break and have combined to take the comic and animation worlds by storm!

APRIL BORCHELT

April Borchelt is an illustrator that works in both the animation and gaming industries while keeping true to her fine art roots. She's worked with Nickelodeon, Hi-Rez Studios, illustrated for multiple published board games, TCG companies, children's books, and has had her fine art exhibited in galleries around Atlanta.

ANDY BRASE

Andy Brase has done art for many titles including *Magic the Gathering* (Kaldheim and more), *Predator*, *Star Wars*, *Punisher*, *Doctor Strange*, *Assassin's Creed*, *Dragon Age*, *Swamp Thing*, *Dark Sun*, *Kull*, *Spider-Man*, *Hulk*, *Daredevil*, *The Darkness*, and more, including book covers for stories by George RR Martin and Neil Gaiman.

DR. JOHN E. BRADFORD

Dr. John Bradford is President and CTO of SpaceWorks, an aerospace engineering firm that develops advanced concepts for the space industry. Dr. Bradford's areas of expertise range from hypersonic travel to human stasis for spaceflight. His work in the aerospace industry has been featured in multiple documentaries.

BREED

BREED has been in the comic book/graphic novel, licensed property, TV, and motion picture industries for over 24 years as a penciler, writer, animator, and sketch/storyboard/conceptual artist. His work has been featured by Zenescope Entertainment, IDW, UDC/Marvel, Action Lab, Counterpoint Comics, MNS Cards, Stranger Comics, and Source Point Press.

PATRICIA L. BRIGGS

Patricia Briggs is a *New York Times* bestselling author of both the *Mercy Thompson* and the *Alpha and Omega* urban fantasy series. Briggs began her career writing traditional high fantasy novels in 1993, and shifted gears in 2006 to write urban fantasy.

BOB BURDEN

A founding member of Atlanta Fandom, Bob Burden's *Flaming Carrot* comics, his work on *Gumby* comics, and his iconic *Mysterymen* comics, which spawned the 1999 Universal movie, have delighted generations, won numerous awards, and sold hundreds of thousands of comic books over the years.

RAYCHELLE BURKS

Raychelle Burks is a chemistry professor with a crime lab background. On the Smithsonian Channel, she brings her expertise to *The Curious Life and Death Of...* to examine unusual cases. Burks is an award winning science communicator, presenting on the science of true crime and fandoms.

JEFF BURNS

Jeff Burns is the creator of the superhero comedy series *Super Knocked Up* and host of the geeky improv comedy show *Super Geeked Up LIVE*. He's also the author of several sci-fi and fantasy books and moderates celebrity, fan, and tabletop RPG panels at cons across North America.

RACHEL BURSON

Rachel Burson is a LA based professional puppet builder, wrangler, and puppeteer. Burson works for various companies ranging from The Jim Henson Creature Shop to Swazzle Inc. She has built on shows such as: *Waffles + Mochi*, *Duff's Happy Fun Bake Time*, *The Barbarian and the Troll*, and *Crank Yankers*.

KIRSTEN Z. CAIRNS

Stage director, public speaker, and singer Kirsten Z Cairns is a senior staffer for TheOneRing.net. Seen at events as a panelist for *TORN*, a performer, or interviewing actors, Cairns brings her knowledge of literature, music, theatre, and all things fantasy to all her interactions with fans and celebs!

JAMES CALLIS

James Callis is a British actor who is best known for playing Dr. Gaius Baltar in the re-imagined *Battlestar Galactica* miniseries and television series. Other credits include the *Castlevania* series, *Eureka*, *Blood & Treasure*, *Flashforward*, *Bridget Jones's Diary*, and many more.

RAYMOND DANIEL CARR

Raymond Carr is a puppeteer and filmmaker who co-stars in the Jim Henson Company's series *Splash and Bubbles* and is an ensemble member of the puppet improv group Puppet Up for *Henson Alternative* and *Earth to Ned* on Disney Plus. He is on the board of Film Impact Ga.

COREY CASTELLANO

Corey Castellano is a professional makeup artist/designer who's credits include: *Sweet Girl*, *Into the Dark*, *Devil All The Time*, *Roswell*, *Ghosted*, *Lady and the Tramp*, *The Gifted*, *The Dirt*, *First Purge*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *War of the Worlds*, *Prestige*, *Crazies*, *GI Joe*, *X-Men*, *Buffy*, and more.

A.C. CHARANIA

Global innovator turning advanced concepts into reality; A.C. Charania is involved in recent aerospace revolutions ranging from small satellites, launch vehicles, hypersonics, and human/robotic exploration. He has worked on projects for NASA, the U.S. Air Force, DARPA, large aerospace primes, and multiple entrepreneurial space ventures.

DEVON M. CHULICK

Devon Chulick is the cofounder and COO of *StartPlayingGames*, the largest site dedicated to finding game and game masters for any system and platform. Chulick is a product manager and TTRPG content creator. He was featured in *Bloomberg's* "Rise of the Professional Dungeon Master."

CIRUELO

Fantasy artist Ciruelo was born in Argentina and has been living in Spain since 1987. He worked for publishing houses in Europe and in the United States illustrating book covers, prints, calendars and trading cards with dragons as the main subject. He is currently writing and illustrating his own books.

FREDDY CLEMENTS

Freddy Clements is the Professor of Drama and Faculty Costume Designer at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. He has taught courses in costume design, costume construction, stage make-up, and advanced stage make-up. He has also designed costumes for various theatres in the Southeast Region.

JEN COHN

Jen Cohn is an actress and producer who is perhaps best known for her role voicing Pharah in *Overwatch*. She's also the voice of Lord Zash in *Star Wars: The Old Republic*, and Zuko and Azula's mother Ursa in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

KATHLEEN COLEMAN

Kathy Coleman starred on the NBC Saturday morning television series *Land of the Lost*. Coleman's trademark was her blonde braids and unforgettable red and white checkered shirt. Coleman won the hearts of many children with her courageous role as Holly Marshall.

BRIDGIT CONNELL

Bridgit Connell is a comic book artist currently working on Dark Horse's *Lady Baltimore* with Mike Mignola and Christopher Golden. She has done comic work for Titan Comics, Upper Deck Entertainment, Oni Press, Full Moon Comix, Red Stylo Media, and art for the card game *Drinks & Daggers*.

JOE CORRONEY

Joe Corroney has been illustrating *Star Wars* artwork for Disney and Lucasfilm and *Star Trek* artwork for CBS Studios since 1997, as well as a host of other properties. New *Star Wars* artwork and various other licensees are in the works for publication later this year.

CREEES

Hyunsung Lee, better known as Creees, is a variant cover artist, and is the interior artist for Black Mask's *Lab Raider*. Creees graduated from SVA, the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He has worked for Image, Dynamite, and Chapterhouse Comics.

HUNTER CRESSALL

Hunter Cressall is a director and editor of media for television, corporate communications, and the web. Cressall is also a consultant and lecturer for HD media and communication and a writer. He, with his partners Brian Pace, David Woods, and Phil Sutton run Obvious Notion, a multimedia production company.

SHAWN CRYSTAL

Shawn Crystal got his first job while in school, *Resident Evil: Fire and Ice*, a mini-series for Wildstorm. Around five years ago, Marvel hired Shawn on *Deadpool*, which was his childhood dream. He is currently an artist for Marvel comics and Valliant Entertainment.

JIM CUMMINGS

Jim Cummings has done scores of voices from Winnie the Pooh (and Tigger too!), the Tasmanian Devil, to Darkwing Duck! This includes voice over work in over 400 roles for television and radio commercials, movie trailers, promos, videogames, and much more.

KATHLEEN O'SHEA DAVID

Kathleen O'Shea David started working with puppets when she was two and over 50 years later she is still "wiggling dolls" for fun and profit. Along the way she picked up a few more skills and careers. She has done just about everything from cancer research to rock and roll.

PETER DAVID

Peter David is a prolific *New York Times* bestselling author and self proclaimed "writer of stuff." He has written in most all forms of prose and gained followers in each. He is the proud father of four daughters and proud grandfather of two grandsons and one granddaughter.

DELILAH S. DAWSON

Delilah S. Dawson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Star Wars: Phasma* and *Galaxy's Edge: Black Spire*, the *Blud* series, the *Shadow* series, written as Lila Bowen, and *Tales of Pell*, written with Kevin Hearne. Her comics include *Marvel Action: Spider Man*, *Star Wars Adventures*, and *Firefly*.

FELICIA DAY

Felicia Day is a professional actress who has appeared in numerous shows and films, including *Buffy*, *Eureka*, *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*, *The Guild*, *Dragon Age*, *Supernatural*, and many more. She currently stars in the revival of *Mystery Science Theater 3000* on Netflix.

KEITH R.A. DECANDIDO

Keith R.A. DeCandido is the author of more than 50 novels, and a ton of short fiction and comics, in tons of licensed universes from *Alien* to *Zorro* and in his own milieus in the fictional cities of Cliff's End and Super City and the (mostly) real New York and Key West. He also writes about pop culture for *Tor.com*.

JEFF DEKAL

Jeff Dekal is a freelance illustrator. After being educated about art history in college, he was inspired to focus more on figurative art. Dekal is currently working in the comic industry as a cover artist. His clients include Marvel, DC, Creature Entertainment, and Dark Horse.

DAN DOS SANTOS

Well known for his colorful oil paintings, most often depicting strong women, Dan dos Santos' work spans a variety of genres, including comics, film, and video games, but is best known for his book cover work for Brandon Sanderson, Patricia Briggs, Jim Butcher, Patrick Rothfuss and more!

MARK DOS SANTOS

Illustrator and comic artist Mark Dos Santos has worked with celebrated creators such as Steve T. Seagle (*IMPERIAL*), Garth Ennis (*A Train Called Love*), and Bill Willingham (*Lark's Killer*). He has created book covers for *Silence in the Library* (*Apollo's Daughters*), *Star Trek TNG*, and Hugo award-winning writer, Morgan Gendel (*Planet 6*).

DC DOUGLAS

Actor and voice over talent DC Douglas is best known as the voice of Albert Wesker in the *Resident Evil* franchise, Legion in *Mass Effect 2 & 3*, Chase in *Transformers: Rescue Bots*, as well as countless film & TV shows, including *Sharknado 2*.

MARGARET DOWNEY-SCHOTTMILLER

Margaret Downey created a character known as The Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Nurse in order to teach critical thinking skills every Friday-the-Thirteenth. Margaret Downey founded the Freethought Society (FS) and the Anti-Discrimination Support Network (ADSN) in 1993. In 1994 Margaret founded the Thomas Paine Memorial Committee.

J.M. DRAGUNAS

J.M. Dragunas is a freelance illustrator currently working on his creator owned book *L.C. Noir*. He is best known for his contributions to the *Little Nemo* anthology, the *1001 Knights* anthology, and for being the illustrator for *Harry Potter: A Cinematic Gallery*.

ERICA DURANCE

Erica Durance is perhaps best known for her role as Lois Lane on the WB (now the CW) series *Smallville*. She was a frequent guest star for the fourth season of the show and joined the regular cast for the fifth through seventh seasons.

CHRIS ECCLESTON

Actor Christopher Eccleston is a two-time BAFTA Award nominee. He is best known for his television and film work, which includes his role as the ninth incarnation of the Doctor in the BBC sci-fi series *Doctor Who*, playing Pastor Matt Jamison in *The Leftovers*, and Malekith in *Thor: Dark World*.

SCOTT EDGINGTON

Dr. Edgington is a Planetary Scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory whose research specialties are giant planets, spectroscopy, and photochemistry. He is Cassini's Deputy Project Scientist and Investigation Scientist for Cassini's thermal infrared instrument. He is currently a Science Planning Integrator on the Mars InSight Mission.

GIGI EDGLEY

Gigi Edgley is an internationally renowned actress. Edgley has starred in countless film and television series including: FX's *Feud*, *Farscape*, *Jim Henson's Creature Shop Challenge*, *Diminuendo*, SyFy's *Showdown at Area 51*, *Quantum Apocalypse*, *Hashtag*, *Peacekeeper Wars*, *Beastmaster*, *Lost World*, *Star Trek Continues*, and *Nexus*.

NICK EFTIMIADES

Nicholas Eftimiades is a professor and author. He spent 34 years in US intelligence and diplomacy with postings in Europe and Asia. Eftimiades is a renowned expert on China and authored books and articles on national security, emerging technology, and outer space related issues.

JEFF ELLO

Jeff Ello (aka "jello") is a filmmaker/technologist with an encyclopedic knowledge of the latest technology and techniques for independent filmmakers and CG artists. He develops solutions that power high-volume video production facilities, real-time visual effects, and live-streaming.

ESTELLE

Grammy award-winner singer/songwriter Estelle achieved mainstream success in the U.S. with her single "American Boy" featuring Kanye West. However, fans of Cartoon Network recognize her as the voice of Garnet, the leader of the Crystal Gems in the insanely popular *Steven Universe* series.

JOANNA ESTEP

Joanna Estep is the critically acclaimed illustrator of such titles as *Fantastic Four*, *X-Men*, *New Mutants* (Marvel), *Bitch Planet* (Image), *Death Head* (Dark Horse), and *The Thrilling Adventure Hour* (Boom!/Archaia). Her work has earned her the S.P.A.C.E. Prize, and nominations for Eisner and Harvey awards.

WESLEY EURE

Wesley Eure has an extensive background as an author, television writer, producer, performer, plus a stage and television director. Eure starred in *Days of our Lives* (Michael Horton) and *Land of the Lost* (Will Marshall), authored five books, co-developed PBS' *Dragon Tales*, and hosted *Finders Keepers*.

MIKE FABER

Mike Faber is the founder and CCO of the geeky and ever expanding ESO Network. He hosts *The Earth Station One* and *Earth Station Who* podcasts. He teaches and mentors new podcasters on starting and producing new projects. The ESO Network celebrates all things sci-fi, fantasy, and much, much more.

FEATURED GUESTS



ASHER ANGEL



JAMIE BAMBER



JAMES CALLIS



KATHLEEN COLEMAN



FELICIA DAY



ERICA DURANCE



CHRISTOPHER ECCLESTON



WESLEY EURE



JESS HARNELL



MAURICE LAMARCHE



ZACHARY LEVI



MATTHEW LEWIS



TRESS MACNILLE



MARY MCDONNELL



EDWARD JAMES OLMOS



PHILLIP PALEY



ROB PAULSEN



MARK PELLEGRINO



BILLIE PIPER



DAVID RAMSEY



ANTHONY RAPP



MICHAEL ROSENBAUM



SAMANTHA SMITH



EMILY SWALLOW



MICHAEL TRUCCO



LAURA VANDERVOORT



TOM WELLING



BONNIE WRIGHT

AND MANY, MANY, MANY MORE.

BILL FAWCETT

Bill Fawcett has been games designing, writing, and editing since the early 80s. He has edited or co-edited over 40 science fiction anthologies. His non-fiction books include two Navy SEALs histories and books on mistakes in history. He is also a game and computer game designer.

ERIC FLINT

Eric Flint's writing career began with the science fiction novel *Mother of Demons*. His alternate history novel *1632* has led to a long-running series with over thirty novels and anthologies in print. He's also written many other science fiction and fantasy novels

MATT FRANK

Matt Frank has become known in both Japan and America as the "Kaiju King!" He has contributed covers and interiors to nearly every *Godzilla* comic published by IDW, as well as many *Transformers* titles. Frank has also worked on comics for *Power Rangers*, *Adventure Time*, *Gamera*, *Ultraman*, and *Mars Attacks!*

CHANDRA FREE

Chandra Free is the writer/artist of *The God Machine* comic series, and co-founder of *Machina Corpse*, a spooky comic book company. She's an illustrator on books like *John Carpenter's Tales for a Halloween Night*, *First Offerings*, *Odie*, *Fraggle Rock*, and *Graphic Canon*; and colorist for *Mice Templar*.

ESTHER FRIESNER

Nebula Award winning author Esther Friesner has seen the publication of 41 novels, over 200 short stories, nine anthologies, and three collections of her work. She created the popular *Chicks in Chainmail* series (Baen Books), and the *Princesses of Myth* series of YA novels (Random House). She keeps busy.

BRYAN SCOTT FYFFE

Bryan Fyffe is a commercial illustrator focused on works rich in color and steeped in dark atmosphere. His work has been featured in publications from Dark Horse Comics to the galleries of Disney. He lives and works in Kansas City.

GABO

GABO is the artist for *Dead of Winter* written by Kyle Starks, as well as *The Life After* written by Joshua Hale Fialkov (Oni Press). He is an Eisner and Harvey award winner for his work in *Comic Book Tattoo* and *Love Is Love*.

DR. CHARLES E. GANNON

Dr. Charles E. Gannon's *Caine Riordan* hard sci-fi novels have all been national bestsellers. Four (including the latest, *Marque of Caine*) have been Nebula finalists; two have been Dragon Award finalists, and the first was also a Compton Crook winner. An overlapping series, *Murphy's Lawless* launched this year.

ANDREW E.C. GASKA

Andrew E.C. Gaska is the Ennie and UKGE Award-winning settings and adventure writer for the *ALIEN Role Playing Game*. A sci-fi author and franchise consultant for 20th Century Studios, Gaska has written for *Predator*, *Planet of the Apes*, *Terminator*, *Buck Rogers, Space: 1999*, and *Choose Your Own Adventure*.

DR. PAMELA L. GAY

Dr Pamela L. Gay is an astronomer, technologist, and creative focused on using new media to communicate astronomy and space science. She is co-host of the award winning *Astronomy Cast* podcast, director of the CosmoQuest citizen science community, and still finds time to make science-related art on Twitch.

