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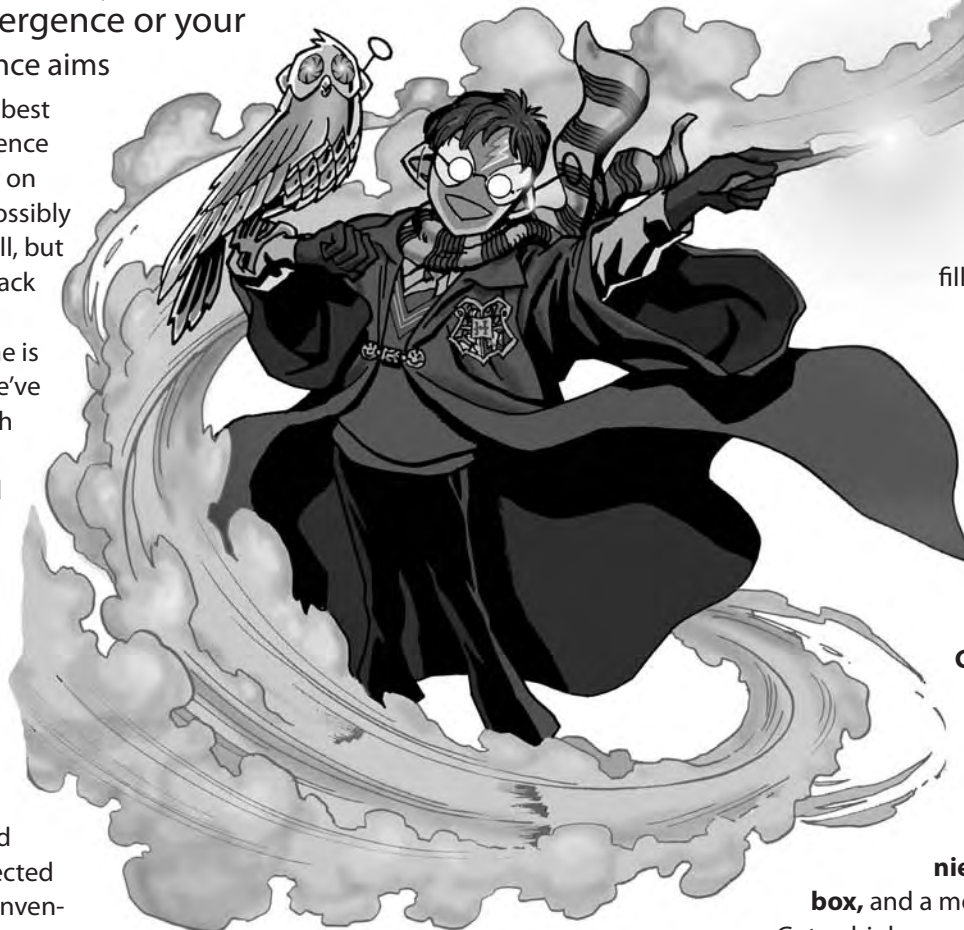
WELCOME! TO CONVERGENCE 2013

Whether this is your fifteenth time at CONvergence or your first, CONvergence aims to be one of the best celebrations of science fiction and fantasy on the planet. And possibly the universe as well, but we'll have to get back to you on that.

This year's theme is British Invasion. We've always loved British contributions to science fiction and fantasy — from H.G. Wells to Iain Banks or *Hitchhiker's Guide* to *Harry Potter*. It's the 50th Anniversary of *Doctor Who* as well (none of us have forgotten about that) and you'll see that reflected throughout the convention.

We have great Guests of Honor this year, some with connections to the theme and others that represent the full range of science fiction and fantasy. **Paul Cornell** (author), **James Moran** (screenwriter), and **Caitlin Blackwood** (actress) have all come from across the ocean to meet you.

But we're not at all limited by theme with our guests and have a number of additional guests representing different facets of the field — **Charlie Jane Anders** (writer), **Lou Anders** (editor), **Bill Corbett** (performer), **Kevin Murphy** (performer), **John Picacio** (Artist), and **Melinda Snodgrass** (writer). Check out their bios



starting on page 12, and meet them all over the course of the weekend.

Our panels are filled with other top professionals and fans talking about what they love, even if it is what they love to hate. The convention is more than just panel discussions — Check out **Mr. B. the Gentleman Rhymer** (making his North American debut on our Mainstage), the crazy projects going on in **Connie's Quantum Sandbox**, and a movie in **Cinema Rex**.

Get a drink or a snack in **CoF₂E₂** or **CONsuite**, or visit all of our fantastic parties around the garden court. Play a game, see some anime, and wear a costume if it suits you!

CONvergence isn't just a show — it's a community project built by *thousands* of volunteers and fans, just like you, spending their free time and money to build the best event they can. Your membership in CONvergence extends beyond a ticket into making our culture for fans of science fiction and fantasy richer all year around, and for that we thank you.

Now, go have a splendid CONvergence!
CHEERS!

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CONvergence is dedicated to providing a safe and comfortable convention experience for everyone. Harassment of any kind, including physical assault, battery, deliberate intimidation, stalking, or unwelcome physical attentions, will not be tolerated. If people tell you "no" or to leave them alone, your business with them is done.

Leave them alone. Do not follow them or attempt to disrupt their convention experience in any way. If you continue to attempt to have contact with those people, you may be removed from the premises.

CONvergence is not responsible for solving any inter-personal problems that may arise between individual members. In general, we can take no action to prevent a person from attending the convention unless that person has made a specific and credible threat toward the convention itself. If you feel that a threat exists against your person, we advise you to seek a restraining order against the individual in question and to involve the host hotel itself (security staff specifically) and the municipal police department in advance of the convention; otherwise, we recommend simply avoiding that individual.

If that individual stalks, harasses, or attempts to assault you at the convention itself, you may report that individual to a member of Operations (they will report it to the hotel's security staff who will get the police involved if necessary) or you may report it to hotel security directly and the appropriate action will be taken. Conversely, any attempt to have an innocent person removed from the convention by falsely accusing him or her of threats will be itself treated as an act of harassment and will be dealt with appropriately. The responsibility for settling interpersonal disputes lies solely with the individuals involved and CONvergence will not tolerate being used as a leveraging point in such disputes.

Tape

Neither the convention hotel nor CONvergence will tolerate the application of stickers or high-tack tape to hotel surfaces. Their removal is damaging to the hotel, and is

therefore considered unacceptable. Incidents of this kind will be treated as vandalism.

You may post non-adhesive signs with low-tack tape. The DoubleTree specifies and requires only 3M Safe-Release Painter's Tape, product #2080, on surfaces that won't be damaged by removal. If you don't have acceptable tape, come to the Bridge. We're happy to share ours.

We have lots and lots of the One True Blue Tape and we love to share it!

Badge Policy

Your convention badge is necessary for your participation in the convention. It allows you access to the convention and indicates you are a member in good standing. However, CONvergence reserves the right to revoke the membership of any member who breaks our house rules, or behaves in such a manner as is deemed unsafe or unacceptable.

City, County, State and Federal Laws

Please remember – whatever laws apply outside, still apply inside the hotel and the convention.

Litter

Please pick up after yourself. There are trash containers around the hotel. It makes a big difference if we try to keep things clean.

Smoking

Due to City of Bloomington law, the entire hotel is now non-smoking. The only place that smoking is allowed is outside of the hotel at a distance of 25 feet from any entrances. Smoking areas will be clearly delineated and separate canopied areas may be provided as weather demands, and facilities permit. The ConSuite and cabanas are NOT smoking areas. Smoking on the patios and balconies of the rooms is not allowed.

Weapons / Prop Weapons Policy

"Personally, I find that tying a sporty pink ribbon to the muzzle of my xenon-assisted phased-array quantum defragulator sends just the right message to my guests."

– M. Stewart

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time while at CONvergence, so please leave your weapons in your quarters. Otherwise, please adhere to the following policy, or risk being uninvited to the convention, without refund from the convention or the hotel. We really don't want to do that, so please take notice, as some of the rules may have changed!

Firearms are not allowed, period. Nor are working projectile weapons.

Due to both safety and legal concerns, realistic-looking model-firearms, replica firearms, and 'de-activated' firearms are not allowed. CONvergence reserves the right to define 'realistic' in these cases. However, see 'Programming exception' below.

Bladed weapons must be sheathed and peace-bonded and cannot be drawn under any circumstances.

All prop weapons must be holstered and peace-bonded if possible.

Prop weapons that cannot be holstered may not be pointed at any other member of the convention under any circumstances. These weapons must be marked as having been passed as safe by the Operations Department.

No freakin' llamas.

If your prop is of the 'large and unwieldy' variety, please, don't be a troll. Be mindful of those around you, especially in confined spaces (e.g., elevators). A six-foot mace-to-the-face can be upsetting, even if it is only foam-rubber.

Any costume that gives the appearance of being a member of United States law enforcement or the military will not be permitted as the potential is too great to create confusion for other members of the convention. Exception: genuine military personnel may wear their uniforms.

Programming Exception – Costumes such as those listed on the previous line or those accompanied by props that would not be permitted under the other rules, may be worn when the wearer is participating in a convention function or programming item such as the Masquerade or other event (e.g., a Con-sanctioned stage-combat demonstration) where they are deemed safe and integral to the event. They may be worn only for the duration of the event.

Functional and 'de-activated' firearms are not allowed under the above exemption. Replica and model firearms may be displayed under these circumstances, provided they are peace-bonded and/or marked as safe by the Bridge.

CONvergence reserves the right to deem any item unsafe or inadmissible, regardless of whether it conforms to the 'letter of the law'. The safety of our guests is our No.1 concern.

Violations of this policy can lead to ejection and/or banning from all future CONvergence Event functions and/or legal action.

The CONvergence Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these policies without prior notice. Any ruling made by the Board of Directors is final.

Clarifications:

Projectile weapons – If it projects a solid, liquid, gas or energy, it is considered a working projectile weapon. A laser-light pointer emits a beam that can be damaging to the corneas. Under this policy, it is a working projectile weapon. Water pistols are allowed only if they are empty, must be holstered, and must be peace-bonded or marked according to the above rules. Tasers and other stun guns are considered projectile weapons.

Peace-bonding – A peace-bonded weapon is one tied to its sheath, holster or container with a functional, easily-identifiable binding. You must use material provided by Ops for this purpose. It prevents someone else from taking your weapon without permission. It is a traditional and visible sign to everyone that you are a responsible person. Peace-bonding your prop indicates to all concerned that you have been to the Bridge and Ops has OK'd it. We will have peace-bonding material on the Bridge for those who need it. If you have a prop of a delicate nature, you may certainly peace-bond it yourself, however this still must be done with material provided by Ops and done either on the Bridge or under the supervision of Ops personnel.

Conceal and Carry – Minnesota is a carry state. CONvergence however, is a private party. What this means is that we can and do ban firearms from our space, even if the owner has a Carry permit. Firearms are not permitted in CONvergence space. If someone comes to the convention with their firearm and has a permit, please summon either a Sub Head or Head of Operations. We will explain Convention policy to them. They will be requested to leave CONvergence space and asked not to return until they have secured their weapon elsewhere.

ANIMAL POLICY

Animal Policy

Pets are not allowed at CONvergence. This means NO dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, snakes, banthas, etc. While one pet is usually not a problem, we would soon have many pet related problems if we allowed them.

The DoubleTree has a policy that allows pets. However, during the convention they have agreed to follow our policy.

Effective March 15th 2011, the Federal ADA definition of "service animal" has changed. For the final rule published, please follow this ADA link: http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm Or for a more direct and clear statement of the ADA definition follow this advocacy link: <http://servicedogcentral.org/content/changes>

CONvergence follows this final ruling and its clarifications. For this print version of the Operations Manual, information from the above links is appended at the end of this policy or are within this policy, but are not as fully comprehensive as what is online.

Key changes include the following:

1. Only dogs or small ponies (not kidding!) will be recognized as service animals.
2. Service animals are required to be leashed or harnessed except when performing work or tasks where such tethering would interfere with the animal's ability to perform.
3. Service animals are exempt from breed bans as well as size and weight limitations.
4. Though not considered service animals, businesses are generally required to accommodate the use of miniature horses under specific conditions.

Existing Policies that were clarified or formalized include the following:

1. Dogs whose sole function is "the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship" are not considered service dogs under the ADA.
2. The use of service dogs for psychiatric and neurological disabilities is explicitly protected under the ADA. (Please note: the above website clearly defines that a service animal for psychiatric and neurological disorders must be

trained to "do work" and "perform tasks". Please see the section titled Doing "Work" or Performing "Tasks" contained within the definition of Service Animal, located in Subpart A—General, Section 35.104 Definitions. for a clear definition of what this entails.)

3. The "crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence" do not qualify that animal as a service animal and "an animal individually trained to provide aggressive protection, such as an attack dog, is not appropriately considered a service animal."

If your service dog meets these requirements, it will be issued a Service Animal Badge from Registration once verified by the Bridge. The next immediate step is to report to the Bridge with the service dog to check in for the weekend so that you and your service animal have as few interruptions as possible by staff verifying that you've complied with the policy. We look forward to having you both at our convention and will do our best to work with you to make the experience the best it can be for everyone!

Service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of

emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

§ 35.136 Service animals

- (a) General. Generally, a public entity shall modify its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability.
- (b) Exceptions. A public entity may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from the premises if—
 - (1) The animal is out of control and the animal’s handler does not take effective action to control it; or
 - (2) The animal is not housebroken.
- (c) If an animal is properly excluded. If a public entity properly excludes a service animal under § 35.136(b), it shall give the individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in the service, program, or activity without having the service animal on the premises.
- (d) Animal under handler’s control. A service animal shall be under the control of its handler. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal’s safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler’s control (e.g., voice control, signals, or other effective means).
- (e) Care or supervision. A public entity is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal.
- (f) Inquiries. A public entity shall not ask about the nature or extent of a person’s disability, but may make two inquiries to determine whether an animal qualifies as a service animal. A public entity may ask if the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform. A public entity shall not require documentation, such as proof that the animal has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service animal. Generally, a public entity may not make these inquiries about a service animal when it is readily apparent that an animal is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability (e.g., the dog is observed guiding an individual who is blind or has low vision, pulling a person’s wheelchair, or providing assistance with stability or balance to an individual with an observable mobility disability).
- (g) Access to areas of a public entity. Individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by their service animals in all areas of a public entity’s facilities where members of the public, participants in services, programs or activities, or invitees, as relevant, are allowed to go.
- (h) Surcharges. A public entity shall not ask or require an individual with a disability to pay a surcharge, even if people accompanied by pets are required to pay fees, or to comply with other requirements generally not applicable to people without pets. If a public entity normally charges individuals for the damage they cause, an individual with a disability may be charged for damage caused by his or her service animal.
- (i) Miniature horses.
 - (A) A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a miniature horse by an individual with a disability if the miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability.
 - (B) Assessment factors. In determining whether reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures can be made to allow a miniature horse into a specific facility, a public entity shall consider—
 - (1) The type, size, and weight of the miniature horse and whether the facility can accommodate these features;
 - (2) Whether the handler has sufficient control of the miniature horse;
 - (3) Whether the miniature horse is housebroken; and
 - (4) Whether the miniature horse’s presence in a specific facility compromises legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation.
 - (C) Other requirements. Paragraphs 35.136 (c) through (h) of this section, which apply to service animals, shall also apply to miniature horses.

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Audiocomicscompany.com

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We had a record number of entries in the Mark Time Awards and Ogle Awards this 16th year of the competition. And from a wider range of countries than ever before, as well. We are pleased to include these winners as the best of the year in Science Fiction and Fantasy audio theater production.

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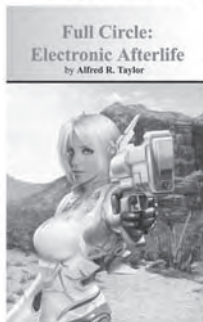
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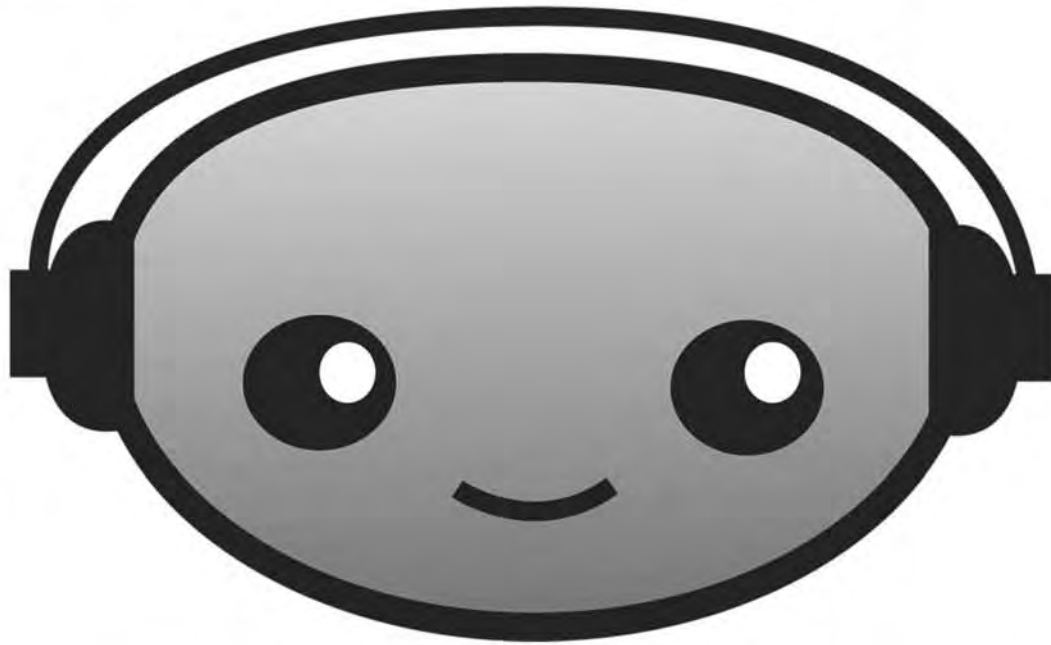
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Charlie Jane Anders
By Haddayr Copley-Woods

My friend Carrie and I cannot seem to agree on anything.

I like fantasy with fully realized characters; something that shows genuine connection between people with some delightful weirdness thrown in. Carrie likes cyberpunk and new wave SF that challenges scientific and social boundaries — fiction that has something new to say.

There is one person we can agree on: Charlie Jane Anders.

Her fiction is true science fiction: with sentient currency, aliens with six available genders, time clairvoy-

ants, SPACE! Brilliant class, gender, and social critiques. But it is also so deeply human and touching that many of her pieces make me cry.

Science! Politics! Snark! (Did I mention her delightfully strong and entertaining voice?) Feelings!

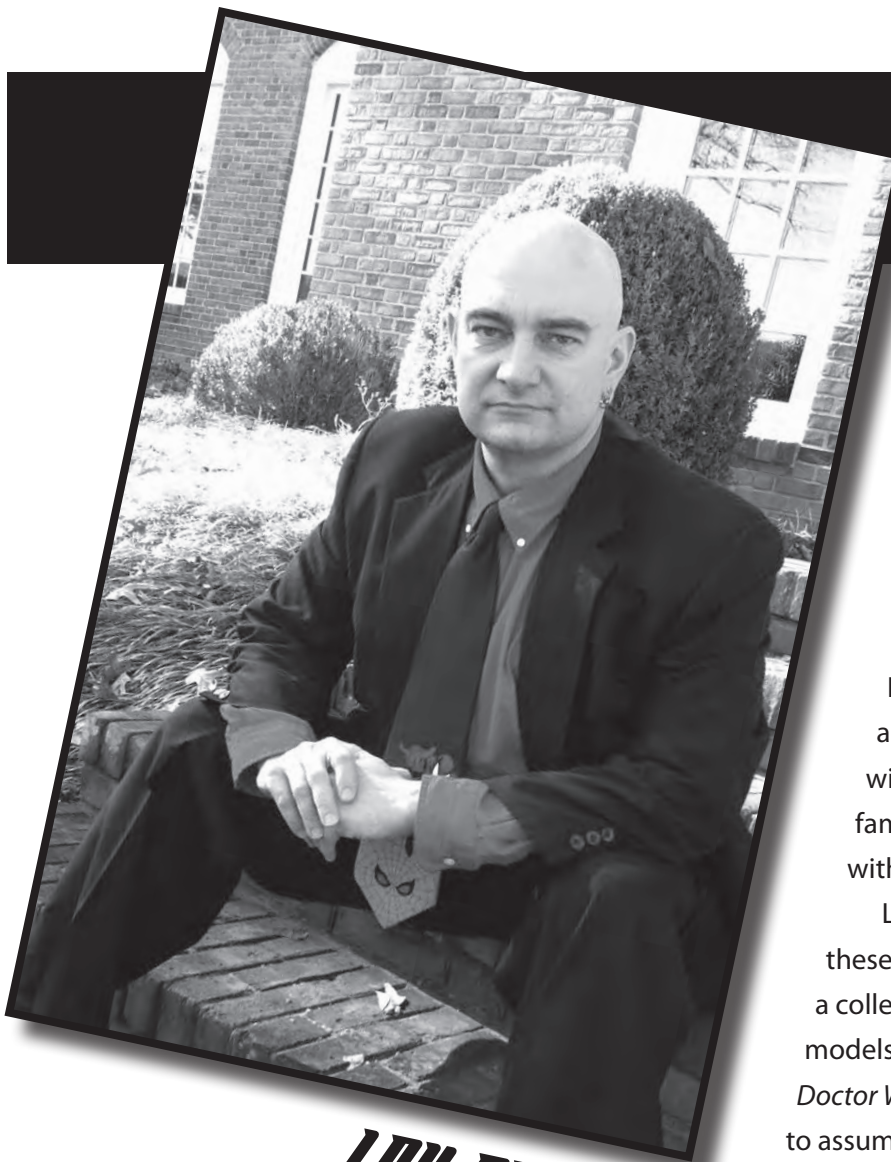
Anders writes about love better than most romance novelists I have ever read. She also knows her science, and her pieces push past emotional, conceptual, and scientific boundaries in almost equal measure.

Not content with fiction alone, Anders also writes terrific nonfiction pieces that also push the envelope.

Who else but Anders could talk *Mother Jones* -- that Leftist, wonky magazine -- into running a piece on comic book heroines? Probably the same person who has won a Hugo, been nominated for a Nebula, and published journalism in high-falutin' places like *Salon.com*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. (And if you haven't read her hilariously intelligent if unnerving piece "A Serial Killer Explains The Distinctions Between Literary Terms" in *McSweeney's*, google it. You'll thank me.)

Even if you don't follow fiction that closely, you probably read io9, which she co-edits. io9 is absolutely my favorite science/geek/fandom blog evAR. It combines truly astounding science reporting with an OH WOW sort of sentiment that captures, for me, what I love about science. The wonder. The joy of it. The possibilities.

Just like her own writing.



LOU ANDERS

By Lynne Thomas

Lou Anders is the editorial director of Pyr books. He's also an anthology editor, and an all around classy guy. He is a Chesley and Hugo Award winner, as well as a multiple Shirley Jackson, Philip K. Dick, Locus, Chesley, World Fantasy and Hugo award nominee.

He selects, edits, and publishes amazing work every single day across dozens of SF/F subgenres, giving him access to every kind of imaginary technology that writers can dream up (minus the start-up R&D funds). He also clearly has good taste. In addition to the awards that he's been personally nominated for, through his work at Pyr, he has brought us fantastic novels that have earned award recognition from writers like Joe

Abercrombie, Ian McDonald, Sam Sykes, James Enge, E.C. Myers, Justina Robson, Clay & Susan Griffith, Tom Lloyd, Tim Lebbon, Allen Steele, Mike Resnick, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, KV Johansen, Jon Sprunk and Kay Kenyon. All of these writers, along with many others, form the Pyr family. Pyr family members really, really enjoy working with Lou.

Lou Anders has been, in addition to all of these things, a former student of martial arts, a collector of Batman memorabilia (he owns models of nearly every Batmobile), and a fan of *Doctor Who*, which of course means that I default to assuming he's an excellent human being. But you don't have to ask me.

Ask Paul Cornell. (No, really, if you see Paul, go ask him what he thinks of Lou. There are stories there.) I did, and Paul tells me that Lou has an origin story, involving a deeply religious upbringing and a copy of *A Princess of Mars*.

So let's just think about this for a moment. Whip-smart. Studied martial arts. An origin story. Exquisite taste. A found family of people who enjoy working with him. A wide range of cool SF technology on the drawing board pending funding. A penchant for all things Batman, and a need to own all the Batmobiles.

Don't tell anyone this, but I think Lou might be Batman.

Caitlin Blackwood helped establish Matt Smith as the Doctor faster than just about anyone else in the history of *Doctor Who*. If you haven't seen "The Eleventh Hour", you should immediately take the time to do so - it's one of *Doctor Who's* periodic fresh restarts and so is immediately accessible to both viewers old and new.

While Matt Smith confidently takes the role of the Doctor, he is able to do this because of the performance he shares with Caitlin. This initial kitchen scene with just the two of them is one of the best scenes in the long history of *Doctor Who*, being everything that *Doctor Who* should be: a drama, a comedy, a science fiction show, and something that is scary for children of all ages. Caitlin is the star of this scene, and establishes it so well that when her cousin Karen Gillan appears later in the story, there is absolutely no question that she is the same Amelia Pond.

I don't think it is a surprise then, that Caitlin became a recurring part of "The Girl Who Waited" throughout Amy Pond's entire run in the series. She returned several times throughout the run on the series playing Young Amelia Pond in a variety of settings and circumstances, and that's a tribute to her unique performance.

I briefly met Caitlin and her mother at the *Doctor Who* convention Gallifrey One in Los Angeles in 2012. Caitlin was immediately a part of the *Doctor Who* family there, frequently sitting right next to William Russell (who played Ian Chesterton), connecting the most recent *Doctor Who* companion with one of the originals.

Following up on that, when Caitlin's mother Linda contacted CONvergence about attending this year, I immediately volunteered to follow up on that contact to explain the unique flavor of CONvergence and see if she'd be able to attend this year. Given the nature of



CAITLIN BLACKWOOD
Introduction by Michael Lee

the Internet, I also politely requested some sort of proof that Linda and Caitlin were who they said they were. And I was absolutely delighted the following morning to receive a photo of Caitlin saying 'Hi Michael from CONvergence'.

Part of this theme is about celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of *Doctor Who*. It's also the fifteenth CONvergence. But just as both of those are reasons to look back, it seems especially fitting that we welcome our first guest that is younger than the convention as someone who helped to refresh and energize *Doctor Who* as well.



BILL CORBETT

Introduction by Dan Wallace

Bill Corbett wrote and performed for the legendary TV program *Mystery Science Theater 3000* -- the show that, by skewering B movie cult classics, became a cult classic of its own. On *MST3K*, Corbett played The Observer (a.k.a. "Brain Guy") and voiced the irascible Crow T. Robot during the show's later seasons, anchoring the proceedings with his distinctive dose of snark. Croooooooooooow!

But Corbett doesn't just poke fun. As a screenwriter and playwright, he's also a creator, and his works usually come with a healthy heavy helping of humor. In 2001, Corbett joined with other *MST3K* scribes as co-writer of the Sci-Fi Channel miniseries *The Adventures of Edward the Less*, a Tolkien parody. In 2008, Corbett's screenplay *Starship Dave* (co-written with Rob Greenberg) became the Eddie Murphy comedy movie *Meet Dave*.

Corbett's comedy *The Big Slam* has been produced

at theaters across the country, including Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theater. His other plays include *Hate Mail*, *The Stuff of Dreams*, and the comic book holiday mash-up *Super-Powered-Revenge Christmas*. *Super-Powered Revenge Christmas* is currently being made into an epic graphic novel with artist Len Peralta.

Since 2006, Corbett has been one of the three stars of RiffTrax.com along with former *MST3K* costars Michael J. Nelson and Kevin Murphy, recording funny commentary tracks for big Hollywood movies, old cheesy movies, and weird old short films. A few times a year RiffTrax does live shows broadcast in movie theaters nationwide, partnered with Fathom Events. They've also occasionally hosted segments on Starz/Encore.

A graduate of the Yale School of Drama, Corbett has been a member of the resident acting companies at the Guthrie Theater and the Berkshire Theater Festival, and has taught playwriting and screenwriting. He has been a contributing writer to NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion* and *All Things Considered*, and is part of the acting company for APM's comedy and music show *Wits*. He's also been a writer and performer for the L.A. comedy podcast *The Thrilling Adventure Hour*.

And even though he's a native of Brooklyn, New York, Corbett is a happy immigrant here on Planet Minnesota.

Comedy is hard. When writing genre it's even harder. Go a little too heavy or broad with the comedy and it becomes impossible to take seriously the genre elements that appeal to us in the first place; a little too sparse or obscure and you can forget to have a good time. James Moran expertly bowls right up the middle, hitting that sweet spot that allows the audience to truly engage with the story while also letting us laugh often, hard and out loud. He's easily one of the funniest working genre writers on the London scene today, but never, ever forgets to ratchet up the tension, often with bloody results. As prolific as he is talented, Moran has, in just six short years, turned out three feature films, freelanced on over half a dozen different popular television series, and penned a number of short stories and comic books.