ANNIE STEGG GERARD

Annie Stegg Gerard exhibits her work in galleries and has done notable publishing work for clients such as Disney, Hasbro, Wizards of the Coast, Easton press, Ballistic Publishing, and more. Her work is found in private collections all over the world.

GIL GERARD

Gil Gerard has starred in numerous successful made-for-television movies as well as feature films. He 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 Gerard is an illustrator whose client list includes Disney, Dreamworks, Warner Brothers, Harper Collins, Penguin, Random House, Sony, Riot, Blizzard, Hasbro, Wizards of the Coast, and Riotminds. His work has won awards in art competitions such as Spectrum Fantastic Art, the Society of Illustrators, Infected by Art, and Expose.

BILL GOLLICHER

Bill Gollither has been an *Archie* Comics artist and writer for the past 30 years. He has been involved in the creation of many of the *Archie* titles over the years. Gollither currently is doing cover art, penciling, and scripting for various *Archie* titles.

MICHAEL GORDON

Michael Gordon is a writer, publisher, and podcaster. His creator-owed comic, *Tiki Zombie*, has been running for nearly a decade. Gordon can also be heard saying, "Howdy!" on the weekly *Earth Station One* podcast, as well as a number of other shows.

STACEY GORDON

Stacey Gordon is a puppeteer who operates Puppet Pie, an art studio in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona, and has the honor of performing one of *Sesame Street's* newest friends, Julia, a curious 4-year-old girl with autism.

DANIEL GOVAR

Daniel Govar is a comic, children's book, and fantasy artist known for covers and interiors (Marvel, DC, Valiant, etc). Most recently, Govar has self-published a children's book: *Mr. Trunk Builds a Wall*, and a 200 page artbook comprising of his daily illustrations.

DR. STEPHEN GRANADE

Stephen Granade is a physicist specializing in robotics and sensors. His sensors have read fingerprints from 10-foot away, tracked drones, and guided the shuttle to Hubble. He was most recently seen on *NASA's Unexplained Files*. If you're afraid of the robot revolution, Dr. Granade is someone to watch out for.

ERIN GRAY

Erin Gray is an American actress, 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*. For over two decades, Gray has performed in over a dozen feature films.

KEVIN GRAZIER

Dr. Kevin Grazier is a planetary physicist specializing in the early solar system. He was the advisor for the TV series *Battlestar Galactica*, *Eureka*, *Defiance*, and *Another Life*, as well as the movies *Gravity* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Grazier is the co-author of the *Hollyweird Science* series of books.

MATT GREEN

Matt Green is a filmmaker as well as a creature and special effects coordinator. Green taught animatronics and sculpture at the Tom Savini makeup effects school. He has directed nine feature films as well as a number of web commercials, music videos, and short films.

STEPHEN GREEN

Stephen Green is an artist and penciller residing in Savannah, Georgia. Despite various rumors, he did not attend school there. His work has been featured in *Dark Horse Presents*, *The Legacy of Luther Strode*, *Hellboy and The B.P.R.D.*, and *Lobster Johnson*. His is currently working on *Sea of Stars*.

ANDREW LEE GRIFFITH

Andrew Griffith is an American comic book artist best known for his work on the *Transformers* franchise, currently working on a three-part story for IDW as part of the *Galaxies* anthology stories as well as developing a number of creator-owned projects.

DEEDEE MAGNO HALL

Deedee Magno Hall is currently the voice of Pearl on Cartoon Network's Emmy nominated series *Steven Universe* and Snuggs the hedgehog in *Doc McStuffins*. Hall's resume boasts an extensive list of credits including theater performances, TV and film appearances, and voice recordings.

JONATHAN HALLETT

Emmy-nominated animation producer Jonathan Hallett is a professional storyboard artist/concept artist for the film, television, and video game industries. His next project will be for TokyoPop Comics as the artist on the upcoming *Stitch* manga series! He received an Emmy Nomination for his animation work on *The Aquabats Super Show!*

CHRIS HAMER

Chris Hamer (AKA urbnpop), raised by Sasquatch in the suburbs of Georgia, is the creator of the comic book series *The Adventures of Byron*, published through Scout Comics. Hamer has several independent comics published and has done licensed work for *Star Wars*, *Mara Attacks*, *Rick and Morty*, and more.

ROBERT E. HAMPSON

Dr. Robert E. Hampson is a scientist, author, editor, and educator. From developing a prosthetic for human memory to advising SF authors, from anthologies and novels for Baen Books and CKP, he turns science fiction into science, and brings real science into SF.

SCOTT HANNA

Scott Hanna is an inker in the comic book industry who has worked with DC Comics and Marvel. He started his career with Eternity Comics and worked for DC for five years. He has worked for Marvel Comics for almost 14 years and inked almost every major character.

JESS HARNELL

Named by the entertainment industry's *Variety* magazine as one of the top ten voice actors in the business, the Emmy-nominated Jess Harnell is truly one of the best and busiest. He is perhaps best known as Wakko Warner on the *Animaniacs*.

IAN HARRIS

A fascinating and funny mix of spot-on impressions and clever, cutting-edge comedy, Ian Harris' act has landed him coveted appearances on *Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!*, and Comedy Central, as well as two, one-hour TV specials *Critical and Thinking* and *ExtraOrdinary*. Harris has performed at Dragon Con since 2014.

A. J. HARTLEY

A.J. Hartley (AKA Andrew Hart) is the international bestselling, Dragon Award nominated author of 23 novels for kids and adults, including the *Steeplejack* series, *Cold Bath Street*, *Cathedrals of Glass*, and *Sekret Machines* (co-written with Blink 182's Tom DeLonge). He is UNC Charlotte's Robinson professor of Shakespeare.

JOHN G. HARTNESS

John G. Hartness is an author, publisher, and podcaster. He is the author of multiple novel series, including the award-winning *Quincy Harker*, *Demon Hunter* series. He is also the co-founder and publisher of Falstaff Books, and a member of the *Authors & Dragons Live D&D* podcast.

MATTHEW HAWKINS

Matthew Hawkins is a maker, paper toy artist, and illustrator. Hawkins weaves humor and energy into bold, whimsical art for humorous and often surprising results. His work has been shown in galleries and exhibitions from Disneyland to Tokyo. He has made work for Disney, DC, Nickelodeon, Nintendo, Sega, and WWE.

TOM HEINTJES

Tom Heintjes is the co-founder and publisher of the Eisner award-winning *Hogan's Alley* magazine, one of the leading magazines on contemporary and classic cartooning. He is a former managing editor of *The Comics Journal* and for years wrote biographical essays for Will Eisner's *Spirit* magazine.

DAVID J. HEWITT

A Propulsion Engineer at Dynetics, Inc in Huntsville, AL, Hewitt participates in STEM educational outreach activities giving talks and demonstrations about space exploration and propulsion to the public. He has over 20 years of experience in and around the space industry, first as a student and then as a professional.

LEANNA RENEE HIEBER

Leanna Renee Hieber is an actress, playwright, tour guide, and the award-winning, bestselling author of gothic gaslamp fantasy novels. *A Haunted History of Invisible Women*, Leanna's first foray into non-fiction, focusing on women's narratives in haunted house and ghost stories, will be released in 2022 from Kensington Books.

KENNETH HITE

Kenneth Hite has written 100+ tabletop roleplaying game books, including *Trail of Cthulhu*, *The Dracula Dossier*, *Night's Black Agents*, *The Fall of DELTA GREEN*, and *Vampire: the Masquerade 5th Edition*. He is half of the multiple-award-winning podcast *Ken and Robin Talk About Stuff*.

BILL HOLBROOK

Bill Holbrook is the creator of three comic strips; the internationally syndicated *On the Fastrack* and *Safe Havens* which are distributed by King Features, and the internet's longest-running daily webcomic *Kevin & Kell*.

GREG HOUSER

Greg Houser is known for his vocal work with companies like PetSmart, DuPont, American Express, and many others. In anime, Houser has had the privilege to be a utility actor for titles such as *Evangelion*, *Ikki Touden*, *Shiki*, *Tales of Vesperia*, and many others.

TINI HOWARD

Tini Howard is a comic book writer and swamp witch from the Carolina Wilds. Currently, she writes *Euthanauts*, *Assassinistas* (with Gilbert Hernandez), and *Hack/Slash: Resurrection*, with occasional stories for two of her favorite things: *Rick and Morty* and *WWE*. Previous work includes *Power Rangers: Pink* and *The Skeptics*.

GEORGE HRAB

Multi-instrumentalist, singer songwriter, story teller, science advocate, Emmy Award nominee George Hrab has produced six independent CDs and a concert DVD; published two books; recorded over 650 episodes of an award-winning podcast; is a science conference emcee; a TEDx speaker; and drummer/musical director with Philadelphia Funk Authority.

D.B. JACKSON

David B. Coe/D.B. Jackson is the award-winning author of more than two dozen books and as many short stories. As David B. Coe he writes epic, contemporary, and urban fantasy. As D.B. Jackson he writes the *Thieftaker Chronicles*, a blend of urban fantasy, mystery, and historical fiction.

STEVE JACKSON

Steve Jackson has been designing games for over 40 years and has no plans to stop. His creations include *Munchkin*, *Illuminati*, the *GURPS* and *Fantasy Trip* roleplaying systems, *Ogre*, *Car Wars*, and *Zombie Dice*. He is either a citizen of the internet or a Texan, depending on who's asking.

GEORGES JEANTY

Georges Jeanty is an Eisner winner and *New York Times* bestselling artist for the critically acclaimed *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. His art can be seen at Marvel on *Xtinction*, *Captain America*, and *Man-Slaughter* to name just a few. He is also working on Disney's *Star Wars: The High Republic* series.

DAN JOLLEY

Dan Jolley is a multi-media writer. Over a 20+ year career, he co-created the Jason Rusch incarnation of DC Comics' *Firestorm*, wrote the main story for the video game *Dying Light*, and has published more than a dozen original novels, including the *Gray Widow Trilogy* and *The Storm*.

JOE KARG

Joe Karg is an illustrator who has worked on the FX show *Archer* and whose client list includes Comedy Central, FOX, and Viacom. He currently works as a program coordinator for design at The Art Institute of Atlanta and regularly freelances for Comedy Central producing album art and animated shorts.

BILL KEEL

Astronomer Bill Keel is the author of *The Sky at Einstein's Feet* and *The Road to Galaxy Formation*. He hosts annual overnight Live Astronomy sessions, and has spoken on cosmology, extra-solar planets, citizen discovery in astronomy, science in the *Firefly* and *Avatar* universes, spy satellites, and astronomical tourism.

SHERRILYN KENYON

Defying all odds is what *New York Times* bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon does best. Since her first book debuted in 1993, she's placed more than 80 novels on the *New York Times* list in all formats and genres, and has more than 70 million books in print.

J. GREGORY KEYES

Greg Keyes is the author of over 30 science fiction and fantasy novels, from original works like *The Age of Unreason* and *Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone*, to licensed universes including *Star Wars*, *Babylon 5*, *Planet of the Apes*, *Godzilla*, and *The Elder Scrolls*.

NANCY KNIGHT

Nancy Knight has been an award-winning, bestselling author since 1986 with 12 novels and numerous short stories published. She has also edited anthologies and is a produced playwright and screenwriter. With Co-writer Yasmin Bakhtiari, she wrote a screenplay filmed in 2018 and now in distribution. She's taught writing since 1987.

ALETHEA KONTIS

New York Times bestselling author Alethea Kontis is a princess, storm chaser, and Saturday Songwriter. She is the host of *Princess Alethea's Traveling Sideshow* every year at Dragon Con. Kontis narrates stories for multiple award-winning online magazines, and she contributes regular book reviews to NPR.

MAURICE LAMARCHE

Voted "Most Likely To Be Someone Else" by his high school classmates, Maurice LaMarche has been doing character voices and impressions since his childhood. Dragon Con fans love him as The Brain on *Animaniacs*, *Pinky* and *The Brain* and for *Futurama*, where he does over 70 regular voices.

CHERALYN LAMBETH

Cheralyn Lambeth is a professional costume/prop/puppet builder whose work includes feature films (*The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *The Hunger Games*), TV shows (*Dinosaurs!*, *Homeland*), and live/interactive properties (*Avenue Q*, *Star Trek: The Experience*). She is also author of *Creating the Character Costume* and *Introduction to Puppetry Arts*.

LEO LEIBELMAN

Leo Leibelman began his professional career for Marvel comics in the pages of *Savage Sword of Conan*. Where he provided painted covers and interior artwork. From there, Leo went on to work for Acclaim comics, working on such titles as *Turok Dinosaur Hunter* and *Magic the Gathering*.

LINDA LESSMANN REINHOLD

Linda Lessmann Reinhold, with Barry Windsor-Smith, formed The Gorbliney Press in 1974. She was staff colorist at Marvel Comics New York offices in the mid 1970's. In the 1980's-90's, a colorist at First Comics and Marvel Comics. Today she often assists her husband, Bill Reinhold, on various comic projects.

ZACHARY LEVI

One of the most respected actors of his generation, Zachary Levi has become known for his captivating on screen presence. He is known for his roles in the fan-favorites *Chuck*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Tangled*, *Thor: the Dark World*, and as the titular character in the movie *Shazam!*.

MATTHEW LEWIS

Matthew Lewis rose to fame as Neville Longbottom in all eight *Harry Potter* films. He went on to star in *Wasteland* and was in the recent film adaptation of *Me Before You*. Matthew's TV credits include *Bluestone 42*, *The Syndicate*, *Ripper Street*, and *Happy Valley*.

TODD LOCKWOOD

Todd Lockwood is an illustrator and author, known for his fantasy art on novels, games, and CCGs. His dragon designs for 3rd edition *D&D* changed the way people see dragons. His debut novel, *The Summer Dragon* (DAW) released to rave reviews. He has a thing for dragons...

LEIGHANN LORD

Smart, savvy, and funny, Leighann Lord's "heads up humor" is stand-up comedy at it's finest. She is the author of *Dict Jokes* and *Real Women Do it Standing Up*. She been a co-host on *StarTalkRadio* with Neil de Grasse Tyson and is the 2019 winner of the Humanist Arts Award.

JOHN LOTSHAW

John Lotshaw is a cartoonist and animator from Atlanta, GA. He is the creator of *Accidental Centaurs*, which has been running since 2002. In addition, he has been a publisher of cartoonists such as Bill Holbrook and Greg Cravens, and is a member of the National Cartoonists Society.

COMFORT AND ADAM

Comfort and Adam are the award nominated duo responsible for *The Uniques*, *Rainbow in the Dark*, and *The Complete Guide to Self-Publishing Comics*. They also run an art studio called Team Comfort and Adam, and in 2020 ran their first massive Kickstarter for *The Uniques Season 2*.

GEORGE LOWE

Cartoon Networks wildly popular Adult Swim block was built on the cult hit *Space Ghost Coast to Coast* which ran for a decade with legions of fans responsible for its success. George Lowe is the ad-libbing madman behind *Space Ghost*.

HAL LUBLIN

One of the creators and co-hosts of *We Got This with Mark and Hal* on the Maximum Fun Network, Hal Lublin is an accomplished actor and improviser. Best known as Steve Carlsberg on *Welcome to Night Vale*, Lublin also plays Wide Wale and Manolo on *The Venture Brothers*.

JONATHAN MABERRY

Jonathan Maberry is a *New York Times* best seller, five-time Bram Stoker Award winning novelist, comic book writer, producer, and creator of the hit show *V-WARS*. He writes in multiple genres including suspense, thriller, horror, science fiction, fantasy, and action; and he writes for adults, teens, and middle grade.

ERIN P MACDONALD

Erin Macdonald (PhD, Astrophysics) is an internationally recognized space science expert, writer, speaker, and consultant. Her academic research background is in gravitational waves and general relativity. She currently lives in Los Angeles and is working as a writer and science consultant for the *Star Trek* franchise.

DAVID MACK

David Mack is an Emmy nominated, *New York Times* bestselling author and artist of *Kabuki*, writer of *Daredevil*, and cover artist of Neil Gaiman's *American Gods*, *Jessica Jones*, and *Fight Club 2*. He is the artist on *Jessica Jones* Netflix opening titles and *Captain America The Winter Soldier* film titles.

TRESS MACNEILLE

Tress MacNeille, is an American voice actress best known for providing various voices on the animated series *The Simpsons*, *Futurama*, *Tiny Toon Adventures*, *Disney's House of Mouse*, *Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers*, and *Dave the Barbarian*. She is also Dot Warner of the *Animaniacs!*

SAM MAGGS

Sam Maggs is a bestselling author of books, comics, TV, and video games. She's written for games like *SPIDER-MAN PS4*; is the author of YA books *The Unstoppable Wasp: Built On Hope* and *Con Quest!*; and a comics writer for titles like *Tell No Tales*, *Captain Marvel*, and *My Little Pony*.

TERRY MANCOUR

Terry Mancour is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the epic fantasy *Spellmonger Series*, with 12 books of a planned 30 book series published, as well as the *ST:NG #20* novel *Spartacus*, two sequels to H. Beam Piper's novel *Space Viking*, and other works of sci-fi and fantasy.

MARI MANCUSI

Mari Mancusi is a bestselling author of young adult fantasy and paranormal novels, including *The Scorched* series and *The Blood Coven Vampires*. She has published more than two dozen novels and writes interactive fiction games for a mobile gaming app. She is also a former Emmy award-winning TV producer.

BRIANNE MARIE

Brianna Marie is a player on the *Dungeons and Randomness* podcast, as well as one of the co-owners of the show. In this past year she was also one of the co-authors of the *D&R* setting book *The Adventurer's Guide to Theria Volume 1: Ellara*.