Moran first exploded onto the geek scene with the 2006 cult horror comedy and festival favorite *Severance*, a bloody send up of both *The Office* and the *Ten Little Indians* slasher-in-the-woods subgenre. Shortly after, he began his tour of Brit TV gigs including three entries into the Whoniverse - an episode of *Doctor Who* (The Fires of Pompeii) and two of *Torchwood* (Sleeper, Children of Earth) - he tackled time travelling dinosaurs with an episode of *Primeval*, and turned in excellent episodes of *Spooks*, *Spooks: Code 9*, and *Crusoe*. In 2009, Moran took to the web with 5-time Streamy nominated



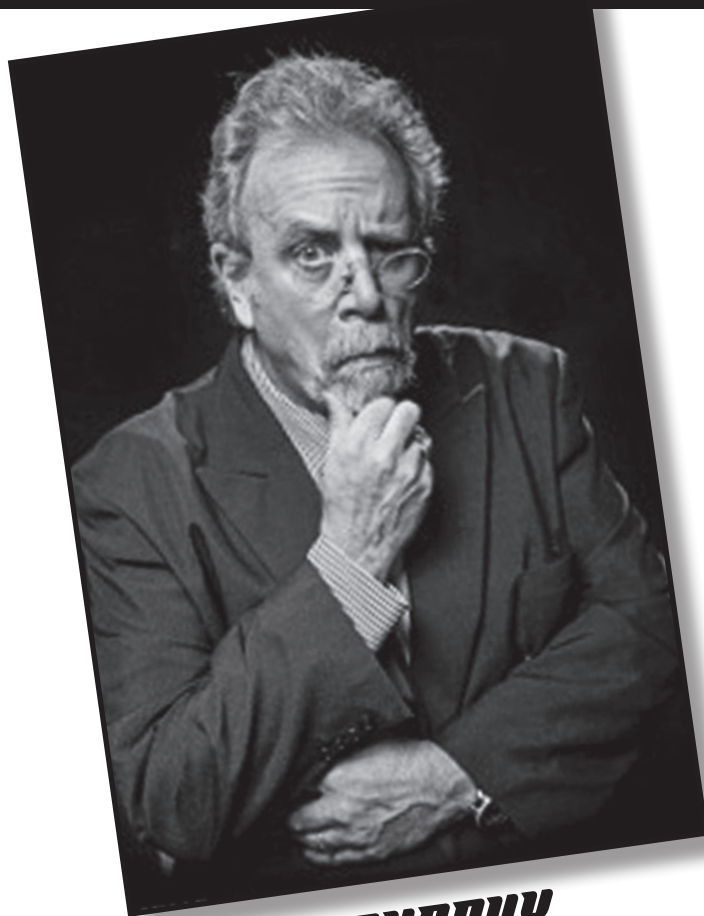
JAMES MORAN
Introduction by C. Robert Cargill

series by-way-of-web-short *Girl Number 9*, pitting a police detective against an insane killer in a cruel battle of wits. Then, in 2012, he hit us with the one-two punch of zombie comedy

Cockneys Versus Zombies and the edge of your seat *Assault On Precinct 13*-esque sniper thriller, *Tower Block*. And because

(as you can clearly tell) he has way too much free time on his hands, he recently branched out into comics with the anthology series *VS*.

I've had the good fortune of knowing James since he first showed up in Austin with *Severance*, and in the years since, we have run into each other both online and at festivals a number of times. Just last year we crossed paths again as I took my own first film to Frightfest in London. Not to be outdone, James brought two and a short film. Despite all his success, he's remained every bit as warm, friendly, approachable and genuine as anyone I've met in the industry. He is savvy and ever eager to help out other writers with both technical and business advice. Sadly, he doesn't make nearly enough trips over to the US as the rest of us would like, so take every opportunity you can to pick his brilliant little brain. You won't regret it.



KEVIN MURPHY

Next to his work for Rifftrax.com, Kevin Murphy is perhaps best known for portraying the stout red robot Tom Servo on the TV series *Mystery Science Theater 3000* for nine seasons. He's also the author of the HarperCollins book *A Year at the Movies: One Man's Filmgoing Odyssey*, which as luck would have it has been released just this spring as an eBook. Kevin has continued to make a living as a culture-motivated merry-andrew, including a stint as a film commentator on NPR's *Weekend Edition Sunday* and in his "Bottom Shelf" column in *Total Movie Magazine*.

If aliens came to earth to grant super powers to a handful of people, I believe the aliens would choose Paul Cornell to be Professor British Person. (That's the superhero name assigned by the aliens. Sadly, Paul would have no choice in this.)

I first heard of Paul in the late 1990s. As an author of books and radio plays, he was one of several great writers keeping the torch aflame (or the sonic screwdriver sonically screwing, I guess) in the dark days of no *Doctor Who* on television.

I first met Paul when he was a guest at CONvergence in 2010. Since then I've been lucky enough to get to know him as a novelist, a comics writer, a podcaster, a Cricket enthusiast (the sport, not the animal), a tweeter, a drinker of the occasional pint, a family man, a friend, & a champion of justice.

But enough about Paul, let's get back to those aliens. They would be a hyper intelligent race of sensitive aliens who sort of look like the Earth animal known as the Slow Loris but with giant heads.

One dark, fateful night, they would appear to Paul in a flash as he walked home from the pub. The aliens would telepathically communicate with Paul, telling him they knew of all his good traits.

The aliens (who have been monitoring Earth, because that seems to be a popular alien pastime) would know Paul's intelligence and talent from such recent works as the urban fantasy novel *London Falling* and his run on Marvel's *Wolverine*.

They would know his sense of wonder from Paul's



PAUL CORNELL
Introduction by Joseph Scrimshaw

Hugo nominated Vertigo comic *Saucer Country* and his encyclopedic knowledge of Kate Bush's entire musical catalogue.

They would know his conviction from the efforts Paul has made to shine a light on issues of equality in comic books, speculative fiction, and fan conventions.

They would know his wit from his affinity for hosting games of Just A Minute at conventions and his many

podcast appearances on *SF Squeecast*.

Frankly, they would know a lot

about Paul just from his twitter feed. The aliens would recognize that Paul uses his Twitter feed to wrestle with the challenges of life from the big to the small; from issues of social justice to dealing with his infant son's poo.

The aliens would appreciate that Paul uses his great talents as a writer to share his experiences as a human, thus illuminating our own.

The aliens would present Paul with a mystical cricket bat forged in the energy of a dying sun. The Cricket Bat would grant Paul any power he could imagine. Also, in a pinch, he could just smack people with it.

The big-headed Slow Loris aliens would offer this mighty power to Paul and say, "You ARE Professor British Person."

Paul would say, "Are you absolutely set on that name? Because I think I could come up with something much better."

And he could. He totally could.

I first met John Picacio when he was a Guest of Honor at MiniCon in 2005, and that is when I discovered, to my delight, that he gave good panel. Looking at his magnificent art I could see why he was an award-winning artist, but what I did not expect was his articulate and thoughtful analyses of the books he illustrates, whether through the cover art, illustrations, or book design. As a former architect, he's very good at seeing through the surface to the structure that lies beneath, and he brings that out in a visceral way in his art. He never spoils a story. He enhances it.

John's career in genre launched with his and Fernando Ramirez' experimental comic *Words and Pictures* (1994), a darkly fantastic landscape peopled with musicians, an angel and a grieving mother. This caught the eye of Michael Moorcock's publisher Mojo Press, who hired him to do his first book cover and design for the 30th anniversary edition of *Behold the Man*. In 2001, he became a full time artist and went on to create book covers for Robert Silverberg, Harlan Ellison, Mark Chadbourn and many others. Most recently, he won a Hugo for his work on the 2012 *A Song of Ice and Fire* calendar, showcasing George R.R. Martin's famous series. Once you see his work, you never forget it.

From the beginning, his innovative mixed-media ap-



JOHN PICACIO
Introduction by Jody Wurl

proach caught the eyes of both fans and industry professionals, leading to a World Fantasy Award, the Locus Award, five Chesley Awards, two International Horror Guild Awards, and a Hugo. His work often appears in *Spectrum: the Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art*, a compendium of the best art of the year selected by a jury of artistic peers.

John innovates in other ways as well by selling his creator-owned art through his company Lone Boy, www.lone-boy.com. By modeling new business practices and developing products, he's paving the way for other artists to develop additional income streams. I own his 2013 calendar (gorgeous!) and look forward to seeing his design for the Mexican bingo game Loteria.

You can learn more about his creative process in the book *Cover Story: The Art of John Picacio*, but I highly recommend going to one of his panels. Better yet, go up and talk to him. He enjoys connecting with fans, and his sense of humor, wit and warmth will leave you with a smile.



MELINDA SNODGRASS

Introduction by Tanya Brody

Melinda Snodgrass is both an amazing and a prolific writer. She grabs your attention at the beginning and carries you with her throughout her stories. She was Story Editor for half of the second season and all of the third season on *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episodes. She got the job because of her spec script, "The Measure of a Man." That script was nominated for a Writers Guild Award for outstanding writing in a drama series and is considered one of the top 10 episodes from all *Star Trek* series. In addition, she has worked on numerous other televi-

sion shows as a writer or consulting producer, including *Odyssey 5*, *The Outer Limits*, *Strange Luck*, *SeaQuest*, *Reasonable Doubts* and *Profiler*. Why the cop and lawyer dramas, you may ask? Because Melinda holds a Juris Doctorate and practiced law for three years before Victor Milan persuaded her to try writing. Good thing for us she listened.

Melinda has nine novels to her name. Her first series was the *Circuit* trilogy, about a federal court judge who rides circuit throughout the solar system. She also writes the *Edge* series, occult thrillers that take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She has just delivered the third book in the series *The Edge of Darkness*. Her latest novel, *This Case is Gonna Kill Me* (written under the pen name Phillipa Bornikova) can be described as John Grisham meets the supernatural. She and George R.R. Martin started the *Wild Card* series in 1984, a shared world series exploring the impact of super heroes on our world. For fans of this series, she is working on a new *Wild Card* book now, and a movie script for Universal Pictures has been delivered.

So, beyond all of her writing talent, Melinda is a trained singer and musician, having performed with the Civic Light Opera and the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. She studied in Vienna, Austria, at the Conservatorium der Stadt Wien and possesses a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in music. She is an accomplished horsewoman riding dressage on her Lusitano stallion, Vento da Broga. They are currently competing Prix St. George.

We are thankful for the many forces in the Universe that pushed Melinda to write, because she's darn good at it, and, to quote her "About" page on her website, "that's just what you have to do."

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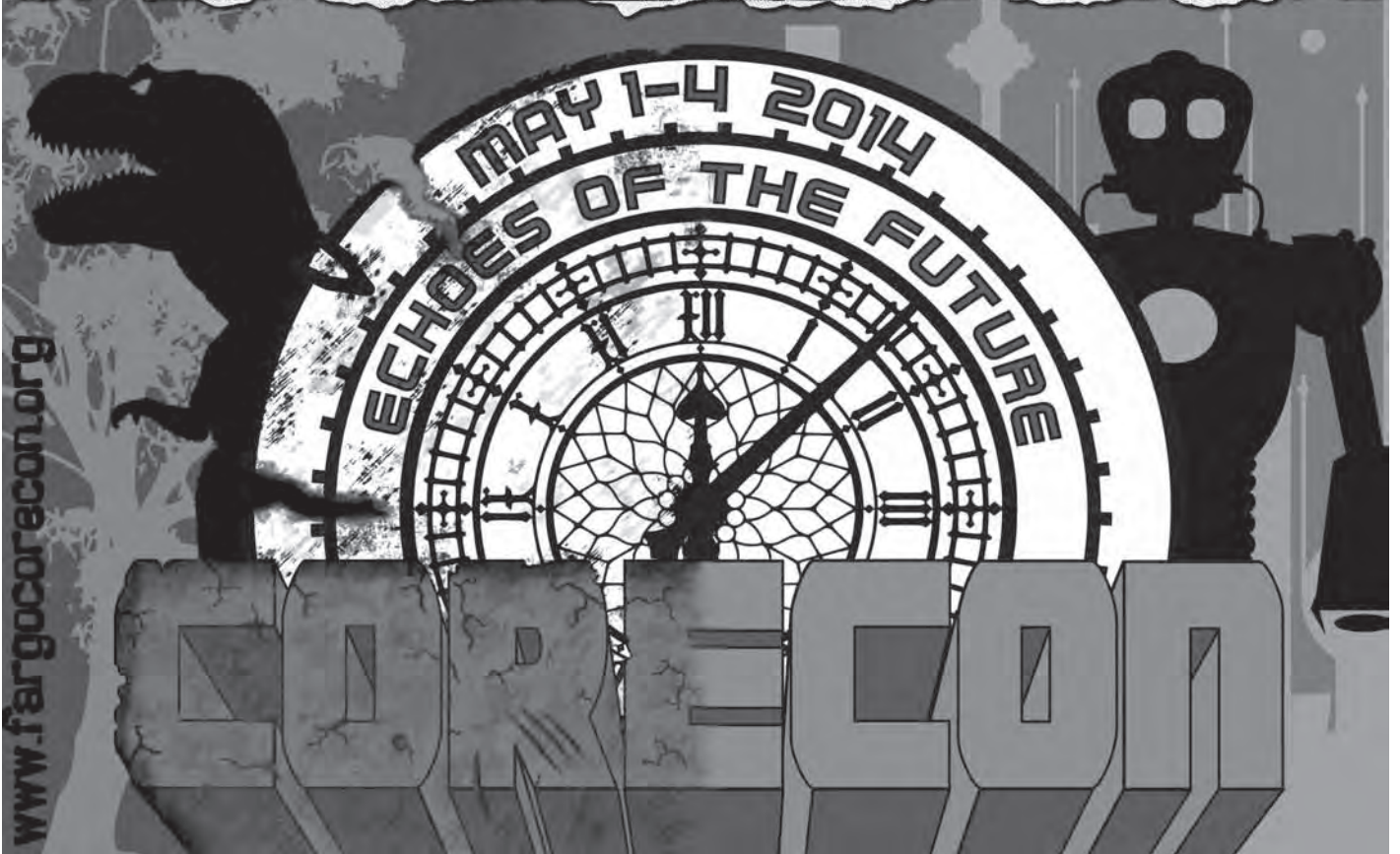
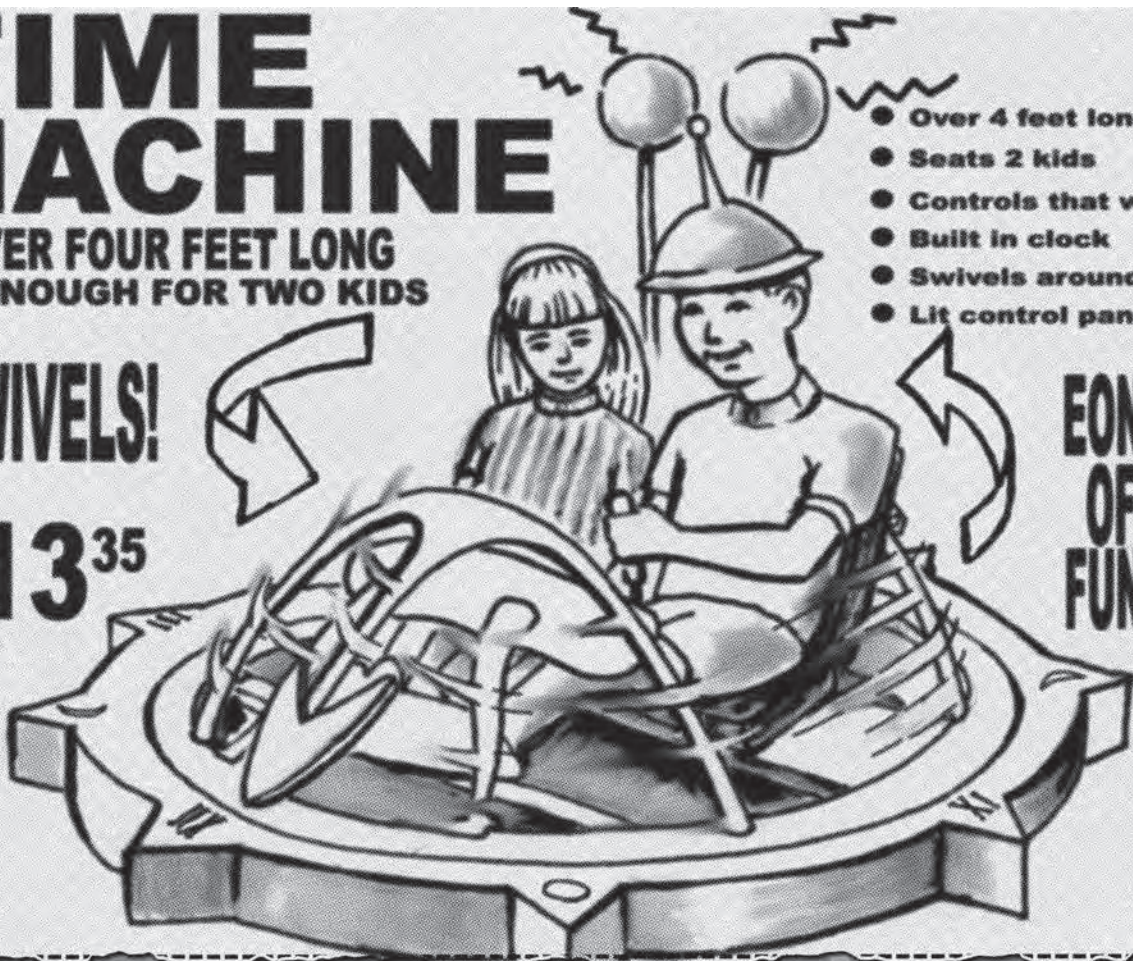
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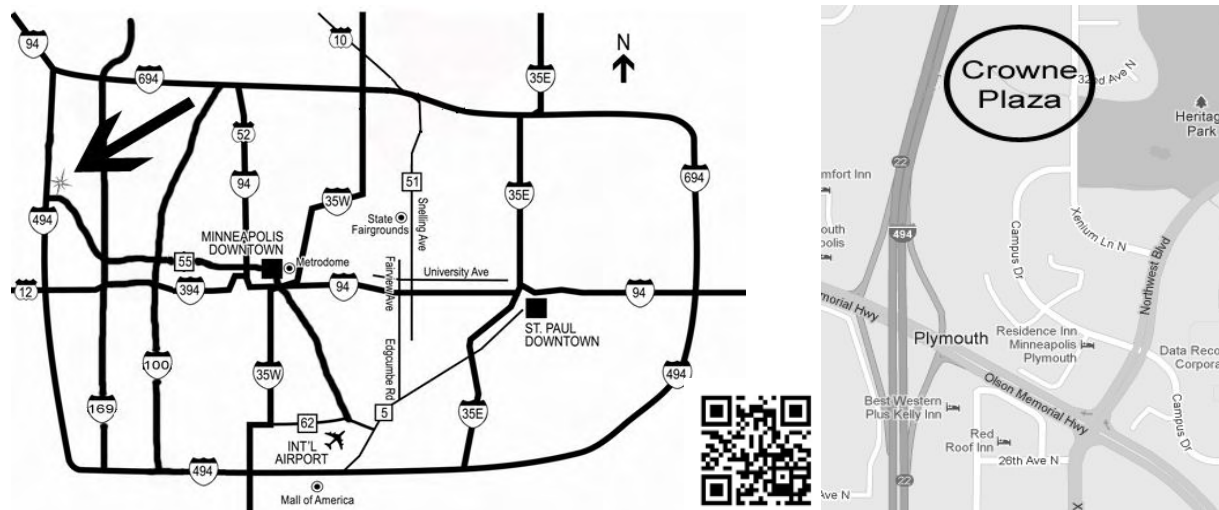
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See you next year!

CONVERGENCE EVENTS INC.

When you look at all that goes into making CONvergence happen year after year, it is clear this is definitely a work of passion. We can see it in every aspect of our convention and within our community. You, as a member, have so much to look forward to. It couldn't be done without you. Whether you volunteer just a few hours, are a Convention Committee member putting in countless hours, or if you just come to CONvergence and enjoy the convention, we should all be proud of what we have created together again this year.

Here are just a few of the great events that have been planned for this year for you to enjoy:

- Art projects to create in **Connie's Quantum Sandbox**, art to look at and buy in the Dealers Room and Art Show.
- Incredible costumes created by our membership to present at the **Masquerade, Steam Century Fashion Expo** and the hallways of CONvergence.
- Exciting films in **Cinema Rex** and **Theatre Nippon**, along with our very own **Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival**.
- Games to play in the **Gaming Department** on the 22nd floor and, in the Garden Court, **Fantasy Flight Games** brings to CONvergence an assortment of games to try out.
- Come meet and see our **Guests of Honor** on an assortment of interesting panels: **Charlie Jane Anders, Lou Anders, Caitlin Blackwood, Bill Corbett, Paul Cornell, James Moran, Kevin Murphy, John Picacio, & Melinda Snodgrass** along with the Returning Guests that just keep coming back.



You won't want to miss the events planned for the **Main Stage** this year! Special Guest performances from **Mr. B, the Gentleman Rhymer** and **comic Matt Kirshen**. **Convergence Events** has partnered with some wonderful organizations again this year that bring their talent to our Mainstage: **Fearless Theatre, Mark Time Productions, Joking Envelope, Vilification Tennis** and **Stand Up! Records**.

Of course, we'd be remiss to forget all of the Parties, brought to us by our membership who spend their time and money to add one more bit of fun.

All of this is put together in just a few short months (18ish to be exact) and we will do it all again for next year.

So enjoy your work and the work of others, celebrate with each other the community that you have built.

We couldn't have this beautiful community without you and we sincerely thank you all.

Don't forget to check out all the great events put on by our community partners the rest of the year. **GPS, Anime Twin Cities, Fearless Comedy, the Fallout Shelter Arcade, Joking Envelope, Vilification Tennis, The Minnesota School of Business, and North Star Roller Girls**.

More information can be found on our website at <http://www.convergenceevents.org>

FEATURED PARTNER: GPS

Three years. It's been THREE YEARS?

We're still here, we're still growing, & we're gearing up for another round of adventures. We're finding our way in our new role, supporting and being supported by the more established programs in our community, nurturing the new, the up-and-coming, the innovative stuff that's starting to crop up. It's a very exciting time to be here.

But, with a community like this, when isn't it exciting? Boredom isn't our thing.

Wait, who are we?

GPS is dedicated to supporting the incredible diversity and energy of people like you: allergic to boredom, inquisitive, passionate, looking at the world through a lens just a little different than "normal." Oh, how we love you people. We don't run any annual conventions, but fill the rest of the year with fun and inspiring stuff to do. Through our own programs, we encourage young people as writers and science learners, provide gatherings for like-minded geeks of many stripes, and provide forums for all manner of nerdy goodness. Through our support of our partners and colleagues in the community, we're privileged to help build this great network of awesome things all around us. Look for us at your favorite con, we're probably there!

Event Horizon

Our signature program is Event Horizon, a facility we run as a resource for all of these other programs to happen. It's a pioneering facility with storage, office and meeting space for everything

from gaming days to convention planning meetings to Klingon martial arts. We just upgraded our main hall to a larger space, adjacent to our other rooms, and now with free Wi-Fi.

The popular facility is available for rental, with bookings on the increase, and we anticipate the day is coming when we'll need to add more space! Anyone interested in booking space should contact us at reservations@geekpartnership.org

Fundraising

How do we fund all this? In addition to our own fundraising efforts (Check out the Charity Auction over in the North Tower), and the generous donations from individuals throughout our community, we're supported by

grants from Convergence Events (your fine hosts this weekend) and Anime Twin Cities (bringing you Anime Detour each spring). Thank you, each and every one of you, for your continuing support.



Our Partnerships

Convergence Events and **Anime Twin Cities** continue to provide a kind of leadership unusual in communities like ours. Rather than just focus on their missions, they have stepped up to support a broader community of like-minded people. Their generous contributions to GPS have been the critical fuel to get us going and sustain us on our mission.

Collaboration is key in the kinds of work we do, either as a community center, a convention, or just about any other kind of program that requires the creativity and energy it takes to keep up with geeks. Please join us in thanking the leaders and staff of either convention for joining with us to make the Twin Cities even geekier. The support they provide not only benefits them in the resources we can provide for their own programs, but it enables us to provide services to other, smaller geek organizations and give them a kind of “on ramp” to grow their programs to where they want to be.

We’re growing our network of partners by actively reaching out to a variety of local organizations, identifying how we can work together in ways that enhance each other’s programs and increase the levels of Awesome in our lives. We’re also being sought out by others, looking for support, assistance, and collaboration as they grow (or start) their own ventures. Some of our partnerships will be small scale, providing resources or services, others will be more involved – each relationship is as unique as the partners we get to play with.

What else do we do?

Of course our oldest and flagship programs remain our clubs and our annual events. **Crafty Geek** continues to churn out the amazing and unexpected, with a table chat to match! **UGG (United Geeks of Gaming)** continues to grow, which we always like to see. The **Black Hat Society** have a large fanfic event coming up in January that we’re excited about. And there’s **Geek Physique**, continuing to come up with new and fun ways to stay in shape and earn “geek cred”. Check out one of our clubs; they’re all cheap, fun, and

informal – you’ll be glad you did.

The **Haunted House** continues to expand our program of larger, annual events. The traditional mix still has all the old classics: **Prom**, the **Picnic & Ice Cream Social**, **Team Trivia** and of course our ever popular **Scavenger Hunt**. If you’ve never checked out any of these, stop on by or get involved.

Then there are the exciting services we offer the community at large; not just to fellow geeks, but to the world around us. We’re interested supporting your programs and events as well! Talk to us to find out what we can do for you.

Stop by Room 110 to find out more, and catch up on all the news going around in this, the Geekiest City in America. All of these are part of our commitment not just to be a healthy community, but to live in a better work generally.

How do you learn more? Talk to anyone you see wearing our logo. Visit us in Room 110 and we’ll tell you what we’re up to, and you can tell us what you want to see!

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We cure boredom. How? Take a look at our calendar at <http://www.geekpartnership.org/calendar.htm> and if you have an event you want listed, let us know! info@geekpartnership.org is the email to use!

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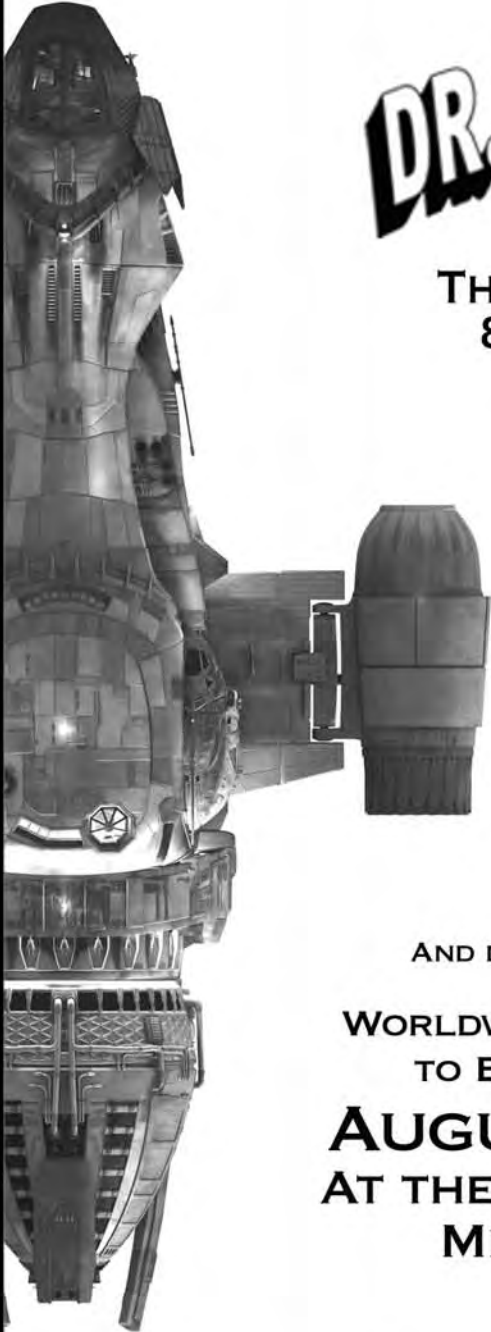


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RATES

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HOURS OF OPERATION AND LOCATIONS

REGISTRATION

Nine Mile Grill (1st Floor, Next to the Front Desk)

Wednesday	Open 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday	Open 9:00am-11:00pm
Friday	Open 9:00am-11:00pm
Saturday	Open 9:00am-11:00pm
Sunday	Open Noon until 30 minutes after Closing Ceremony

CVG HOTEL DEPT. HELP DESK

Across From DoubleTree by Hilton Front Desk (1st Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	1:00pm – 6:00pm
Friday	1:00pm – 5:00pm

After Friday, contact the Bridge (x7215) with any CONvergence Hotel issues.

OPERATIONS (OPS) / THE BRIDGE

Veranda 2, 4 (2nd Floor, South Tower Opposite ConSuite across Garden Court)

Bridge Hours

Wednesday	Noon – 6:00pm
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Opens Thursday 8:00am – Closes Sunday 6:00pm

The Operations Department provides communications and manages services for the convention, the convention committee, and our attendees.

The Bridge is the Operations Department's function space, and is the headquarters for the convention while it is in progress.

Contact at Con: From a hotel phone: dial "0" for the operator and ask for the Bridge or dial **x7215** directly

Wandering Hosts wearing purple and green vests are Operations Staff, and can offer help directly or radio in to The Bridge.

ART SHOW

Plazas 5—6 (First Floor, North Tower)

Wednesday	Noon – 5:00pm (Setup and Artist Check-in)
Thursday	10:00am – 2:00pm (Artist Check-in) 2:00pm – 7:00pm (Gallery Open to Public, Artist Check-in)
Friday	10:00am – 7:00pm (Gallery Open to Public/Quick Sales)
Saturday	10:00am – 6:00pm (Gallery Open to Public, Quick Sales) 9:00pm – ? (Art Auction in Atrium 4)
Sunday	10:00am – 4:00pm (Buyer Pickup, Artist Checkout, Sales)

ARTISTS ALLEY

Lobby Conference Room

(Located in the Main Hall between North and South Towers)

Thursday:	2:00pm – 6:00pm
Friday:	10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday:	10:00am – 4:00pm

Artists Alley is for graphic artists with small art drawn while you wait, and graphic art for sale.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

Contact the Volunteer Table or The Bridge

Thursday	2:00pm – 11:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 11:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 6:00pm

CINEMA REX MOVIE ROOM

Plaza 4 (1st Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	3:00pm – 4:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	9:30am – 4:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	9:30am – 4:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	10:00am – 6:00pm

COFFEE FREE COFFEE SHOP

Cabanas 114—116 (South Tower, 1st Floor)

Thursday	3:00pm – 3:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	7:00am – 3:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	7:00am – 3:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	7:00am – 5:00pm

CONNIE'S SPACE LOUNGE

Verandas 3, 5, 6, 8 (South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Thursday	9:00pm – 2:00am
Friday	Noon – 3:00pm & 9:00pm – 2:00am
Saturday	1:00pm – 4:00pm & 10:00pm – 2:00am

(Smoothies only available during evening hours)

CONNIE'S QUANTUM SANDBOX

Plaza 3 (North Tower, 1st Floor)

Thursday	Noon – 1:00am (Friday)
Friday	9:00am – 1:00am (Saturday)
Saturday	9:00am – 1:00am (Sunday)
Sunday	9:00am – 4:30pm

CONSUIE

Cabanas 214—219 (South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Open 24 Hours: Thursday 3:00pm – Sunday 5:00pm

DEALERS ROOM

Grand Ballroom West & Front Center (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	2:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday	10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday	10:00am – 4:00pm

GAMING

RPG Suite #1 (Suite 2202 – Adults Only after 9:00pm)

Thursday:	12:30pm – 12:30am (past midnight)
Friday:	9:30am – 12:30am (past midnight)
Saturday:	9:30am – 12:30am (past midnight)
Sunday:	9:30am – 3:30pm

RPG Suite #2 / Open Gaming (Suite 2204)

Thursday 12:30pm – Sunday 3:30pm

ConSuite Gaming (Cabanas 216-217)

Thursday 3:00pm – Sunday 5:00pm

Scheduled events in ConSuite Gaming stop at 6:00pm with an exception for the Great Dalmudi

Special Events (Suite 2203 – Adults Only after 9:00pm)

Thursday 12:30pm – Sunday 3:30pm

GAMING (CONTINUED)

LAN Gaming (Suite 2205 – Adults Only after 9:00pm)

Thursday:	12:30pm – 12:30am (past midnight)
Friday:	12:30pm – 12:30am (past midnight)
Saturday:	12:30pm – 12:30am (past midnight)
Sunday:	12:30pm – 3:30pm

The Source (Suite 2206)

Thursday:	(Noon set-up) 1:00pm – 2:00am (past midnight)
Friday:	7:00pm – 2:00am (past midnight) [use room before Burl]
Saturday:	2:00pm – 2:00am (past midnight)
Sunday:	Noon – 3:30pm

CCGs (Suite 2207)

Thursday:	12:30pm – 12:30am (past midnight)
Friday:	9:30am – 12:30am (past midnight)
Saturday:	9:30am – 12:30am (past midnight)
Sunday:	12:30am – 3:30pm

GPS SILENT AUCTION

Atrium 8 (North Tower, 2nd Floor)

Thursday	5:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday	11:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday	11:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday	11:00am – 2:00pm (FOR PICK-UP ONLY)

HARMONIC CONVERGENCE (HARMCON)

Plaza 1 (1st Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	2:30pm – 3:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	11:00am – 3:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	9:30am – 3:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	11:00am – 3:00pm

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Thursday	2:30pm – 3:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	11:00am – 3:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	9:30am – 3:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	11:00am – 3:00pm

MASQUERADE

Participant Sign-up/Registration

(in CONvergence Central, outside Grand Ballrooms)

Thursday	3:00pm – 6:30pm
Friday	10:00am – Noon 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Saturday Schedule for Participants

9:00am – 10:00am	Performer Orientation (MainStage - Mandatory for performers)
11:00am – 4:00pm	Technical Rehearsal (MainStage - Performers will be assigned a 15 minute slot during this time)
11:00am – 4:00pm	Workmanship Judging (Green Room - Performer judging times will be assigned)
6:00pm	Show Call (Green Room)

Masquerade Performance

MainStage / Grand Ballroom East (2nd Floor, South Tower)

6:30pm	House Opens
7:00pm	Masquerade Show Begins

CONVERGENCE MERCHANDISE

CONvergence Central Coat Check (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Friday	10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday	10:00am – 4:00pm

PROGRAMMING GREEN ROOM

Atrium 5 (2nd Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	Noon – Midnight (Friday)
Friday	9:00am – Midnight (Saturday)
Saturday	9:00am – Noon (Sunday)
Sunday	9:00am – 6:00pm

If you are on a panel, stop by the special table at registration to pick up your panelist information sheet (with your full schedule) and badge attachment with your schedule.

Items for children **12 and under** are tagged "children".

Items for teens ages **13 – 17** are tagged "teen".

SMOKERS PARADISE

East Entrance Outside (Between North and South Towers)

Opens: Thursday at Noon

Closes: Sunday at Noon

For the second year in a row, CONvergence is happy to host the Smoker's Paradise tent in the East Courtyard of the Doubletree! A nice shaded, breezy area outdoors for smokers to hang out in and partake of their tobacco products and e-cigarettes in a friendly atmosphere with plenty of seating, tables and lots of ashtrays.

Smoker's Paradise is located across from the main entrance of the Doubletree outside the East doors next to the outdoor patio. So if you're a smoker, a friend of a smoker, or just like being outside during a Summer's day to relax on the comfy patio furniture, c'mon out to the East Courtyard and join us! It's way better than crowding around the exits or trying to sneak behind the gymnasium!

THEATER NIPPON ANIME ROOM

Atrium 1 (2nd Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	3:00 pm – 3:00 am Friday morning
Friday	7:00 am – 3:00 am Saturday morning
Saturday	7:00 am – 3:00 am Sunday morning
Sunday	7:00 am – 3:00 pm

CVG TEEN ROOM

Cabana 222 (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	6:00pm – 1:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	11:00am – 1:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	11:00am – 1:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	11:00am – 5:00pm

VOLUNTEER TABLE / INFO DESK

(CONvergence Central area across from the Grand Ballrooms Second Floor, South Tower)

Wednesday	Noon – 6:00pm
Thursday	Noon – 10:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 10:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 10:00pm
Sunday	10:00am – 6:30pm

VOLUNTEERS DEN

Cabanas 117-118 (1st Floor/ South Tower next to CoF2E2)

Thursday	Noon – 2:00am (Friday Morning)
Friday	10:00am – 2:00am (Saturday Morning)
Saturday	10:00am – 2:00am (Sunday Morning)
Sunday	10:00am – 4:00pm

Volunteers Den Massage Room:

Thursday	Noon – Midnight
Friday	Noon – Midnight
Saturday	Noon – Midnight
Sunday	Noon – 3:30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY

CONSUIE GRAND OPENING

Thursday 3:00pm – 4:00pm / Cabanas 214 – 219

ConSuite is hosting a Grand Opening event. Stop by for a snack, to meet the crew, and for special surprises!

N00B GALA

Thursday 5:00pm – 6:00pm / Garden Court - Southwest

Welcome n00bs! Come mingle and learn how from here on out you are now part of the awesome community called CONvergence! and how your life will never be the same. This is not just for n00bs. If you have leveled and want to share your vast knowledge of navigating CONvergence! this is the perfect place to do it. After the CON 101 panel where they school you of the in's and out's of how to survive the weekend, come here and meet some people to survive it with. There will be minions there to tell you how to volunteer (and the perks of volunteering), what parties are not to be missed (all of them), games, light snacks, music and a lot of awesome conversation.

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FRIDAY

ASSASSIN'S GUILD BOFFER PRACTICE

Friday 9:30am / Garden Court – Southwest

Organizer: *Assassin's Guide*

Join the Assassins Guild for boffer weapon training and practice in preparation for Saturday's big event, The Assassins Guild Grand Boffering Tournament. To participate you must be 18 yrs or older, 14 yrs old with consent.

GEEK PHYSIQUE YOGAQUEST

Friday 12:30pm / Garden Court – Southwest

Organizer: *GPS' Geek Physique*

GPS's Geek Physique's most popular event, but with a British theme: Doctor Who, Torchwood, and IT Crowd scripts!

AKIDO KIDS CLASS CHILDREN, GPS

Friday 2:00pm / Garden Court – Southwest

A chance for kids to move their bodies, have fun, and explore the harmonious martial art of Aikido. *Hilary Moon Murphy*

AKIDO DEMO WITH THE SHUHARIKAN DOJO GPS

Friday 3:30pm / Garden Court – Southwest

The Shuharikan Dojo and Geek Physique present a demonstration of Yoshinkan Aikido. This martial art is required learning for the Tokyo Riot Police and is a defensive art that emphasizes balance, flexibility coordination and use of the opponent's energy. *Brett Indrelee, Hilary Moon Murphy*

GEEK SLINK BELLY DANCE

Friday 5:00pm / Garden Court – Southwest

Starring the Geek Physique Belly Dance Troupe! Geek Slink is the brain child of local dancer, Shannon Townsend. This has quickly becoming an astonishingly popular class, and has spawned its student performance Troupe of geeky ladies! *Shannon Townsend*

HAIKONG GUMDO REAL SWORD TRAINING DEMO

Friday 7:00pm / Garden Court – Southwest

Haidong Gumdo, The Way of the Sword, is an ancient and noble martial art from Korea. This demo will include cutting drills and forms and give you an insight and info on this ancient martial art. *George Richard*

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SATURDAY

13TH ANNUAL IKU WARHAMMER INVITATIONAL BAT'LETH TOURNAMENT

Saturday 9:30am / Garden Court – Southwest

Worthy warriors are invited to join the kliingons sat morning 930 poolside as they fight for a cure against diabetes. Certifications are at 930 with the tourney beginning at 1000. Entry fee is \$10.00 and all proceeds go to the American Diabetes Assoc. *George Richard, Jerry Harrison*

GEEK CHI: TAI CHI FOR GEEKS

Saturday 12:30pm / Garden Court – Southwest

The newest and possibly geekiest member of the Geek Physique family is the creation of Instructor Sherry Merriam. Sherry has studied and developed a Tai Chi curriculum that combines mindful movement with a vast array of Sci-Fi/Fantasy examples. *Michael Merriam, Sherry L. M. Merriam*

BELLYDANCE 101 DIY

Saturday 2:00pm / Garden Court – Southwest

Belly dance is a great way to get some exercise, strengthen your core, and have fun while doing it. Come and learn some great new moves, for the dance studio or the dance floor. *Kalila Indivar, Shanaz Bahara*

THE 8TH ANNUAL ASSASSINS GUILD BOFFING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

Saturday 3:30pm / Garden Court – Southwest

Join us in the Garden Court for a Tournament of Champions! Prove your skill, test your might and Rise to the Top! Ladder style double elimination, space is limited; Sign up fast. Ages 14 & Up.

OASIS CARAVAN

Saturday 7:00pm / Garden Court – Southwest

Smiling Lune hosts belly dance performances from gorgeous glitz to glamorous geeks. Sample from our buffet as dancers provide a sumptuous visual feast. Take a brief mental respite to bask in the cool breezes of our oasis. *Smiling Lune and Friends.*

USS NOKOMIS 12TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday 11:00am – 4:00pm / Hotel Lobby – West Entrance (First Floor)

Since Robert Heinlein organized his first drive at MidAmericon in 1976, blood drives have been a staple at many big cons. In keeping with this grand tradition, the USS Nokomis (a Twin Cities Star Trek Fan Club – www.ussnokomis.org) is once again proud to host a CONvergence blood drive on Saturday, July 6th.

Remember these handy pointers:

- You can save THREE lives with your donation
- It only takes about an hour
- Almost everyone can donate blood, even if they stayed up late partying on Friday night

You can schedule your donation online to reserve your preferred time - go to www.redcrossblood.org. If you haven't pre-scheduled your appointment, you can stop in to Room 108 on Thursday or Friday night and talk to a USS Nokomis member. You may also stop by the lobby after 11am on Saturday to check for open appointments.

If you sign up to give blood, you will be entered to win a \$3,000 gift card and other prizes, to sign up you can go online to www.redcrossblood.org or call Mary Pucel at (651) 291-3366 to schedule your appointment the drive is on July 6 from 11am to 4pm by giving you can save up to 4 lives.

Please remember: you have the ability to be a hero and save lives by doing something very simple. Go boldly to the bus and roll up your sleeve!!

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SUNDAY

A CRACK IN TIME TEA PARTY

Sunday 2:00pm / Garden Court – Southwest

The Victorian Lady Doctors invite you to join us for a Tea Party. Come dressed as your favorite Doctor Who character and interact with your fellow counterparts during a Social Tea Mixer and Group Photos. Various tea and dainties will be on offer. *Victorian Lady Doctors*

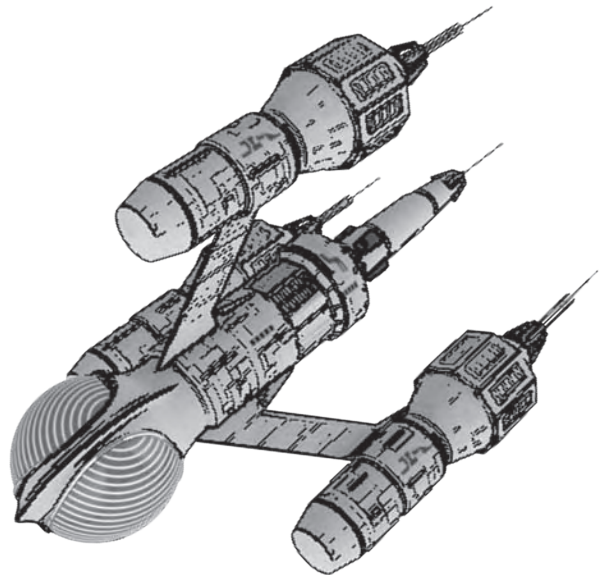
IKU RAKEHELL PERFORMANCE

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CVG ASL

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AT CONVERGENCE

CONvergence is proud to again offer ASL communications assistance for all Deaf, HH and ASL Impaired, and welcome them to join us in our celebration of Science Fiction and Fantasy.

At the convention you will see interpreters at the front of some events and panels. If they ask for space in the front row, please respect such requests. You should also feel free to call on them if you need a hand, or two, to chat with a hearing-impaired fan.

Below are the hours ASL Interpreters will be available. If you need an interpreter at the convention please contact us through the Volunteers Table in CONvergence Central, and when the Volunteers Table is closed you can contact us at The Bridge.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Thursday	2:00pm—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—11:00pm
Sunday	9:00am—6:00pm

PARKING, SHUTTLE & TRANSPORTATION

Important note: If you are not staying at the Sofitel please do not park in their lot – they may have your vehicle tagged and towed if you decide to park there and your vehicle is not registered with a room in their hotel. For those of you that are staying there please make sure you register your vehicle information upon check-in for any/all vehicles you are parking in their lot.

If staying at any of the remaining overflow hotels, please use the Shuttle if possible and leave your vehicles at the overflow hotel.

We encourage carpooling if at all feasible with friends who are also attending the convention.

PARKING

In addition to the hotel parking lots, Lifetouch and Dairy Queen Corporate have allowed us to park in their lots.

Lifetouch (7800 Picture Drive): You may park here anytime between Thursday July 4th at noon until Sunday July 7th at 10pm. The twenty spaces closest to the Lifetouch building are reserved for Lifetouch employees, so please do not park in those particular spots!

Dairy Queen Corporate (7505 Metro Boulevard): You may park here, however, for more information, please see the parking flyers located at the front hotel desk as many of the parking spots are reserved for Dairy Queen employees until 5pm both Thursday and Friday. Saturday and Sunday you may park anywhere in their lot.

SHUTTLE

Our shuttle this year will be running once an hour, every hour, from 10:00am Thursday July 5 until 10:00pm Sunday July 8.

The shuttle stops are:

- DoubleTree
- Crowne Plaza
- Days Inn
- Staybridge
- Hampton Inn
- LaQuinta
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Dairy Queen Corporate overflow parking
- Life Touch Studio overflow parking

TRANSPORTATION

If you'd rather take the bus, Metro Transit routes 6 and 540 have stops near the DoubleTree. Both routes run along W 78th Street between the DoubleTree and Sofitel.

Detailed schedules are at www.metrotransit.org

ART SHOW AND AUCTION

ART SHOW

Plazas 5—6 (North Tower, 1st Floor)

The Art Show features artwork of all kinds from across the country for you to browse and bid on.

Come visit the gallery and see what the artists have brought to us this year. There are always unique offerings for a wide variety of tastes.

Saturday evening of the convention features a live Art Auction. Artwork that has received sufficient bids in the gallery is offered for sale in a live auction format. You can enjoy watching the antics of our auctioneers as they sell some spectacular artwork.

Please note: The Art Show does not censor artwork. Parental guidance is advised.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Wednesday	Noon – 5:00pm	Setup and Artist Check-in
Thursday	10:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 7:00pm	Artist Check-in Gallery Open to Public, Artist Check-in
Friday	10:00am – 7:00pm	Gallery Open to Public, Quick Sales Available
Saturday	10:00am – 6:00pm 9:00pm – ?	Gallery Open to Public, Quick Sales Available Art Auction – Atrium 4
Sunday	10:00am – 4:00pm	Buyer Pick-up, Artist Checkout, Sunday Sales

ARTISTS ALLEY

Lobby Conference Room (located in the main hall between North and South Towers)

Welcome to CONvergence 2013 Artists Alley!

Once again, we are in a new space – the former gift shop AKA “the creepy bridal display” will this year be turned into a gathering of talented artists gathered from around the world! OK, mostly Minnesota, but we have some pretty worldly artists...

This year we have favorites such as Kamikaze Snowmen, Douglas Paszkiewicz, Maplehouse Creations, and many, many more! Be sure to stop in the main floor between the north and south buildings and check us out!

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Friday:	10:00am – 6:00pm
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Art by Holly Spotts

CINEMA REX

Plaza 4 / First Floor, North Tower

The British are coming! The British are coming!

They are physicists and mediums; play-writes and kings; inspectors and judges; terrorists and secret agents; and even zombies and aliens. Rex has collected them all together for you in one big invading army of entertainment!

In addition to the varied features this year, Rex has several special events in store. Returning once again is the Best of the Midwest Film Festival as well as the ever-popular Trailer Park. Writer and Guest of Honor James Moran will host a pre-theatrical US release of *Cockneys vs Zombies* and a showing of his newest suspense film *Tower Block*. Rex also has the premiere of the local short *The Place Where You Live*. And even 007 just might have something up his sleeve.

For those of you who are new to Convergence, Cinema Rex is all about comfort, atmosphere, and great movies. Rex turns his film room into one big cozy living room filled with free concessions and puts the movies on a big screen with a great sound system.

As always Rex would like to thank those who fill out comment cards. He appreciates your input and hopes to receive more this year. Rex reads every one personally, and your opinions and film suggestions are very helpful.

THURSDAY

3:00pm Thursday

Brave: PG - 2012 - 93 min.

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5:00pm Thursday

The Legend of Hell House: PG - 1973 - 95 min.

dir. John Hough w/Roddy McDowall, Pamela Franklin, Clive Revill

Acclaimed writer Richard Matheson (*Incredible Shrinking Man*, *I Am Legend*, *Stir of Echoes*) weaves a suspenseful tale of a physicist and two mediums who are commissioned to investigate the possibility of survival after death in a brooding mansion with a dark and twisted past.

7:00pm Thursday

Soldier: R - 1998 - 99 min.

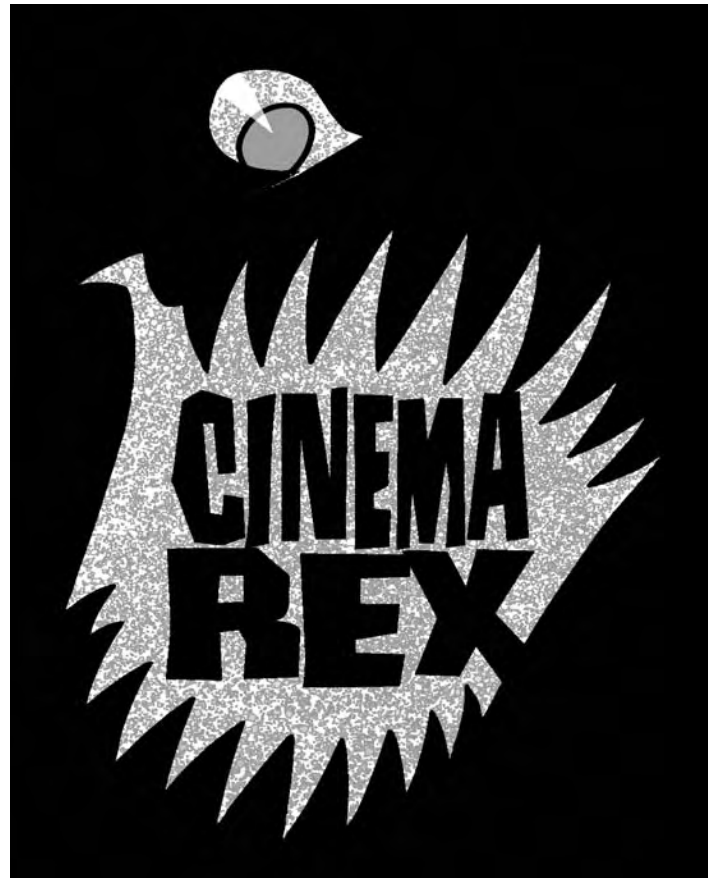
dir. Paul W.S. Anderson w/Kurt Russell and some other people

Kurt Russell teams up with British director Paul Anderson in this often overlooked well made film focusing on characters and cinematography. *Soldier* is much more than the usual shoot-em-up flick. (this showing captioned)

9:00pm Thursday

Trailer Park:

See what the future holds as Rex dishes out trailers for hot upcoming releases, as well as some independent shorts and other fun stuff.



10:00pm Thursday

Dredd: R - 2012 - 95 min.

dir. Pete Travis w/Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey

You probably didn't see this film. Rex won't judge you (heh): With the wretched 1995 Sylvester Stallone version in mind he almost didn't see this one either - but trust Rex, this film will wash that bad taste out of your mouth. This excellent film is dark, violent, and captures the spirit of the *Judge Dredd* comics quite well.

Midnight Thursday

From Hell: R - 2001 - 122 min. *dir. Albert Hughes, Allen Hughes*

w/Johnny Depp, Heather Graham, Ian Holm, Robbie Coltrane

Based on Alan Moore's (*Watchmen*, *League of Extraordinary Gentleman*) dark and gritty graphic novel, this stylish film plays with the story of history's most famous serial killer. A beautiful film set in Victorian era London, follows a drugged up psychic and a mysterious man who has a thing for women's insides.

2:00am Friday Morning

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows:

PG-13 - 2011 - 129 min. dir. Guy Ritchie

w/Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachel McAdams, Stephen Fry, Jared Harris

The bro-mance between the eccentric genius detective and his reluctant partner continues. This time around is as fun and enthralling as the first. Quirky, amazing soundtrack, dazzling visuals, phenomenal acting and Robert Downey Jr. in drag. Come on.

FRIDAY

9:30am Friday

Corpse Bride:

*PG - 2005 - 77 min. dir. Tim Burton, Mike Johnson
w/ Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson*

A nervous young groom finds himself practicing his wedding vows in the woods . . . and accidentally marries a corpse. Oops. Talk about the ex from hell. (this showing captioned)

11:00am Friday

Wuthering Heights:

*NR - 1939 - 104 min. dir. William Wyler
w/Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier, David Niven, Donald Crisp*

1:00pm Friday

Best of 2012 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival:

Filmmakers from around Minnesota and the upper Midwest submitted short films of various geeky genres and styles. Come see some of Rex's favorites.

2:30pm Friday

Richard III: R - 1995 - 114 min.

dir. Richard Loncraine w/ Ian McKellen, Annette Bening, Jim Broadbent, Robert Downey Jr., Nigel Hawthorne, Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith

This phenomenal cast includes Magneto/Gandalf as Shakespeare's famous hunchback king doing battle with Iron Man, Harold Zidler, and Professor McGonagall in his mad grab for power. Putting Shakespeare plays in a modern setting is nothing new, but this top-notch World War II-style version is anything but ordinary.

4:30pm Friday

Renaissance: Paris 2054: R - 2006 - 105 min.

dir. Christian Volckman w/Daniel Craig, Romola Garai, Ian Holm, Jonathan Pryce

The beautiful aesthetics of this futuristic film noir are enhanced by the unusual high contrast black and white animation. Daniel Craig heads up a top notch cast of voice talent in this well made, unique, and obscure British/French film.

6:30pm Friday

V For Vendetta: R - 2005 - 132 min.

*dir. James McTeigue
w/Hugo Weaving, Natalie Portman, Stephen Rea, Stephen Fry*

Remember, remember, the fifth of November! A mysterious man in a Guy Fawkes mask fights against a society of cruelty and corruption with an unlikely ally. (this showing captioned)

9:00pm Friday

Best of the James Bond Opening Credits:

It's British Invasion year at Convergence and James Bond is invading Cinema Rex! Come join us as we celebrate 007's 50 years of service to Queen and Country by playing some of the best opening credit sequences from the Bond films.

9:30pm Friday

Skyfall: PG-13 - 2012 - 143 min.

dir. Sam Mendes w/Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem, Ralph Fiennes

Hello From Casino Rex With Love. Rexopussy can Never Say Dr. No to A View To a Bond film and Skyfall is where we start. We can swear On Her Majesty's Secret Service that we certainly have A License to Live and Let Die. If you miss it this time, don't worry Tomorrow Never Dies; and there will be a Golden Eyeporunity to see it again For Your Eyes Only. But remember . . . you Only Live Twice!

Midnight Friday

Paul: R - 2011 - 104 min.

dir. Greg Mottola w/Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Seth Rogen

British geeks (yay!) find themselves out of their element after traveling to the US to attend a comic convention (yay!) but culture shock is the least of their problems when they find and assist an alien (yay?)

2:00am Saturday Morning

Shaun of the Dead: R - 2004 - 99 min.

dir. Edgar Wright w/Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Kate Ashfield

Your girlfriend breaks up with you, your job is a joke and your step-dad is a royal asshole. What to do? Save London from a never ending hoard of flesh eating zombies.

SATURDAY

9:30am Saturday

Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit: G - 2005 - 85 min.

dir. Steve Box, Nick Park w/Peter Sallis, Ralph Fiennes, Helena Bonham Carter

The duo Wallace and Gromit has never failed to deliver undeniably charming and delightfully quirky short films. Curse of the Were-Rabbit is this pair's first feature length film, and it doesn't disappoint. With a horrible monster on the loose, and it's up to Wallace and Gromit to set things right.

11:00am Saturday

Lemony Snicket's

A Series of Unfortunate Events: PG - 2004 - 108 min.

dir. Brad Silberling w/Jim Carrey, Emily Browning, Liam Aiken, Meryl Streep

The orphaned Beaudelaire children struggle to avoid the clutches of their creatively evil distant cousin in this clever movie based on the series of novels. Jim Carrey as Count Olav is the highlight of a stellar cast, and the film is simply delightful to watch. (this showing captioned)

1:00pm Saturday

The Place Where You Live: NR - 2013 - 13 min.

*dir/writ/prod. Alexis Van Hurkman
w/Dawn Krosnowski, Lana Rosario, John Bruce*

Nina Ashton, a professor of physics, is abducted by her counterpart from an alternate dimension - one in which her husband has died. As her doppelganger takes her place, Nina struggles to rebuild the machine and reopen the gateway between worlds to regain the life that should be hers. After the show the film maker and members of the cast will talk about feature and have a Q&A.

1:30pm Saturday

Eye of the Devil:

*NR - 1966 - 92 min. dir. J. Lee Thompson
w/Deborah Kerr, David Niven, Sharon Tate, Donald Pleasence*

There is a dark secret hiding deep in the ancient vineyards of France. A disturbing legacy that is calling from the past. Can a man waver from his destiny?

This artfully done, rare and difficult to find, high budget classic horror film has a A-list cast rounded out by the ill-fated newcomer Sharon Tate.

3:30pm Saturday

Sunshine: R - 2007 - 107 min.

dir. Danny Boyle w/Cillian Murphy, Chris Evans, Michelle Yeoh, Rose Byrne

The director of *Trainspotting*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, and *28 Days Later* takes on the sci-fi genre with excellent results. This intense, stylish thriller set in space will keep you guessing while you find yourself creeping to the edge of your seat.