ROSS MARQUAND

Ross Marquand is an American actor that has appeared on film, stage, and television. He is best known for portraying the role of Aaron on *The Walking Dead*. His voice acting talents can be heard in the likes of *Robot Chicken*, *Family Guy*, and *American Dad*.

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GAIL Z. MARTIN

Gail Z. Martin writes epic and urban fantasy and steampunk for Solaris Books, Orbit Books, SOL Publishing, Darkwind Press, and Falstaff Books. Recent books include *Reckoning*, *Sellsword's Oath*, *Inheritance*, *CHARON*, and *Wasteland Marshals*. As Morgan Brice, she writes urban fantasy paranormal romance including the *Witchbane*, *Badlands*, and *Treasure Trail* series.

JASON MASSEY

Jason Massey has been the DM for the *Dungeons and Randomness Podcast* for eight years. He now has over 11 years of podcasting under his belt and has co-authored the first book about his setting called *The Adventurer's Guide to Theria: Vol 1* with his partner and an incredible team.

GEORGIA MCBRIDE

Georgia McBride is one of Publishers Marketplace's most prolific editors, and has spent most of 2014 through 2019 atop the editors lists in editors, young adult, digital new adult, children's, and digital deals. She's completed over 200 publishing deals on behalf of three imprints since March 2012.

EDDIE MCCLINTOCK

Edward "Eddie" McClintock is an American actor who portrayed the role of Secret Service agent Peter Lattimer on the Syfy series *Warehouse 13*. He was a cast member of the television sitcoms *Stark Raving Mad* and *Crumbs* and had recurring roles on *Bones* and on *Desperate Housewives*.

MARY MCDONNELL

Mary McDonnell starred as President Laura Roslin in the Sci-Fi channel's hit series *Battlestar Galactica*. McDonnell currently stars as Captain Sharon Raydor' on the TNT's hit drama series, *Major Crimes*, the spin-off of the series, *The Closer* where McDonnell originated the role and earned a Primetime Emmy Nomination.

MARK MEER

Mark Meer is known worldwide as the voice of Commander Shepard, Blasto, the Vorchas, Niftu Cal and more in Bioware's *Mass Effect Trilogy*. Other voice work includes the *Dragon Age* and *Baldur's Gate* series, and player character William Mackenzie in Hinterland Studio's ongoing survival saga, *The Long Dark*.

TRAVIS SCOTT MERRILL

Travis Scott Merrill has worked professionally for over 20 years in theater, television, and film. He is currently working as an ager/dyer in IATSE local 479. His work can be seen in *Macgyver* seasons 1-4, *Allegiant*, *Stranger Things*, *Guardians of the Galaxy 2*, *Live by Night*, and *Avengers Infinity War*.

SARAH MILKOVICH

Dr. Sarah M. Milkovich is a scientist and an engineer at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where she currently works on the Mars 2020 Rover. Sarah specializes in the science operations of robotic spacecraft, bridging the science and engineering teams.

JAMES MINZ

James Minz has worked in genre publishing for more than 25 years, first at Tor for more than a decade, then briefly at Del Rey, until finally, on the centennial of Robert A. Heinlein's birth, landing at Baen Books, where he is currently Executive Editor and Subsidiary Rights Director.

REBECCA MOESTA

Rebecca Moesta has written novels in the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Junior Jedi Knights* series, and with husband Kevin J. Anderson, she wrote the *Crystal Doors* trilogy, fourteen *Young Jedi Knights* novels, six novelizations, lyrics for two rock CDs, graphic novels, and pop-up books.

MIKAL MOSLEY

Mikal Mosley (Matt Hayward) is an accomplished actor, costumer, and professional wrestler. He has spent the last few years traveling around the United States and speaking on costume building. He has built costumes professionally for several celebrities and works as a costumer for the WWE when needed.

DEAN MOTTER

Dean Motter, artist/writer/designer is best known for the comics sensation *Mister X*. He has written *The Spirit*, *Superman*, and the film-noir graphic novel, *Batman: Nine Lives*. His mini-series, *Terminal City*, was nominated for Eisner and Kurtzman Awards. He is known for his graphic novel *The Prisoner: Shattered Visage*.

JAMES C. MULLIGAN

James Mulligan has been a Disney artist for over two decades, with properties featuring everything from the classics to recent favorite *Frozen*. His design, fine art, and gallery work includes Playboy, Coca-Cola, Fox, Dreamworks, Warner Brothers, the Chuck Jones Family, Marvel, DC, Lexus, and the Elvis Presley Estate.

BOBBY NASH

Award-winning author/artist Bobby Nash is a member of the International Association of Media Tie-in Writers and International Thriller Writers. He writes novels, comic books, short fiction, and the odd short screenplay. Nash also appears in movies and TV shows, usually standing behind your favorite actor.

NOOLIGAN

HaiNaNu “nooligan” Saulque is an artist, comic creator, and graphic designer based in Sacramento, Ca. From the cartoons of his youth to films he missed by decades, from golden age comics to classic newspaper strips, you will find a creator who has immersed himself in what he loves.

MOHAMED A. NOOR

Dr. Mohamed Noor is a professor and dean at Duke University and a contracted science consultant for the *Star Trek* universe. He merges his passions by teaching genetic and evolutionary concepts using depictions from *Star Trek* in the classroom, in writings, in online videos, and in-person presentations at conventions.

JODY LYNN NYE

Jody Lynn Nye has written dozens of books and over 160 short stories, most of them with a humorous bent. Her latest books are *Rhythm of the Imperium* (Baen), *Moon Tracks* (with Travis S. Taylor, Baen), and *Myth-Fits* (Ace). She also teaches the annual Dragon Con Two-Day Writers Workshop.

EDWARD JAMES OLMOS

Edward James Olmos is well known for his role as Admiral William Adama in *Battlestar Galactica* and can recently be seen in Marvel's *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* His other iconic roles have included Lieutenant Martin Castillo on *Miami Vice*, Jaime Escalante in *Stand and Deliver*, and Abraham Quintanilla in *Selena*.

KURT OPSAHL

Kurt Opsahl is the Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the leading nonprofit organization defending civil liberties in the digital world. In addition to representing clients on civil liberties, free speech and privacy law, Opsahl counsels on EFF projects and initiatives.

ZU ORZU

Zu Orzu is an artist and animator who has worked on the DC Comics series *Cover*. Along with coloring the series, she did the art for the first issue's variant cover and is also the cover artist for Valiant Comics on titles such as *X-O Manowar* and *Punk Mambo*.

PHILLIP PALEY

Phillip Paley has been entertaining children and adults for 45 years, thanks to his starring role in Sid and Marty Krofft's top rated Saturday Morning TV show *Land of The Lost*. Broadcast originally in over 30 countries, and in reruns, viewers have watched the loveable Cha-Ka.

JENNIFER PAZ

Jennifer Paz is the voice of Lapis on *Steven Universe*. She is an award-winning musical stage actor and concert-er with Broadway, regional, and international tour credits, including *Miss Saigon*, *Les Miserables*, *Flower Drum Song*, *Cinderella*, and *Beauty and the Beast*, to name a few.

GEORGE PÉREZ

George Pérez is an illustrator and writer of comics. 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 and is known for his clean, dynamic, yet ornate style.

ROB PALMER

Rob Palmer has had a diverse career in engineering, having worked as a spacecraft designer, computer programmer, and software systems engineer. In 2016, he became a skeptical activist when he joined the Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia project. Rob has since made over 12,000 edits to Wikipedia concerning science and skepticism.

JAMES PASCOE

James Pascoe has been an inker/artist in comics for over 30 years. He has worked for Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, Valiant, and Malibu, among others. He is currently working on a cover for *Flying Sparks* and inks for *The Liberty Brigade*.

ROB PAULSEN

Emmy award-winning Rob Paulsen voices some of the most well-known characters of all time, including Yakko Warner and Pinky (of Pinky and the Brain) on the *Animaniacs*, Raphael/Donatello the *TMNT*, Arthur in *The Tick*, the title role in *The Mask*, Carl Wheezer in *Jimmy Neutron*, and many more!

MARK PELLEGRINO

Mark Pellegrino is an actor of film and television. He is best known for his work as Lucifer in *Supernatural*, Paul Bennett in *Dexter*, Jacob in *Lost*, and as Bishop in *Being Human*. He also recurred in the role of Clayton Haas in the ABC thriller *Quantico*.

BOB PENDARVIS

Bob Pendarvis is the original founder of the Savannah College of Art and Design's Sequential Art BFA and MFA programs (the first in the country). His ongoing *ANA* graphic novel series focusing on teaching girls how to be artists has been featured in *USA TODAY* online.

DIANA PETERFREUND

Diana Peterfreund has published 13 novels for adults, teens, and kids. Her latest trilogy of YA novels is based on the classic board game, *Clue*, and began with *In the Hall with the Knife*, which Kirkus called "ingeniously plotted and vastly entertaining."

LAN PITTS

Lan Pitts likes watching, talking, and writing comics about wrestling including the official *WWE* book from BOOM! Studios. He also co-created his self-published book *Beast Heart! Strikers* with Joe Hunter. He's also co-written *Nasquatch* with Kelly Williams from Starburns Publishing. Ask him about wrestling and *The Simpsons*. He loves that.

BILLIE PIPER

Billie Piper's transition into acting began when she joined the BBC series *Doctor Who* as companion Rose Tyler. After, Piper has recently starred as Brona Croft in the Showtime series *Penny Dreadful*. She will be appearing at Dragon Con Sunday and Monday Only.

VAN ALLEN PLEXICO

Van Allen Plexico is an award-winning writer of novels, stories, and comics, best known for the ten-volume *Sentinels* illustrated superhero novel series, the *Shattering* military SF/space opera series, and *Cold Lightning* comics. He also hosts podcasts on many SF & pop culture topics including *The Mandalorian* and *James Bond*.

KEN PLUME

Ken Plume runs FRED Entertainment where he hosts the interview series *A Bit of a Chat with Ken Plume*. He has produced animation, podcasts, and the documentary *Milius*, and has coauthored *There's a Zombie in My Treehouse* and *Go Team Venture: The Art & Making of the Venture Bros*.

ROBERT W. POPE

Cartoonist, comic book artist, and animator Robert Pope currently draws *Peanuts* for BOOM and *Simon Spotlight* and *Looney Tunes* for DC comics. He has drawn *Scooby-Doo*, *Batman the Brave and the Bold*, *The Powerpuff Girls*, *Space Ghost C2C*, *Foster's Home*, *Johnny Bravo*, *Grim Adventures*, *Chowder*, and more.

CARL POTTS

Carl Potts was an Executive Editor at Marvel Comics, overseeing 1/3 of Marvel's publications. He is best known for *Punisher War Journal*, *Alien Legion*, and for writing *The DC Comics Guide to Creating Comics: Inside the Art of Visual Storytelling*. He is a Professor at the School of Visual Arts.

BENNY R. POWELL

Benny Powell is a publisher, writer, and artist most known for the hit *White Widow* comic and the upcoming spin-off *I Make Boys Cry*. He is also the creator and writer for *Wayward Legends*, *Darchon*, *AMPED*, *Duel Identity*, *Wayward Sons*, *Markiplier*, and dozens more.

JENNA M. POWELL

Jenna Powell is a cover artist for the hit *White Widow* comic and the spin-off *I Make Boys Cry*. She also is the editor for the entire Absolute Comics Group and Red Giant Entertainment lines and is the co-writer for the hit *Duel Identity* series.

ANDY PRICE

Since issue one, Andy Price has been the lead pencil/ink artist for the incredibly successful and record breaking *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic* comic book from IDW Publishing. *MLP* broke the 100,000 pre-sale mark, the first independent book to beat out DC or Marvel in 9 years!

BENJAMIN RADFORD

Benjamin Radford, M.Ed., is a folklorist with *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine and has written on urban legends, mysterious phenomena, and critical thinking. He is author or co-author of over twenty books and has won awards for his books, films, and podcasts. He is co-founder of the Skeptics track at Dragon Con.

DAVID RAMSEY

David Ramsey is an actor and martial artist, best known for his roles in *Arrow*, *Legends of Tomorrow*, *Supergirl*, and *The Flash* as John Diggle/Spartan, Anton Briggs on the Showtime TV series *Dexter*, and the film *Mother and Child* (2009) as Joseph.

ANTHONY RAPP

Anthony Rapp is an actor and singer who originated the role of Mark Cohen in the Broadway production of *Rent*, a role Rapp reprised in the film and then the show's U.S. Tour in 2009. His screen roles include Lieutenant Commander Paul Stamets on the television series *Star Trek: Discovery*.

CAROLINA RAVASSA

Carolina Ravassa is the voice of Sombra in *Overwatch*. She also worked on *RDR2*, *GTA5*, *Max Payne 3*, and *Just Cause 4*. She's been on *The Affair* and *Mr. Robot*, and does voices in cartoons for Disney, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, and Netflix.

JONAH RAY

Jonah Ray is a stand-up comedian, actor, director and podcast host. Ray currently stars as Jonah Heston in the Netflix series *Mystery Science Theater: 3000 The Return* and also co-hosts the Nerdist (now ID10T) podcast, while working as a writer and producer at *Attack of the Show* and *Web Soup*.

TRINA RAY

Trina Ray is currently the Investigation Scientist for the radar instrument on NASA's Europa Clipper Mission. She worked 20 years on Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn (specializing in Titan), and started her career working on the Voyager Spacecraft. She is a public speaker, invited to give many talks around the nation.

BILL REINHOLD

Bill Reinhold is a graduate of the American Academy of Art and has been a professional comic book artist since 1981. Over his long career he's worked for Noble Comics, First Comics, Marvel Comics, DC comics, and others. Reinhold is currently illustrating the graphic novel *The Flying Column*.

RIDDLE

Riddle, is an internationally recognized cosplayer who has been cosplaying for over 20 years. While she continues to cosplay, she has transferred the skills she learned from cosplay to working on such films as Marvel's *Avengers: End Game* as a specialty costumer as well as various shows on Disney+.

CORINNE ROBERTS

Corinne Roberts writes/illustrates the web-comic series *Out and About*. Her other books are *Trip to Trekkia* and *Imaginary Sea 1,2,3!* Along with her books, she illustrated the web comic, *Kitty Game* and games *Unreal Estate*, *Dodgy Dinos*, and *Founding Fathers Fisticuffs*. Her next published comic was released in 2020.

CALEB ROEHRIG

Caleb Roehrig is an author of young adult thrillers, including *Last Seen Leaving*, *White Rabbit*, and *Death Prefers Blondes*. As a former actor and television producer, Roehrig has experience on both sides of the camera, with a résumé that includes appearances on film and TV.

GRACE ROLEK

Grace Rolek is best known for playing Connie on Cartoon Network's hit show *Steven Universe*. You may have heard her voice as many characters including Marlene in *Final Fantasy VII*, Louise in *Lou and Lou: Safety Patrol*, and Lucy van Pelt in *Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown*.

JOHN ROMITA, JR.

John Romita Jr. is a comics artist. Romita is best known for his extensive work for Marvel Comics from the 1970s to the 2010s, including *Spiderman* and *X-Men*. He also co-created *Kick Ass* and *Hit Girl*.

DON ROSA

Writing and drawing *Scrooge McDuck* and *Donald Duck* comics for international publishers for 30 years has made Don Rosa one of the world's best known cartoonists. American comics fans are mostly familiar with his most famous work, the Eisner Award winning *Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck* series.

MICHAEL ROSENBAUM

Michael Rosenbaum has displayed his versatility as an actor by tackling diverse roles. Equally adept at comedy and drama, he has played characters ranging from a transvestite to a crazed fraternity boy to Lex Luthor. This gifted actor is also a skillful writer and voice-over artist.

ANDY RUNTON

Andy Runton is the creator of the all-ages series of graphic novels, *Owly*, starring a little owl who's always searching for new friends. Relying on a mixture of symbols and expressions to tell his silent stories, Runton's heartwarming style has made him a favorite of both fans and critics alike.

STEVE SAFFEL

Steve Saffel, a senior acquisitions editor at Titan Books, acquires original SF, fantasy, horror, and illustrated books. He's the editor for *Alien* and *Predator* novels, Marvel novels (including *Tales of Wakanda*), the *Conan* fiction initiative, and novels based on video games *Gears of War*, *Aliens: Fireteam Elite*, and *Mass Effect*.

SYMPHONY SANDERS

Symphony Sanders is an actress who voices Tamika Flynn in *Welcome to Night Vale*. Her first appearance was in the live show titled *The Librarian* (although this was not released publicly until after multiple other podcast appearances). Her first podcast appearance was in *Old Oak Doors Part A*.

JOHN SCALZI

2021 Literary Guest of Honor John Scalzi is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Old Man's War*, *The Collapsing Empire*, and *Redshirts*, which won the 2013 Hugo for Best Novel. Other awards include the Locus, the Seiun, the Geffen, and the Governor's Award for Arts in Ohio.

CHRIS SCHWEIZER

Eisner-nominated Chris Schweizer is the cartoonist that divides his time between two graphic novel series: the award-winning historical fiction *Crogan Adventures* (Oni Press), and the upcoming horror series *The Creeps* (Abrams/Amulet). Schweizer has previously taught aspiring artists at SCAD-Atlanta for five years.

CATHERINE M. SCULLY

Cat Scully is the writer and illustrator of young adult horror comic-novel *Jennifer Strange*. Scully has worked with a variety of publishers as a professional illustrator. She works in video game development for Deep End Games and is currently working on their next title.