5:30pm Saturday

The Woman in Black:

*PG-13 - 2012 - 95 min. dir. James Watkins
w/Daniel Radcliffe, Janet McTeer, Ciaran Hinds, Sophie Stuckey*

Woman in Black is your standard horror film set up. We've got a run-down protagonist, a strange, unwelcoming village stocked with creepy locals and of course, a sprawling mansion that no one in their right mind would enter without contemplating if they were, in fact, going to be a run-down protagonist in a creepy village in a huge haunted house. *What sets this film apart is that even though it may feel like you've seen this movie a dozen times going in, you'll soon forget it. It does such a wonderful job sucking you in you'll forget all about ol' Amityville. Also - OMG LOOK ITS HARRY POTTER! (this showing captioned)*

7:30pm Saturday

Anonymous: *PG-13 - 2011 - 130 min. dir. Roland Emmerich
w/Rhys Ifans, Vanessa Redgrave, Joely Richardson, David Thewlis*

The idea that Shakespeare didn't actually write the works attributed to him could be considered a tired trope, but this gorgeous costumed epic plays with that concept so well that you forgive the historical liberties taken for the sake of a truly engaging story. It's sort of like a "What if..." comic for Shakespeare fans.

10:00pm Saturday

Lifeforce: *R - 1985 - 116 min.
dir. Tobe Hooper w/Steve Railsback, Peter Firth, Mathilda May, Patrick Stewart*

This high budget British sci-fi/horror film, scored by Henry Mancini touts space exploration, Space exploration, vampires, and Henry Mancini, what more can anyone ask for? This rare British gem of film still seems to be overlooked by most. An intelligent script, smart characters, stunning special effects, and an outstanding British cast.

Midnight Saturday

Cockneys vs. Zombies - with guest James Moran:
*R - 2012 - 88 min. dir. Mattias Hoene
w/Harry Treadaway, Rasmus Hardiker, Michelle Ryan*

A group of bank robbers in London find themselves fighting off zombies, with violent and hilarious results. CVG guest James Moran will be here to talk about his work as screenwriter of the film. Come see it before its theatrical release in the US!

2:00am Sunday Morning

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11:30am Sunday

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows:
*PG-13 - 2011 - 129 min. dir. Guy Ritchie
w/Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachel McAdams, Stephen Fry, Jared Harris*

The bro-mance between the eccentric genius detective and his reluctant partner continues. This time around is as fun and enthralling as the first. Quirky, amazing soundtrack, dazzling visuals, phenomenal acting and Robert Downey Jr. in drag. Come on.

2:00pm Sunday

Tower Block -with guest James Moran:
*NR - 2012 - 90 min. dir. James Nunn, Ronnie Thompson
w/Sheridan Smith, Jack O'Connell, Ralph Brown*

Guest of Honor James Moran is back in Rex to discuss his writing for this tense and funny thriller. Residents trapped in a high rise are being picked off by a sniper, so steel your nerves for this intense story.

4:00pm Sunday

The Legend of Hell House: *PG - 1973 - 95 min.
dir. John Hough w/Roddy McDowall, Pamela Franklin, Clive Revill*

Acclaimed writer Richard Matheson (Incredible Shrinking Man, I Am Legend, Stir of Echoes) weaves a suspenseful tale of a physicist and two mediums who are commissioned to investigate the possibility of survival after death in a brooding mansion with a dark and twisted past.

COF₂E₂ FREE COFFEE SHOP

Cabanas 114—116 (South Tower, 1st Floor)

Thursday 3:00pm—3:00am (Friday morning)
 Friday 7:00am—3:00am (Saturday morning)
 Saturday 7:00am—3:00am (Sunday morning)
 Sunday 7:00am—5:00pm

Your favorite **free java joint** is back again for CONvergence 2013. Open again late each night! Since we know your four-day convention will fly by, CoF₂E₂ is available to help you keep your eyes open all CON long.

This year you can again expect all the free coffee and tea-related beverages your heart desires (with the purchase of convention admittance, of course). Not only can you achieve your nonstop caffeine buzz in the form of coffee, espresso or tea, we also serve a variety of steamers and tisanes (herbal teas) if you desire something more soothing. Looking for something different?

Stop by and see what's new (like chai steamers and organic coffee), or just take advantage of the coffee shop atmosphere to hang out with friends, play some games, and get off your feet for a while. CoF₂E₂ is here to provide the liquid fuel for you to get the most out of your convention weekend!



CONNIE'S SPACE LOUNGE

HER ROYAL MAJESTY'S SPACE LOUNGE

Verandas 3, 5, 6, 8 (South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Hours of Operation - (Smoothies only available during evening hours)

Thursday 9:00pm - 2:00am
 Friday Noon - 3:00pm & 9:00pm - 2:00am
 Saturday 1:00pm - 4:00pm & 10:00pm - 2:00am

SPACE LOUNGE SPECIAL EVENTS:

THURSDAY:

The Space Lounge Village 9:00pm—2:00am

International espionage taking its toll again? It's always a lovely day in The Space Lounge Village. Resign in style; have a smoothie. Take a number, and stay a while to chat with your friendly neighbors. (Local service only!) Rest assured we have lots of fun games and surprises for you. We'd provide more details, but that would be telling. We are certain that once you come around to our way of thinking, you'll never want to leave. Be seeing you!

FRIDAY:

Queen Tea Party Noon
Dalek Poetry Slam 2:00pm—3:00pm
The Space & Lounge Galactic Sports Pub 9:00pm—2:00am

The sun is the hottest place to see a flare, but the Space and Lounge is the coolest - with at least 15 pieces per barkeep. After all, beings could get a smoothie anywhere in the universe, but they come to the Space & Lounge for the atmosphere and the attitude! As a favorite haunt of the Holyhead Harpies, the Caprica Buccaneers, pod racers, and professional Dabo players, the Space & Lounge is the perfect place to kick back a smoothie with your mates while you watch the Quidditch world-cup or catch the winning Jump Ball play. Grab your trainers and a neon sports jacket and join the sports-loving blokes and birds at the Space & Lounge!

SATURDAY:

Classic Video Game Tournament 1:00pm signup
Space Lounge at the End of the Universe 10:00pm— 2:00am

The Space Lounge at the End of the Universe is one of the most extraordinary ventures in the history of CONvergence. A vast time bubble has been projected into the far future to the precise moment of the end of the universe. (This is, of course, impossible.) Grab a Pan Galactic GargleBlaster and join us in our panoramic viewing lounge every hour for a countdown - it's bound to be a total Disaster Area. If you've done six impossible things this morning, why not round it off with smoothies at the Space Lounge at the end of the universe?





Connie's QUANTUM SANDBOX

(Plaza 3, North Tower, 1st Floor)

HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday	Noon—1:00am (Friday)
Friday	9:00am—1:00am (Saturday)
Saturday	9:00am—1:00am (Sunday)
Sunday	9:00am—4:30pm

No convention would be complete without an activity room, and CONvergence is no exception! Born of the merge between the former Art and Science rooms, Connie's Quantum Sandbox is the CONvergence Art, Craft, and Science activity room. With an emphasis on interactive, hands-on activities, Connie's Quantum Sandbox is the CONvergence destination for all those wanting to get their hands dirty doing some art, some science, or a little of both! The Sandbox seeks to engage con-goers of all ages in fun and exciting experiences that will enrich CONvergence (and hopefully be a little fun, and maybe just a little dangerous, too). If you're curious, stop on by! We can be found in Plaza 3 throughout CONvergence.

This year, Sandbox has expanded hours to include earlier open on Thursday (at noon) and staying open later (to 1am) to accommodate more After Dark activities. If you're looking for some adult activities (no, not that kind of adult activities...), come to the Sandbox after 9 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for adult-themed activities. **Some Sandbox After Dark activities will be carded. Please bring photo ID.**

SANDBOX RULES (YES, IT DOES)

Here at Quantum Sandbox, we have a few rules, follow them to avoid sadness and loss. If you choose not to follow the rules we have laid out here, one of the Sandbox Co-Heads or Sub-Heads can and will ask you to leave and not return (at least for the rest of that day). If you lose anything (your dignity, a body part) it may not be returned, depending on its resale value.

HERE ARE THE RULES FOR CONNIE'S QUANTUM SANDBOX:

1. Do not leave your young (under 10) children unattended. If you do, you may find they have been sold into slavery or processed for component materials. You don't want to find out if we're kidding about this.
2. If you are attending a science activity, NEVER put any of the activity materials into your mouth. You may not know what they are (even if you think you do), and you never know where they have been. This is where "ruin your day" takes on a whole new meaning.
3. Follow any and all instructions given by Sandbox staff and activity leaders. Some of our activities are legitimately dangerous and/or involve the use of dangerous implements. The safety of our patrons is foremost in our minds - we don't want you to get injured.
4. Do not abuse the Sandbox staff - we think very highly of and appreciate our volunteers (and we need them for the Sandbox to run effectively).
5. Please wait your turn. Lines may be long, especially during the more popular activities. We will get to you - and it may go faster if you want do a little "short term volunteering" to help out - we love our volunteers.
6. Respect others and their property. This includes the property of the Sandbox staff - many of us bring our own materials to run our panels, and we do not appreciate people destroying them. Moreover, horseplay during some of the activities has a serious potential to injure someone.

ALLERGY WARNING:

Some of the events in the Sandbox (namely those that involve costuming and face- or body-painting) will probably involve the use of latex. Latex can cause allergic reactions in some individuals - please know your own sensitivity to latex and be prepared to take action should you come in contact with latex while in the Sandbox. The Sandbox staff will make every effort to keep the latex isolated while it is not in use, but we encourage our patrons to be safe and as cautious as necessary. If you have questions on latex use, feel free to ask one of the Sandbox staff members.

We also feature activities that have food products as part of the activity. Some of these food products may contain peanuts or other tree nut products, gluten, lactose, or other ingredients that can trigger food allergies. As with all our supplies, we make every effort to keep our food inventory isolated while it is not in use, but we encourage our patrons to be safe and as cautious as necessary. If you have questions about these activities, or the ingredients we use, feel free to ask one of the Sandbox staff members.

BLAST OFF THURSDAY

Noon - 3:00pm

Open for Business

Sandbox is open for business! Stop by and we'll have something fun for you to see and do - maybe it'll be painting, maybe a science project... maybe we'll be playing with dirt! You won't know until you come. So come on by!

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Spin Me Right Round, Baby

All I know is that to me, it looks like they're having fun - spinning yarn all day, all night. Build a drop spindle and learn to make your own yarn. Sheep not included. *Carla Mantel*

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Flick and Swish

It's Levi-OH-Sa, not levio-SAAA... Bring your own Phoenix Feather (with woot, they peck!) and make yourself a magic wand! Not responsible for exploding feathers. *Nikita Woltersen*

8:30pm - 9:30pm

Noisy Demonstrations

ZIP! ZING! WHAM! Come watch as Sandbox comes alive with noise and science! If you'd use onomatopoeia to describe it, expect to hear it during this series of demos, filled with chemistry, physics, and fun!! *Renee Petersen*

10:00pm - 1:00am

After Dark: Cakes! Escaped and roaming the halls UNSUPERVISED!

Our Gluten-filled tools of debauchery are back for another year of.. debauchery. Come free pastries from its humdrum existence. We bring cake, frosting, and the fiddlybits - you bring your twisted imagination (you sick monkeys). 18+ Bring ID. *Angie Anderson, Jim Shields*

SCIENCE FRIDAY

- 9:30am – 10:30am **Young Ones Craft and Play**
Kids! Wake up your parents and join us for some Morning fun. Glue, Glitter, Paint, Play or just have someone read to you. Parents: Enjoy playing and crafting with your kids in this open play activity. We will clean up the mess AND provide the coffee. *Angie Anderson*
- 11:00am – Noon **Creature Committees**
Divide into teams, rip off their heads, their arms, legs, wings, and whatever else they have, and re-combine them into something new and fantastic. Under the guidance of Julie Bowman, our creature expert, you'll make creatures fit for the GPS Silent Auction. It's lots of fun, for a cause!. *Julie Bowman*
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm **Bones**
Discover what an owl had for dinner! Dissect an owl pellet to solve the mystery and reveal clues about the owl's diet and predator/prey relationships. What types of bones will you find in your pellet? *PZ Myers*
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Hands-On Astronomy**
Astronomy is the science of things too far away to interact with, right? Wrong! Participate in hands-on demonstrations of comets, planets, and more, from simulating the surface of the Moon with household ingredients to seeing the invisible universe. *Nicole Gugliucci*
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm **The Science and Art of Bioluminescence**
Fireflies, glow worms—how and why do some living things glow? Explore the science behind bioluminescence and create your own glow-in-the-dark drawing with live (harmless!) bacteria. (Note: You'll need to return the next day to see the finished product.) *Siouxie Wiles*
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Art-Go-Round**
Collaborate with artists to create masterpieces. Even if you can only create a stick figure, you can join the fun with professional artists in seeing the art come to life. *Ruth Thompson, John Garner, Nikita Wolterson*
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm **Geek Art Workshop**
Make art and talk about geek culture with some of the Mad Art Lab artists and special guests. *Amy Davis Roth, Ryan Consell, Ashley Hamer, Anne Sauer, Emily Finke*
- 8:30pm – 10:30pm **Sandbox After Dark: QuadraVixen!**
You and your team of agents must disguise your informant so that the enemy won't recognise them. Use all of your skill and training in this crafty game of on-demand creativity, bad dialogue, and worse costumes.
- 10:30pm – 1:00am **Sandbox After Dark: Art is Skin-Deep**
You're beautiful. You know it. We all know it. Just imagine how beautiful you'd be with neon tiger stripes! Sandbox After Dark presents: Body Painting! You paint, we paint, it's fun for everybody. *18+ Bring ID.*

PARTY SATURDAY

- 9:30am – 10:30am **Magnets! How do they work?**
Come to the Magnet Lab with Professor Lowry, and he'll show you all kinds of cool demonstrations with magnets. We'll explore how magnetism originates and what you can do with it, plus you get to make-and-take your own electromagnetic motor! *Matt Lowry*
- 11:00am – Noon **Pipcleaner Dragonmaking**
Soft Sculpture Artist, Julie Bowman will be teaching all ages how to make their own simple pipecleaner dragon. Modifications are also shown, and it can get crazy from there. *Julie Bowman*
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm **Sock Puppets!**
Everybody loves sock puppets! Well... WE LOVE SOCK PUPPETS! You will too, if you come and make your own animated hosiery critter. Only wear it on your hand, though - wear it anywhere else, it'll have a French accent, and that's a BAD THING. *Kimberly Baerg*
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Dr. Who Regenerating Puppets**
You love the Doctor. You may love more than one Doctor. Now you can love more than one Doctor, in puppet form. Join Kimberly Baerg, of Joy-Filled Puppets, and she'll show you how to make a regenerating (10th & 11th) Doctor puppet. *Kimberly Baerg*
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm **"Iron Pen" Drabble Contest**
Stretch your creative muscles by writing a 100-word story based on a surprise prompt item. Entries will be judged during the weekend and the winners announced at the end of the convention. *Carla Mantel*
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**
Calloo Callay! Come gyre and gimble at our Pretend Tea Party. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and come make hats, play, and eat goldfish and drink apple juice. *Angie Anderson*
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm **Cooking with an Overlord**
With Cake Artist, Author, and Master Chef Contestant Marie Porter, Marie has cooked up something deliciously geeky, and likely British - to demonstrate today. What could it be... cake? Trifle? Fishsticks and Custard? You'll have to come by and find out! *Marie Porter*
- 8:30pm – 9:30pm **Leather Bag of Dice Holding +2**
Let's face it, building up your skill proficiencies can be time consuming and boring. In real life however, you can have a fun time with others as you craft a leather bag for your Dice... or your Health Potions... your choice. Supplies donated by Tandy Leather. Participant limit: 30 *Jason Rolfstad*
- 9:30pm – 11:30pm **Leather Sculpted Rose**
Ever blooming rose, never needs water, doesn't drop its petals, occasional dusting helpful, color - limitless! Participant limit: 20 *Jason Rolfstad*
- 11:30pm – 1:00am **Sandbox After Dark: The Science of Lubrication**
Why are lubricants so helpful for the enjoyment of sex and why are there so many to choose from? What's good for what and what isn't. *Anj Olsen*

TOUCHDOWN SUNDAY

9:30am – 10:30am

Crayon's Corner

KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple.

Caryn Lengeek

11:00am – Noon

Steampunk Craft Hour

Join us for a steampunk-themed craft hour. Create a mechanical collage, design your own airship, or color your own vintage paper dolls!

Kevin Borchers

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Catapults

Come fling small, squashy things at each other right after you've constructed a simple catapult! Please leave your own missiles at home

Renee Petersen

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Downton Abbey Inspired Earrings

Come make yourself a pair of elegant earrings inspired by the ladies of Downton Abbey. You can add a modern twist by using a wide variety of beads, or keep it traditional with crystals or pearls. Earrings are available for both pierced and non-pierced ears.

Sandy Darst

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Police Box Needlepoint

We have a fancy pattern of a Police Box, and you can colour it any colour you like. We have a suggestion, and a whole lot of floss of one colour. Come do some needlepoint! If you need directions or assistance, we will help.

Carla Mantel



CONSUIITE

Cabanas 214—219 (South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Open 24 Hours:

Thursday 3:00pm—Sunday 5:00pm

ConSuite is a place where you can get between-meal snacks and soda free with your convention membership. We will be serving rice, soups,

PB & J sandwiches, chips, and candy. There will also be some breakfast food available in the morning, and watch for special treats. These "special treats" (we call them "Wow Foods") are put out at unannounced times on a first-come, first-served basis, so stop by often. In addition to catching a snack, there's lots of space to hang out and play board games with friends. Our convention mascot Connie's evil twin, Connie Mark II, has found a home at ConSuite, and assures us that working in food service motivates her To Serve Fans at a whole new level.

GRAND OPENING

Thursday at 3:00pm

ConSuite is hosting a Grand Opening event. Stop by for a snack, to meet the crew, and for special surprises

GAMING

OPEN GAMING

Vista Suites / 22nd Floor, South Tower

Thursday	Noon – 12:30am (Friday morning)
Friday	10:00am – 12:30am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	10:00am – 12:30am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	10:00am – 5:00pm

CONSUIE GAMING

Consuite / 2nd Floor, South Tower

Opens	3:00pm Thursday
Closes	5:00pm Sunday

LAN GAMING

Vista Suite 2205 / 22nd Floor, South Tower

GAMING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Noon – 2:30pm

Munchkin Impossible

Card Game – Suite 2203a

“My name is Bomb. James Bomb.” The Munchkin game of super-secret high-stakes espionage is back – start your Con by getting your Secret Agent on, and set just the tone of style, class, and overpowered weapons that will make this year special! **Andy Mullin (SJG MiB)** 2-6 players

12:30pm – 3:30pm

Open LAN Gaming

Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205

Come check out our LAN gaming space – all are welcome, but we only have so many computers, so please play well with others and share! **CONvergence LAN Gaming**, All Welcome

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Manifest Destiny,

RPG/John 3:16 – Suite 2202c

Join the Space Marines and help mankind pacify the distant and dangerous stars! This is an action heavy game with a VERY easy system. We will get you in and have you shooting up alien monsters in no time! If you have never played a roleplaying game, this is a great system to start in. We will make characters in-game, it's fast and easy. Utilizes the John 3:16 rules. The game will go for a bit, take a break, and then start in again on the next world! This game is ok with people joining or leaving randomly. **Robert Cudinski** 3-10 players

1:00pm – 1:00am

Lost City of Barakus

RPG/D&D 3.5 edition – Suite 2206

The party is searching for 2 gem keys that they believe will unlock the Vault of Larin Karr. They are also en route to a tower to stop a diabolical telescope from being built

2:00pm – 4:00pm

High Noon Saloon

Card Game – Suite 2202a

Reach for the sky, varmint! What better way to celebrate America's birthday than a good old-fashioned Wild-west gunfight? High Noon Saloon is the fast-paced card game of quick draws and hot lead. Ages 13+, all materials provided. **Bob Wagner** 3-6 players

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Steve Jackson Games Open Demos

(varies) – Suite 2203

If you've seen people playing Munchkin, Chez Geek (or any of the other Steve Jackson Games) and haven't had a chance to try it, this is just for you! Andy Mullin, one of SJG's Men in Black, will be here to demo and teach new games from Steve Jackson Games. **Andy Mullin (SJG MiB)** All welcome

3:30pm – 6:30pm

LAN Gaming: Natural Selection 2

Computer, (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205

NEW THIS YEAR in LAN Gaming!! Come check out a hybrid FPS / RTS game – in fact, NS was the first FPS game to incorporate the use of the “Commander” role, which actually sees the battlefield from the top down. Play as Space Marines or Kharaa (Aliens), and get ready to kick some assets in this crazy Half-Life mod that became its own game! **CONvergence LAN Gaming** All Welcome

4:00pm – 8:00pm

Magic: the Gathering – Standard Constructed Tournament

Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a

Standard Constructed (Type 2) Tournament. Bring your standard-legal deck and get matched up against other players for a few hours of Magic fun to kick off the Convention! **Matt McMillan** 8 players

4:00pm – 8:00pm

Magic: the Gathering – Emperor (Legacy Constructed)

Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b

Bring your Legacy deck and play in an unusual 3v3 format. Please note that only legal Legacy Constructed decks will be allowed. **Matt McMillan** 6 players

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Ticket to Ride – Europe

Board Game – CONSuite Gaming

A train adventure in which players collect and play matching train cards to claim railway routes connecting cities throughout Europe. **CONSuite Gaming** 5 players

THURSDAY CONTINUED

- 5:00pm – 8:00pm **Simplicity**
RPG – Suite 2202b
A new role playing game system being debuted at CONvergence. The system is based on a fast-paced D10 storyteller mechanic that can work with any setting. Come learn and experience a new role playing system. *Ken Justiniano* 4-6 players
- 5:00pm – 8:00pm **Titans of Industry**
Euro-style board game – Suite 2202d
It is the 1930s, a time of much industrial building and growth. Buy factories and businesses, in order to produce goods and sell them to gain victory points. The person who can best manage their buildings and meet their goals will win. This is Gozer Games' newest game, released last year (2012). Come get a sneak peek of this new game. 3-5 players age 13 and up. Game plays just over 2 hours. *Gozer Games* 3-5 players
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **MUNCHKIN Tournament**
Player Meeting – Suite 2203
If you want to play in this weekend's Munchkin Tournament, you MUST be at this meeting. Rules, format, etc. will be discussed. *Andy Mullin (SJG MiB)* All welcome
- 5:00pm – 9:00pm **Great Goblin Gambit**
RPG – Suite 2204a
Introduction to Pathfinder and RPG in general with 1st-level pre-generated characters, short classic dungeon – experienced and new players welcome, though this will be primarily geared toward new players. All materials provided, ages 12+. *Art Henecke*
- 6:00pm – ? **Open Card and Board Gaming**
(varies) – CONSuite Gaming
Stop into CONSuite Gaming to get in on any of many casual board or card games from CONvergence's game library – grab some friends, grab a game, and grab a table, or see if there's a spot available in a game already in progress. *CONSuite Gaming* All Welcome
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Kung Fu Fighting**
Card Game – Suite 2202a
The geeks of the East and the West must unite and fight, to see whose Kung Fu is better! Come play Kung Fu Fighting the game of cinematic martial arts mayhem. Six will do battle! One will prevail! Ages 13 & up, all materials provided. *Bob Wagner*
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm **Munchkin Tournament – Preliminary Round 1**
Card Game – Suite 2203
Munchkin 3-round tournament (Rounds 2 and 3 will take place Friday); In order to be eligible to play in the tournament, you must have attended the player meeting before this event from 5-6 pm in this room (2203)! Winners from Preliminary rounds will go on to Saturday Night's FINAL!
Andy Mullin (SJG MiB) 16 players per round
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm **LAN Gaming: WarCraft III**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
All the PC's in LAN gaming go WarCraft III at 6:30pm in preparation for the tournament starting at 8:00pm!
CONvergence LAN Gaming All Welcome
- 8:00pm – 9:30pm **LAN Gaming: WarCraft III Tournament**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
Tournament sponsored by The Fallout Shelter Arcade! One on one bracket game where the winner gets 2 tickets to Fallout Shelter's Arcade Pods in the Garden Court, Runner up will win 1 ticket! Registration for this event begins 5 pm Thursday in LAN Gaming (2205).
CONvergence LAN Gaming Sign Up in LAN Gaming ONLY
- 8:00pm – Midnight **Magic: the Gathering – Return to Ravnica Block Draft (Limited)**
Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a
In order to have a chance to play in the draft, each player must bring one (UNOPENED) pack from each of the following sets: Return to Ravnica, Gatecrash, and Dragon's Maze. Players arriving without their packs will not be allowed to play. Please purchase packs in the Dealer's Room at any of the game store merchants selling Magic. *Matt McMillan* 8 players
- 8:00pm – Midnight **Magic: the Gathering – Quantum Leap (Legacy Constructed)**
Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b
Quantum Leap is a Legacy format created by Matt McMillan that uses primarily Planechase and Vanguard cards – bring your Legacy-legal deck and come play!
Matt McMillan 6 players
- 9:00pm – 11:00pm **Cards Against Humanity**
Card Game – Suite 2202a
And I would have gotten away with it if it hadn't been for a sweaty panting leather daddy! Cards Against Humanity is BACK BABY! Last year's event was such a hit (and offended so many people) we just had to bring it back. Come play the game directly responsible for the creation of an 18+ gaming track at Con. All materials provided. NOTE: This game is for ADULTS (18+) ONLY, with ADULT CONvergence BADGE & PHOTO ID!
Robia Wagner 2-10 players
- 9:30pm – 11:00pm **Open LAN Gaming – Adult Only**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
Open LAN gaming ... for Grownups. Anyone in the LAN Gaming area after 9:30 PM must be 18+ and have an ADULT CONvergence badge.
CONvergence LAN Gaming ADULT ONLY
- 11:00pm – 12:30am **LAN Gaming: Team Fortress 2 – Adult Only**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
Team Fortress2 (TF2) was long thought to be vaporware, but it finally appeared, and it was really, really good. Come get your TF2 on with other grownups while the kids sleep and the spouse is party-crawling!
CONvergence LAN Gaming ADULT ONLY

FRIDAY

10:00am – Noon

Sentinels of the Multiverse

Card Game – Suite 2202a

Megalopolis is in trouble! Tachyon, Bunker and The Mighty Ra must team up to defend the city against the evil Baron Blade! Sentinels is a cooperative card game where superheroes come together to save the day. The game is your opponent and your fellow players your trusted allies in justice. Ages 13+ all materials provided. **Bob Wagner** 2-5 players

10:00am – Noon

CAST ONLY:

Steam Century Mystery REHEARSAL TIME

LARP – Suite 2203

Cast call for Steam Century Mystery LARP – final rehearsal before tomorrow's event.