JAMIE C. SHANNON

Jamie Shannon is a writer, director, and puppeteer with over 25 years experience creating puppet-based series and specials. He has created many shows and characters for PBS (*Nanalan*), Disney (*Ooh, Aah and You*), Nickelodeon (*Mr Meaty*), Henson (*Labyrinth: Live, The Legend of Rasputin*), the BBC (*Big and Small*), and Netflix (*Lost Ollie*).

REKHA SHARMA

Rekha Sharma's career includes films *Whisper*, *Memory*, *The Chronicles of Riddick*, and *The Core*. Sharma has recently appeared in *Star Trek: Discovery* as Commander Landry. Other notable television credits includes *Dark Angel*, *Smallville*, *The 100*, and *Battlestar Galactica* as Tory Foster.

DIETRICH O. SMITH

Dietrich Smith is an artist in the field of comics who has illustrated a variety of titles such as *Superman*, *Spiderman*, *Shaft*, and a bevy of others. He has been nominated or awarded various honors and currently has his hand in development of a diverse group of projects.

SAMANTHA SMITH

Samantha Smith is best known as Mary Winchester in the wildly popular show, *Supernatural*, which recently celebrated its 300th episode. Smith has been a recurring character for multiple seasons. She has also had guest appearances on *Rizzoli & Isles* and *Criminal Minds*. Her film work includes *Jerry Maguire* and *Transformers*.

JON ST. JOHN

Best known to fans as the voice of Duke Nukem, Jon St. John has brought life to countless characters for games including *DoTA2*, *Guild Wars 2*, *World of Warcraft*, *Sonic Adventures*, *Call of Cthulhu*, *Half Life*, *Star Trek: Online*, *Counterstrike: GO*, and more, working with industry leaders and independent developers worldwide.

MICHAEL STACKPOLE

Michael A. Stackpole is an award-winning writer, editor, game designer, computer game designer, podcaster, and screenwriter. His best known books are the *New York Times* bestselling novels in the *Star Wars* universe, *Rogue Squadron* and *I, Jedi*. He has written over 55 novels.

KIM STEADMAN

Kim Steadman is a system engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Currently she is a Science System Engineer for the Mars 2020 Rover and the Operations Lead for the SHERLOC instrument. She has also worked on the Opportunity rover, Curiosity rover, and the Cassini Mission.

TJ STERLING

TJ Sterling is the president and lead artist of RAE Comics, a dynamic indie comic company that focuses on telling powerful stories about unique and diverse characters. He also is a 10 year comic industry veteran with art in Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, and Aspen comics.

S.M. STIRLING

S.M. Stirling was born in France. His latest books are *The Sea Peoples* (October 2017), *Black Chamber* (July 2018) and *The Sky-Blue Wolves* (October 2018). His hobbies include history, anthropology, archaeology, and travel. He also pursued the martial arts, until knees.

WILLIAM STOUT

Our 2021 Artist Guest of Honor, William Stout, is an American fantasy artist and illustrator with a specialization in paleontological art. His paintings have been shown in over seventy exhibitions, including twelve one-man shows. He has worked on over thirty feature films, doing everything from storyboard art to production design.

SORAH SUHNG

Sorah Suhng has been a contributing artist to the comic book industry since 2007. She is owner and creator of *Karnal Sin* and the popular *Karnal Confessions* series, as well as the *Aurora* comic book series. Suhng has been working primarily as a penciller and illustrator since 2016.

EMILY SWALLOW

Emily Swallow an actress who is best known as The Armorer in Disney+'s hit series *The Mandalorian* and as Amara aka The Darkness in *Supernatural*. She also appears in *SEAL Team*, *The Last of Us Part 2*, *Castlevania*, and others.

FRED TATASCIORE

One of the #1 video game voices in the world, Fred Tatasciore is the animated voice of the Hulk since 2008. He has done over 30 episodes of *The Family Guy* and *American Dad*. His IMDB page lists over 450 credits, including Soldier: 76 in *Overwatch*.

MICHAEL TRUCCO

Michael Trucco is best known for his role as Samuel Anders in *Battlestar Galactica*. A recurring role as Josh Hunter on *Beverly Hills 90210* brought Trucco into recognition. He followed that role with two seasons on *Pensacola: Wings of Gold* and has made guest star appearances on numerous series.

JAMES R. TUCK

James R. Tuck is the author of the *Deacon Chalk* series and, under the name Levi Black, the *Mythos War Trilogy*. He co-authored the *Robin Hood: Demons Bane* trilogy. He has written novels for both the *Arrowverse* and *Venom*. He has also written novellas, short stories, comic books, and poetry.

BRIAN URBANEK

Brian Urbanek is a professional video game designer and developer with 25 years of experience working on such titles as *Call of Duty* and *XCOM2*, as well as a suite of RPGs, MMOs, and many other three letter acronyms. His work focuses on the robust systems in large, multiplayer spaces.

TREVOR S. VALLE

Trevor Valle is a paleontologist, a certified cicerone, and an outspoken science communicator on Twitter. He has appeared all over television including The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel, BBC/BBC America, in documentaries, and at *Nerd Nite* meetings across the country.

LAURA VANDERVOORT

Laura Vandervoort is a Canadian actress best known for her roles as *Supergirl* in the television series *Smallville* and Sadie Harrison in the television series *Instant Star*. She also starred as Lisa on the ABC series *V* and as Elena Michaels on *Bitten*.

DR. SCOTT VIGUIÉ

Dr. Scott Vigiúé holds two doctorate degrees and is an archaeologist and an attorney who has done extensive research on myths and their impact on modern archaeology and storytelling. He is the creator of *Dr. Geek's Laboratory of Applied Geekdom* and *The Science From Fiction Audio* show.

DEBBIE VIGUIÉ

Debbie Vigiúé is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Wicked* series and two dozen other novels. She writes thrillers including *The Psalm 23 Mysteries*, the *Witch Hunt* trilogy, and the *Kiss* trilogy. Vigiúé also plays a recurring character on the science outreach show, *Dr. Geek's Lab*.

CHRISTIAN WAGGONER

Christian Waggoner is known worldwide for his *Star Wars Reflection* series paintings. He has been working with Lucasfilm for over 12 years. His uniquely enhanced, photo-realistic style makes viewers wonder how he achieves such detail with a mere brush and canvas.

MARK H. WANDREY

International bestselling author of military sci-fi, space opera, and zombie apocalypse, Mark Wandrey is also the only four-time Dragon Award finalist! He launched his professional career in 2004 with the release of *Earth Song - Overture*. Now, 15 years later, he has more than 20 books out.

GARRETT WANG

Garrett 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*.

JEAN MARIE WARD

Jean Marie Ward writes fiction, nonfiction, and everything in between. Her credits include a multi-award nominated novel, two popular art books, and editing *CrescentBlues.com*. Her short stories have appeared everywhere from ASIMOV's to the anthologies of *Zombies Need Brains*. Her video interviews are featured on *BuzzyMag.com*.

H.C. WARNER

H.C. Warner is responsible for the birth of the Comics and Pop Art installation in a double suite poolside at the Sheraton featuring an array of present leaders in the lowbrow and pop art arena. Warner's been part of Atlanta's lowbrow scene since the early '90s.

DAVID WEBER

David Mark Weber is an American science fiction and fantasy writer. Many of his stories have military, and particularly naval themes, and fit into the military science genre. His most popular and enduring character is Honor Harrington, whose story, together with the Honor-verse she inhabits.

TONI WEISSKOPF

Toni Weisskopf succeeded Jim Baen as publisher of Baen Books in 2006. She has worked with such authors as David Weber, Eric Flint, Larry Correia, and many others. With Josepha Sherman, she compiled and annotated the definitive volume of subversive children's folklore, *Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts*.

TOM WELLING

Tom Welling is an actor, director, and producer who is best known for playing Clark Kent/Superman on the long-running television series *Smallville*. Welling can recently be seen playing the role of Marcus Pierce in the third season of *Lucifer*. Welling most recently appeared in the *Professionals* TV series.

MICHAEL Z. WILLIAMSON

Michael Z. Williamson is a multiple bestselling, award-winning author and editor in science fiction and a #1 Amazon bestseller in political humor. An immigrant from the UK and Canada, he served 25 years in the US Army and USAF. Williamson also consults on TV and movie productions.

BONNIE WRIGHT

From 2001 to 2011, Bonnie Wright played Ginny Weasley in the *Harry Potter* series, where she developed an interest in directing. She went on to receive a BA in Film and Television from London College of Communication, University of the Arts, London. Wright's production company, BonBonLumière, was founded in 2012.

DEREK YANIGER

Derek Yaniger is a toothless hillbilly that's got a way long history of scratchin' out art for lots of king-sized bigwigs like Marvel Comics and Cartoon Network. But nowadays he strictly digs the gigs that let him beat his own bongos.

CHELSEA QUINN YARBRO

In her 49-year-long career, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro has sold 97 books and 83 shorter works in many genres. She is best-known for her *Saint-Germain* series of historical horror stories. She writes in a number of genres and under five different pseudonyms.

THOMAS F. ZAHLER

Thom Zahler is a comicbook creator and animation writer, creating the Webtoons *Cupid's Arrows* and *Warning Label* as well as *Love and Capes*, *Long Distance*, and *Time and Vine*. He writes and draws for IDW's *My Little Pony* series. He has written for *Ultimate Spider-Man* and *Knights of the Zodiac*.

TIMOTHY ZAHN

Timothy Zahn is the author of 13 *Star Wars* books and the *Cobra*, *Quadrail*, and *Dragonback* series. Recent books include *Star Wars: Thrawn: Treason* and *Sibyl's War 2: Knight*. Upcoming books include *Star Wars: Thrawn Ascendancy: Book 1* and *Sibyl's War 3: Queen*.

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- Frederick's Forge
- Furry Feline Creatives LLC
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- Geeky Girl Stitches
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- Kopes Kreations
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- M. Lineham Art
- Miniature Inspirations
- Mirkywood Emporium
- Nene Thomas Inc
- Nightfall Forest/Sugar Lagoon
- OneSmolHurt
- Otherworldly Alchemist
- Paper Bones
- Pirate Fashions LLC
- Planet Comics
- Plantcycled
- Random Smash
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- Southern Celebrations
- Sprinkle Ninja
- Stardust Strings
- Stephanie Romano
- Studio Pen Pen
- Stylinonline.Com
- Sugar & Geek Candle Co
- Teddy Scares
- The Art of Gabby Ramirez
- The Dragon's Hoard Soaps
- The Glassy Geek
- The Lovers Knot Jewelry
- The MacBath
- The Stray Wolf
- Three Sisters Co
- Venture Effects
- William Stout
- With a Grain of Salt
- Wyrd Armouries
- Xina's Epic Yarn
- Yayahan.Com
- Zombie Love Squad

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- 2nd and Charles
- A Mother of Dragon Eggs
- Alkemie & Artistry
- ArchaicSmiles Artwork
- Art Afterlife Skeletons
- Art of Jasmine Becket-Griffith
- Art of Will Pigg
- Baby Rabiez
- Bead Geekz
- Big City Comic Studio
- Boxwood Board Designs
- BumbleFly~N~ButterBees
- CCT Miami
- CDH Creations LLC
- Carolina Game Tables/
Beautiful Brains
- Cave Geek Art
- Chicagoland Games: Dice
Dojo
- Critical Hit Gaming Supplies,
LLC
- Dryad Pottery/Dryad Tea
- Elderwood Academy
- Electro Flash Media
- Family Dragon
- Famore Cutlery/Specialty
Product Sales
- Fantastical Menagerie
- Figments and Fripperies
- FireChilde Glass Studio
- Geek Tank Games
- Geekify
- Goey Cube
- Harebrained Design
- Henna Illuminata
- Highlander Novelties
- In My Parents Basement
- J.R. Mounts
- Japanime Games
- Kaleidoscope Shop
- Mcfarland Publishing
- Meloria Maille
- Nattie Black LLC
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- Oakrafts
- Personify3d
- Pop N Toys
- Popcycled Baubles
- Precious Plunder
- Pride Kitty - Like A Cat
- Quiltoni
- Resplendent Rogues
- Rumble and Roar
Wandmakers
- Scrolling Fantasy
- Seekers & Settlers
- Snarkfish T-shirts
- Sorensen's Precision
Diceworks
- Steve Minty
- Tangled Earth Arts
- Tasty Peach Studios
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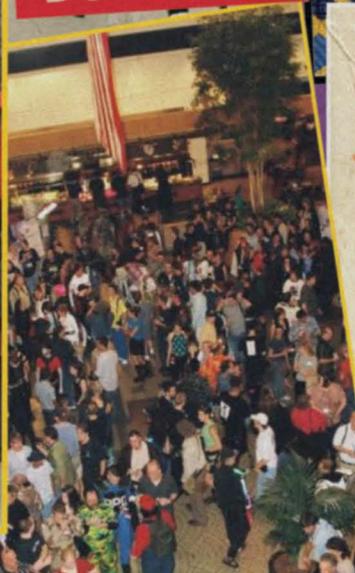


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TOOTHLESS

CREDIT: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON FANDOM WIKI - TOOTHLESS

2



SMAUG

CREDIT: MIDDLE-EARTH CINEMATIC UNIVERSE WIKI - SMAUG

3



FALKOR

CREDIT: HERCULES FANDOM WIKI - FALKOR

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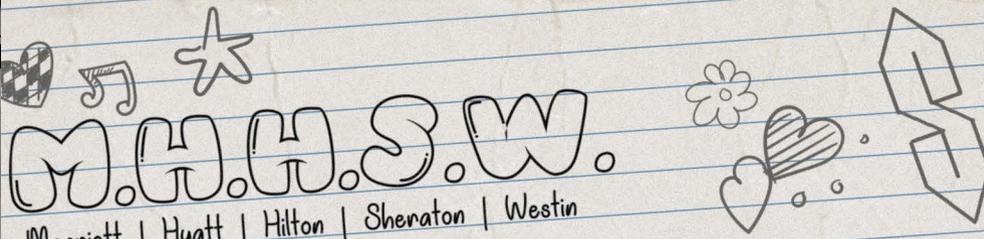
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If you've somehow never played M.A.S.H. before, we'll supply the basic rules for you. First step is to print this page out and grab the closest gel pen. Next, imagine the Dragon Con of your dreams. Write down five things in each category (we've given you a few to start).

Things to Do

1. Shop at the Vendor Halls
2. Visit the Art Show
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Best Party

1. Last Party on Alderaan
2. Heroes and Villains Ball
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

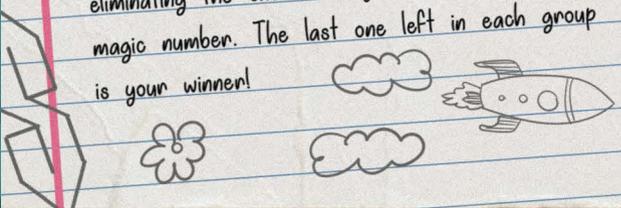
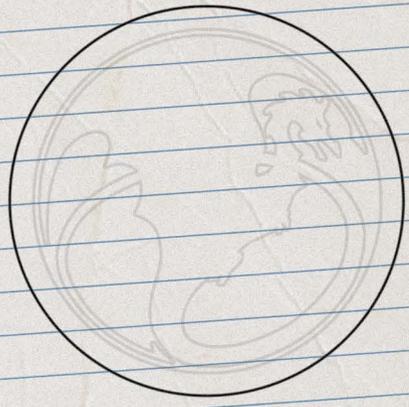
Fave Snacks

1. Pizza
2. Pie (in whatever form)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Gosplay Pick

1. Harley Quinn
2. Deadpool
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Now, one person starts drawing a spiral in this circle and the person whose fortune is being told tells them when to stop. Then, you count across the spiral top to bottom to get the magic number for the game. All you do is count through your lists of items AND the letters M-H-H-S-W, eliminating the ones that you land on with your magic number. The last one left in each group is your winner!





ALTERNATE & HISTORICAL FICTION

The [Alternate and Historical Fiction Track](#) is the destination for all things bygone and neverwas. It covers everything from fan discussions of period media, speakers on overlooked eras, social events, to even demos of period costuming techniques. There is fun for all who fancy festive frolics through factual and fictional former times.

The flux capacitor is set to give a peek into the possible future: fan panels on shows like *Bridgerton* and *The Marvelous Miss Maisel*, costuming panels on recreating vintage styles, a dive into sea shanties and pirate lore, and that's just the beginning! For historians of all ages, there will be American Girl Doll discussions, Splendid Teapot Racing, and more.

Finally, events across hotels and the good of ' interwebs include various panels on spies, pirates, and swear words! There will be in-person programming and virtual events to enjoy both at the con AND before.

More details on pre-con online happenings can be found across our social media channels.



AMERICAN SCI-FI & FANTASY MEDIA

Let us rejoice that we can all be in the same space again! Start off the Con right on Thursday night with the [American Sci-Fi & Fantasy Media](#) track's Geeky Singalong, where we can sing our hearts out to all the theme songs and earworms we have had in our heads and hearts for years. You don't even have to know the words!

At its heart, this track focuses on media content, big screen and small. Panelists from all corners will join with you—yes you!—to share their perspectives and hear yours. Just to give you a little taste of our plans for this year, we will be featuring fan panels on a wide range of shows and movies. From *Black Widow* to *The Nevers*, to the digital afterlife of *Upload*, to the worlds beyond ours with the *Expanse*, and even more!