Red Ribbon Society (CAST ONLY)

11:00am – Noon

Zombie Ninja Pirate Vampire Werewolf Fairies

Card Game – CONSuite Gaming

Can you become the ultimate mystical combo-creature? This is a fast-paced, tongue-in-cheek fantasy card game where you become combinations of types of characters. You race to collect objects in your Chest to help you or hurt your opponents, depending on which characters you become. With well known, award-winning artists and silly strategy, this is a quick, fun game for the whole family. **Gozer Games** 2-10 players

11:00am – 1:30pm

Power Pathfinder: The Chosen Assemble

RPG – Suite 2204a

This is the first of three Power Pathfinder adventures running this weekend. 4th level adventure with pre-generated characters – the twist is that this is POWER Pathfinder – character stats will be through the roof, with equipment that would make the Dark Knight and Iron Man weep. Note to players: When the GM gives you the equipment and the stats... there's usually a reason. Possibly mature content, so ages 13+ only please. Experience with RPGs in general and Pathfinder specifically is preferred, but not required. All materials provided. **Art Henecke** 4-6 players

11:00am – 2:00pm

Simplicity

RPG – Suite 2204c

A new role playing game system being debuted at CONvergence. The system is based on a fast-paced D10 storyteller mechanic that can work with any setting. Come learn and experience a new role playing system. **Ken Justiniano** 4-6 players

11:00am – 3:00pm

Magic: the Gathering – Chaos Draft (Limited),

Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a

Magic: The Gathering has a long and varied history... and in a Chaos Draft, you're going to be able to play with a lot of it! Players should bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. This could mean 3 of the same set, or three completely different sets, so bring it to the 22nd floor and get ready to rumble! Packs may be purchased at any of the Dealers' Room game store merchants selling Magic: the Gathering product. **Matt McMillan** 8 players

11:00am – 3:00pm

Magic: the Gathering –

Quantum Leap (Legacy Constructed)

Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b

Quantum Leap is a Legacy format created by Matt McMillan that uses primarily Planechase and Vanguard cards – bring your Legacy-legal deck and come play! **Matt McMillan** 6 players

Noon

Ballot Pickup – Steam Century Scavenger Hunt,

Scavenger Hunt – 22nd Floor

Stop up to 22nd floor after luncheon to claim your ballots for the Steam Century Scavenger Hunt, then fill them with stamps of approval during the evening hours at participating festivities (room parties) throughout our fair venue! There are awards to be had for each evening's winners, and participation in both nights is certainly encouraged! Ballots and instructions will be available on the 22nd floor, and can be returned when completed to the 22nd floor (Gaming) Badging Station to claim your prize! **Red Ribbon Society** All welcome

12:30pm – 3:00pm

Lords of Waterdeep

Board Game – CONSuite Gaming

A tabletop board and strategy game in which you don't play the adventurers on a quest, you play the secret masters of a fantasy city who hire those characters and send them on their missions. Come and join this exciting game of intrigue, swords, and magic hosted by one of CONvergence's Gaming Co-Heads, Dave Rust. **David Rust** 5 players

11:00am – 2:00pm

MUNCHKIN Tournament – Preliminary Round 2,

Card Game – Suite 2203

Munchkin 3-round tournament (Round 1 happened yesterday, Round 3 happens later this evening); In order to be eligible to play in the tournament, you must have attended the player meeting Thursday night from 5-6 pm in this room (2203)! Winners from Preliminary rounds will go on to Saturday Night's FINAL! **Andy Mullin (SJG MiB)** 16 players per round

11:00am – 2:00pm

Open LAN Gaming

Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205

Come check out our LAN gaming space – all are welcome, but we only have so many computers, so please play well with others and share! **CONvergence LAN Gaming** All Welcome

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Manifest Destiny

RPG/John 3:16 – Suite 2202c

Join the Space Marines and help mankind pacify the distant and dangerous stars! This is an action heavy game with a VERY easy system. We will get you in and have you shooting up alien monsters in no time! If you have never played a roleplaying game, this is a great system to start in. We will make characters in-game, it's fast and easy. Utilizes the John 3:16 rules. The game will go for a bit, take a break, and then start in again on the next world! This game is ok with people joining or leaving randomly. **Robert Cudinski** 3-10 players

FRIDAY CONTINUED

- 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Kung Fu Fighting**
Card Game – Suite 2202a
The geeks of the East and the West must unite and fight, to see whose Kung Fu is better! Come play Kung Fu Fighting the game of cinematic martial arts mayhem. Six will do battle! One will prevail! Ages 13 & up, all materials provided. *Bob Wagner* 3-6 players
- 2:00pm – 3:30pm **LAN Gaming: Natural Selection 2**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
NEW THIS YEAR in LAN Gaming!! Come check out a hybrid FPS / RTS game – in fact, NS was the first FPS game to incorporate the use of the “Commander” role, which actually sees the battlefield from the top down. Play as Space Marines or Kharaa (Aliens), and get ready to kick some assets in this crazy Half-Life mod that became its own game! *CONvergence LAN Gaming* All Welcome
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm **Wings of War / Wings of Glory**
Card Game – CONSuite Gaming
Come dogfight WWI planes with Cpt. Jill McTavish of the Royal Manticoran Navy! *Cpt. Jill McTavish* 2-8 players
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm **LAN Gaming: Counter-Strike (All Ages)**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
All the machines in LAN gaming go CS so folks can warm up for the Counter-Strike Tournament at 5 pm! *CONvergence LAN Gaming* All Welcome
- 3:00pm – 7:00pm **Magic: the Gathering – Legacy Constructed Tournament**
Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a
Time for a little blast from the past! Bring your Legacy Constructed (legal, of course) deck up to the Magic: The Gathering room on 22, and play like you did “back in the day”. *Matt McMillan* 8 players
- 3:00pm – 7:00pm **Magic: the Gathering – Commander (a/k/a EDH) Constructed**
Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b
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- 5:00pm – 7:30pm **Power Pathfinder: Tipping the Scales**
RPG – Suite 2204a
This is the second of three Power Pathfinder adventures running this :0weekend. 12th level adventure with pre-generated characters – the twist is that this is POWER
- 5:00pm – 6:30pm **Counter-Strike TOURNAMENT**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
Sponsored by the Fallout Shelter Arcade! Team Tournament with 4-person squads taking the roles of Terrorist and Counter-Terrorist. The winning team will get 2 tickets each to the Fallout Shelter Arcade Pods located in the Garden Court, and the runner-up team will get 1 ticket each! Registration for this event begins Friday at 11:00 AM in LAN Gaming (2205) *CONvergence LAN Gaming* Sign Up in LAN Gaming ONLY
- 6:00pm – ? **Open Card and Board Gaming**
(varies) – CONSuite Gaming
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- 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Red Dragon Inn**
Board Game – Suite 2202a
Hey you, let’s fight! Them’s drinkin’ words! Return to Red Dragon Inn where adventurers drink, gamble and brawl when they get back from killing the monsters. Last one sober-ish with money to spend wins! Ages 16+ all materials provided. *Bob Wagner* 2-8 players
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm **Starcraft**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205
All machines in LAN Gaming go Starcraft at 6:30 as a warm-up for this evening’s Classic Starcraft Tournament! *CONvergence LAN Gaming* All Welcome
- 7:00pm – 10:30pm **Simplicity**
RPG – Suite 2204c
A new role playing game system being debuted at CONvergence. The system is based on a fast-paced D10 storyteller mechanic that can work with any setting. Come learn and experience a new role playing system. *Ken Justiniano* 4-6 players
- 7:00pm – 1:00am **Lost City of Barakus**
RPG/D&D 3.5 edition – Suite 2207
The party is searching for 2 gem keys that they believe will unlock the Vault of Larin Karr. They are also en route to a tower to stop a diabolical telescope from being built which will summon a host of devils to raze the land. And some day they will find the Vale of Serpents and defeat the Avatar of Set that their past actions have set free. A lot to keep them busy and some will be addressed at the next CONvergence! An ongoing 3.5 D&D Adventure that starts with 5th level characters, but may end up anywhere! *Burl Zorn* All welcome

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7:00pm – 11:00pm	<p>Magic: the Gathering – Return to Ravnica Block Draft (Limited), Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a</p> <p>In order to have a chance to play in the draft, each player must bring one (UNOPENED) pack from each of the following sets: Return to Ravnica, Gatecrash, and Dragon's Maze. Players arriving without their packs will not be allowed to play. Please purchase packs in the Dealer's Room at any of the game store merchants selling Magic. <i>Matt McMillan</i> 8 players</p>	<p>Fiasco! RPG/ADULTS ONLY – Suite 2203b</p> <p>Fiasco is an awesome game of people with strong desires and poor impulse control! HINT: If you love Quentin Tarantino movies, this may be the game for you! Once we have enough people we will break up into an appropriate number of groups and play through one of the many published scenarios. No experience needed, the rules are quick and easy. A good game for casual gamers who want to have a fun and dramatic game while at the Con. NOTE: This game is for ADULTS (18+) ONLY, with ADULT CONvergence BADGE! <i>Robert Cudinski</i> 2-6 players</p>
7:00pm – 11:00pm	<p>Magic: the Gathering – Archenemy (Legacy Constructed) – Beat Matt! Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b</p> <p>Bring your Legacy-format legal deck and come beat Matt (our CCG Subhead) at one of his all-time favorite formats! <i>Matt McMillan</i> 6 players</p>	<p>Open LAN Gaming – Adult Only Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205</p> <p>Open LAN gaming ... for Grownups. Anyone in the LAN Gaming area after 9:30 PM must be 18+ and have an ADULT CONvergence badge. <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> ADULT ONLY</p>
8:00pm	<p>Steam Century Scavenger Hunt Scavenger Hunt – Pool-side</p> <p>Have fun at the festivities Friday and Saturday evenings, AND be rewarded for it!! Yes, the scavenger hunt returns for BOTH nights (for participating parties, of course). Awards for each night, so double up! Ballots and instructions available on the 22nd floor, and can be returned when completed to the 22nd floor (Gaming) Badging Station to claim your prize! <i>Red Ribbon Society</i> All welcome</p>	<p>LAN Gaming: Counter-Strike – Adult Only Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205</p> <p>Counter-Strike for Grownups. Come get away from the kids, avoid the poolside crush, and have a little fun with some late-night CS! <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> ADULT ONLY</p>
8:00pm – 9:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Classic Starcraft Tournament, Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205</p> <p>Sponsored by the Fallout Shelter Arcade! The game that started almost 20 years ago and is still a favorite in this generation gets some play at CONvergence. Take on the best with your best in this one-on-one battle to the death, and see who comes out ahead! Grand prize is 2 tickets to the Fallout Shelter Arcade Pods located in the Garden Court, and the runner up will get 1 ticket. Registration begins Friday at 11:00 AM in LAN Gaming <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> Sign Up in LAN Gaming ONLY</p>	<p>LAN Gaming: Counter-Strike – Adult Only Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205</p> <p>Counter-Strike for Grownups. Come get away from the kids, avoid the poolside crush, and have a little fun with some late-night CS! <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> ADULT ONLY</p>
9:00pm – ?	<p>Big Daddy's Revenge RPG/ All Flesh Must Be Eaten/ADULTS ONLY – Suite 2202a</p> <p>"Ladies and gentlemen, I want you to find my little girl, bring her home and, if she's been hurt, cut the balls off those responsible. Am I understood?" Suzette Mathers, daughter of porn king Edgar Mathers has gone missing. Evidence points to a human trafficking cartel. The meta-human mercenaries of Creative Security Innovations have been hired to do the job. The bad guys are screwed. Play as a Ranger sniper with super strength and Ivy League law degree, a drug-addicted were-jaguar or a pyro-kinetic former(ish) street thug among others in</p>	<p>High Noon Saloon Card Game – Suite 2202a</p> <p>Reach for the sky, varmint! What better way to celebrate America's birthday than a good old-fashioned Wild-west gunfight? High Noon Saloon is the fast-paced card game of quick draws and hot lead. Ages 13+, all materials provided. <i>Bob Wagner</i> 3-6 players</p> <p>Monty Python FLUXX Card Game – CONSuite Gaming</p> <p>Yes, that crazy card game where the rules keep changing has joined forces with Monty Python to create the Looneyest card game ever! Help King Arthur and his Knights find the Holy Grail. Bring a Shrubbery to the Knights Who Say Ni! Lob the Holy Hand Grenade at the Killer Rabbit with Nasty Big Pointy Teeth! Just do it quick, before the Goal changes again! <i>CONSuite Gaming</i> 2-10 players</p>

SATURDAY

9:30am – 12:30pm **Simplicity**
RPG – Suite 2202b

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SATURDAY CONTINUED

- 11:00am – 3:00pm **Magic: the Gathering – Modern Constructed Tournament**
Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a
In June, Wizards released Modern Masters – for those of you who bought a box, come on up and give those cards a workout in our Modern Constructed tournament! If you're just getting into Modern, this is a great place to playtest your deck, or to get advice from other Modern players! **Matt McMillan** 8 players
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- Noon – 6:00pm **Steam Century Mystery**
LARP/House Rules – Suite 2203
The Steam Century mystery is a multifaceted game combining elements of live action role-playing and crime dramas. Players follow a trail of clues by investigating rooms and interacting with costumed characters. Our mystery events are role playing games in the sense that we, the cast, stay in character. Players are invited to play in character with us at their comfort level. You are also welcome to just play the game to solve the mystery and don't worry about pretending to be any kind of character. Participants are free to come and go during the time period, and enjoy the convention as they play detective. Donations appreciated. **Red Ribbon Society** All welcome
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RPG/Heroes (6th edition) – Suite 2202c
The famous Hogwarts Dojo is known throughout the shadow world as one of the best places to learn the secrets of Ki and perfect your technique. Part of the secret of their success is the competitions between each house. Each year the Sensei brings a team of the best from each of the four great houses (Ravenclaw, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Gryffindor) out into the muggle world for a competition against each other and the world. The winners hold great prestige and earn points for their house. This year's House Games are no exception, and the Ministry of Martial Arts would like to reassure you that rumors of Lotus Eaters are just that, rumors. **Robert Cudinski** 8 players
- 2:00pm – 4:30pm **Lords of Waterdeep**
Board Game – CONSuite Gaming
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David Rust 5 players
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Roadkill Rally**
Card Game – Suite 2202a
Gentlemen, start your engines! Pedestrians, watch your @\$es! If you've ever seen either Death Race movie you've got the idea of what Roadkill Rally is about. Race across the country in your weapon-laden roadster, lighting up your opponents and scoring points by killing pedestrians. It's all about the size of your gun and the speed of your ride - what's more American than that ? All materials provided, prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. **Bob Wagner** 3-6 players
- 2:00am – 5:00pm **Titans of Industry**
Euro-style Board Game – Suite 2202d
It is the 1930s, a time of much industrial building and growth. Buy factories and businesses, in order to produce goods and sell them to gain victory points. The person who can best manage their buildings and meet their goals will win. This is Gozer Games' newest game, released last year (2012). Come get a sneak peek of this new game. 3-5 players age 13 and up. Game plays just over 2 hours. **Gozer Games** 3-5 players
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- 3:00pm – 7:00pm **Magic: the Gathering – Chaos Draft (Limited),**
Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207a
Magic: The Gathering has a long and varied history... and in a Chaos Draft, you're going to be able to play with a lot of it! Players should bring 3 UNOPENED 15-card booster packs from ANY set of Magic that was released in 15-card booster-pack format. This could mean 3 of the same set, or three completely different sets, so bring it to the 22nd floor and get ready to rumble! Packs may be purchased at any of the game store merchants selling Magic: the Gathering product in the Dealer's Room. **Matt McMillan** 8 players

3:00pm – 7:00pm	<p>Magic: the Gathering – Quantum Leap (Legacy Constructed) Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b</p> <p>Quantum Leap is a Legacy format created by Matt McMillan that uses primarily Planechase and Vanguard cards – bring your Legacy-legal deck and come play! <i>Matt McMillan</i> 6 players</p>	6:00pm – 8:00pm	<p>Red Dragon Inn Board Game – Suite 2202a</p> <p>Hey you, let's fight! Them's drinkin' words! Return to Red Dragon Inn where adventurers drink, gamble and brawl when they get back from killing the monsters. Last one sober-ish with money to spend wins! Ages 16+ all materials provided. <i>Bob Wagner</i> 2-8 players</p>
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3:30pm – 5:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: WarCraft III Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205</p> <p>If you're not a Masquerade watcher or participant, stop up to LAN Gaming to get your Orc or Elf on with some casual WarCraft III! <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> All Welcome</p>	6:30pm – 8:00pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Team Fortress 2 (TF2) Tournament Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205</p> <p>CONvergence's main LAN Gaming Event! Sponsored by Fallout Shelter Arcade, and hosted by our favorite Game Wizard, Mr. Geoffrey Hoffman-Frethem!! This will be a team game, with 4 person teams playing their favorite game roles. Potential bonus prizes for full team cosplay in the tournament! Grand Prize is 2 tickets (each) to the Fallout Shelter Arcade pods located in the Garden Court, Runner-up prize is 1 ticket (each). <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> Sign Up in LAN Gaming ONLY</p>
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5:00pm – 9:00pm	<p>Power Pathfinder: The Fate of a Nation RPG/Pathfinder – Suite 2204a</p> <p>This is the third of three Power Pathfinder adventures running this weekend. 20th level adventure with pre-generated characters – the twist is that this is POWER Pathfinder – character stats will be through the roof, with equipment that would make the Dark Knight and Iron Man weep. Note to players: When the GM gives you the equipment and the stats... there's usually a reason. Possibly mature content, so ages 13+ only please. Experience with RPGs in general and Pathfinder specifically is strongly recommended, but not required. All materials provided. <i>Art Henecke</i> 4-6 players</p>	7:00pm – 11:00pm	<p>D.E.Q.L.A. (Legacy Constructed) Collectible Card Game (CCG) – Suite 2207b</p> <p>Double Emperor Quantum Leap Archenemy (D.E.Q.L.A) is a format developed here at CONvergence – if you've got a Legacy Constructed deck and have never tried it, come see what you've been missing! <i>Matt McMillan</i> 6 players</p>
5:00pm – 6:30pm	<p>LAN Gaming: Team Fortress 2 (TF2) Computer (PC) LAN Gaming – Suite 2205a</p> <p>All the machines in LAN Gaming go TF2 to get ready for tonight's main event!! The TF2 tourney is coming, so loosen up your mouse hand, grab your config, and come warm up before the event! <i>CONvergence LAN Gaming</i> All Welcome</p>	8:00 pm	<p>Steam Century Scavenger Hunt Scavenger Hunt – Pool-side</p> <p>Have fun at the festivities Friday and Saturday evenings, AND be rewarded for it!! Yes, the scavenger hunt returns for BOTH nights (for participating parties, of course). Awards for each night, so double up! Ballots and instructions available on the 22nd floor, and can be returned when completed to the 22nd floor (Gaming) Badging Station to claim your prize! <i>Red Ribbon Society</i> All welcome</p>
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9:00pm – 11:00pm **Cards Against Humanity**
Card Game/ADULTS ONLY – Suite 2202a

And I would have gotten away with it if it hadn't been for a sweaty panting leather daddy! Cards Against Humanity is BACK BABY! Last year's event was such a hit (and offended so many people) we just had to bring it back. Come play the game directly responsible for the creation of an 18+ gaming track at Con. All materials provided. NOTE: This game is for ADULTS (18+) ONLY, with ADULT CONvergence BADGE & PHOTO ID! Additional Note: The company has provided a copy of this nearly-impossible-to-get game as a prize! *Bob Wagner* 2-10 players

9:30pm – 11:00pm **Open LAN Gaming – ADULT ONLY**
Computer (PC) LAN Gaming/ADULTS ONLY – Suite 2205

Open LAN gaming ... for Grownups. Anyone in the LAN Gaming area after 9:30 PM must be 18+ and have an ADULT CONvergence badge.
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SUNDAY

10:00am – Noon **Sentinels of the Multiverse**
Card Game – Suite 2202a

Megalopolis is in trouble! Tachyon, Bunker and The Mighty Ra must team up to defend the city against the evil Baron Blade! Sentinels is a cooperative card game where superheroes come together to save the day. The game is your opponent and your fellow players your trusted allies in justice. Ages 13+ all materials provided.
Bob Wagner 2-5 players

11:00am – 1:30pm **Shadows over Camelot**
Board Game – CONSuite Gaming

As the incarnation of the Knights of the Round Table, you join forces against the game itself in an attempt to protect Camelot. *CONSuite Gaming* 3-7 players

11:30am – 2:30pm **Simplicity**
RPG – Suite 2202c

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Ken Justiniano 4-6 players

Noon **Steam Century Scavenger Hunt – Ballot Turn-in CLOSSES**
Scavenger Hunt – 22nd Floor

This is your last chance to turn in your completed ballots from the Friday and Saturday night Scavenger Hunts! A Red Ribbon Society official will collect any un-claimed awards and all remaining ballots shortly after noon, so if you participated in the Scavenger Hunt, come collect your Awards! *Red Ribbon Society* All welcome

Noon – 4:30pm **Lost City of Barakus**
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Noon – 2:00pm **Munchkin Impossible**
Card Game – Suite 2203a

"My name is Bomb. James Bomb." The Munchkin game of super-secret high-stakes espionage is back – wrap up your Con by getting your Secret Agent on, and end on a high note of style, class, and overpowered weapons before soaking in the hot tub or hitting Closing Ceremonies! *Andy Mullin (SJM MiB)* 2-6 players

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1:00pm – ? **My Dinner with Ellie**
RPG/All Flesh Must Be Eaten – Suite 2202a

The CONvergence survival-horror tradition returns. A meteor explodes in the upper atmosphere. As dawn races across the globe the hungry dead arise and attack the living. 6 survivors hole up in an isolated mansion and try to survive and find a way to reverse the apocalypse before it's too late. Ages 13+ materials provided, dice and pencils recommended. *Bob Wagner* 6 players

2:00pm – 3:00pm **TransEuropa**
Board Game – CONSuite Gaming

Europe needs railroads, and it's your job to provide them. Players work together to build a vast railroad network across all parts of Europe. *CONSuite Gaming* 2-6 players

2:00pm – 5:00pm **Steve Jackson Games Open Demos**
(varies) – Suite 2203a

If you've seen people playing Munchkin, Chez Geek (or any of the other Steve Jackson Games) and haven't had a chance to try it, this is just for you! Andy Mullin, one of SJG's Men in Black, will be here to demo and teach new games from Steve Jackson Games *Andy Mullin (SJM MiB)* All welcome

DEALERS ROOM

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Grand Ballroom West & Front Center (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday 2:00pm – 7:00pm
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Located in the Grand Ballroom off CONvergence Central on the second floor of the South tower, the Dealers Room offers a large and diverse gathering of wares, with a little bit of everything to tempt you. From anime to books, corsets to the latest gaming modules, the Dealers Room offers every type of merchandise a fan could desire.

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NEW SPACE! NEW SPACE!!

Harmonic CONvergence has moved to its new home in Plaza 1. We have been blessed to be able to expand our seating more than double the previous years, and are now located across the hall from the Art Show. Please come and see our new digs and enjoy the great entertainment we have gathered for you all weekend!

Did You Know?

FYI -We have a scrolling electronic marquee outside Harmonic CONvergence and Mainstage with the line-up schedule, as well as several posted schedule posters all over con.

THURSDAY

2:30pm – 3:30pm	Laugh Junkie , Bringing original/folk/Indy goodness to a pile of kick a\$\$ instrumentals and covering old fads with a twisty pirate flair!
4:00pm – 5:00pm	ficshe , Mixing goth, darkwave, glitch, ambient, and New Wave into a synthesis of electronic composition, with powerful vocals.
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Rockstar Storytellers , Radio-style storytelling, dripping with coffee-and-cigarette-soaked hipster irony
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Rock & Roll Whores , Masters of Rhythm and Squeal.
8:30pm – 9:30pm	The Idisi , Unconventional wyld womyn's chorus...sonic Goddesses all.
10:00pm – 11:00pm	Stand Up ! Records presents Tongue in Geek Comedy Hour , Twin Cities own international indie comedy label partners with CONvergence to bring you the best Stand Up Comics in the land.. Hosted by Gus Lynch, Guest: Robert Fones, and Featured:Patrick Bauer and Andy Erikson
11:30pm – 12:30am	The Kamikaze Snowmen , Running the gamut from FOLK to FUNK, from SATIRE to SILLINESS

1:00am – 2:00am

GeeKaraoke Idol Qualifying Rounds, New Feature of GeeKaraoke this year! Complete to win a spot on Mainstage Sunday afternoon ...Win trophies and wow your Glee loving friends...

2:00am – ?

GeeKaraoke Open, Karaoke for the Masses

FRIDAY

11:00am – Noon

Adam Stemple, A man of epic talents...especially guitar..and writing...and poker...and..geez! Did we mention epic?

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Bror! Steven Brust & Johnny Sjogren..add a dash of brotherly love...comedic storytelling...stir...repeat

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Scott Keever, Guitarist/composer (electronic/soundtrack/acoustic/world beat)

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Philip Low presents The Camelot Cycle, Some stark and dark, dense and intense stories, poems, and monologues from Mr Low's Camelot Cycle of one-man shows!

5:00pm – 6:00pm

BlueGreen, Acoustic blues/folk/rock

6:15pm – 6:45pm

Open Mike, Open Mike stage...sign up early!

7:00pm – 8:00pm

the great Luke Ski, Comedy songs on fandom & pop-culture topics

8:30pm – 9:30pm

Bad September, Retro-futurist Steampunk rock band

10:00pm – 11:00pm

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11:30pm – 12:30am

The Dregs, Crazy mix of comedy, music and geek...and a dash of Irish

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SATURDAY

- 9:30am – 10:30am **MUSIC PANEL: The Art of Foley**, The Art of Foley- Presented by the cast of Senseless! A Brick Foley Adventure
- 11:00am – Noon **Senseless! -A Brick Foley Adventure**, A live radio performance with object puppetry
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm **DABR! Now w/ interactive console games!!!** Ode to the music of videogames...nostalgically chic...epically evil-crushing...seriously
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Ionosphere Casting Shadows**, One man, exploring "where no guitar has gone before"
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm **Our Fair City**, Science fiction audio-drama hailing from Chicagoland
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **My Monster: Joseph Scrimshaw & Bill Corbett**, One act comedy about fragile egos, the Hollywood machine, and sparkling wine
- 6:15pm – 6:45pm **Open Mike**, Open Mike stage...sign up early!
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm **Stand Up! Records artist -Adam Quesnell**, LIVE from CONvergence! Comedy album recording for Stand Up! Records art. Live Comedy Album recording
- 8:30pm – 9:30pm **Dissociate**, Scary/happy music/noise that enriches/convulses your soul/face
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SUNDAY

- 11:00am – Noon **Gabriel Hilmar**, A man of dulcet tones..a trobadour's heart and soul... and world music guitar
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm **Fuzzy Machete**, If The Who got really into Joss Whedon and Sailor Moon
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Valley Meadows**, Hip-hop duo with hilarious lyrics and high-energy stage antics with the bangin'-est beats to blow minds throughout the land.



Softel Dijon (Hotel Softel)

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Krushenko's, from a Manhattan bistro in Minicon 1983 Guest of Honor Larry Niven's Ringworld, started at Minicon 1983 as a space that encouraged science fiction and fantasy discussion at SF conventions. It has evolved over the years, and influenced the shape and focus of other programming and party spaces at local conventions, but the Krushenko's commitment to promoting SF discussion and conversation remains vibrantly alive, having spread to also include annual Krushenko's appearances at MarsCon, Con-Sarnit, CONvergence, Diversicon, and Arcana in the Twin Cities and WisCon in Madison. At CONvergence 2013, Krushenko's will be at the Softel in the Dijon room and will offer panels, discussions, interviews, and presentations.