There will be some fun panels, like One True Pairing Improv Shipping where the panelists will rationalize the best ship from your wild suggestions! This year we will also have the Battle of the Supermen, where we can all chime in about the best things in every media version of the Man of Steel and where they fall on the Kryptonian scale. Since Supes himself is a parent now, we will get into more thoughtful topics, like Superhero Parenting. Yes, that is a thing now! From the good ones to the bad ones (looking at you, Omni-Man!) and all those in between.

Shifting to a more outer space, get ready to learn new things with our primer class on Lang Belta from the *Expanse*. You will be able to truly confuse your enemies and chat up your friends before class is over, and you might even want to consider how living in space is actually handled. Is it ridiculous, or thoughtful?

Not to shy from tricky discussions, we encourage all to join us in considering the Legacy of the Shield, and the legit need for a good therapist (or 20) to deal with the problems of being a super anything. We hope you will wander down to the Marriott and join us!

AMERICAN SCI-FI CLASSICS

Take a quantum leap into the archives of movie and TV awesomeness from the 70s, 80s, and 90s with the space-age whiz kids at the [American Sci-Fi Classics Track](#).

The Classics Track brings together fans from remote galaxies with tributes to *Flash Gordon*, *Indiana Jones*, *Transformers*, *Superman II*, *Greatest American Hero*, and *Howard the Duck*. That's right, *Howard the Duck*.

Some movies are too infamous for one fan alone to handle. In the Sci-Fi Classics Track, the audience gets locked in together to see one such movie, and the only way out is a donation to Dragon Con's official charity! Witness the comedic chaos in the return of the Sci-Fi Roll-A-Panel, featuring 20 mini-panels about 20 classic sci-fi movies in one lightning-round hour.



ANIMATION

The [Animation Track](#) is ready to welcome back our fans, voice actors, animators, industry professionals, artists, and creators back with open arms! Get ready to discuss your favorite nostalgic comfort toons, and the new shows that helped you transcend reality! Besides fan discussions and guest Q&As, we will bring back our toon-tastic singalong events, artist networking opportunities, and the Dragon Con Cosplay Contest, jointly with the Anime/Manga Track. Details about the Cosplay Contest can be found in the Contests section of this Progress Report. Highlighted guests of the Animation Track this year include voices from Netflix, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, and Disney, from 80s/90s nostalgia to new and original animated productions. Don't forget your cosplay, autographing pen, fan theories, and business cards this year as we make connections through our love of cartoons, art, and the animation industry.

ANIME-MANGA

The [Anime-Manga](#) track is dedicated to the enjoyment of art and animation produced in Japan, but loved worldwide. This year we are moving across the hall to Hilton Galleria 4, where we will feature panels and presentations that will highlight anime and manga, both old and new.

Throughout the weekend, the track room will also showcase a variety of fan-created anime music videos for your viewing pleasure. Outside the track room, we will be hosting panels that will feature guest appearances from some of your favorite English dub voice actors and directors. We are also partnering with the Animation track to host our ever-popular Cosplay Contest that celebrates the skill and hard work needed to bring animated characters to life.

APOCALYPSE RISING

Whether the world is ending or you are just trying to survive after it has, [Apocalypse Rising](#) is your one-stop shop for all things before, during, and after an apocalypse.

Our Survival panels will prepare you for the worst with discussions for every level of "prepper," including panels on what it means to be a contemporary homesteader and the difference between bugging in and bugging out. Our experts will also be taking an in-depth look at topics such as pandemics (too soon?) and first aid and trauma response. But things are not all doom and gloom! Our panel of seasoned authors will show you a lighter side of survival in our apocalyptic story round table, where the audience will dictate the tale our authors will spin. Or, as we pivot from fact to fiction, you can experience last year's virtual Aliens vs Zombies in person and watch our "experts" debate which species would dominate in any number of wacky apocalyptic scenarios.

You can also look forward to lively fan discussions on seasoned TV favorites such as *The Walking Dead* (in all its variations) and *The Handmaid's Tale*, as well as relative newcomers *Snowpiercer* and *Y: The Last Man*. We will even step outside the box a little as we delve into popular stories that might not traditionally be classified as apocalyptic, both in film and literature. Whether you are bugging in or out this year, be sure to check out our virtual panels airing on DCTV during Dragon Con! So, gear up and be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) (Dragon Con Apocalypse Rising Track) for more updates!

BRITTRACK

BritTrack's mission is to celebrate all Anglophiles and express our love for the media and pop culture of the United Kingdom. We host panels, a party, and interactive events on the UK's music, animation, culture, literature, comics, movies, and television. Our list of topics include the *Doctor Who* universe, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *Black Mirror*, *Monty Python*, *Father Brown*, *The Watch*, *James Bond*, *A Discovery of Witches*, *Jane Austen*, *Peaky Blinders*, Big Finish Audios, Neil Gaiman, and much more.

2021 features the triumphant return of BritTrack from the brink of global destruction, bringing with it the 50th anniversary of the Master from *Doctor Who*, and the 40th anniversary of the BBC *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* television series. All your favorites are here, from the Pageant of Rassilon, to the Vogon Poetry Slam, to the Ministry of Silly Walks Silly Walk contest, to Felt Nerdy. We also have new classics such as the Royal Sing-A-Long, Mythological Balderdash, Team Trivia, and, surprisingly, Whose Line is it Anyway? We are tentatively scheduling the *Doctor Who* Ball, because, well, we really need it. We are also celebrating the 30th anniversary of The Weakest Link game show with our own version. Finally, for a one-year exclusive, here cometh The Robs Panel!

In continuation of last year's Dragon Con Goes Virtual, we will also have a selection of virtual panels. You can stream them on our [YouTube](#) channel, on [Twitter](#) (via Periscope), and our Facebook Group, [The BritTrack at Dragon Con](#). In addition, we have a host of ways to get in touch with us via social media! Our Facebook group is very active with 3,500+ members, and is one of the first places to get new and up-to-date information. If you are a fan of Discord, we are also a part of the Dragon Con channel under #hilton > #brittrack-discuss. As always, you can follow us on [Twitter @brittrack](#) and on Instagram [@dcbrittrack](#) for more fun times and silliness.



COSTUMING

A celebration of all things costuming, the [Costuming Track](#) is bringing back many old favorites as well as a few new surprises. The Villain Vogue Fashion Show features crafty villainous couture for bad guys/gals, henchmen, and their nemeses. The Bunny Hutch Party and Contest and Friday Night Costuming Contest are returning to celebrate creative bunny/Hef costumes and craftsmanship, respectively. Two new contests, Muscle Nerd Showdown and Mad Makeup Mashup, are joining this year's lineup and are sure to be a blast. Select educators are finalizing amazing track workshops that provide an opportunity to learn a new skill for the low cost of materials reimbursement. More information and registration for the fashion show, workshops, and all our contests are available at www.dragoncon.org/costuming.



DIGITAL MEDIA

Following a year when the world had some extra time on its hands, digital media exploded and suddenly everyone and their cousin had a Twitch stream, TikTok, YouTube channel, and then some! The Digital Media Track offers audiences a world rich in sci-fi, fantasy, geek culture, satire, and original music through audio and video programming. Ever-growing and evolving, the community has proven they are willing to put their resources behind creators through crowd-funded support, allowing content creators the freedom to share their visions and thoughts without reservation. The [Digital Media Track](#) at Dragon Con will be bringing fans and aspiring creators together to experience their favorite shows live, as well as round-table discussion and workshops by some of the most successful creators in the field. Truly, it is a golden age for content creators! For more information, visit <https://www.twitch.tv/dcdigitalmedia>, follow on [Twitter](#), and follow the [YouTube](#) channel!

DIVERSITY IN SPECULATIVE FICTION & LITERATURE FANDOM TRACK

The [Diversity Track](#) encompasses complex differences and similarities in perspectives, identities, and points of view among groups as well as individuals who make up the wider community. It is essential that fandom is represented positively, diversely, and fairly. After the huge success seen since our inception in 2018, we continue to build on what has been established.

Our goal is always to bring back some of the great talents from previous years while providing even more diversity by adding new faces to the lineup each year. Achieving a more diverse environment is a way to improve the Dragon Con experience for all, while promoting respect for each of us as individuals.

Please stay tuned to our Facebook group for programming details at www.facebook.com/groups/DiversityInSpeculativeFiction/



ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FORUMS

Concerned about freedom of speech, privacy, and YOUR rights online? So are we! [Electronic Frontiers Forums](#) is a series of lectures and discussions that take place each year at Dragon Con, covering the intersection of technology, law, activism, and online culture. We examine legal and societal challenges brought about by new technologies and how they fit within the framework of our precious rights and freedoms in a democratic society. We bring the best law experts, technologists, and advocates together to map out our shared future, call out the risks and dangers, and highlight the promises that technology can bring.

Topics that we plan to cover this year include use of surveillance technology by law enforcement, biases “baked in” to artificial intelligence, election laws at the state and federal level, the role of antitrust law with so-called “big tech,” net neutrality, new developments in digital copyright law, proposed changes to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, and many others. Returning favorites include Hacking 101, Hacking 201, Copyright 101, and a screening of the documentary *10 Rules for Dealing with Police*.

For more information, please follow us on [Twitter](#), Facebook at facebook.com/EFForums, or visit our archive web site with schedules, audio, and video from past years at archive.efforums.net.

FANTASY LITERATURE

It's been too long since we indulged in our love of [Fantasy Lit!](#) This year we will be kicking off the Con Thursday with a Literature Themed Costume Contest. Friday Night we'll have our one-of-a-kind Fantasy Gather, the best book party of the Con where you get meet the authors and even buy some books. In the days to follow, join in on exploring the boundless limits of all things fantasy with amazing panelists who are as into the details as our fandom. Escape the mundane with us as we consult the Delphic Oracle, learn about what the Beasties really get up to when no one is looking, and create more of the one-of-a-kind stories that can only be found at Dragon Con.

Can't wait? Don't! Want some peaks behind the Dragon curtain? Join us on FB as Fantasy Literature at Dragon Con and our FB group: [Fantasy Literature's Online Track Room](#) where we talk and all the things we love throughout the year. Want a more direct line? Email us at Fantasy@dragoncon.org. Don't worry for those where safety is the name of game or mundane logistics are holding you captive - THERE WILL BE VIRTUAL CONTENT! So keep an eye on our [YouTube](#) and [FB](#) Pages for all the easter eggs and gems to come. As always there is room enough for everyone in Fantasy.



FILK SINGING

From its humble beginnings as a misprint of "Folk," the controversy continues into the present as to the exact definition of filk music. Here at Dragon Con, we like to say that everything is filk! The [Filk Singing](#) track is the music of fandom, whether it is a parody song about *Firefly* or an original piece about Marvel vs. DC Comics. We are the music by fans for fans, and we would love for you to join in with us, whether you want to sing with us (Open Filk), learn about making fandom music (workshops and panels), or listen to your favorite filk music artists (concerts). If you are looking for fandom music of all stripes, we have something for you!



FILM TRACK

The [Film Track](#) is back after a year off, focusing on panels for film-lovers, filmmakers, and those who aspire to be filmmakers. Which obscure films do you need to seek out? What is the future of the superhero genre and where is cinematic science fiction headed? How did the Universal monsters of the 1930s create horror and science fiction as we know them today? We will have panels that examine all those questions! Additional panel topics will include film review and history, women in film, and discussions on the latest genre blockbusters.

If you are more interested in how-to, we have you covered. We will be looking at both the artistry and the technology of film production. Come on by to learn about shooting, editing, and directing. We will also have tips for those who want to work in special effects, makeup, and sound. Want to know about the latest technological advances in cameras, storage, and conversion? We have the experts to explain it. If it is about film, we will cover it!

HIGH FANTASY

The [High Fantasy](#) track at Dragon Con is your home for classic stories such as *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and *The Wheel of Time*, as well as newer favorites such as *Game of Thrones*, Brandon Sanderson's *Cosmere*, and *The Witcher*. We like to dig deep into the mythological roots and how they inspire the stories we love. This year, we are hosting several panels on trickster gods and how this archetype is represented in High Fantasy. Additionally, we will delve into labyrinths and portal fantasies.

We are going to celebrate the anniversaries of Peter Jackson's adaptation of *The Lord of the Rings* and the publication of *A Game of Thrones*, the first book in the *A Song of Ice and Fire* series that inspired the HBO show. We are even offering virtual panels this year!

Look for our chat with the folks from [TheOneRing.net](#) about the *Lord of the Rings* anniversary and an in-depth panel discussion on Charles Saunders, the founder of the Sword and Soul subgenre of High Fantasy.

HORROR TRACK

Rooted in, but not limited to, literary traditions, the [Horror Track](#) is Dragon Con's home for tales of terror, psychological suspense, and the darkest edge of fantasy. Our programming pulls from a network of authors, musicians, fans, and creators of the wicked and grotesque fears that haunt our imaginations.



KIDS TRACK

The Dragon Con [Kids Track](#) in 2021 features family-friendly and kid-centered programming for all ages in the safest possible environment. Youth panelists discuss their favorite games, books, shows, and online personalities in the Kids Talk panel series. Activities include a family playroom after the parade, drawing tutorials, arts and crafts, Nintendo and *Harry Potter* trivia, and writing activities and workshops. In place of our annual family dance and character encounter (safety first!), Kids Track will host *Among Us*-themed *Werewolf*-style games for youth under 16 years of age. We also offer parent-centered panels such as discussing tough topics with our kids and getting the most out of Disney. All children under 16 must be accompanied by a guardian, and all children seven years and older must have a Dragon Con badge to attend.



MILITARY SCI-FI MEDIA

The [Military Sci-Fi Media Track](#) (MSFM) is ready to fall in once again at Dragon Con in 2021! We feature the best character, costuming, storyline, and social issue discussions from a variety of military sci-fi and space shows, such as *Andromeda*, *Babylon 5*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Buck Rogers*, *Farscape*, *Firefly*, *Space: Above and Beyond*, *Space: 1999*, *Stargate*, *Starship Troopers*, *Personal Space*, *Space Force*, and *The Orville*, with new shows *Pandora* and *Moonbase 8* coming on board. Suit up and roll out with MSFM!

Returning events include interactive MST3K-style episode panels, the onesie mixer, the MSFM trivia night, and for younger recruits, there is a games and crafts panel! The *Firefly* charity party event is the Can't Stop the Signal Dance, and the MSFM main charity event is the Don S. Davis Memorial Charity Auction, all to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta. MSFM will continue its mission of military sci-fi, fun, and fandom: so say we all!

PUPPETRY TRACK

The [Puppetry Track](#) celebrates puppetry in pop culture and 10 years of bringing the magic of live puppetry to con-goers!

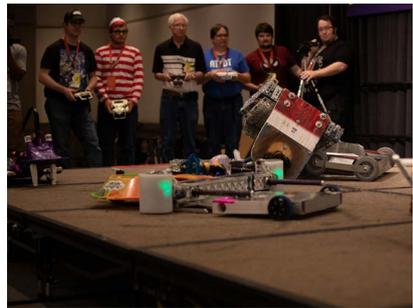
See live puppet shows for both children and adults. Bring your own puppets for special “puppets only” events! Get one-on-one instruction from professional puppeteers in puppet coaching and characterization and puppetry for TV and film. Compete in the Ultimate Puppet Ninja Warrior challenge! Kids can make their very own puppet in the Create-A-Puppet Workshop. Dragon Con fan favorites Bob and Carl: the Sci-Fi Janitors will emerge from their stasis chambers to present The Late Night Puppet Slam for its tenth blockbuster year with even geekier puppet insanity.

For more information and updates, follow our track page at puppetry.dragoncon.org.

ROBOTICS AND MAKERS

The [Robotics and Maker](#) fan track is dedicated to exploring all aspects of robotics and the maker movement. We hold informative panels, workshops, and competitions designed to feed your interest and increase knowledge on the practice and application of creativity and engineering. Our focus is on technology and engineering based creative pursuits, including rovers, fabricating, creating, fighting robots, and much more.

Our goal is to build skills and creativity that can be used to bring new ideas to the world. The Robotics and Maker fan track is your stop for all things created when tech meets imagination. This year, we will discuss our robotics event history and future, information on creating custom fabric stamps, turning your creative passion into a career, using a wood burning tool, and fighting robots for your enjoyment!



SCIENCE

Interested in scientific discoveries like the detection of gravity waves? Want to talk about science in media like *The Witcher*? The [Science Track](#) has you covered! What should be in your go-bag if Godzilla fights King Kong in your city? How do mRNA vaccines work? How could I dabble in practical necromancy? What are the psychological underpinnings of *WandaVision*?

What would it be like if we required researchers to demonstrate animal dances? And what's with all the mosquito news this year? If you have shady, petty plans, our scientists and science communicators can tell you if they would work. And if you want to watch those same scientists and science communicators squirm to explain how the science in *Army of the Dead* is 100% correct, have we got the track for you!



SCI-FI LITERATURE

Here at the [Science Fiction Literature Track](#), located in the Hyatt Embassy AB rooms, we celebrate the written word, focusing on science fiction. We talk to authors, learn about their work, and find out what makes them tick. We discuss current books, rediscover old ones, and meet new people. This is a place for fans of sci-fi literature to gather and have fun. Among our offerings this year is the tried-and-true Sci-Fi Jeopardy, where you can show off your knowledge of the genre. We also have a Design an Alien panel, where input from the audience is not only requested, but encouraged!

New this year is a live *Dungeons and Dragons* game that includes such authors as Charles Gannon, John Hartness, and our literary guest of honor, John Scalzi. Second and third-generation fans will talk about growing up in a fannish household. Our track also covers *Pern*, the science behind the science fiction, and which books did things better than others.

With the upcoming release of the new *Dune* movie, we will discuss the books, past, present, and future. To get things started right on Thursday night, we will be presenting Starship Showdown, where we pit ships from the genre against each other in a bracket to see which one comes out on top. We also have two virtual panels from our track which can be found on the main Dragon Con stream: From Fiction to Science, which will discuss creations from the works of classic sci-fi that have since become part of real life, and an interview with Wil McCarthy, author of *The Collapsium* and *Rich Man's Sky*.

SILK ROAD

The [Silk Road Track](#) is a journey through culture, time, and the imagination! From belly dance to Kaiju, and martial arts to K-Pop, our programming represents countries from the Mediterranean to Japan, and we are dedicated to bringing as much diversity as we can from across this region of the world. We strive to include historical and modern aspects of the cultures of the Silk Road, both real and imagined.



SKEPTICS

The Dragon Con [Skeptics Track](#) celebrates the world of critical thought, the examination of extraordinary claims, and the promotion of good science over the vast array of supernatural and paranormal claims. We offer live entertainment, topical discussion panels, and talks for science lovers, freethinkers, and skeptics who come each year to keep the flame of critical thought alive during Dragon Con. Keep an eye out for news on the track website, [skeptics.dragoncon.org](http://www.facebook.com/Skeptrack), follow us on [Twitter](#), or visit our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/Skeptrack>.

SPACE

For most people worldwide, life in the time of COVID-19 knocked their lives off their well known path and kicked them again when they tried to get back on! How people worked changed. Where people worked changed. Schooling for every age changed. No sports. No eating out. Even family get-togethers were considered a no - no! But, while we Earthlings were trying to figure out how to move forward, the Universe never lost a neutrino!

Our Moon orbited our Earth. Our Earth orbited our Sun. Our Sun continued its 230 million year turn through our Milky Way galaxy. Stars were born. Stars died. Black holes consumed whatever passed too close and belched out radiation of every kind. Super novas kept happening. Gravitational waves passed by our planet. Covid may have stopped much of the human race, but it had no effect on the Universe. How do we know all these things kept happening while humans were hiding in their homes? We watched it happen! Space based telescopes still watched the Universe; the large land based telescopes did too. In the modern world where computers run most everything and humans can run computers from most everywhere, space related science and activities never stopped!

Rockets launched and released satellites of all kinds, brought astronauts to and from the ISS, and sent the Perseverance lander to Mars. The Hyabusa probe returned to Earth with its cache of material from the asteroid Ryuguru. The Parker Solar gave us the closest views ever of our own Sun.

All the things we love to see and hear about in space near and far still happened and [Space Track](#) has the people to tell you all about space in the time of Covid!



STAR WARS TRACK

After surviving Darth Plagueis (Covid), the [Star Wars Track](#) can't wait to be back with our Dragon Con family to finally get to talk all things Baby Yoda (Grog).

Of course we will be catching up on *The Mandalorian*, *The Bad Batch*, *The High Republic*, and *Thrawn*, but we will also be speculating about all of the new *Star Wars* coming soon like *Queen's Hope*, *The Book of Boba Fett*, *Kenobi*, *Ahsoka*, *Andor*, more of *The High Republic*, and the other rumored new movies, shows, books, comics, and cartoons!

In addition to our discussion panels, SW@DC will be bringing back fan favorites like the William Shakespeare's *Star Wars* fan reading, The Last Party on Alderaan, *Star Wars* game night, and SuperFan's trivia contest with qualifying test (doodle time). This is the way. We'll see you again. We promise.



TREK TRACK

After our one year away mission, [Trek Track](#) is excited to return home! The Dragon Con Trek Track needs no explanation, but just in case, we are here to satisfy your *Star Trek* needs! The Away Team Photo Scavenger Hunt will be back on Friday of the con! Have your phasers ready for the return of In a Gameshow Darkly - *Star Trek* trivia, but evil! All answers must be in the form of a threat! Get ready for the Chu-Chu dance at another Ten Forward Trek Track party. Klingon Karaoke will return as well for two nights. We also look forward to the 12th annual Miss *Star Trek* Universe Pageant. Our track room will continue to be decorated with wonderful art and a fully functional LCARS panel. Meet fellow fans and follow track updates at facebook.com/groups/dragoncontrektrack.

URBAN FANTASY

The [Urban Fantasy](#) track's 2021 programming kicks off Thursday evening with a viewing of the *Buffy* musical episode, "Once More, with Feeling," in celebration of the episode's 20th anniversary. Attendees are of course invited to sing along.

Throughout the weekend we will feature over fifty authors in the genre participating on panels discussing topics such as Vampires Never Get Old, It Hurts Me More Than It Does You: Character Deaths in UF, Weaponized Magic, Epic Fantasy Tropes in UF, and our annual favorite, Humor, as well as many others.

Urban Fantasy television remains popular, and we will feature fan panels on the shows currently airing, as well as a few classics. *Buffy* and *Supernatural* will have their respective panels be competitions between seasons of the show, with the audience deciding which season was best defended by the panelist representing it.

In addition to our in-person programming, we will have two virtual panels on the Dragon Con livestream: The Urban Fantasy Protagonist, featuring well-established authors in the genre, and Watching Urban Fantasy, a fan panel discussion of the defining characteristics of the genre in several current and classic shows.

VIDEO GAMING

Dragon Con [Video Gaming](#) is back for another year of panels, parties, and pedantic perspicacity. From *Coin-ops* to *Black Ops*, if it has pixels, we have panels.

Many of your favorite events will be returning this year, including Bad Science in Video Games, and panels highlighting both fan-driven content as well as information on the making of video games. Special guests include Mark Meer, Dino Andrade, and voice actors from many of the most popular video games including *Fallout 4*, *Overwatch*, *Mass Effect*, *World of Warcraft*, and more!



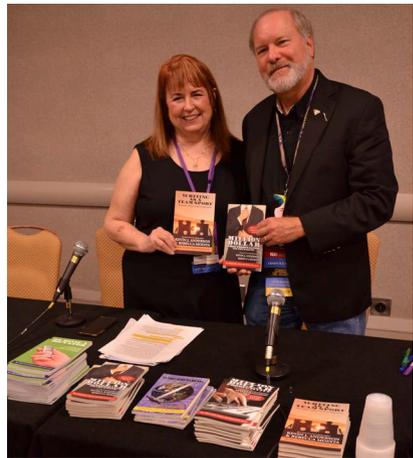
WRITERS' TRACK

And . . . Along Came the Covid Monster: 2020 is the year that wasn't. Or should that be: 2020 WAS the year that Wasn't? Confusing, we know. Sorry.

[Writers' Track](#) is doing everything we can to make this year our best ever. Storytellers are spinning the most exciting tales, creating the scariest monsters, the most involved plots, the greatest super-heroes of all time, and the best go'darn stuff you ever read. We may not have been prepared for a pandemic—there's that nasty COVID Monster again—but writers are busy every day working on the novels and stories that enhance your dreams, bolster your hopes, and haunt your nightmares.

We're gonna make you wake up screaming in the night or cowering behind the refrigerator or purchasing your first space-suit or buying spandex for your very own super-hero costume. Or, better yet, grabbing your computer and writing your own books, stories, film scripts, games, etc.

Writers' Track is planning a spectacular gaggle of panelists to make up for the lack of a live Con last year. Join us. We're loading the schedule with panels and workshops about characterization, plotting, writing for film, crafting short stories, building anthologies, self-publishing, writing for YA markets—and even a panel on advice for very young writers—with exciting topics and writers. More and more and more. Whew! It's gonna be a blast. Y'all come!



X-TRACK/PARANORMAL

X-Track is ready for 2021, or as we're calling it, "The Year of the Epic."

Our track director says a man in black gave her that tag. We're going with it...because it's not paranoia when they really are watching.

Panels will cover many new *uneXplained* shows and bring back favorites. Panels about UFOs, both real investigations and official processes to TV showing agents finding UFO pieces. We cannot wait to converse about *Men in Black*, cryptids and aliens, both on our small screen and in nature. There will be fan-favorite returning panelists and panels, updated both in light of and due to 2020: tarot, Hollywood plans and our favorite shows. Especially since we all had lots of "alone time" to read up, practice our abilities and binge shows. Wow, 2020 - so weird even X-Track couldn't imagine it.

And our beloved Eddie McClintock is returning and we can't wait to hear his stories. And see any costumes he may have. We cannot wait to see our friends again, in actual 3D and live. See you in our track room and big rooms soon. It's gonna be the "Year of the Epic," no matter what.

YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Whether you're a regular at the Young Adult Literature Track or you're joining us for the first time, you'll find something to get excited about!

We'll have discussions of your favorite books - from *Hunger Games* and *Harry Potter* to *Shadowhunters* and *Children of Blood and Bone*, and everything in between. We also have a great line-up of authors ready to discuss topics like writing craft and fandom and our books recommendations are epic - including our popular LGBTQ+ YA panel. We've got some new TV shows based on YA books to discuss, and as always we will have some magical events for you to look forward to! So join us all weekend for amazing author guests and great discussion - we can't wait to talk books with you!

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THE 8-BIT BASH

The Dragon Con Video Gaming track is proud to present The 8-Bit Bash, featuring music from the golden age of video games (or, as most people would call it, the 70's and 80's). DJP will be spinning the tunes from start to finish (whenever that might be... who knows?)

The 8-Bit Bash will be on Thursday night in the Westin as if you needed another reason to come to Dragon Con a day early!

ART SHOW

In 2019 the Dragon Con Art Show took on a new look and feel, bringing the artists and the fans closer together. The 2021 art show will have the same atmosphere, with fabulous artists from all over the world joining us in our beautiful new art gallery to showcase their best work.

As Dragon Con celebrates 35 years of fun, we cannot help but think about the many world-renowned Guests of Honor we have welcomed throughout our history, and this year our honoree surely lives up to the title. We are pleased to welcome American fantasy artist and illustrator William Stout as the Artist Guest of Honor for 2021. In addition to his incredible artistic achievements, he designed the long standing Dragon Con logo and has been a longtime friend of the convention.

While the Art Show has grown and evolved over the years, it has always maintained the integrity and spirit that is Dragon Con. Each artist is juried and carefully selected from hundreds of applications. Our team of volunteers are always present to answer questions and help in any way they can. Our programming is outstanding in its content and uniqueness, and our artists bring their A-game every year!

One of our favorite annual events is the art auction, which raises money for the Dragon Con charity.

Each artist decorates a unique, one-of-a-kind piece that visitors can bid on; in the past these items have included bird houses, plates, and keepsake boxes. Also up for auction will be a truly special piece made in collaboration by all the artists. Throughout the weekend, artists will add their own contributions such as drawings and paintings to a four-part canvas, which will then be awarded to the highest bidder. Come see these amazing creations for yourself at the annual charity auction, which will be held on Monday.

This year, as a special treat for our youngest fans, we will have a children's sketch book available while supplies last. As you are enjoying the art show, your children can get signatures and maybe even a doodle or two from participating artists as a special keepsake just for them! As always, art is subjective, so you might want to check it out prior to bringing smaller children.

The art show holds its own type of energy and excitement that you will want to add to your Dragon Con experience. Stop by and look around, have a one-on-one discussion with your new favorite artist, or take advantage of the opportunity to meet our Artist Guest of Honor, William Stout. For a complete list of artists that will be featured in 2021, check the [Dragon Con website](#).

Too busy to visit the art show? Just go to eventany and shop from the comfort of your hotel room after hours!

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 we do inquire as to each guest's willingness to do so.

Some guests, usually screen media guests, charge for autographs in our Walk of Fame, 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 sometimes due to time considerations.

Autographs will be handled on a first-come, first-signed basis. We will promote equal access for handicapped persons, but this does not exclude them from the first-come, first-served rule; as with other convention attendees, they will get their autograph in order of their arrival.

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life and donate blood at the Dragon Con Blood Drive. For LifeSouth, which serves more than 40 hospitals in the Atlanta area and more than 110 hospitals in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, Dragon Con is a major donation venue.

In 2021, the Blood Drive will be held at the Hyatt on the Conference Room level. Don't miss out this year! All donations will be appointment only.

Join us, give blood, get a free T-shirt!

BUNNY HUTCH

Welcome to the Playboy Mansion where everyone is invited to wear their own unique interpretation of a Bunny or Heffner costume. Happening Thursday night, this is one of the first parties of the Con. Souvenirs and party bling provided while supplies last and special prizes for winners of the Hutch Costume Contest. Find details at www.dragoncon.org/costuming.

DRAGON CON BURLESQUE: A GLAMOUR GEEK REVUE

Taloolah Love is honored to bring you the Dragon Con 2021 burlesque show and is thrilled to bring back, Taloolah Love Presents: 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! All you need is your badge to attend this event!

CELEBRITY PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Dragon Con is pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for attendees to be photographed with some of their favorite media guests! Epic Photo Ops will be handling these photo sessions throughout the weekend. Check the website at www.epicphotoops.com for more details as they become available in the near future.

COMICS & POP ART

With over 140 illustrators, sculptors, painters, and writers in attendance, Comic and Pop Artist Alley offers an eclectic array of creators from comics, animation, pop surrealism, lowbrow, and art toy design. Attendees have the opportunity to meet their favorite creators, get autographs, purchase comics and art, and attend fan panels over the course of four fantastic days. We are also offering several "how to draw" workshops for both kids and adults, and featuring live painting in Artist Alley. Once again, we are excited to provide a complimentary Kids Sketchbook, available in Comic and Pop Artist Alley, that children can take to participating artists for free sketches.

Comics and Pop Art will be conveniently located on the 4th floor of the AmericasMart, Building 2 in close proximity to the hundreds of exciting vendors in the Dragon Con Vendor Hall. The guest list features a wealth of amazing guests, including John Romita Jr., George Perez, Tini Howard, David Mack, Stephen Green, H.C. Warner, Zu Orzu, Bill Reinhold, Linda Lessmann Reinhold, Creeees, Peter David, Shawn Crystal, Sam Maggs, Derek Yaniger, James Pascoe, Bill Holbrook, Jeff Dekal, Scott Hanna, Nooligan, and many more! Additionally, the Atlanta Area Art Collectors will be back again this year with another amazing display of original art. We are looking forward to spending Labor Day weekend enjoying the best that Comics and Pop Art has to offer!

COSPLAY PHOTOGRAPHY

Even if you don't know his name, chances are you have seen the work of photographer Bryan Humphrey. He has been a staple at conventions for many years and his costuming photos have become some of the most iconic and well known in the hobby. Through the use of top-of-the-line professional equipment, dramatic lighting, and years of experience shooting costumers, Bryan's work at cons is often unparalleled in quality and scope. For details on available products/packages and pricing, visit our website.

FRIDAY NIGHT COSTUMING CONTEST

Dragon Con's Friday Night Costuming Contest (FNCC) focuses solely on the craftsmanship of the costume and inspires both audience member and contestant alike.

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. All judges are costuming professionals with extreme costume backgrounds.

Join us for a spectacle of hand made wonder from every skill level and genre.

Online pre-registration is now open! Please note that pre-registration is required to participate in this costume contest. For more information and to view the FAQs, please visit the [Costuming Track's contest page](#).

GEORGIA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:

A special musical experience! Hear live symphonic versions of some of your favorite scores from iconic film and TV shows.

For the sixth year, Georgia Philharmonic presents a musical night of beloved genre favorites. A perfect concert for kids of all ages, including adults! We feature magnificent scores from some of the best-known movies, TV, and video games everyone will know.

HALLWAY COSTUME CONTEST

Contest staff will be taking pictures of those folks who have great costumes, but are too shy to get up on stage in the Masquerade. Photos will be taken at the Contest Registration table in front of the Centennial Ballroom in the Hyatt. We will need your correct name and badge number in order to enter the contest. The photos will be displayed at the Contest Registration table in the Hyatt in front of Centennial Ballroom. You may purchase a digital copy of your official entry picture for \$10 – with the proceeds going to the Dragon Con charity of the year.

Contestant photos will be displayed on monitors near the Contest registration table in the Hyatt in front of Centennial Ballroom by Sunday morning. The voting takes place on Facebook, where the photos with the most likes by Sunday at 5pm are the winners! Winners will be announced at the Masquerade on Sunday evening.

THE HEROES AND VILLAINS BALL

The biggest and baddest party at Dragon Con returns!

In previous years, we've had celebrity appearances, Dancing Deadpools, Lightsaber Limbo, and Wil Wheaton's Walk of Shame. Costumes welcome, but not required. DJ Spider will be spinning 'til the wee hours!

The doors open at 10:00 PM. Saturday night, Westin Peachtree Ballroom.

(Note: If you are planning a group meetup or photoshoot for the Heroes and Villains Ball, please contact the Video Gaming Track at videogamingfans@dragoncon.org)

THE LATE NIGHT PUPPET SLAM

Join Dragon Con's very own puppet ambassadors, Bob and Carl: The Sci-Fi Janitors, as they present a variety show of adult geeky puppet acts from the Guests and Pros of the Puppetry Track! 2019's audience of nearly 900 made it one of the biggest puppet slams of all time! Don't miss the hilarity, inappropriateness, and awesome puppetry that has made this one of the most popular events at Dragon Con! PUPPET SHOW! 18+

LIVE PERFORMANCES & DJS

We will again offer late-night DJ'd dances Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, beginning after the last concert and lasting until dawn, so you vampires can dance until the sun comes up!

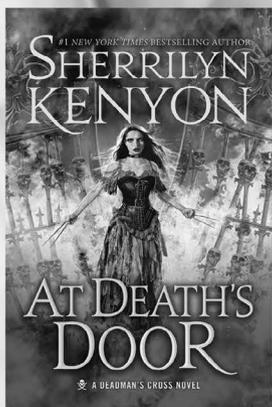
Traditional SF convention filk-singing will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, late-night. Filking will begin at midnight and will continue to the light of day.