THURSDAY

3:30PM THURSDAY

GPS Writing Contest Winners GPS / Softel Dijon

Past winners of the annual GPS Writing Contests read from their winning work. This year's winners are announced. *George Richard, Hilary Moon Murphy*

5:00PM THURSDAY

100 Science Fiction Books To Read Before You Die books, Krushenko's / Softel Dijon

What are the essentials? Where do you begin? What past classics and modern works belong on the list? *Elizabeth Bear, James Enge, Jody Wurl, Michael Levy, Patrick Tomlinson, Paul Weimer*

7:00PM THURSDAY

Fan Crafts art / Softel Dijon

Serenity made from Lego. A handcrafted USS Enterprise-D coffee table. An Ood, crocheted. Tardis cakes galore. What inspires us to craft things based on our favorite fictions? What's the most awe-inspiring thing you've made? *Brandy Snyder, Leah Groess, Michael Zecca, Tania Richter*

FRIDAY

9:30AM FRIDAY

Arduino and the Makers diy / Softel Dijon

Learn about hobbyist electronics starting with the Arduino micro-controller and beyond! Hear about our projects, and let us know about yours! We'll be sharing tips, tricks, and experiences from fellow 'makers' to help you build your (electric) dreams. *Doug Thorpe, Jerry Belich, Todd Murray*

11:00AM FRIDAY

Monty Python British, Krushenko's, movies, theme, TV / Softel Dijon

Let's celebrate the greatest comedy team since the Marx Brothers, including 45 TV episodes, two feature films, albums, live concerts, books, and dead parrot penguin lumberjack spam. Here's to John, Michael, Terry G., Graham, Eric, Terry J. and their pals. *Ben Ellis, Bill Stiteler, Dave Margosian, Jennifer Kelley, Melissa Kaercher*

12:30PM FRIDAY

Local Bookstores books, Krushenko's / Softel Dijon

Let's look past Amazon and Barnes & Noble and explore what local book stores have to offer readers. What are the best in the area and what can we do (beyond shopping there) to keep them in business? *Catherine Lundoff, Eric Heideman*

2:00PM FRIDAY

Local Book Clubs books, Krushenko's / Softel Dijon

There are lots of book clubs out there and there are many different focuses. What book club is best for you and how can you get connected? *Ange Straatmeyer, Eric Heideman, Michael Kingsley*

3:30PM FRIDAY

From Phlox to Pulaski, an Evaluation of Star Trek Doctors Star Trek, TV / Softel Dijon

No bones about it, the physicians of the Star Trek universe have a tough job. In this panel we compare and contrast their medical performance as well as their bedside manner. How does the feel of the character match the feel of their series? *Caitlin Ericson, Calvin Priestler, Courtney Okey-Wernimont, Joan Marie Verba*

5:00pm FRIDAY

British Women Fantasy Writers **books, British, Krushenko's, theme / Sofitel Dijon**

Great Britain has given the world some amazing women fantasy writers: Angela Carter, E. Nesbit, Mary Norton, Tanith Lee, Liz Williams, Gwyneth Jones and J.K. Rowling all spring to mind. Let's talk about their works. *Catherine Lundoff, Rebecca Marjesdatter*

7:00pm FRIDAY

Minn-Spec Meeting **books, Krushenko's, writing / Sofitel Dijon**

Come and learn about the Minnesota Speculative Fiction Writers, a 400+ member-strong organization. *Hilary Moon Murphy, Michael Merriam*

8:30pm FRIDAY

Misfits TV Show Fan Panel **British, current, theme, TV / Sofitel Dijon**

This is about the British TV series featuring "Chavs" with superpowers. It's not about the local organization that used to have the same name. Although that organization is pretty cool too... *Chris Stenzel, Christopher Jones, Lee Reynolds, Liz Reynolds, Neil Anderson*

SATURDAY

9:30am SATURDAY

Supernatural **current, TV / Sofitel Dijon**

Come join us as we discuss season 8 of Supernatural. What did you think of Purgatory, the return of Castiel, and new characters introduced this past season? Come join Sam and Dean (and the Impala) as we discuss this long-running series. *Alexandra Howes, Andy Newman, Jaqueline Stoner, Kiah Nelson, Renate Fiora*

11:00am SATURDAY

Hitchcock's Legacy **classic, Krushenko's, movies / Sofitel Dijon**

He was one of the most influential directors in cinematic history. Let's talk about his impact on film. *Melissa Kaercher, Romeo Azar, Tim Lieder, Troy LaFaye*

12:30pm SATURDAY

The Gods of Geekdom **comics, hot dish, Krushenko's, Skepchicks / Sofitel Dijon**

The Avengers movie had several gods, atheists, agnostics, and Christians all mingled together- we comfortably mix up multiple pantheons and a hard-nosed scientific attitudes in comics and SF literature. How do nerds do that without their heads exploding? *Fionnuala Murphy, Jason Thibeault, Nick Glover, Ryan Consell*

2:00pm SATURDAY

Hammer Films - Classic **British, classic, horror, Krushenko's, movies, theme / Sofitel Dijon**

From the mid-50s to the mid-70s, the British Hammer Studios brought fresh life to pirate movies, films noir, science fiction, and especially supernatural and psychological horror. What was their secret? *Bryon Stump, Christopher Jones, David Christenson, Eric Heideman, Jennifer Menken*

3:30pm SATURDAY

Are We Ready for Robots? Ask Siri **hot dish, Krushenko's, sci/tech / Sofitel Dijon**

There ought to be robots, send in the robots, where are the robots? Maybe they're here. We're very close to the point where robot slaves are going to become commonplace. What will the economic and cultural implications be? *Doug Thorpe, G. David Nordley, Renate Fiora, W. A. Thomasson*

5:00pm SATURDAY

SF Writing Groups: The 2013 Scene **books, Krushenko's, writing / Sofitel Dijon**

This annual (since 1986) get-together of the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers? Alliance helps science fiction/fantasy writing groups link with authors who are looking for a critique group. *Eric Heideman (mod)*

7:00pm SATURDAY

Hammer Films - Rebirth **British, horror, movies, theme / Sofitel Dijon**

Discuss the rebirth and new successes of the classic horror film production company. *Cynthia Booth, Jody Wurl, Melissa McConnell, Shawn van Briesen*

SUNDAY

11:00am SUNDAY

The Obama Era Space Program: Second Term **hot dish, Krushenko's / Sofitel Dijon**

This is our fourth annual look at how space exploration, robotic and human, is faring under the cash-strapped Obama administration. *Ben Huset, Eric Heideman (mod), G. David Nordley, Michael Kauper*

12:30pm SUNDAY

Mary Shelley's Monster **books, classic, Krushenko's / Sofitel Dijon**

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's 1818 novel Frankenstein, or, The Modern Prometheus, has immeasurably influenced science fiction, horror and debate about scientists' moral responsibility. We'll talk about the book, and sample its influence. *Eric Heideman, Jason D. Wittman, Tim Lieder*

2:00pm SUNDAY

H. G. Wells **books, British, classic, Krushenko's, theme / Sofitel Dijon**

A discussion on the impacts of Mr. Wells on his world and the lasting effects to today. *Jody Wurl, Matt Kessen, Mike Hallenbeck, Pat Harrigan*

3:30pm SUNDAY

Canines In Fact, Folklore, Fiction, and Film **horror, Krushenko's, sci/tech / Sofitel Dijon**

Our 11th annual bio-horror panel on the scary side of nature. (Past entries have ranged from apes to pathogens.) This time we look at the canidae family, including wolves, dogs, foxes, coyotes, and jackals. *Eric Heideman, Jennifer Menken, Matt Kessen, Melissa Kaercher, Tania Richter*

MAINSTAGE

Grand Ballroom East/Second Floor, South Tower

THURSDAY

- 5:45pm **House Doors Open**
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm **Mark Time Radio Show**
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm **Opening Ceremony 2013: British Invasion**
Featuring a live comedy sketch, and an introduction to our Guests of Honor.
- 9:00pm – 10:30pm **S.U.P.E.R.S.P.Y. SMACKDOWN**
This year's super secret Smackdown mission: to identify the spy most likely to completely obliterate all other spies. With names like Bond, Bourne and Peel, you can be sure of only one thing - the losers will never see it coming! **Panelists:** Christopher Jones, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Wick, Joseph Scrimshaw, Tim Uren, Kelvin Hatle, Dawn Krosnowski, Jeremy Stomberg and Caroline Symcox
- 11:30pm – ? **Dance: Anachronistic Past Tense**
Our evening kicks off with a future retro jive moments before we bring you the legendary chap-hop sounds of Mr. B The Gentleman Rhymmer. We'll boogie on into the late hours bringing you the finest retro, electro-swing, synth pop, mash-ups, and modern remixes. Featuring djs Flashy, SLT, Spleen, noise. (see below for details)
- 11:45pm **noise (electro swing)**
- Midnight **Mr. B the Gentleman Rhymmer**
Making his first North American appearance, Our 2013 Featured Musical Performer is the Chap-Hop genius of Mr B The Gentleman Rhymmer! On a one-man mission to introduce Hip-Hop to the Queen's English, Mr. B is delighted to present Chap-Hop. His latest long player 'The Tweed Album' was released in June 2012 and has been described as 'A Psychedelic Chap-Hop masterpiece'. Mr.B is a true 'festival favourite' and was in the Guardian's top ten things to see at last year's Glastonbury.
- 1:00am **DJ Flashy** (EDM and new techno)
Flashy has been providing music to make people shake their butts for years, whether he is DJing, writing and producing for his various bands/projects, or remixing artists from around the globe. Favoring synth and rave based EDM, he always leaves audiences with a smile on their face.
- 2:00am **DJ SLT** (retro, remixes)
DJSLT brings his collection of 80's, 90's and 2000's tracks straight from his weekly radio show on KFAI, "Across the Board," which is described as "like listening to a live mix tape."
- 3:00am **DJ Spleen** (industrial, aggro)
A recently returned transplant from the more tropical parts of the country, Spleen imports his unique sense of driving rhythms and grinding beats with a focus on grittier sounds.

FRIDAY

- Noon – 1:00pm **Midwest Sci Fi Short Film Festival presents "Empress Uma and Her Space Pirates Take The Moon" (with Q & A with cast and crew)**
The Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival presents a premier showing of the sci-fi short "Empress Uma and Her Space Pirates Take The Moon". This homage to the serials of the 1930's is a locally produced film and features many talents on screen and off from the Twin Cities film community. There will be a Q & A with members of the cast and crew after the film.
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm **LIVE Podcast: Probably Science with Matt Kirshen and Andy Wood**
Featured Artist, from across the pond, British bloke Matt Kirshen and one of his Probably Science podcast cohorts, Andy Wood are professional comedians take you through this week in science, with a few special guests and probably with some incompetent scientists. And they will do it...Incompetently. <http://probablyscience.tumblr.com/>
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm **Steam Century presents**
Steam Century is pleased to be presenting the Sixth Annual Steampunk Fashion Expo! For the first time, we will be venturing outside the realm of steampunk and welcoming anyone whose attire goes with the CONvergence theme, British Invasion! No skits or dialog are required—it's purely a fashion show, so don't miss your chance to do your turn on the catwalk! We are also delighted to announce that CONvergence Guest of Honor Caitlin Blackwood will be this year's special guest judge! Returning as our halftime entertainment will be the amazing Rana Regina—you won't want to miss her signature Tea Service Belly Dance! A sign-up sheet will be available right outside the "rice room" in ConSuite until 3:30 PM Friday. Participants should plan to report to the Green Room at 4:00 pm for judging and rehearsal. Show starts at 5:30 pm Presented by Steam Century: Jack Barker; Shannon Green; Richard Miller; Ashli Fain
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm **Stand Up! Records and CONvergence present Featured Comedian; Matt Kirshen**
London-born Matt Kirshen's precision wit has earned him an impressive reputation on the international comedy circuit. Most recently his appearances on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, Paul Provenza's Green Room, and as a finalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing has earned him a whole new host of fans in the United States and a surprising number of other countries worldwide. He has also recorded a half-hour special for the World Stands Up, Comedy Central, and has acclaimed festival appearances at Montreal, Edinburgh, Kilkenny, Glastonbury, Reading, Leeds, Bermuda, and Amsterdam. His youthful looks disguise a veteran comic with almost a decade of experience, and a wealth of smart, funny and relatable material, making him a firm favorite with college audiences. While it's his prime-time NBC appearances that most American comedy fans will recognize him from, they are often surprised at the breadth and scope of his material, described by one reviewer as "intelligent, but with the emphasis firmly on the funny" <http://www.mattkirshen.com/>

8:30pm – 9:30pm **Joseph Scrimshaw**
Joseph Scrimshaw presents his comedy show SUPER ISSUES - A brooding, action-packed stand-up comedy show about superheroes! Scrimshaw smashes his way through tales of horrible origin stories, questionable bat-logic, the best super power ever, and the fight for truth, justice, and tight pants! The convention is getting crowded and we know that there isn't always room to watch our most popular Main Stage events. This year we will again have Overflow seating in the BLOOMINGTON room and we will be broadcasting on CVG-TV.

10:00pm – 11:00pm **Puppet Slam:** What's this "puppetry slam"? It's a nearly impromptu live puppet variety show! Come and see some of the areas best puppeteers in a late-night presentation guaranteed to entertain! Hosted by the effervescent and talented, Gordon Smuder.

Midnight – ? **Dance: British Invasion:** Without a doubt, some of the most influential music ever to hit the world has come from the British empire. We'll highlight that as we take you on a journey through genres, focusing on sounds that had their roots in those islands we all love. Lose your mind to trance, drum and bass, and hardstyle featuring djs Oxygen, Mad WITH Science, Fenris, and more.

Midnight **DJ O2** (theme-based dance music) o2 /Oxygen is a dj/producer from the Twin Cities who offers contextualized journeys of a musical nature. Always count on tight sets exploring a centralized theme spanning a variety of genres.

1:00am **DJ Mad WITH Science** (heavy DNB & bass music) Producer and performer Mad WITH Science has been redefining what Drum and Bass music means. With an ear for the melodic and impeccable style, the beats and bass move you full speed ahead.

2:00am **DJ Fenris** (hardstyle) Fenris turns up the energy with a heavy helping of hardstyle dance tracks and viscious beats. Be sure to bring extra water.

3:00am Super Industrial Tag-Team (industrial, darkwave, synthpop, electro) Throw all of our djs into a blender, put them behind a bulking pile of gear, turn all the dials up to 11, and let it go. What's the worst that could happen? Come find out.

SATURDAY

9:00am – 10:00am **The Masquerade Orientation**

11:00am – 3:00pm **Workmanship Judging -in GREEN ROOM (Participants Only)**

11:00am – 3:00pm **Technical Rehearsal-on Mainstage (Participants Only)**

6:30pm **House Doors Open**

7:00pm - 8:00pm **The Masquerade**

8:00pm - 8:45pm **The Masquerade Half Time Show**

8:45pm - 9:30pm **The Masquerade Awards Show**

10:00pm – 11:00pm **Vilification Tennis:** Vilification Tennis returns to main stage to offend your sensibilities. Of our show, returning Guest Paul Cornell said "I've never heard such filth." With an endorsement like that, how can you resist?

Midnight – ? **Dance: The Magical Mystery Tour Featuring djs Oxygen, Nitrogen, dv8, noise, and more**
We'll start the evening right with our annual strobe-free sci-fi influenced dance music hour. Afterwards, Anything goes as we throw at you some of the best dj talent the local sci-fi community has to offer. From down and gritty electro to dark progressive goa, stompy industrial to upbeat future pop. We'll keep the beats coming and we hope you can keep up. Featuring djs Oxygen, Nitrogen, dv8, noise, and more.

Midnight **Strobe-free sci-fi music hour** (geek dance music) Our annual homage to science-fiction-influenced dance tracks and geeky tunes.

1:00am **DJ dv8** (hard electro, dubstep) Seasoned veteran dv8 knows the Con crowd in and out, having had some of his first large crowd experiences at renegade parties at conventions before CONvergence existed. Look for some growling bass to whet your appetite and prepare you for the thundering beats to follow.

2:00am **DJ Nitrogen** (hard electro, breaks, and other delicious goodies) DJ Nitrogen is a seven-time winner at Twin Cities Nightclubs.com annual Twin Cities Best Club DJ contest. CBS Minnesota also named Nitrogen one of the top resident DJs in the Twin Cities. He has opened for dozens of national acts including: Lords Of Acid, Combichrist, VNV Nation, Voltaire and many others.

3:00am **DJ noise** (progressive goa, psy trance) is a Minneapolis fixture, being a resident at Bondage a Go Go, Hard Mondays, and the DJ for the Minnesota Rollergirls. Favoring darker grooves and spooky sounds put to pulsing rhythms, noise brings his collection of mesmerizing tunes and original remixes to share with all.

SUNDAY

Noon – 1:00pm **GeeKaraoke Idol**
NEW this year! Having held our Qualifying Rounds at Harmonic CONvergence over the course of the weekend, we find ourselves with the finalist who are prepared to strut their stuff on the Mainstage. Celebrity judges and the audience will help determine who takes home the soon-to-be-coveted GeeKaraoke 1st Place TROPHY of GLORY.....who will win?

2:30pm – 3:30pm **Harisen Daiko Drum Troupe**
Harisen Daiko is comprised of a diverse group of players with over a century of combined Taiko playing experience. Seeking cultural connection, chasing inspiration, and reveling in the energy that can only be found when you and about a dozen of your friends get together to hit things with sticks...usually drums... We have come together for one purpose and one purpose only. To share our obsessive love of Japanese Taiko drumming with other people who obsessively love things. Special Musical Guests- Members of The Idisi (Women's Chorus)

4:30pm **House Doors Open**

5:00pm – 6:30pm **Closing Ceremony**
Join Connie as we say so long, farewell, auf wiedersehn, adieu to another convention!

劇場 NIPPON ANIME ROOM

Theater Nippon is the CONvergence Anime Room, featuring a mix of classic Anime and new favorites, as well as Japanese-themed snacks!

Need a break from the British Invasion? Come visit us in our new home in Atrium 1 for anime classics, a couple of hot new titles and plenty of Japanese snacks.

Don't forget to sign up for the drawing, then show up at Evangelion Redeath on Saturday for a chance to win FABULOUS PRIZES.

Atrium 1 (2nd Floor, North Tower)

Thursday 3:00pm – 3:00 am Friday morning
 Friday 7:00am – 3:00 am Saturday morning
 Saturday 7:00am – 3:00 am Sunday morning
 Sunday 7:00am – 3:00 pm

THURSDAY

3:00pm **Lupin the 3rd: The Mystery of Mamo** (Dubbed, Ages 13+)
 The world's most wanted master thief, Lupin the Third is dead! Despite a coroner's report, Interpol Inspector Zenigata is skeptical and discovers that Lupin is actually alive and well and stealing! But who had set up Lupin's death and why?

5:00pm **Broken Blade** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
 Rygart Arrow is an un-sorcerer, born with the ability to freely control quartz. Living with his brother at a farm, he receives a letter from an old friend, King Hodr, informing him that a war is about to occur. Hodr called him because an ancient type of Golem has been found in a mining shaft. No one has been able to move it and Queen Sigyn, an expert engineer, suspects that maybe an un-sorcerer might be the key to activate it.

6:00pm **Romeo X Juliet** (Subtitled, Ages 13+)
 Disguised as the Red Whirlwind, Juliet prowled the shadows of Neo Verona, sword in hand, desperate to end the tyrannous reign of the vile Duke Montague. Nothing else mattered to this lionhearted beauty until the day Romeo swooped into her life and absconded with her heart. But now, just as their love begins to blossom, the mysterious entity known as Escalus threatens to destroy their world and tear the star-crossed lovers apart once and for all.

7:30pm **Penguindrum** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
 Himari Takakura passes away after going out on a trip with her brothers, twins Kanba and Shōma. She is, however, miraculously saved by a spirit in a penguin-shaped hat. In return for her extended life, the twins must search for an item known as the Penguin Drum with the aid of three penguins, which are visible only to the siblings.

9:30pm **Fist of the North Star** (Subtitled, Ages 17+)
 In Ken's quest to save the post-nuclear world from his arch rival Shin, never before have so many been killed by just one man. Enter the deadly world of Hokuto no Ken and witness a place where violence isn't the problem, it's the solution!

11:30pm **Nescaflowné** (Ages 17+)
 Meet Hitmi, an average Japanese high-school girl who finds herself whisked away to the magical world of Java, where conflict is brewing between the kingdom of Folgeria and the Starbach empire. Could it be that Hitmi has the power to save the day? If you don't know the answer to that, you probably haven't seen much anime.

FRIDAY

12:30am **Armitage III** (Subtitled, Ages 17+)
 The year is 2046. Detective Ross Sylibus is transferred to Mars when a country singer on his flight is murdered. Making matters more complicated is that the singer is a "Third"—a robot that looks and feels like a human. Sylibus is partnered with Armitage—a beautiful female cop with a bad attitude. As they investigate the murder of the singer and other women on Mars, they uncover a conspiracy that can have them both killed by the Martian government, especially when Armitage is revealed to be a Third herself.

3:00am **Closed**

7:00am **Taro the Dragon Boy** (Dubbed, Ages 10+)
 Lazy and selfish, Taro loves to eat, sleep and wrestle with forest animals. He has little direction or inspiration in his life. That is, until a wizard gives him a magical potion. Upon drinking the potion, he gains the strength of a hundred men! However, there is a catch: he may only summon this power while he is helping others.

SATURDAY

- 8:30am **La Corda d'Oro** (Subtitled, Ages 13+)
At the Seiso Academy, there are two kinds of students: those enrolled in the world famous music curriculum and those enrolled in the far less demanding general studies program. Kahoko Hino falls into the latter category until she is given a magic violin by a fairy who lives inside the academy! Now she's an outstanding new prodigy, but is it really just the magic violin that makes the difference?
- 10:30am **Blue Drop** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
Five years ago, something horrifying happened on Kamioki Island that stripped all memory from Mari Wakatake's mind even as it left every other human on the island dead in its wake. Now enrolled against her will at an isolated girl's academy, Mari is unaware that hidden eyes are watching her, waiting for her memory to return.
- 12:30pm **Un-Go** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
With the help of his strange assistant Inga, "defeated detective" Shinjūrō Yūki solves crimes in a near future Japan still suffering from the ravages of war. Problem is, the credit always ends up going to super detective Rinroku Kaishō.
- 2:30pm **Gankutsuou: The Count of Monte Cristo** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
Albert is a young man of privilege in Paris, but the trappings of his aristocratic birth leave him bored and unsatisfied. Seeking adventure, Albert's restless spirit lead him to a festival on the moon – and the Count of Monte Cristo. Little does Albert know, as his new friend walks the ornate halls of the highest class, the Count wants only to bring them crashing down.
- 4:00pm **Natsume's Book of Friends** (Subtitled, Ages 13+)
Natsume Takashi has the ability to see spirits, which he has long kept secret. However, once he inherits a strange book that belonged to his deceased grandmother, Reiko, he discovers the reason why spirits surround him. Now, Natsume is determined to free the spirits. With the help of a spirit cat, his days are filled trying to return the names to these spirits.
- 6:00pm **Hellsing Ultimate** (Subtitled, Ages 15+)
Vampires exist. It is the duty of Hellsing, a secret organization sponsored by the British government, to hide that frightening fact and protect the blissfully unaware populace. A group long thought dead has been plotting in secret since their apparent destruction over 50 years ago to plunge England, and perhaps the entire world, into war.
- 8:00pm **Deadman Wonderland** (Subtitled, Ages 17+)
Ganta Igarashi has been convicted of a crime that he hasn't committed, and sent to a new, privately owned and operated prison, where the inmates are the main attraction in a modern day twist to the gladiatorial coliseums of ancient times. Throw in a healthy dose of weird little girl, some new-found super powers, and a little conspiracy theory, and you have Deadman Wonderland.
- 10:00pm **Redline** (Dubbed, Ages 15+)
Online held once every five years, everyone wants to stake their claim to fame at Redline, the most deadly racing tournament in the universe. All the while, organized crime and militaristic governments want to leverage the race to their own ends. Can a high speed romance survive a mass destruction race?
- Midnight **Fanboy Bebop** (Ages 17+)
All Keanu and Ash wanted was to have a good time at ASUX (the largest anime convention in the known universe). If they knew the fate of the con would end up in their hands, they probably would've stayed home.
- 1:00am **Golgo 13** (Dubbed, Ages 17+)
Duke Togo, a.k.a. Golgo 13, is a highly-skilled assassin hired only by those who pay top-dollar for his services—whether it's the FBI, CIA, industrial corporations, or mafias. Regardless of who the target is or what situations he encounters, Golgo 13 always gets the job done.
- 3:00am **Closed**
- 7:00am **Sea Prince and the Fire Child** (Dubbed, Ages 10+)
Long ago, spirits of fire and water lived as one. But jealous Algaroch, lord of the winds, drove a rift between King Oceanus and his sister Hyperia, queen of fire. Since then fire fairies and water sprites have been at war, but when Prince Sirius, the king's chosen successor, meets Hyperia's beautiful daughter Malta, they fall madly in love. Their one chance is to reach the hill of Elysium during the next solar eclipse, where a magic flower can carry them to a distant star where fire and water can live as one.
- 9:00am **Kimba the White Lion** (Subtitled, Ages 7+)
The series follows the adventures Leo (renamed Kimba in the English release), a young lion cub. Leo becomes king of the jungle when his father, the previous king of the jungle is killed by a human hunter.
- 11:00am **Hakuoki: Demon of the Fleeting Blossom** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
Disguised as a man, Chizuru Yukimura has come to Kyoto searching for her missing father, a doctor who developed a magical elixir that increases the drinker's speed, strength and healing abilities. Instead of her father, however, she stumbles across a battle between the Shinsengumi and the Furies, evil vampire-like creatures of their own making.
- 1:00pm **Full Metal Panic!** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
Sousuke Sagara, a seventeen year old military specialist working for the secret organization MITHRIL, has been assigned to protect the latest "Whispered" candidate Kaname Chidori. Unfortunately for Sousuke, the toughest part of his mission isn't only protecting Miss Chidori but also getting used to living an average High School students life, no easy task for someone raised on the battlefield.
- 3:00pm **Bodacious Space Pirates** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
Marika is a first year high school student living on a planet known as Uminoakeboshi. One day she finds out that her recently deceased father was once the captain of the space pirate ship called the "Bentenmaru". More importantly, the only one to inherit the captain's title has to be a direct descendant—meaning that Marika is next in line to become the captain of the ship.
- 5:30pm **First Squad: Moment of Truth** (Subtitled, Ages 17+)
During the winter of 1941/42, the Second World War comes to a temporary standstill on the Eastern Front yet both Nazi and Soviets are putting everything they got in order to turn the tide in their favour. Spiritualists of Ahnenerbe summon the long-dead baron von Wolff from the world of the dead. To counter this plan, special occult branch of the Soviet Intelligence, called 6th Division, deploys it's best agent - 14-year-old esper girl Nadya, the only survivor from the special operations unit of 6th Division - the "First Squad".
- 7:00pm **Legends of the Dark King** (Subtitled, Ages 17+)
This Fist of the North Star series focuses on the formation of an empire, specifically a hegemony, by an inheritor of the fist of the north star, Raoh. Accompanied by his two loyal comrades Souga and Reina, as well as a mysterious woman named Sakuya, Raoh will begin this journey of conquest while at the same time trying to prove his own way of thinking.

- 9:00pm **Hetalia: Axis Powers** (Dubbed, Ages 17+)
Italy, once home of the strongest empire in the world, has changed. This is the story of Italy, now a cowardly pasta-loving fool, and his friends (other personified countries of the world) as they live through strange moments in world history.
- 11:30pm **Evangelion Redeath** (Ages 17+)
It doesn't bother Shinji that his father (who might be a pimp) thinks giant robots are babe magnets. It doesn't bother him that he shares an apartment with a strangely masculine German girl. It doesn't even bother him that the world may be coming to an end thanks to a long forgotten Prince song. The only thing on Shinji's mind is the nookie, whatever that is.

SUNDAY

- 12:30am **Detroit Metal City** (Subtitled, Ages 17+)
Detroit Metal City (DMC) is a quickly rising independent death metal band. They garner fame by performing wild live shows and writing songs filled with hate, violence, and rape. The band is fronted by Sōichi Negishi, who takes on the stage name Krauser II. On stage he is a wild, unchained beast. Off-stage he is a tranquil, tender, loving person who enjoys Swedish pop music.
- 3:00am **Closed**
- 7:00am **Galaxy Express 999** (Subtitled, Ages 10+)
In a distant future, Tetsuro is a human boy who wants his body replaced with a robotic one. This is possible, but to do so he has to reach the Immortal Planet onboard the space train Galaxy Express 999. Maetel, a beautiful and mysterious blonde woman dressed in Russian style, joins him in the long journey through space.
- 9:00am **Magic User's Club** (Subtitled, Ages 13+)
which defeated the UN forces in seconds. After that the invaders (known as "eyeballs") roamed around and observed human society. In fact, they were peaceful unless attacked. Still, they were aliens and the people of Earth wanted them to go home. The Kitanohashi High School Magic Club took it on themselves to defeat these foul robots and free the world.
- 11:00am **Loups-Garous** (Subtitled, Ages 14+)
In a near future, the world's population has decreased dramatically due to a deadly virus that terrorized the whole planet. Now people eat only synthetic food and tend to avoid as much as possible any form of physical connection or "real contact" with living creatures. But even in this tightly controlled and systematized society, there is a group of young girls who actively pursued real contact. And when a string of brutal murders emerges, their challenge to this closed world is just about to begin.
- 12:30pm **Irresponsible Captain Tylor** (Dubbed, Ages 13+)
Justy Ueki Tylor thought a career in the United Planets Space Force would give him an easy life: enlist, get a desk job, spend the rest of his life in quiet, boring comfort. No sooner does he take the qualifying exam than war breaks out with the Raalgon Empire, and circumstances quickly conspire to land this volunteer off the street in command of the cruiser "Soyokaze".



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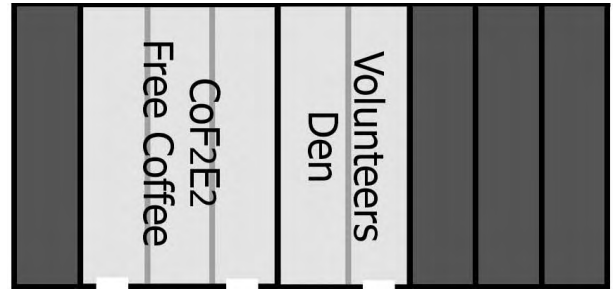
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PARTIES AND CABANAS

(First, Second and Fourth Floors, South Tower)

Parties are always one of the most exciting parts of CONvergence, and you'll be hard pressed to find more fun outside of a sinister underground lair. In addition to two floors of poolside cabanas, parties can also be found in our **Satellite Party Zone** on the Fourth Floor, around the corner and upstairs from poolside. Don't miss them!

Listed below are the official party rooms on all the party floors, as well as convention functions located in poolside cabanas (such as ConSuite, CoF₂E₂, Teen Room and Volunteers Den). The information here reflects what was provided to CONvergence at press time and is subject to change. Thank you to all our fantastic party sponsors and hosts!



FIRST FLOOR

Cabana Party Name and Information

102	<p>Perfectly Legitimate Spaceship <i>The Gangsternauts</i></p> <p>Thursday 8:00pm – 1:00am Friday 9:00pm – 3:00am Saturday 9:00pm – 3:00am Sunday 8:00pm – 1:00am</p> <p>It's not a speakeasy.</p>
103	<p>Nerd-Kon: An 8-bit Dream <i>NerdtronStudios</i></p> <p>Thursday 9:00pm – 3:00am Friday 9:00pm – 3:00am Saturday 8:00pm – 3:00am Sunday 5:00pm – Midnight</p> <p>Let Nerd-Kon Nebraska's favorite community centered convention take you on dream filled journey with 4 comfy beds placed together 32 pillows and world full of 8bit magic.</p>
104	<p>The Nerd-Kon Slumber Party <i>Nerd-kon</i></p> <p>Thursday 9:00pm – 6:00am Friday 9:00pm – 6:00am Saturday 9:00pm – 6:00am Sunday 5:00pm – Midnight</p> <p>Looks like those wild boys are back in town! Bringing you a fully interactive experience. Take music from 80s-Now, close to 3300 drinks being served and an experience that can only be compared to rocky horror lost in a nerdy dreamland. Nerdtron is BACK!</p>
105	<p>Klingon Detective Agency <i>IKV RakeHell</i></p> <p>Thursday 8:00pm – 1:00am explore the scene of the crime</p> <p>Friday 9:00pm – 2:00am Detect stuff.</p> <p>Saturday 9:00pm – 2:00am J'accuse!.</p> <p>Sunday NOT OPEN</p> <p>Watson, competent sidekick, Holmes show-off with minor talent, Agatha Christie had a Belgian hero and Lynley, Wimsey and Grey can't detect anything. British Detectives aren't fit to push tea caddies at the K.D.A. Klingon Detective Agency. Are you a worthy detective? Detect this!!</p>

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Cabana Party Name and Information

106	<p>Worship The Goddesses <i>The Goddesses</i></p> <p>Thursday 8:00pm – Midnight Friday 8:00pm – 1:00pm Saturday 8:00pm – 1:00pm Sunday NOT OPEN</p> <p>Fancy a lass but too knackered to chat her up? Bullocks! Don't get your knickers in a twist. Relax with the Goddesses, or your own Goddess, and we'll show you how worthy you can be. Goddess without a worshipper? Rubbish! Smashing Acolytes are waiting to worship you. Goddess trumps Queen.</p>
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Cabana Party Name and Information**107 Aperture Science Breakroom***Nakiazhi & Company*

Thursday	7:00pm – 1:00am
Friday	1:00pm – 1:00am
Saturday	1:00pm – 1:00am
Sunday	Noon – 5:00pm

Are you Still Alive? Either way, Aperture Science invites you to the Breakroom. There will be Science and Cake! So delicious and moist. Look at me still talking when there's Science to do.