MAD MAKEUP MASHUP

This wacky contest pushes contestants to create unique and creative makeup looks with only the tools and products provided. Audience participation, wacky designs, hilarious results... it's got everything our fans look for in a makeup contest. No advanced registration required to participate. Visit www.dragoncon.org/costuming for the mad details.

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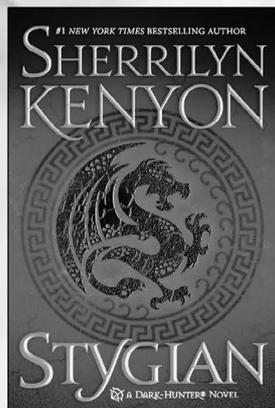
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MASQUERADE COSTUME CONTEST

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 2021 Dragon Con Masquerade Costume Contest will be held in the Hyatt Centennial Ballroom. Registration for the Masquerade will be available until midnight Wednesday before the con, by completing the [on-line registration form](#).

This form will require you to agree to abide by the rules of the Masquerade. Please make sure you have read them before you register.

You can also register 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 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Even if you have pre-registered you need to stop by the registration table to let us know you are here and to receive your backstage pass and instructions. Simply drop by the Contest Registration Desk during the con.

MISS STAR TREK UNIVERSE PAGEANT

We are excited to have the 12th Annual Miss *Star Trek* Universe return to its original home in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton. This popular event has celebrity judges and host Garrett Wang. All ladies interested in being a contestant should email our pageant director Lucy at startrepageant@gmail.com.

NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM

This is an amazing way to experience the Georgia Aquarium with special evening hours and exclusive pricing just for Dragon Con. Imagine yourself exploring the world's most magical aquarium with dim lighting and Dragon Con themes on this special night. This event runs from 7pm until 11pm and will be a memorable addition to your Dragon Con weekend. [Purchase your tickets](#) before they sell out!

THE PALMETTO KNIGHTS TOURNAMENTS

The Palmetto Knights is a nonprofit international sports team based out of South Carolina with various clubs in the southeast. This medieval fight team, which includes both men and women, focuses on the research and training to recreate the ancient art of Medieval and Renaissance foot combat. The highlight of the con is the Dragon's Cup Tournament, which has been recognized by the international league WMFC. Participants include other reenactment organizations, who also fight and compete across the USA and internationally. They will bring their real world insight into the equipment so they can truly discuss and educate on how effective they were on the battlefield. Each year, we present an entertainment unlike no other as we draw from history to conduct an un-choreographed combat experience leveraging our expertise in battle effectiveness of tactics and weaponry.

DRAGON CON'S PIN-UPS BY THE POOL

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 as it returns for its tenth year to The fabulous Sheraton Hotel. Be sure to don your best poolside pinup attire as there will be a pin-up competition! Your Mistress of Ceremonies will be the incomparable Phoebe Nyx, and Taloolah Love will be there with her Burlesque Bombshells from Saturday night's gorgeous Glamour Geek Revue. Applications for the pinup competition are held 30 minutes before the party poolside.

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 schedule closer to the convention for the latest on who will be reading for you this year!

ROBOT BATTLES™

Robot Battles™ is the second-oldest robotic combat competition in the world, and just gets getting bigger and better. For over a quarter-century, Robot Battles has made Dragon Con home and is proud to be back again this year, featuring two days of action-packed competition in four different weight classes.

If you love mechanical mayhem combined with the thrill of an ancient Roman spectacle (without the bloodshed, of course), this is the one robotic event of the year you do NOT want to miss!

SPECTRUM PARTY

We're celebrating the LGBTQ fans of Dragon Con and their allies with the fierce dance beats and spectacular visuals of DJ Neon the GlowgoBear. This year's theme - Bash of the Titans: a Toga Cosplay Event is sure to thrill the Greek mythology lover in all of us. Dance hits and LGBTQ anthems will be played with the occasional sprinkling of movie sound tracks. All are welcome.

STAR WARS COSTUME CONTEST

Come Padmés, Sith, Jedi, troopers, & whatever else from anywhere in the *Star Wars* Universe! Our contestants are always an awesome sight! Must attend 1 pre-judging session (in your costume – pictures are not accepted) tentatively scheduled in A706 Fri 12:30-2pm or Sat 4-6pm.

THE MUSCLE NERD SHOWDOWN

The Muscle Nerd Showdown is a bodybuilding-for-costuming competition. This is a body-positive experience that promotes physical fitness and healthy living in the cosplay community. Participants come directly from the con community and spend a lot of time and effort working on their bodies to enhance their cosplay. Here, we seek to celebrate those efforts. Visit www.dragoncon.org/costuming for more information.

TVA PARTY

ATTENTION ALL VARIANTS!!!! The Time Variance Authority requires that you all assemble Thursday night, 9 PM, September 2, 2021, in the TVA courtroom (aka the Imperial Ballroom at the Marriott Marquis). There, we will celebrate our reinsertion back into the timeline, by the Time Keepers, after a year of being stuck in The Void. Come dance the time away and rejoice in our return to Dragon Con! Who knows, perhaps He Who Remains shall be there....

TWISTED TOONZ

Are you ready to attend the one event at the con that everyone will be talking about next week, not only those of us who are here but people all over the world? Then you do NOT want to miss the famous live movie read featuring the biggest voice acting superstars in the galaxy!

With millions of hits on YouTube and rave reviews internationally, this is the event that will kick Atlanta in the A**!! You haven't lived until you've heard Winnie the Pooh as Darth Vader, Christopher Walken as Harry Potter, or Pinky & the Brain as Frodo and Sam! This event will be packed, so get there early and strap yourself in! It's time to experience your favorite movies in a brand new, completely hysterical and utterly TWISTED way! We'll see you there and you may never be the same again!

VIDEO & FILM ROOMS

Dragon Con features two video rooms: one devoted to mainstream movies and the other for Japanese Animation.

- The Main Video Room shows some of the latest movies you might have seen, and some you might never have known existed. As usual, you can expect a few gems thrown in. Be sure to check out our late night offerings for the best in cult videos including many you've never seen!
- 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. Come in for all your Anime needs! As always, seating in the Anime Room is limited and is first come, first serve!

VILLAIN VOGUE FASHION SHOW

The VVFS is a ballroom event featuring both cannon character costuming and couture interpretations together on one runway. This unique event features top-drawer talent who take the stage in their villainous character interpretations for your viewing pleasure. Are you villain enough? If you have crafted a cunning costume, built awesome alternate character couture, or want to share a unique styling twist on your favorite villain at the show, please visit us at www.dragoncon.org/costuming.

WRESTLING

Well, DCW fans, here we go again! This is the 18th year of DCW and we plan to make it a blowout. What better way to start out your Dragon Con adventure than watching these crazy wrestlers beat the crap out of each other? The DCW Hooligans will of course be there to insult the wrestlers as they do every year. You don't want to miss this show – we have some great action planned and of course there are always surprises for the fans!



EPIC PERFORMANCES



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and more, all weekend long.



WRITERS' WORKSHOP WITH JODY LYNN NYE

Best-selling science fiction and fantasy writer Jody Lynn Nye directs this two-day workshop sponsored by Dragon Con. Jody has more than 50 published books and over 170 short stories to her credit, including collaborations with Anne McCaffrey, Piers Anthony, John Ringo, and Robert Asprin. She has taught at Columbia College Chicago and at numerous writing workshops for more than 20 years.

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. Among the subjects to be touched on 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. The students are encouraged to ask questions after the experts' presentations.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, September 2, and Friday, September 3, 2021, in the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, from 9 AM to 5 PM. To sign up please visit the [Dragon Con Store](#) or contact the Dragon Con Office @ (404) 669-0773.

Each participant is asked to submit a manuscript to Jody of 2,000 to 7,000 words of a completed 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. Jody offers an individual written critique of your manuscript. If you wish your piece to be workshopped in class by Jody and your fellow students, an electronic copy is also required, to share with other students, e-mailed as an attachment to Jody Lynn Nye, once you are notified you have a place in the workshop.

Send the manuscripts by August 1, 2021, to:
Dragon Con
Attn: 2021 Writers' Workshop
PO Box 16459
Atlanta, GA 30321-0459

Space is limited to twenty participants, first-come, first-served, at the live convention. Jody maintains a waiting list if anyone who has been accepted drops out. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$300.00 per person + tax, for Dragon Con members (required). Participants will need to bring pen and paper, laptop or voice recorder for taking notes, plus copies of their own work and critiques that they have made on their fellow participants' manuscripts. If you bring an electronic device, you may need an extension cord. No videos of the workshop are permitted.

If, for health and safety reasons, the convention is required to go to a virtual format for 2021, the class size would be reduced to the first 10 people that purchased the class. A possible second virtual class would be offered at a later time for any above the first 10.

If you have further questions, please write to Jody Lynn Nye at jodynye@yahoo.com.

WRITER'S HOURLY WORKSHOPS

The seminars cover everything from the very basics and writing in a franchise universe, up through plotting and characterization, and even 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?

Important:

- Cost for ALL seminars: \$140 + tax (member price), \$240 + tax (non member price). Fee includes all 18 seminars listed to the right.
- Cost for individual seminars: \$8 + tax (member price), \$108 + tax (non member price)
- Fee does not include a Dragon Con Membership.
- No refunds for the workshop will be granted after August 1st, 2021.
- Space is limited for each workshop. First-come, first-served.

For more information, please contact the Dragon Con Office, 404-669-0773 during office hours, Monday thru Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm EST. Or email dragoncon@dragoncon.org.

To the right is a list of seminars being offered for 2021. For full descriptions, please visit the [Dragon Con Workshops](#) page.

FRIDAY SEMINARS

- 10:00 AM Foundations of Success
- 11:30 AM The Compost Heap of Inspiration
- 1:00 PM Build and Break a Character or Two
- 2:30 PM Shaping Stories to Sell
- 4:00 PM Winning with Serial Fiction
- 5:30 PM The Writer and the MFA

SATURDAY SEMINARS

- 10:00 AM Like, Love, and Lust
- 11:30 AM Getting Military Right in MilSF
- 1:00 PM 21 Days To A Novel
- 2:30 PM This is How We Time/Space Travel and Other Chronological Pitfalls
- 4:00 PM Perfecting Your Pitch and Query Letter
- 5:30 PM Plotting

SUNDAY SEMINARS

- 10:00 AM Finding The Story
- 11:30 AM Women in the Military: Real-World Issues and SciFi Applications
- 1:00 PM Advanced Characterization
- 2:30 PM Crafting a Short Story
- 4:00 PM Editing Mistakes Authors Make
- 5:30 PM Making The Next Draft the Best

TAI CHI WORKSHOP WITH ERIN GRAY

Erin Gray's 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 Core form as taught by Grandmaster Dr. Carl Totten at the Taoist Institute. 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 your awareness, and awakens your true nature which brings peace, balance, and happiness into your life.

Please 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.

Important:

- Fee includes a single session. Members receive a \$100 discount off the \$120 fee.
- All classes cover the same material. If you want to attend more than one session then add another Tai Chi Workshop to your Shopping Cart and pick another session.
- Fee does not include a Dragon Con Membership.
- No refunds for the workshop will be granted after August 1st, 2021.
- Classes will meet at the Atlanta Hilton 404/405.

The schedule is as follows:

- Fri – 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- Sat – 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- Sun – 2:30pm – 3:30pm

To learn more and [register](#), visit the [Dragon Con Workshops](#) page.

PRACTICAL SELF-DEFENSE WITH KEITH R.A. DECANDIDO

Second-degree black belt Keith R.A. DeCandido gives a guide to some basic self-defense techniques that can be useful in difficult situations. No previous martial arts training required. Recommend that attendees wear comfortable street clothes and shoes.

This is a free workshop, so come on by and check us out!

• **Important Information:**

- When: Friday, September 3rd, 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Where: Hilton 404-405

VOICE ACTING: MASTER CLASS

Who wants to be a Hero...and a Villain?! (A two-day voice over masterclass workshop for animation & video games)

Dream of a career in voice over for original animation, anime, and video games? Voice actors Dino Andrade and Greg Houser present a fun, full-participation, two-day immersive, voice over master class that covers it all!

Over two days you will learn the VO acting techniques you must know to make it in original animation, anime, or video games!

Whether participants have lots of acting experience or none at all, everyone is guaranteed to have a blast at this interactive, fun, informative, and enlightening peek into the REAL world of voice over! The cost of this workshop is \$180 + tax (non member price), \$80 + tax (member price).

Dates:

- Part One – Thursday Sep 2nd
- Part Two – Friday Sep 3rd

Time:

- 9AM – 1PM (morning class)
- 3PM – 7PM (afternoon class)

THURSDAY – PART ONE

- Voice Over Fundamentals
- How to Create Different Character Voices
- Visualization techniques that Make Characters & Scenes Come Alive
- Original Animation Acting Techniques & Styles
- Video Games Acting Techniques & Styles

FRIDAY – PART TWO

- Anime Dubbing Acting Techniques & Styles
- Creating Great Villains
- Audition Techniques and Critique
- Course Concludes with a Casting Session & Table Read of an Authentic Production Script

Your Instructors:

Voice actor Dino Andrade is probably best known to video game fans as The Scarecrow from *Batman: Arkham Asylum* and *Batman: Arkham Underworld*. Andrade is also known as the voice behind Professor Putricide, Mimiron, High Tinkerer Mekkatorque, The Mad Bomber, The Death Knight Gnomes, and more from *World of Warcraft* and *Hearthstone*!

Additionally, Andrade has lent his voice to such high-profile properties as *Fortnite*, *Crackdown 3*, *Dishonored 2*, *Prey*, *Star Trek Online*, *Vampirina*, *Sophia The 1st*, *Shimmer and Shine*, *Call of Duty*, *Dungeons & Dragons: Neverwinter*, *Brutal Legend*, and *Guitar Hero*. Anime/gamer fans know him for his starring roles as Willy in *MFKZ*, Kenshin in *Sengoku Basara*, and Ragou in *Tales of Vesperia*, as well as his guest appearances in *Hellsing Ultimate* and *Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex*. Andrade has also been heard in both radio and television campaigns for Kellogg's Rice Krispies as the iconic voice of Pop of Snap, Crackle, and Pop fame!

Greg Houser is proof that anyone from any background can become a voice actor. He originally joined the voice acting ranks through his background in IT and Engineering (no, seriously). Earning advanced degrees from Pennsylvania State University and studying drama with the Walnut St. Theatre, the Wilma Theatre, and the People's Improv Theatre.

Without ever leaving his native Philadelphia, Houser has had a fun career behind the mic for over 18 years providing vocal talent for companies such as American Express, Dupont, Lockheed Martin, CBS, Honda of America, Virgin Mobile, PetSmart, and both the MBA & NBA. In the anime world, he's had the privilege to be cannon fodder for titles such as *Evangelion*, *Ikki Tosen*, *One Piece*, *Shiki*, and *Tales of Vesperia* (alongside Dino Andrade).

BOARD GAME AND RPG DESIGN: TWO-DAY WORKSHOP WITH STEVE JACKSON & BILL FAWCETT

Noted game designer and game company owner Steve Jackson, along with author and Mayfair Games founder and designer Bill Fawcett, will direct [this two-day workshop](#). The workshop will include discussions each morning and game presentations in the afternoon. Guests will speak during the course on topics involving their expertise. These speakers will include Jean McGuire (owner of Wintertree Software), Phillip E. Pournelle (author and game designer), Kenneth Hite (author of over 100 role playing games and supplements), author S.M. Stirling, and Lynnvander Studios' Thomas Gofton.

Each student is encouraged to bring a prototype or draft of the game they wish to have reviewed by both the speakers and their fellow designers. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions and receive advice about your game.

The aim of this workshop is to help aspiring board game and roleplaying game designers learn to practice their craft at a higher level and to refine their current work. Students with a range of experience are welcome. Among the subjects

to be touched on during the two-day course are basic design elements, game structure, what has made past games a success, licensing, publishing your game, the business side of paper gaming, marketing, and promotion.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, September 2, and Friday, September 3, 2021, from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Space is limited to 20 participants, first-come, first-served, at the live convention. We will maintain a waiting list if anyone who has been accepted drops out. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$200 per person + tax, for Dragon Con members (required). Participants will need to bring pen and paper, laptop or voice recorder for taking notes, plus a draft or prototype of their own work that can be shown to faculty and fellow designers. If you are bringing your game design in a Power Point or other electronic format on your laptop, please notify us so that we can have the correct equipment available.

No refunds for the workshop will be granted after August 1st, 2021

THE ART OF MAGIC WITH CURT ANDERSON AND JON ARMSTRONG

For the first time ever, Jon Armstrong and Curt Anderson are teaming up to teach a small group of Dragon Con members the art of magic!

During this one-of-a-kind workshop, you'll not only learn the secrets behind some mind-blowing magic but also how to perform these effects for maximum amazement! Curt and Jon will teach you everything you need to know to wow your friends and family and will provide one-on-one instruction to ensure you've got everything down before the workshop ends.

The workshop will be two 90-minute sessions held in the Hilton rooms 309-310. The first session is on Saturday at 1 p.m. and the second session is on Sunday at 1 p.m. No magic experience is necessary to take part, though those who are already magic fans will get to improve their skills and hear two pros talk shop.