108 Terran Empire*WDF*

Thursday	8:00pm – Midnight
Friday	7:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Welcome to the Mirror Universe! Come aboard for a drink and then go next door to the rec room of the USS Enterprise and enjoy our photo booth and square food. You never know what "invaders" you may encounter!

109 Twin Cities Ghostbusters*Twin Cities Ghostbusters*

Thursday	8:00pm – 2:00am
Friday	8:00pm – 2:00am
Saturday	8:00pm – 2:00am
Sunday	5:00pm – 10:00pm

We're back! The Twin Cities Ghostbusters invite you to stop by to take your photo with Stay Puft, Vigo and other props and to watch episodes of GHOSTBUSTIN' 911. The ECTO-1D will be parked outside the hotel. Family friendly hours will be available, see room for more details

110 GPS Zim's Club House*GPS*

Thursday	7:00pm – Midnight
Friday	8:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	8:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

"GIR!" "Yessir!" "GIR, I have invaded the GPS party room. Now the Earthenoids must be lured into my trap, lulled with starchy foods and vids of my Glorious self. I command you to write a party blurb!"

"Yessir! 'I like parties, and I made mashed potatoes!' Wee-hee!"

123 Campaign CONvergence*Campaign CONvergence*

Thursday	8:00pm – Midnight
Friday	8:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	8:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

THIS IS MISSING

124 Cow Asylum*The Asylum*

Thursday	6:00pm – 11:00pm
Friday	10:00pm – 2:00am
Saturday	10:00pm – 3:00am
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Business in the front, Party in the rear.

Cabana Party Name and Information**125 The Ochaya***Cameron and Emily*

Thursday	7:00pm – Midnight
Friday	7:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm – 1:00am
Sunday	NOT OPEN

The Ochaya was originally created to be a quiet oasis in the middle of hectic CONvergence. We return to serve a number of hot and cold teas as well as Asian snacks, and function as a place that people can come to relax before going back out into the fray. Recently, we have added traditional Japanese games, and open origami to allow people another look into the culture. We are a place to meet others, talk quietly with friends, or just stop in for a cup.

126 ParadoXena, Is there a doctor in the house?*Xenaversity of MN*

Thursday	7:00pm – Midnight
Friday	7:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Is there a doctor in the house? Well, actually there are MANY doctors in the house. The Tardis has landed and disrupted time, so every doctor you've ever known is now CONVERGING in our room party! Anything ailing ya? No house calls but you can visit anytime!

127 Anime Fusion*Anime Fusion Staff*

Thursday	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Friday	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Saturday	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Do you like anime? Anime Fusion would like to invite you to come join us as we watch anime, talk about our upcoming convention, and have an all around good time. We will be watching both the classics and the newer titles of the anime we all know and love.

128 Stand Up! Records*Stand Up! Records*

Thursday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Friday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Saturday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Stand Up! Records room party returns to CONvergence with more comedy, more magic, more burlesque and more laughs!

129 Vice City*Vice City*

Thursday	7:00pm – 1:00am
Friday	7:00pm – 1:00am
Saturday	7:00pm – 1:00am
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Vice City is a celebration of old arcade and console games. We aim to maintain a relaxed and social atmosphere for game-players of all skill levels. Come play anything from Muscle March to Puzzle Fighter, head down memory lane, and just have fun.

130 House of Toast*Toasties*

Thursday	8:00pm – Midnight
Friday	8:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	9:00pm – 1:00am (after Masquerade)
Sunday	NOT OPEN

A staple of Convergence for over 10 years. A celebration of the Millard Reaction! Put ALL THE THINGS on toast. (Where "All"=3) Why did the hipster burn his mouth? He ate toast before it was cool. Nevermind the massive queue, just join it!

- 131 **Anime Twin Cities**
Anime Twin Cities
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| Thursday | 6:00pm – Midnight |
| Friday | 6:00pm – 2:00am |
| Saturday | 6:00pm – 2:00am |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Come see some of your favorite AMVs, have some snacks or just hang out on our lounge on the patio as Anime Twin Cities brings their room party back again for more tunes, sing-a-longs, trivia games and more as we get the word out on our community fund!

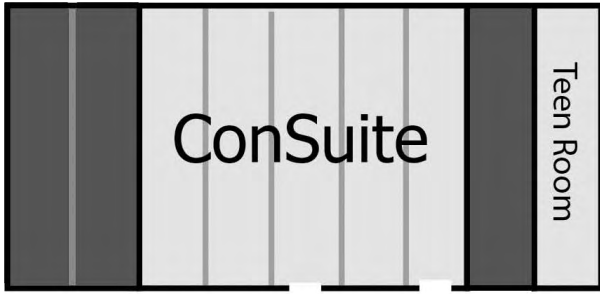
SECOND FLOOR

Cabana Party Name and Information

- 201 **Assassins Guild**
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| Thursday | 8:00pm – Midnight |
| Friday | 8:00pm – 1:00am |
| Saturday | 8:00pm – 1:00am |
| Sunday | stop by |
- Come and join the Assassins' Guild for mystery, mayhem, merriment & murder. Games? Foam sword boffing? OBVIOUSLY! And even some DDR. Come and join us for refreshment and only light twisted insanity.
- 202 **X Marks the Spot**
Zeppelin steampunk pirates of love
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| Thursday | 8:00pm – 2:00am |
| Friday | 8:00pm – 2:00am |
| Saturday | 8:00pm – 2:00am |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Due to anonymous demand, the Airship X has descended upon Britain. Come marvel at our hastily mounted displays of "patriotism", stop by and try some of the S.P.O.T., or have a taste our good Doctor's newest elixir, A.R.S.E.! Be sure to bring someone to throw in Captain Red's stocks...!
- 203 **Minicon 49**
MnSTF & Minicon 49
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| Thursday | 9:00pm – 2:00am |
| Friday | 9:00pm – 2:00am |
| Saturday | 9:00pm – 2:00am |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Airships and Pirates, what could possibly go wrong?
- 204 **Deviant Art Museum**
Karaoke Krypt
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| Thursday | 7:00pm – 11:00pm |
| Friday | 7:00pm – 11:00pm |
| Saturday | 7:00pm – 11:00pm |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Deviant Art Museum - Take a stroll through a museum based on deviantart.com. Sip wine and nibble cheese while you chat about our collection of sci-fi movie posters, laser holograms, and a continuous slide show of the best deviant art. Hosted by your friends from Karaoke Krypt.
- 205 **Bag End**
The DreamStitcher/ Belladonna Took
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| Thursday | 9:00pm – 2:00am |
| Friday | 9:00pm – 2:00am |
| Saturday | 9:00pm – 2:00am |
| Sunday | 5:00pm – 9:00pm |
- "Come celebrate the birthday of that most famous of Hobbits, Bilbo Baggins, at Bag End. Come nibble some seed cake, wash it down with (ginger ale), and join us in wishing him 'Happy Birthday'. You might even bump into a dwarf or elf, or even that greatest of wizards, Gandalf. Come sit in Bilbo's garden, and listen to the dwarves sing about their gold, the Misty Mountain, or even Bilbo's larder.

Cabana Party Name and Information

- 206 **The Prancing Pony**
DOOM Squad
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| Thursday | 8:00pm – 1:00am |
| Friday | 8:00pm – 1:00am |
| Saturday | 8:00pm – 2:00am |
| Sunday | Noon – 5:00pm |
- Join us in celebrating 75 years of the Hobbit and the release of the new movie. Come enjoy this family-friendly room, we'll be serving ginger ale and root beer.
- 207 **CoreCon 2025 - Echoes of the Future**
CoreCon
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| Thursday | 5:00pm – Midnight |
| Friday | 5:00pm – Midnight |
| Saturday | 5:00pm – Midnight |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- CoreCon travels into the future with our Doctor and her Tardis. Come join us and get a taste of CoreCon 2025 at CONvergence. There are reports of Daleks in that part of the time stream, so be on your guard!
- 208 **The Sword and Dragon Tavern**
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| Thursday | 9:00pm – 2:30am |
| Friday | 9:00pm – 2:30am |
| Saturday | 10:00pm – 3:00am |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Adventurers! Grab your swords and join us for our D&D based room party, complete with different campaign settings for the bar each night! Our NPCs will serve drinks and provide roleplay style entertainment throughout the evening with an epic boss battle finale on Saturday night! 21+
- 209 **Zombie Tiki Bar**
Crypticon MN
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| Thursday | 7:00pm – 1:00am |
| Friday | 7:00pm – 1:00am |
| Saturday | 7:00pm – 1:00am |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- CRYPTICON once again brings your favorite Zombies back to CONvergence. The Zombie Tiki Room will again be blah blah blah... etc, more to be added and edited later.
- 210 **Deadly Delights**
Deadly Delights
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| Thursday | 7:00pm – Midnight |
| Friday | 7:00pm – Midnight |
| Saturday | 8:00pm – Midnight |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Deadly Delights aka The Cake Room. Bringing you sweets since 2006! Come join us for delights in both food and drink!
- 224 **Fear and Loathing at CONvergence**
Fearless Comedy Production
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| Thursday | 8:00pm – 1:00am |
| Friday | 8:00pm – 1:00am |
| Thursday | 8:00pm – 2:00am |
| Sunday | NOT OPEN |
- Are you Fearless? Fearless Comedy will bring you face to face with the things in science fiction that scare you to giggles. Get your picture taken in our Fearless Foto booth, try one our truly frightening drinks and learn more about the most fearless comedy company in the Twin Cities.



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225 **Firefly/Serenity: Badger's Lair & Serenity Galley**

MNFirefly

Thursday	8:00pm – Midnight
Friday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Saturday	8:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Back by popular demand, the Firefly/Serenity room will feature the lair British crime-boss Badger as well as the Serenity galley area. We will feature live music & sing-alongs, games (Reavers!, Jeopardy!), and food (sorry, no Mudder's Milk). Ain't no better room in the 'Verse to come home to after a weary day at Con.

Cabana Party Name and Information

226 **The Brass Falcon Airship**

The BrassGears Adventurers Society

Thursday	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Friday	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Saturday	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Sunday	NOT OPEN

The Brass Falcon returns to CONvergence! Come visit our steampunk airship, take a spin in the time machine, share tales of adventure with our intrepid band of aerial privateers, and some some of the many exotic concoctions we've picked up during our travels.

227 **Skepchick Sideshow**

Skepchick

Thursday	7:00pm – Midnight
Friday	7:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

Come one, come all, to the Skepchick Sideshow, with tonics to cure whatever ails you and before your very eyes, LIVE demonstrations of science that is indistinguishable from magic. We will amaze and delight even the most hardened sceptics.

228 **Brains**

Freethoughtblogs

Thursday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Friday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Saturday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Sunday	CLOSED

Freethoughtblogs continues at CONvergence with a celebration of brains - weird science, hard-boiled skepticism, uncompromising critical thinking, and fun. Stop on by for smart drinks, smart videos, smart games, and smarty pants with snarky attitudes. (Skepchicks and skepdudes welcome, zombies will be muzzled.)

229 **Do It With Honor!**

Royal Manticoran Navy

Thursday	7:00pm – Midnight
Friday	7:00pm – Midnight
Saturday	7:00pm – Midnight
Sunday	NOT OPEN

KEEP CALM AND ROLL PODS.

CONFUSION TO THE PEEPS! Raise a glass with the Blackjacks of Battle Squadron 21 as we greet the visiting First Lord of the Admiralty. Queen Elizabeth III's Weapons Development Board has been hard at work perfecting the Missile Pod. What's a Missile Pod? You may find out—if you're lucky!

230 **D-Notice**

Twin Ports Gaming & Sci Fi

Thursday	9:00pm – 1:00am
Friday	8:00pm – 2:00am
Saturday	8:00pm – 2:00am
Sunday	NOT OPEN

"Welcome to D-notice the room with all the neat looking banners and lights. We will serving our food and drinks to keep the con goes going for the long con weekend. Last but not least don't forget the caution tape."

231 **Mos Isee Cantina**

MinnesotaForce

Thursday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Friday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Saturday	8:00pm – 1:00am
Sunday	NOT OPEN

The Mos Isee Cantina has proven so popular that Jabba the Hutt has taken over it's operation and moved it to his palace. Expect the same sno-cones, gruff bartenders and twi'lek, but with an appearance by the Mighty Jabba himself.

Cabana Party Name and Information

232	VHU: Dungeons & Vampires <i>VHU</i>
	Thursday 7:00pm – Midnight
	Friday 7:00pm – Midnight
	Saturday 7:00am – Noon
	Sunday 7:00pm – 10:00pm
	NOT OPEN

Join VHU as we celebrate fantasy gaming! Visit the dark and very expensive forest, run your toes through our grass, or just visit the bench of stamina regeneration and restock your health potions. As an added bonus, visit us for our 2nd annual viewing of Saturday Morning Cartoons!"

FOURTH FLOOR**Room Party Name and Information**

401	Captain Kirk's House of Ill-Repute! <i>ValleyCon</i>
	Thursday NOT OPEN
	Friday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Saturday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	The party captain is BACK! And with some Starfleet beauties along for the ride! The Captain's Swingin' 60's Dance Party and his famous Two-Fisted Punch are just some of the favorites returning! Stop by to have a phaser blast of fun!
402	Wonderland Tea Party <i>Death and Pestilence Armory</i>
	Thursday NOT OPEN
	Friday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Saturday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	Come down the rabbit hole for a different sort of tea party.
403	Fear and Loathing in The Village <i>Geekiana Presents</i>
	Thursday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Friday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Saturday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Sunday See room for details
	Geekiana Presents a panoply of pastimes, past your bedtime. Experience the kaleidoscopic Geekiana lifestyle nightly! Expect surreal delights, showings of the Prisoner, live podcasts, late night spectacle, and more. You could strike sparks anywhere, why not with us? Not getting enough good times? By hook or by crook...you will.
404	The Mark Time Broadcast Center <i>Association of Audio Drama Professionals</i>
	Thursday 3:00pm – 10:00pm
	Friday 11:00am – Late
	Saturday 11:00am – Late
	Sunday 11:00am – 3:00pm
	Finally, Convergence's 'Sound-lings' have a home. The Mark Time Broadcast Center will feature workshops, panel discussions, live performances and more from the world of audio theater. Between workshops, rub elbows with MarkTime and Ogle winners. Come to learn or just hang out, it's all audio all the time.
405	SGT Peppers Lonely Hearts Club <i>: CON DROIDS : / Church of Dannostopheles</i>
	Thursday 7:00pm – 11:00pm
	Friday 6:00pm – 4:00am
	Saturday 7:00pm – 4:00am
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	"CON - DROIDS: Present : Sargent Peppers Lonely Hearts Club. America was the target of one of the Greatest British Invasions : THE BEATLES! Come back to the 1960's with John, Paul, George, and Ringo.... With Classic Music, Videos and Even try Your inner-rock god with Beatles : Guitar Hero. (21+)"

Room Party Name and Information

406	The Lillith <i>The Lillith</i>
	Thursday 5:00pm – Midnight
	Friday 5:00pm – 1:00am
	Saturday 5:00pm – 1:00am
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	The salty crew of The Lillith was en route to Convergence when she was attacked by sea monsters and marooned. Luckily, those stalwart sailors knew their priorities and salvaged the grog. Come join us to play beer pong (grog pong?) and help deplete our alcohol stores!
407	KudosCon <i>KudosCon</i>
	Thursday NOT OPEN
	Friday 7:00pm – Midnight (at least!)
	Saturday 8:00pm – 1:00am (at least!)
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	KudosCon is a brand new MN fanworks convention trying to get off the ground! Come help us celebrate our Kickstarter launch, drink some tea, eat some munchies, and write or draw something cool with us!
408	BritCon Take II <i>BritCon MN</i>
	Thursday 8:00pm – 1:00am
	Friday 8:00pm – 1:00am
	Saturday 8:00pm – 1:00am
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	British themed party from the local convention that is all British all the time. Hang with people that may like British Science Fiction and Fantasy almost as much as you do! Have a smashing good time!
409	The White Hart <i>MnSFS</i>
	Thursday 8:00pm – Midnight
	Friday 8:00pm – 1:00am
	Saturday 8:00pm – 1:00am
	Sunday NOT OPEN
	The White Hart. A British pub somewhere in London. 1953-1956. Recall British Science Fiction author Arthur C Clarke's setting for his "Tales From the White Hart". "...the fraternity of British scientists, SF writers and fans gather nightly to listen to the magnificent stories of Harry Purvis...," and drink beer.



VOLUNTEERS / VOLUNTEERS' DEN

WHERE VOLUNTEERS GO TO RELAX AND CHAT WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS.

CONvergence is a volunteer-run event and couldn't exist without countless hours of work from hundreds of dedicated fans. That's true from the Department Heads and Staff of the Convention Committee to the at-con volunteer who works a single hour as a badger.

That's right; you can be a part of the team that makes the convention run by volunteering your time at the convention. Some people spend dozens of hours helping out at-con (and more during the year), but you can volunteer for as little as a single hour and that hour is highly valued. Lots of essential CONvergence functions – from badging to moving stuff where it needs to go – are carried out by volunteers who are scheduled at the con.

The Volunteer Department puts CONvergence Members looking to help out at the con where they are needed. Volunteering one single hour gets you a Volunteer Button and an invitation to the Volunteer Party a few weeks after the convention.

Four hours earns you access to our Volunteer Den at the convention where we have our Massage Room.

For those ultra-helpers that rack up 15- hours of more of volunteer time, you can earn a Volunteer T-shirt. These collectable shirts are unique each year, and can't be purchased. You can only get them by volunteering, which to us makes them a badge of honor!

Stop by the Volunteer Table in the CONvergence Central area outside the Grand Ballrooms. They'll tell you where we need your help, how to track your hours, and get you started. The Volunteer Table is our primary at-con location to coordinate and gather volunteers. The table is located at the entrance to Convergence Central. You can also redeem your Connie Points here! Stop by sign up and see what your Connie Points can get you!

VOLUNTEER TABLE/ INFORMATION DESK AT CVG CENTRAL

(CONvergence Central area across from the Grand Ballrooms, Second Floor, South Tower)

Wednesday	Noon – 6:00pm
Thursday	Noon – 10:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 10:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 10:00pm
Sunday	10:00am – 6:30pm

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VOLUNTEER'S DEN

Cabana 117/118 (1st Floor/ South Tower next to F2E2)

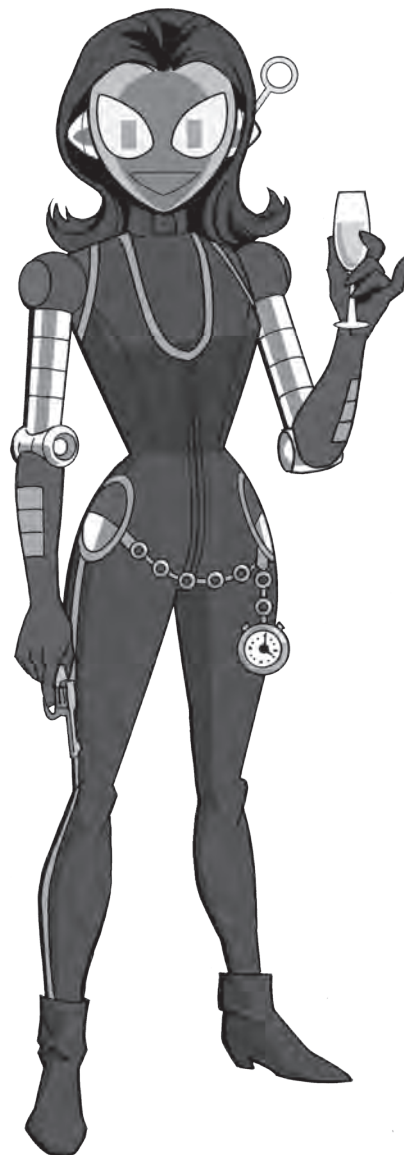
Wednesday	Noon – Finished (Set Up)
Thursday	Noon – 2:00am (Friday Morning)
Friday	10:00am – 2:00am (Saturday Morning)
Saturday	10:00am – 2:00am (Sunday Morning)
Sunday	10:00am – 4:00pm

MASSAGE ROOM IN THE "VOL DEN" HOURS:

Thursday	Noon – Midnight
Friday	Noon – Midnight
Saturday	Noon – Midnight
Sunday	Noon – 3:30pm

The Den is a place for our valued Volunteers to relax after their shift, have a massage or just hang out with other volunteers. All you need to enjoy this perk is four (4) hours of volunteering. Bring your volunteer card & your Convention badge to the Volunteer table and get a 4hour sticker to gain entry to the Den! The Den is conveniently located next door to F2E2 and we hope to see you there. (If you have a ConCom badge that works too!)

Remember to check with our Volunteer Staff on duty if you need a couple extra hours to get your Volunteer T-shirt or earn more Connie Points. They will help you find something you will enjoy!



GPS AT CONVERGENCE



Our featured partner, the Geek Partnership Society (GPS / Formerly MISFITS) has a number of events throughout the convention weekend. We encourage you to check them out.

GPS CLUBHOUSE

The GPS Room Party in Cabana 110

Thursday 9:00pm – Midnight
Friday 9:00pm – Midnight
Saturday 9:00pm – 1:00am

Please join the Geek Partnership Society as we showcase our year round clubs. Whether you like to read books, watch anime or movies inspired by books, do crafty things or want to stay healthy we have a club for you. Some of them are even meeting in the Clubhouse party room during the convention weekend!

Friday 7:00pm
Saturday 9:30am

Read the Book, See the Movie Geeks Read:

Discussing *Bad Prince Charlie* by

John Moore.
Saturday 11:00am

Geek Physique:

Meet-up before going elsewhere for physical activity.

GPS SILENT AUCTION

Atrium 8 (North Tower, 2nd Floor)

Thursday 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday 11:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday 11:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday 11:00am – 2:00pm - FOR PICK UP ONLY

The GPS Charity Auction is a fundraising event that takes place every year at CONvergence for partner organization Geek Partnership Society. The purpose is to raise money for the many educational and community activities that GPS is involved in throughout the year, including Project Lighthouse. Only CONvergence members get to bid on the cool geeky things donated. Other GPS Panels & Events

DO IT WITH HONOR

JOIN The Official Honor Harrington Fan Club! Serve aboard a Manticoran or Grayson Ship of the Wall. Chapters now forming, and they are looking for YOU!

If you are looking for a Fan Club that role plays in the Honorverse, **The Royal Manticoran Navy** is ready for you. Visit our website to join now!

www.trmn.org



GUESTS OF HONOR APPEARANCES

We want to make sure that you have every possible chance to meet and enjoy our Guests of Honor while they are here at CONvergence. You can't take over the world without networking, you know? Below is a listing of the panels and appearances scheduled for our 2013 Guests. For a more detailed description of these panels, refer to the listing starting on page 40.

There will be signing sessions by our Guests of Honor and other attending professionals at our Autograph Table located across the hall from the Bloomington Room. More may be scheduled than are listed here—please check the schedule posted there for the latest listing of signings.

CHARLIE JANE ANDERS

Friday, 11:00 am	Time Travel in Film	Bloomington
Friday, 12:30 pm	Marvel Universe Phase 2	Edina
Friday, 2:00 pm	Reading	2201
Friday, 3:30 pm	Doctor Who's 50th	Plaza 2
Friday, 11:30 pm	Sex, Sexuality, and Kink in Literature	Atrium 4
Saturday, 11:00 am	Making Your Dialog Sound Realistic	Plaza 2
Saturday, 2:00 pm	Game of Thrones	Plaza 2
Saturday 5:00 pm	What Would a Woman Doctor be Like?	Bloomington
Saturday, 8:30 pm	One-on-One with Charlie Jane Anders	Atrium 3
Sunday, 2:00 pm	Blake's 7	Atrium 7



LOU ANDERS

Thursday, 5:00 pm	Plot and Structure: Why They're Important	Edina
Friday, 11:00 am	Young Adult Books That Are Too Good To Miss	Edina
Friday, 3:30 pm	Screenwriting Structure for Novelists	Atrium 7
Saturday, 11:00 am	Contemporary Sword & Sorcery: Leaving the Battlefields for the Back Alleys	Atrium 3
Saturday, 12:30 pm	Before Page One - World Building Your Story	Atrium 4
Saturday, 3:30 pm	Pyr Books Presents	Atrium 7
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Cover Reveal: The Making of Book Cover Art	Atrium 6
Sunday, 2:00 pm	Use of Magic in Books	Sofitel Bordeaux
Sunday, 3:30 pm	One on One with Lou Anders	Atrium 3



CAITLIN BLACKWOOD

Friday, 9:30 am	Autograph Table	
Friday, 11:00 am	Young Adult Books That Are Too Good To Miss	Edina
Friday, 2:00 pm	Caitlin Blackwood & the Doctor	Bloomington
Friday, 3:30 pm	Autograph Table	
Saturday, 2:00 pm	One-on-One with Caitlin Blackwood	Edina
Saturday, 5:00 pm	British Jokes & Stereotypes	Edina
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Autograph Table	



BILL CORBETT

Thursday, 11:30 pm	Prometheus Debunked	Atrium 6
Friday, 12:30 pm	The World of Riffing with Bill & Kevin	Atrium 6
Friday, 5:00 pm	Comedy on the Internet	Plaza 2
Friday, 7:00 pm	You're Making That Up!	Atrium 6
Saturday, 12:30 pm	Kickstart Me Up!	Bloomington
Saturday 2:00 pm	Powerpoint Karaoke	Atrium 6
Saturday, 3:30 pm	Autograph Table	
Saturday, 5:00 pm	My Monster	Plaza 1
Sunday, 2:00 pm	One-on-One with Bill Corbett	Atrium 4



GUESTS OF HONOR APPEARANCES CONTINUED

PAUL CORNELL



Thursday, 3:30 pm	The World of London Falling	Atrium 7
Friday, 12:30 pm	Gerry Anderson Retrospective	Plaza 2
Friday, 2:00 pm	The "Camp" Factor in British TV & Movies	Edina
Friday, 3:30 pm -	SF Squeecast Live!	Atrium 6
Friday, 5:00 pm	John Steed & Emma Peel Assemble: The Avengers	Atrium 4
Friday, 7:00 pm	You're Making That Up!	Atrium 6
Friday, 10:00 pm	Just a Minute	Bloomington
Friday, 11:30 pm	Ian Fleming	Plaza 2
Saturday, 9:30 am	Mythic Britain	Plaza 2
Saturday, 11:00 am	The Worst of Bond	Atrium 6
Saturday, 12:30 pm	Paul Cornell's Advanced Cricket for Americans	Outdoors
Saturday, 2:00 pm	Powerpoint Karaoke	Atrium 6
Saturday, 5:00 pm	British Jokes & Stereotypes	Edina
Saturday, 7:00 pm	Obsessed: The Doctor Who Special	Plaza 2
Saturday, 8:30 pm	London in Fact and Fiction	Atrium 7
Sunday, 12:30 pm	British vs.: American Urban Fantasy	Atrium 7
Sunday, 2:00 pm	Autograph Table	
Sunday, 3:30 pm	One-on-One with Paul Cornell	Sofitel Bordeaux

JAMES MORAN



Thursday, 5:00 pm	Modern British Genre Films	Atrium 4
Friday, 11:00 am	Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Writing	Atrium 4
Friday, 3:30 pm	Doctor Who's 50th	Plaza 2
Friday, 5:00 pm -	Geek's Guide to Visiting London	Edina
Friday, 7:00 pm	Autograph Table	
Saturday, 2:00 pm	Writing For Different Formats	Sofitel Bordeaux
Saturday, 3:30 pm	Skyfall and Bond at 50	Bloomington
Saturday, 5:00 pm	British Jokes & Stereotypes	Edina
Sunday, 12:00 am	Introduction for Cockneys vs. Zombies	Cinema Rex
Sunday, 1:30 am	Q&A for Cockneys vs. Zombies	Cinema Rex
Sunday, 12:30 pm	One on One with James Moran	Atrium 3
Sunday, 2:00 pm	Introduction for Tower Block	Cinema Rex
Sunday, 3:30 pm	Q&A for Tower Block	Cinema Rex

KEVIN MURPHY



Thursday, 11:30 pm	Prometheus Debunked	Atrium 6
Friday, 12:30 pm	The World of Riffing with Bill & Kevin	Atrium 6
Friday, 5:00 pm	Comedy on the Internet	Plaza 2
Friday, 7:00 pm	You're Making That Up!	Atrium 6
Saturday, 12:30 pm	Kickstart Me Up!	Bloomington
Saturday, 2:00 pm	Powerpoint Karaoke	Atrium 6
Saturday, 3:30 pm	Autograph Table	
Sunday, 11:00 am	One on One with Kevin Murphy	Edina

JOHN PICACIO



Friday, 7:00 pm	Autograph Table	
Saturday, 11:00 am	One on One with John Picacio	Sofitel Bordeaux
Saturday, 12:30 pm	The Art of John Picacio	Atrium 6
Saturday, 2:00 pm	Game of Thrones	Plaza 2
Saturday, 5:00 pm	The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly	Atrium 3
Sunday, 11:00 am	The Future of Art & Artists in Science Fiction / Fantasy	Bloomington
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Cover Reveal: The Making of Book Cover Art	Atrium 6

MELINDA SNODGRASS



Thursday, 5:00 pm	Plot and Structure: Why They're Important	Edina
Friday, 11:00 am	Reading	Room 2201
Friday, 12:30 pm	Science Fiction on the Screen	Atrium 4
Friday, 3:30 pm	Keeping Promises to the Audience	Sofitel Bordeaux
Friday, 5:00 pm	What Makes a Video Game Good?	Atrium 3
Friday, 7:00 pm	Science and Rationality vs.: Religion and Superstition	Bloomington
Saturday, 11:00 am	Making Your Dialog Sound Realistic	Plaza 2
Saturday, 12:30 pm	Measure of a Man	Plaza 2
Saturday, 3:30 pm	One on One with Melinda Snodgrass	Atrium 3
Saturday, 5:00 pm	Making it in Hollywood	Atrium 4
Sunday, 11:00 am	Superheroes In Prose	Sofitel Bordeaux
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Atheist Authors	Edina
Sunday, 2:00 pm	Autograph Table	

FORMER GOHS IN ATTENDANCE

These Guests of Honor from past years of CONvergence are expected to be in attendance in 2013.