In the first session, participants will learn the foundation of illusion, how to perform the mechanics and basic sleight-of-hand behind some incredible feats of magic, the psychological

structure of building deception, and how to best perform in front of an audience. The second session will delve into more advanced techniques and skills, and Jon and Curt will review and help you perfect your work from the first session.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED WILL BE PROVIDED! In addition, you will have access to digital instructions to brush up on what you learned after Dragon Con is over. As a special thank you for attending the workshop, you'll also be given access to additional tricks to learn from the comfort of your own home. [Sign up fast!](#) This will be a very limited seating workshop to ensure every participant gets the personal instruction they need. The cost for this workshop is \$100 + tax.

Jon Armstrong and Curt Anderson are award-winning professional magicians whose combined credits include performing on *The Today Show*, *Penn and Teller's Fool Us*, and *Masters of Illusion* as well as being a magic consultant on several shows, including *Supernatural*, *Arrested Development*, *The Mentalist*, and *Shut Eye*.



GAMING

Complete details concerning Covid-19 restrictions and requirements will be communicated as the moving target that is infection and vaccination rates become better known in July and August. Responsible gamers and persons interested in gaming should be vaccinated before attending in person gaming events.

Gaming returns to the Westin Hotel and AmericasMart Building One, on the second and third floors. Due to completed renovations by AmericasMart, the meeting rooms used on the first floor of Building One are no longer available. The Westin Peachtree Plaza will host our Gaming oriented programming, the Table Top and Video Gaming tracks, Campaign Role-playing Gaming, Open Gaming, NSDMG / War College, Werewolf Gaming, and the Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator. LAN Gaming, along with our E-Tournaments, Collectible Card Gaming and Non-Campaign Role-playing games are on the second floor of AmericasMart Building One. Miniatures Gaming and AD&D On-demand and Adventurer's Leagues games will be on the third floor. As mentioned above, Open Gaming moves to the Westin in the Savannah Ballroom along with Campaign Role-playing Gaming.

Full details and maps will be included in our app, our Dragon Con *Quick Start Guide*, and the *Gaming Guide*. We will have printed versions at Gaming HQ/Registration on the second floor of AmericasMart Building One at the entrance/exit from the Westin Hotel in the same spot it has been.

In order to play in most events that are not free demonstration events, you will need an event ticket. Most event tickets cost \$5.00, but there are a few that are more expensive. CCG "sealed deck" and "booster draft" events can cost considerably more, but you are also purchasing playable cards that are yours to keep in whatever game you are playing. You can 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 and *Are you a Werewolf* games are the glaring exception; one only needs to buy a Board Gaming or *Werewolf* sticker for the entire convention for \$10.00 in order to check out and play one of the hundreds of games in our game library and/or participate in any *Werewolf* games.

Please check our gaming specific website, www.gaming.dragoncon.org. You can submit events of your own to judge or purchase event tickets for events you see listed there.



ARTEMIS STARSHIP BRIDGE SIMULATOR

Join a crew on our fully interactive *Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator*. It's a LAN party/LARP/Escape Room mashup experience you can't duplicate online!

You and your friends assume the roles of Captain, Helm, Science, Weapons, Communications, and Fighter Pilots to operate the Terran Stellar Navy spaceship, Artemis.

- **Captain:** Channel your inner Kirk/Picard/Janeway and make the tough choices.
- **Helm:** Ahead warp factor 1, then slow to impulse and hard to starboard. Bring us behind the enemy fleet just outside torpedo range...
- **Weapons:** Load... lock... fire! Turn big enemy ships into small pieces. Just don't fire nukes at point blank range; go for beam weapons instead.
- **Science:** Scan the sector, find the enemies, and check for secret intel and weaknesses. Watch out for cloaked ships.
- **Communications:** Incoming message! Our space station is under attack! Taunt the enemy fleet leader to draw them away from the base, then call for reinforcements from other Terran vessels.
- **Engineering:** Power and cooling are the name of the game. Boost power to warp to get us there, to weapons for more boom, and to shields when we're getting toasted! Give it all she's got!
- **Fighter:** The Artemis can launch up to 2 single-pilot fighter craft to join the fight and add a bit more punch.

Your crew's success--or failure--depends on your ability to follow the Captain's orders and work together to defend Terran bases against an alien invasion. This event is a 6 to 8 player experience, suitable for ages 10+. Don't have a group large enough for a full crew? No problem! Sign up and join with another small party and make new friends! Tickets available at www.Jump2Warp.com or in-person at Westin Ansley Room 7.

NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION MAKING GAME

The fine folks from the *National Security Decision Making Game* (NSDMG) will return to the convention this year, observing the 30th anniversary of their founding right here at Dragon Con. If you pay attention to the news or current events, or have an interest in military and geopolitics, it is a hoot!

They will be running different formats of their game, plus giving some great lectures and panels. They focus on contemporary, historical and futuristic geopolitical, military, technological, and economic issues.

In the NSDM political, military, and economic role-playing game: "You players are the congress. You over there, you're the Cabinet. You folks in the corner are the Joint Chiefs. This guy's the President. The scenario is: it's the world as you know it today. Fix it. You may start now."

New issues and problems arise in every game with different nations in play, showing a range of real issues across the world and modeling a number of different political systems through which the players navigate. Can you affect Iranian policy as the US? Can you take-on the Ukraine playing Russia? As China, can you keep the West from interfering with your ascent to superpower status? And how do you solve a problem like Korea? Several of the games are ear-marked specifically for science fiction and futuristic themes such as artificial intelligence and robotics, space exploration and exploitation, nuclear reactor disasters, electromagnetic pulse, supervolcanoes, and of course, pandemics.

WEREWOLF (SOCIAL DECEPTION GAMING)

Long a staple of Dragon Con gaming, we have had our own dedicated gaming space since 2017. Are you ready to lie and deceive your friends? Located on the 14 th Floor of the Westin, The Social Deception group at Dragon Con presents 4 days of Social Deception gaming! Our regular business hours will be available 12:00 PM to 5:00 AM Thursday - Monday. The Social Deception group provides experienced moderators to give you the best social deception experience! Join us for your favorites – *Ultimate Werewolf*, *Witch-hunt*, *Secret Hitler*, *Two Rooms and a Boom*, and more! A social deception gaming library will be available. In addition, we will be giving away prizes all weekend! All that is required to play is a Dragon Con *Werewolf* sticker (and of course Dragon Con membership!)

BOARD GAMES

Time to play some board games! We will be offering board gaming for \$10 for the entire weekend! Board Game Memberships can be purchased in advance or on site at Gaming Registration or the Board Games checkout desk.

Returning this year, members have an opportunity to take home games that you have played throughout the weekend. Dragon Con will have a library of Play to Win games in the library. Drawing will take place on Sunday evening and winners have until 2:00 PM Monday to claim their games. Learn a new game and at the same time have the chance to take a copy home with you. Members can select from the Dragon Con board games library of over 450 games and play their skills versus the best that the con has to offer. The Board Games area is a great place to relax and people watch while enjoying the large selection of games from major board game manufacturers as well as independents.

The Dragon Con library has games that are competitive as well as cooperative. Join in on scheduled tournaments and compete for Dragon Con coins. Look for *Settlers of Catan*, *King of Tokyo*/*New York*, and other tournaments.

The Board Games area is also great for learning how to play and perfect strategies of games you may be thinking of purchasing for your home library. Some of the most popular titles will be available to try as well as many classic games. The Dragon Con Board Games library offers you an opportunity to try before you buy and our volunteers can help you figure out how to play even the most obscure of games. There will be independent game developers demonstrating games that are being released through Kickstarter, as well as Indie Cards and Games. This is an opportunity to see the next big board game in its early stages.

CAMPAIGN ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

This year, Campaign Gaming will be offering at least six signature campaigns. Five are yearly staples and continue to grow - Paizo's *Pathfinder Society* (PFS), Paizo's *Starfinder Society* (SFS), Paizo's *Adventure Card Game* (ACG), WotC's *D&D Adventurers League* (DDAL) including *D&D On Demand* and *D&D Experience* offerings, and Catalyst Labs' *ShadowRun Missions* (SRM). One is brand new to Campaign Gaming – *Torg Eternity*, with free information for this campaign offering at: <https://www.drivethrurpg.com/product/350905/Torg-organized-Play-Shared-Campaign>.

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 companies that offer Campaign style gaming.

In fact, current release schedules are even more in flux than usual, given the current issues with the global pandemic. 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 Gaming Guide. Campaign Gaming will be split between Atlanta's Mart Building 1 on the third floor and the Westin Hotel in the Savannah Ballroom.

COLLECTIBLE CARD GAMES

Dragon Con is once again partnering with Sunmesa Events (sunmesaevents.com) to present an extensive roster of *Magic: The Gathering* events - including *24 Hour League*, *All Con* available eight player drafts, *Modern Horizons Sealed*, *Commander*, *Brawl*, and other popular formats.

- *Lord of the Rings: TCG*: Check out our Cube Draft of one of the most popular licensed games ever.
- *Ascension*: Sunmesa is also sponsoring multiple tournaments for the *Ascension* deck building game
- *Dominion*: Another popular deck building game, features up to 24 player events.

All weekend (Thursday through Monday):

- *MTG Drafts On Demand*
- *Convention League*, pay once, play all weekend.
- Free play *Commander* for 100+ hours of the Gaming Hall

Daily, Thursday through Sunday:

- *Ascension*, *Dominion*, *Hero Realms*, *MTG Sealed*, *Star Realms* Tournaments

LAN GAMES & E-TOURNAMENTS

LAN Gaming will have all your favorite PC games including STEAM and Battlenet access plus classic and new titles on the consoles for the Switch, NES, NES Classic, Xbox One, WiiU, and PS4. The eTournaments track at Dragon Con will feature competitive video games. With PC and console gaming tournaments, there is a tournament for all kinds of players.

Online preregistration for all tournaments will be available soon. Keep an eye on www.dragoncon.org/things-to-do/gaming/ for more information. Onsite registration during Dragon Con will also be available in the eTournaments area.

The eTournaments track at Dragon Con is back again this year for your competitive video gaming needs. With PC and console gaming tournaments ranging from *Overwatch* to *MTG Arena*, *Smash Ultimate* to *Tekken 7*, *Granblue Fantasy Versus* to *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*, there is a tournament for everyone.

LIVE ACTION ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

Live Action Role-Playing Games (LARPs): where theater meets tabletop gaming! This year, LARPs is pleased to offer events from our returning fan-favorite productions, as well as some exciting games that will be making their Dragon Con debut. For those LARP games that run continually throughout the year, we will have “display-only” tables staffed and ready to answer your questions. As the schedule is finalized, we will update the gaming registration website. We look forward to presenting many different opportunities in a variety of styles and formats for everyone, from the novice to the experienced LARPer, and even a few for those curious about LARPs. We invite you to step away from the game table and live the part. Be sure to follow us on Facebook (Dragon Con Live Action Role Playing - LARP Games) for updates! For more information, contact us at larps@dragoncon.org.

MINIATURES GAMES

It's finally time to sling some paint! The Golden Dragon Miniatures Painting Competition returns for its fourth year with a couple of new competition events. Have you heard of Tanares Adventures? The dragons are amazing!! We will also have Reaper's *Pizza Dungeon* and Cool Minis or Not *Marvel United*.

- *Wander: The Cult of Barnacle Bay* returns with Panda Cult Games showing off *Shovel Knight: Dungeon Duels*.
- *X-Wing* and IDW's *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Shadows of the Past* will be back, and maybe even with the Dark Knight!!
- Games Workshop is returning with *Warhammer 40K, Age of Sigmar*, and *Shadow War: Armageddon*.
- Also returning: *Classic BattleTech*, *WarMachine*, *Bravo Company*, and *BattleQuest!*

NON-CAMPAIGN ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

We will be running live events in the Non-Campaign lair this year. While the sands of time are not yet set, it is expected that *Galaxy Rangers*, *Pygmies*, *Fantasy Grounds*, *Torg*, and *D&D* will make appearances.

We are looking for people on both sides of the game master screen. Both players to explore the worlds created by others, and game masters to create those worlds for others to explore. Non-Campaign means a roleplaying game where you will play a character provided by the game master for generally one game slot. To find out more information about the roleplaying options and all of gaming, check out the registration website at gaming.dragoncon.org. Make sure to subscribe to the mailing list mentioned on the site to get notification when the site will be open for event submissions and when event tickets are available for purchase. If you have any questions about the non-campaign roleplaying options you can contact us at noncampaignrpgs@dragoncon.org.

TABLE TOP GAMING

Our theme this year is the Year of the Game Master - many of our panels will be featuring talk on game mastering and running games featuring Devon Chulick and Kenneth Hite. Panels include; Help! My Game is On Fire, Professional Game Master for Fun and Profit, and The Game Master's Bag of Tricks.

Table Top Gaming will feature a full schedule of panels (minus some strategically scheduled off time for room cleaning).

For you board game fans, there will be several panels featuring board game content including guest Steve Jackson from Steve Jackson Games.



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, electronic programs for your screen reader 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 standard accommodations we offer, please contact disabilityservices@dragoncon.org and check out our Wiki. [The Wiki](#) goes into detail on all of the services we offer, as well as information on navigating the con, hotel hazards, self-advocacy, accessible dining options around the con, and more.

Dragon Con spans five hotels and six city blocks on a hill. 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](#) or by fax at (204) 478-1172. Please contact them early.

Dragon Con Disability Services seating policies will be updated for 2021 to, unfortunately, include a seating cap on disability seating. This is done primarily to maintain the safety of attendees waiting for seating, both in the regular line and DCDS seating areas. DCDS, as always, works to set a level consistent with Federal requirements for seating under the ADA.

To facilitate this limit, each seating area will provide a returnable seating confirmation (a card) to each DCDS-approved attendee and one companion, beginning 30 minutes prior to the start of a panel.

When the available seats run out, disability seating will no longer be available for that panel. In any situation where seats remain at the completion of the loading process, our existing policy will apply – we will do our best to accommodate attendees, but no seating will be guaranteed

CONSUIE

The Hospitality Suite, aka the Con Suite, is a place for convention attendees to relax, get a bite to eat, and/or a soda or juice to wet their whistles. Located in the Hyatt, the Con Suite will provide snacks, as well as some larger grab and go options around meal times. Opening around noon on Friday, the Con Suite stays open around the clock until Monday afternoon, with intermittent closures for cleaning, zombie outbreaks, maintenance, and/or mental health purposes.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

The information booths, located in each of the five host hotels, are your one-stop centers for getting all your questions answered. Their exact location will be available on the mini maps provided in the Dragon Con 2021 App. The staff will be able to help you find where everything is located and help with 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.

COURTESY SHUTTLE BUSES

Dragon Con provides courtesy shuttle bus service between all main convention hotels and some of the overflow 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 TWO special shuttles for the Night at the Georgia Aquarium. For a complete schedule, including times and locations, check our website closer to the convention, our 2021 Dragon Con *Quick Start Guide*, or reference your Dragon Con App.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOST HOTELS

Our host hotels for 2021 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 Hyatt, Marriott, and Hilton are connected by tube-ways to make trekking through the hotels a breeze. All of our convention hotels are convenient to MARTA's Peachtree Center station. DCTV will be available at all five of our host hotels! Exact channels will be available closer to the convention. Although our host hotels are sold out, there is always hotel space available at our many Atlanta hotels!

ATLANTA AREA HOTELS

This year Dragon Con is proudly surrounded by 14 Atlanta area hotels, all located within a short walk, courtesy shuttle bus, or MARTA trip away! For a complete, up-to-date listing of area hotels, including contact information, location, any special booking instructions, and reservation rate codes, please visit us at www.dragoncon.org/travel/hotels/

PARKING

Parking is available throughout downtown Atlanta, and in limited supply at the various hotels. Be sure to check with your preferred venue for pricing closer to the convention. The parking decks around main hotels are approximately \$5–\$30 per day. We also recommend booking convenient and affordable parking in advance through ParkMobile or [Spot Hero](http://SpotHero).

MARTA

All of our host 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. For

complete Marta details, visit itsmarta.com.

AIR TRAVEL

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.

Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounted* airfares for Dragon Con 2021! [Take advantage of these Travel Discounts](#). You may also call Delta Meeting Network® Reservations at 1-800-328-1111, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Central Time and refer to meeting code NMUWF. *To book your discounted fare, please enter NMUWF in the Meeting Event Code option field.

Please note the following:

- NOT ALL FARES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCOUNT
- Discounts range from 2% – 10% depending on class of service booked (the lower discounted fares have less discount).
- Discounts apply to round trip travel only
- Not valid with other discounts, certificates, coupons or promotional offers
- Fare rules will determine eligibility

ENTERPRISE & NATIONAL CAR RENTAL

Dragon Con is proud to continue its partnership with Enterprise and National Rental Car. Dragon Con members are able to receive a booking discount no matter the date or location for the rental. You can book directly at bit.ly/RentCarDCon.

NOTE: If you do not use the above link and access either Enterprise or National through their respective websites, you will need the following codes:

Enterprise Code: XZ03A67 Pin: DRA
National Code: XZ03A67

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GRAB YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP

A Dragon Con membership covers all five days, all panels, events, demonstrations, concerts, performances, contests, snacks and munchies in our ConSuite, and other activities. Grab yours today!

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BOOK YOUR STAY AT AN ATLANTA AREA HOTEL

Although our host hotels are sold out, there is always hotel space available at our many Atlanta hotels! We've partnered with over 18 hotels near Dragon Con, and more than half still have rooms available for the 2021 event!



PLAN HOW YOU'LL TRAVEL

Whether you're local and are taking advantage of our great parking deals through Parking Panda, need a flight into Atlanta, taking MARTA to the show, or using fido powder (just make sure you speak clearly), the "Travel Information" section of this Report has all the information you could need to make your Dragon Con trip go as smoothly as possible!

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