- **Elenor Arnason**, author
- **Denise Garner**, artist
- **Dr. James Kakalios**, scientist and author
- **Troy LaFaye**, filmmaker
- **Bridget Landry**, scientist
- **Kelly McCullough**, author
- **Lynne M. Thomas**, editor & archivist
- **Ruth Thompson**, artist

VISITING AUTHORS

These are visiting authors who are scheduled for readings and book signings. They are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

William Alexander , Saturday, 9:30am	Reading	Sofitel Lyon	Philip Andrew Bennett Low , Thursday, 3:30pm	Reading	2201
Joel Arnold , Sunday, 11:00am	Reading	Sofitel Lyon	Kelly McCullough , Saturday, 5:00pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Dana Baird , Friday, 12:30pm Sunday, 11:00am	Reading Signing	2201 Autograph Table	Michael Merriam , Saturday, 11:00am Sunday, 11:00am	Reading Signing	2201 Autograph Table
Roy C. Booth , Friday, 11:00am	Signing	Autograph Table	Emma Newman , Thursday, 3:30pm Saturday, 11:00am	Reading Signing	Sofitel Lyon Autograph Table
Emma Bull , Saturday, 5:00pm	Signing	Autograph Table	Scott Pearson , Friday, 11:00am	Signing	Autograph Table
Rob Callahan , Saturday, 7:00pm	Signing	Autograph Table	Mark Stegbauer , Sunday, 3:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Sigrid Ellis , Friday, 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table	Adam Stemple , Sunday, 2:00pm	Reading	Sofitel Lyon
Peter Hautman , Friday, 11:00am Saturday, 7:00pm	Reading Signing	Sofitel Lyon Autograph Table	Sharon Stiteler , Saturday, 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Christopher Jones , Saturday, 2:00pm	Signing	Autograph Table	Kathy Sullivan , Saturday, 5:00pm	Signing	Autograph Table
MP Johnson , Thursday, 5:00pm Saturday, 5:00pm	Signing Reading	Autograph Table 2201	Lynne M. Thomas , Friday, 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Aimee Kuzenski , Friday, 5:00pm Saturday, 11:00am	Reading Signing	2201 Autograph Table	Michael Thomas , Friday, 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Tim Lieder , Sunday, 11:00am	Signing	Autograph Table	Jason Tucker , Friday, 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Sandra Lindow , Sunday, 2:00pm	Reading	2201	Monica Valentinelli , Saturday, 7:00pm	Reading	Sofitel Lyon
Shira Lipkin , Saturday, 5:00pm	Reading	Sofitel Lyon	Anna Waltz , Sunday, 12:30am	Reading	2201
			Adam Whitlatch , Friday, 3:30pm	Reading	2201
			Jason Whittman , Friday, 9:30am Sunday, 11:00am	Reading Reading	Sofitel Lyon 2201
			Sean E. Williams , Sunday, 9:30am	Reading	Atrium 7

PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

Audience participation is an important part of most CONvergence panels. Please feel free to (respectfully) ask questions.

You are welcome to bring food and drink into the programming rooms and to re-arrange the chairs (assuming the room isn't too full). But please put chairs back and take care of your trash. There are trash receptacles located in each room (usually by the doors). There are no magic fairies to clean up the rooms: just CONvergence volunteers.

If you want to send us comments on a panel, a form is available at <http://www.CONvergence-con.org/panel-evaluation>.

If you have a suggestion for next year's CON (CONvergence 2014), a form is available at <http://www.CONvergence-con.org/panel-suggestion>.

Schedule Changes

CONvergence Publications has worked with all the different parts of the convention to make this Programming Guide as accurate as possible, but since last-minute changes occur, refer to the Programming Update Boards located outside Atrium 5 and in CONvergence Central for updates, as well as the online CONvergence schedule at <http://schedule.CONvergence-con.org>.

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

The Programming Schedule follows. For a condensed, pocket sized listing, please refer to the **CONvergence 2013 Programming Grid**.

THURSDAY

2:00pm THURSDAY

Arrow **comics,current,TV / Atrium 2**
The CW's version of DC's Green Arrow character - is it any better than Smallville?
Alexandra Howes, Amanda Furfaro, Derek Mahr, Jonathan Palmer, Kevin Eldridge

Gluten-Free at and Around CON **hot dish / Atrium 3**
Let's discuss some of the difficulties and successes of being gluten-free both at CON and in the area? How do you survive the long weekend? How do you survive the rest of the year?
Kate Madison, Mary Sevick, Renee Petersen, Tanya Brody

Sheldon, Aspergers and You **hot dish / Atrium 4**
Asperger's syndrome affects a lot of geeks in real life and in popular media (Big Bang Theory, Glee, Bones). It may even affect you and you didn't know it. We'll talk about this misunderstood condition and how it is portrayed.
Jamie Cleven, Marie Porter, Molly Glover (mod), Rory Ni Coileain

Movie Sweding and You **diy, movies / Atrium 6**
Learn about movie sweding as popularized by "Be Kind Rewind". We'll talk about how you can swede cheap, fast, and fun; plus organize you to create swedes during CON with just a smartphone! They will be shown at the Movie Swede Festival panel on Sunday.
Bill Stiteler, Brian Quarforth, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher

Where Do I Start? Wherever You Want! **books, comics,TV / Atrium 7**
So many television shows, comics, and books have a huge amount of history and people are wary of jumping into the middle, but is it worth going back to the beginning? Do you really need to know everything that came before to enjoy what is up now?
Jason Tucker, Michael Lee, Roy Cook, Sigrid Ellis, Taylor Deatherage

Big Bang Theory **current, TV / Bloomington**
Talk about what is going on with Big Bang Theory.
Dave Margosian, Jaqueline Stoner, Laura Okagaki, Meredith McDonald, Stephan Stomberg

Watching Cable Without Cable **sci/tech, TV, web / Edina**
With Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Instant, the way in which we watch TV has drastically changed. Join us for a discussion of how the culture of television has drastically changed in the digital streaming age.
Allyson Cygan, Devin Harnois, Jen Manna, Mark McPherson, Monica Valentinelli (mod)

What's With All the Crumpets? **British, hot dish, theme / Plaza 2**
America fought a war so we wouldn't be British anymore (you may have heard of it). Yet from BBC America to Britcentric steampunk cosplay to this year's CONvergence theme, Anglophilia's a hard habit to break. Come discuss why.
Bob Wagner (mod), Brandy Snyder, Cassandra Lidgerding, Emma Newman, Ryan Alexander

Gender-Crossing Cosplay **costuming / Sofitel Bordeaux**
A recent trend has been to reinterpret character costumes for a different gender, for example a female Thor or a male Sailor Moon. What does this trend say about gender roles and fandom.
Bess Stuvexend, Kimo Kuppe, Leah Groess, Nora Last



3:30pm THURSDAY

Reading - Philip Andrew Bennett Low reading / 2201
Phillip Andrew Bennett Low

Introduction to Miniature Gaming gaming / Atrium 2
Do you wonder what those people with the tiny soldiers and dragons are actually doing? Come find out. *Art Lee Henecke, Peter Lee*

The Audio Adventures of Dr Who audio, Dr Who / Atrium 3
Come discuss the audiodrama side of the Whoniverse including productions from the BBC, Big Finish Productions, and other sources. *Christopher Jones, Kathy Sullivan, Lars Pearson, Shawn van Briesen, Taylor Kent*

CONvergence 101 CONvergence / Atrium 4
For first timers or veterans who are pretty sure they don't know everything, this panel will try to teach you everything you need to know! *Brian Etchieson, Briana Falb-Joslin, Charmaine Parnell, David Romm, Jen Manna, Sarah Morningstar, Tabitha Anderson*

Warehouse 13 Fan Panel current, TV / Atrium 6
Discuss the past season and speculate on what's to come. *Alexandra Howes, Dave Margosian (mod), Jonathan Palmer, Katie Serrano, Neil Anderson*

The World of London Falling books, goh / Atrium 7
A discussion with Paul Cornell about the world of his latest book: London Falling. *Paul Cornell*

Books Everyone Else Loves But I Hate books / Bloomington
Don't be ashamed to share your true feelings. It's OK to have your own sense of style and which books you prefer. Come vent with us. *David Schwartz, Jason D. Wittman, Laura Thurston, Lyda Morehouse, William Alexander*

Downton Abbey British, current, theme, TV / Edina
The panel for the BBC show Downton Abbey, discussing the twists and turns of one of Britain's most popular television shows. *Elise Matthesen, Liz Reynolds, Mara Kapp, Sharon Stiteler, Tony Artym*

Your Planet is What You Eat sci/tech, Skepchicks / Plaza 2
From vegan to paleo diets, sustainability efforts such as locavorism, industrial farming, GMOs, and more--what does science say about what's best for our health and our planet? *Desiree Schell (mod), Emily Cassidy, Emily Finke, Greg Laden, Kirsten Valentine Cadieux*

Geek Life Live Podcast audio, podcasting / Sofitel Bordeaux
Join the Geek Life Live podcasters for a live recording of their show! *Melissa Kaercher, Mike Town, Paul Comeau, Richard Brantley*

Reading - Emma Newman reading / Sofitel Lyon
Emma Newman will be reading from "Between Two Thorns" and "Any Other Name" from the Split Worlds series, published by Angry Robot Books. British Urban Fantasy featuring mad sorcerers, evil Fae and people just trying to drink their tea in peace. *Emma Newman*

5:00pm THURSDAY

Geek Child Playdates children, hot dish, teen / Atrium 2
Are you a parent looking to arrange a play date? If so, come here and meet other parents with the same idea. *Brandy Snyder, Jana Worrall, Jenni Klumpp, Katherine Krantz*

The Rise of Women at Cons CONvergence, hot dish / Atrium 3
Geek culture has slowly been losing its gender bias. As women comprise a greater percentage of attendees at conventions and other geek events, how has geek culture changed for better? *Hal Bichel, Heina Dadabhoy, Kimo Kuppe, Meredith Gillies, Sandra Lindow (mod)*

Modern British Genre Films British, current, goh, movies, theme / Atrium 4
They are producing some great genre films across the Pond. Our panel will discuss some of the best, some of the worst and some that are written by James Moran. *C. Robert Cargill, James Moran*

Superman Pastiche comics, superhero / Atrium 6
The many versions of Superman. *Daniel Wallace, Jonathan Palmer, Kevin Eldridge, Romeo Azar, Roy Cook*

Shiny New Anime Anime, current, TV / Atrium 7
Don't have time to watch every new anime that's released? What if you're a SF fan who hasn't discovered animation yet? Come check out some clips of the past year's best anime series, suggested by the people who've watched them all! *Boris Smelov, Jessi Silver, Jo Thomsen*

Signing - MP Johnson signing / Autograph Table
MP Johnson

Evolutionary Psychology sci/tech, Skepchicks / Bloomington
Media-friendly evo-psych usually isn't reality-friendly. What does it take to do evolutionary psychology right, and how can you spot the BS? *Amanda Marcotte, Greg Laden, Indre Viskontas, PZ Myers, Stephanie Zvan (mod)*

Plot and Structure: Why They're Important goh, writing / Edina
Flashy effects and good quips may get you into a book or movie, but plot and structure is what will satisfy you for the long run. *Catherine Schaff-Stump, Dana Baird, Lou Anders, Melinda Snodgrass*

British Slang 101 British, hot dish, theme / Plaza 2
There's a lot more to British Slang than Cockney and Polari, and it's changing all the time. Modern British shows and books are often employing modern language. So leave your apples and pears behind, and do try to keep up! *Cassandra Lidgerding, Emma Newman, Fionnuala Murphy, Jennifer Kelley, Walter Sullivan*

Transylvania Television Fan Panel TV / Sofitel Bordeaux
Come talk about our favorite locally produced puppet show. TVTV features a cast of fuzzy and felty monsters who are just trying to run their TV station. Talk about what's new at the Castle LeShoc! *Gordon Smuder, Troy LaFaye*



7:00PM THURSDAY

Friends of Bill W

hot dish / Atrium 2

Quick and Easy Victorian Costumes art, costuming, diy / Atrium 3
How to make Victorian costumes quickly. And easily. *Dorianne McCreary, Heather Luca, Kath Dimmich, Mariah Fryer, Rae Lundquist*

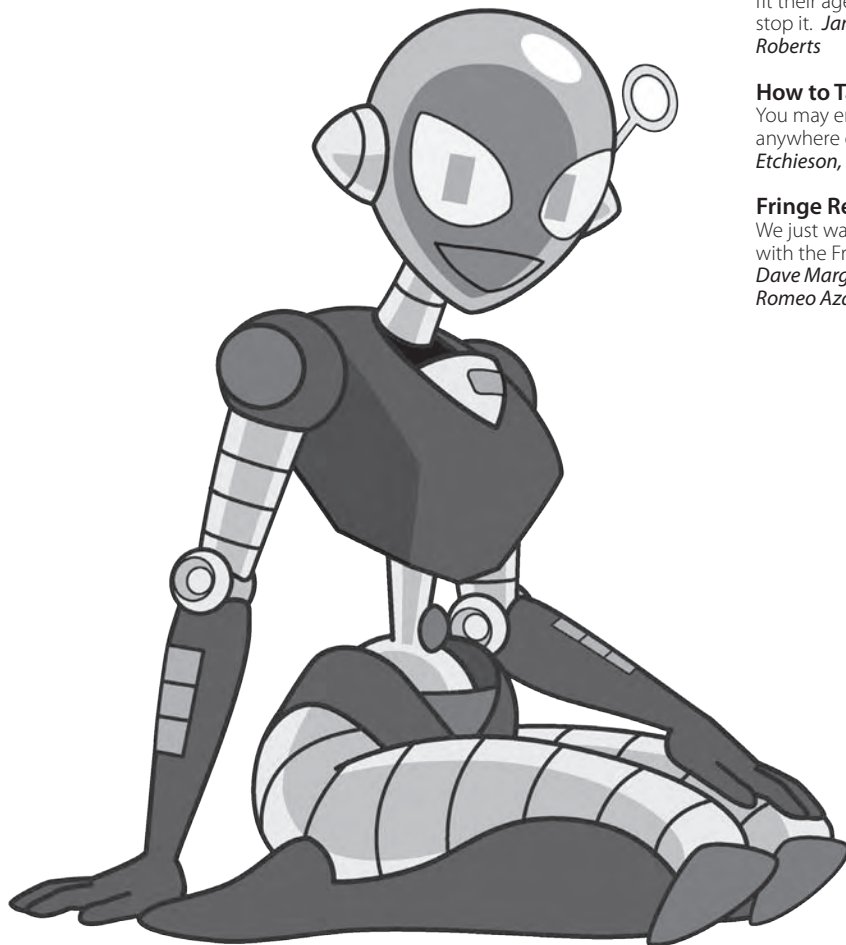
The WHOvian Conundrum British, Dr Who, theme, TV / Atrium 4
Who fandom is aware of all the plot holes and paradoxes but they don't care! Why are they different from fans of other long running series? What are the plot holes that drive you batty???? *Jason Tucker, Jennifer Kelley, John Seavey, Kathy Sullivan, Michael Scott Shappe*

There's More to British Comedy Than Python British, theme, TV / Atrium 6
British people are funnier than American people. Especially American people who quote Monty Python. Come learn about funny brits who aren't name Graham, John, Eric, Michael, Terry or Terry. *Fionnuala Murphy, Hal Bichel, Jaqueline Stoner, Lee Harris, Renate Fiora*

Leathercraft 101 art, diy / Atrium 7
It was hugely popular last year and is back again (in a bigger room.) Leather is not for saddles anymore! From armor to corsets, learn the basics of leathercraft, what works and what doesn't! *Heather Deckard, Jason Rolfstad, Johan Potgeier*

Harry Potter books, children, movies, teen / Plaza 2
A talk about all things Harry Potter. *Elspeth Lee, Joan Sullivan, Kelly Pesola, Madeleine Rowe, Rana Raeuchle*

Best Books I've Read Last Year books, current / Sofitel Bordeaux
How do you keep up with everything new that comes out? Share your favorites and hear some great books to add to your reading list. *Jody Wurl, Michael Levy, Shira Lipkin, Vetnita Anderson*



8:30PM THURSDAY

New Gaming Consoles current, gaming, sci/tech / Atrium 2
The N+1th generation is out. How do they compare? Why buy one versus another? *Andrew Davies, Matt Everhart, Michele Webber, Theora Craft, Tom Mahle*

Stealing From the Best: How SF/F Writers Beg, Borrow, and Steal Ideas writing / Atrium 3
Are there any truly new ideas in SFF, or is everything a remix? Panelists talk about where they beg, borrow, and steal ideas, and how they make them their own. *EP Beaumont, Kimberley Long-Ewing, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Patrick Tomlinson, William Alexander*

Apocalyptic Fiction Free-for-All hot dish / Atrium 4
Well, we're all still here, so the world clearly hasn't ended yet (though perhaps it would be better if it had). Join us for a free-for-all discussion of humanity's obsession with offing itself with a panelist of creators of apocalyptic fiction. *Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Fred Greenhaigh, Joel Arnold, Matthew Boudreau, Ryan Alexander (mod)*

Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-Long Blog Joss / Atrium 6
Joss Whedon's "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" is a delightfully hilarious exploration of love and evil featuring Nathan Fillion, Neil Patrick Harris and Felicia Day.

Saturday Morning Cartoon Fever TV / Atrium 7
A panel for all those woke up early Saturday mornings for animated entertainment (and still do). We'll discuss everything from the early years of Hanna-Barbera to the new age of Cartoon Network. *Kevin Eldridge, Mark McPherson, Terry O'Brien*

The War on Science sci/tech / Bloomington
While scientists continue to make important discoveries, public trust in their findings is continues to lag. Political parties suppress or ignore findings that don't fit their agenda. We need to understand why this is happening and how we can stop it. *Jamie Bernstein, Kate Johnson, Katherine Krantz, Renate Fiora, Scotty Roberts*

How to Talk to the Naked Lady in the Elevator hot dish / Plaza 2
You may encounter social situations at con that you'll never experience anywhere else. What are good ways to handle them? *Amada Marquez, Brian Etchieson, Charmaine Parnell, Sarah Morningstar, Sigrid Ellis*

Fringe Retrospective current, TV / Sofitel Bordeaux
We just watched the last season of the show. What were your favorite moments with the Fringe Division? What did you wish they had more time to show? *Dave Margosian, Felicity Kusnitz, Geoffrey Hofman-Frethem, Jason D. Wittman, Romeo Azar*

10:00pm THURSDAY

Masquerade 101 **costuming / Atrium 2**

Whether you are an old pro or a newcomer, this panel will help you learn the basics of participation in the CONvergence masquerade.

Dayna Jean Wolter, Deborah Mullen, Erin Kasper

What Makes a 'Good Bad' Movie? **movies / Atrium 3**

Anyone can make an awful movie, but only a few film-makers manage to make one that's fascinating and occasionally charming even though your brain rebels at watching it. Join us as we discuss what makes a bad movie so bad it's good.

Andy Newman, John Seavey, Kiah Nelson, Mark McPherson, Windy Bowlsby

Queers Dig Time Lords **hot dish / Atrium 4**

Mad Norwegian Press will be launching a new essay collection on June 4th called Queers Dig Time Lords. Both of the co-editors are here at the convention, as well as some contributors. *Jason Tucker, Lynne Thomas, Michael Thomas, Sigrid Ellis*

Uplifting the Geek Cocktail **hot dish / Atrium 7**

Blog, Blood Wine, Romulan Ale, Pan-Galactic Gargle Blasters, and warm whatever-the-hell-is-in-that-flask-you've-never-washed. Are you ready to stop drinking crap, but don't want to stop drinking geek? Let's talk. This is not a drinking panel. *Amada Marquez, Ryan Alexander, Shari H, William Donohue*

Worldbusters! **hot dish, Skepchicks / Bloomington**

Worldbuilders, you think you have a crackerjack rationale for how zombies work, or how the entire galaxy is populated with humanoids, or how your spaceships can travel faster than light? Bounce those ideas off our critical panel of scientists. *Jason Thibeault (mod), Laura Okagaki, PZ Myers, Siouxsie Wiles*

Skepticism 101 **hot dish, Skepchicks / Edina**

The Skepchicks demonstrate the basic tools of skepticism by applying them to the latest scams, fads, and pseudoscience. *Amy Davis Roth, Bug Girl, Heina Dadabhoy, Rebecca Watson (mod)*

Post-Apocalyptic Survival **hot dish / Plaza 2**

Civilization has fallen and the government can't help. Who do you trust? Who can help you survive? What skills do you have that you're not even aware of? Talk about "The Colony" and "The Walking Dead" Compete to win the coveted Golden Spork! *Adam Whitlatch, Jessica Whitlatch, Patrick Koozy*

11:30pm THURSDAY

Diversity in Steampunk **hot dish / Atrium 3**

While Steampunk's roots are from an earlier time, it is infused with a modern take on gender and sexuality. Come discuss how gender roles, and clothing, are being subverted. *Alexandra Howes, Eli Effinger-Weintraub, Kevin Borchers, Sarah McDole, Sigrid Ellis*

Douglas Adams **books, British, theme / Atrium 4**

More than just the Hitchhiker's Guide, discuss his whole body of work. What else do Dirk Gently and Starship Titanic have to offer to our community?

Chris Stenzel, Jenny McDermott, Lars Pearson, Patrick Tomlinson

Prometheus Debunked **current, goh, movies, Skepchicks / Atrium 6**

One of the most highly anticipated movies of the year turned out to be a colossal pukestorm of bad science. Let's all share and laugh about our favorite mockable moments. *Bill Corbett, Kevin Murphy, PZ Myers, Rebecca Watson*

Why is the Villain Always British? **British, movies, theme / Atrium 7**

It seems like the villain is British way too much for coincidence. What is it about being British that makes it appealing to have villains British? *Ashley Miller, Derek Mahr, Emma Bull, Emma Newman, Lee Harris*

Poe's Potables **hot dish / Bloomington**

After the success of 2012's "Cocktails with Cthulhu," the panelists will return with an in-depth look at booze in the life and work of Edgar Allan Poe.

Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher, Pat Harrigan, Tim Uren

Comedy Writing: Scripts **diy, writing / Edina**

How do you create scripts that are funny? Learn from the pros. Scripts for radio, theater and "other." *Brian Price, Eli Effinger-Weintraub, Gordon Smuder, Molly Glover, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low*

Erotic Fantasy Writing **books, writing / Plaza 2**

The intersection of erotica and fantasy writing - can it be taken seriously as fantasy, as well as erotica? How do you balance the two genres in your writing? *Haddayr Copley-Woods, Laramie Sasseville, Rory Coilein, Veronica Cummer*



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9:30am FRIDAY

Reading - Rob Callahan reading / 2201
Rob will be reading from some of his recent work. *Rob Callahan*

Exercise the Geek diy, gaming / Atrium 2
We may not have the chance to get to a gym, but there are plenty of tech ways to try to keep in shape. From video games to Apps. *Amada Marquez, Annie Lynsen, Fes Works, Meredith McDonald*

Audiobooks audio, books / Atrium 3
How can listening to a narration of a story help you get involved in the story? What books or types of books are especially well suited for audio? Does the voice talent make a difference? *Ange Straatmeyer, Brett Thompson, Emma Newman, Jo Ackerman, Nicholas Beeson*

Philosophy of the Golden Compass books, British, Skepchicks, theme / Atrium 4
It's a fantasy novel for atheists! How does that work? *Ashley Miller, Chris Stenzel, Heina Dadabhoy, Ruth Berman, Sasha Katz*

Science Fiction as a Hopeful Future vs. a Cautionary Tale books / Atrium 6
Science can save the world or destroy it! What does our vision of how science will shape the future say about ourselves and what does it say about science? *Elizabeth Bear, Emma Bull, J Boone Dryden, Monica Valentinelli, Sean M. Murphy*

Kilts & Kilt Making British, costuming, theme / Atrium 7
Come learn what goes into a kilt, how to make one, and how to wear it. *Dani McPherson Clausen, Kath Dimmich, Mary McKinley*

Doctor Who Primer British, Dr Who, theme, TV / Bloomington
The show follows such an expansive continuity - how do you summarize it to your friends? Come to this panel and find out. *Christopher Jones, Jennifer Kelley, Michael Thomas, Paul Weimer, Steve Manfred*

Once Upon A Time Fan Panel current,TV / Edina
Season 2 is here. How has the story developed? *Alice Leber-Cook, Allyson Cygan, Katie Serrano, Lunate Eight, Olivia James*

Kids Ask a Scientist: Explain It To Me Like I'm Five children, sci/tech / Plaza 2
How do you describe complex scientific thought to someone without a scientific background? We encourage kids of all ages to come with their best questions about today's science for an easy-to-understand explanation. *David Romm (mod), Katherine Krantz, Lori Fischer, Renate Fiora, Shari H*

CONvergence Events Open Meeting CONvergence / Sofitel Bordeaux
Learn about what CONvergence Events is working on outside of CONvergence. If you love the convention, here is your chance to enjoy our events all year round! *Michael Lee*

Reading - Jason Wittman reading / Sofitel Lyon
Jason Wittman reads from his new novella "Saint Nicole". *Jason D. Wittman*

11:00am FRIDAY

Reading - Melinda Snodgrass goh, reading / 2201
Melinda Snodgrass

Plays by Ear: Writing For Audio Drama audio / Atrium 2
Covers the benefits and difficulties of writing for an audio medium, similarities and differences between writing for audio dramas and writing for stage, television and film. *Brian Price, Clayton Faits, David Romm, Fred Greenhaigh, Jeff Adams*

Gaming With Kids (11 & under) children, gaming / Atrium 3
Are you raising a geeky child? If so, what are best games for that age group? *Jana Worrall, Kevin Horner, Virginia Corbett*

Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Writing books, goh, writing / Atrium 4
A panel of experienced writers will share the secrets of the profession they wish they knew when they first started writing. Come learn tricks of the trade that your publisher will never tell you! *Abra Staffin-Wiebe, C. Robert Cargill, Elizabeth Bear, James Moran, Scott Lynch*

Victorian vs. Steampunk in Costuming art, costuming / Atrium 6
What are the differences between these two similar styles? *Emma Newman, Heather Luca, Kath Dimmich, Matt Gamble (mod), Sasha Katz*

British Invasion of Comics British, comics, theme / Atrium 7
British comics worth checking out. Everything from Alan Moore to Paul Cornell - what are some new works or old favorites? *Lars Pearson, Mark Stegbauer, Molly Glover (mod), Roy Cook, Windy Bowlsby (mod)*

Signing - Roy C Booth/Scott Pearson signing / Autograph Table
Roy C. Booth and Scott Pearson will be available to sign their work. *Roy C Booth, Scott Pearson*

Time Travel in Film goh, movies, Skepchicks / Bloomington
In what movies has Time Travel been done well? Does bad time travel make it a bad movie? What are your favorites? *Charlie Jane Anders, Courtney Okey-Wernimont, Matt Lowry, Sean E. Williams*

Young Adult Books That Are Too Good To Miss books, goh, teen / Edina
It is time once again to explore the world of Young Adult Fiction. Look beyond Harry Potter and The Hunger Games to discover great new books for your kids (and you) to read! *Caitlin Blackwood, Jody Wurl, Kathy Sullivan, Lou Anders, Mariah Fryer*

Geeky Booze and Homebrew hot dish / Plaza 2
This is NOT the panel where people pretend to get blitzed. There will be nothing (intentionally) funny about this panel. We'll talk about the geeky booze developments, homemade bitters, homebrewing beer and explain why Everclear is a necessity. *Doug Yoder, Jaqueline Stoner, Jim Doolittle, Renee Petersen, William Donohue*

Successful and Unsuccessful Alternative History books, writing / Sofitel Bordeaux
Creating alternative history fiction that is convincing and interesting instead of just provocative. It's easy to have the south win the civil war. Once they do, what happens? *Bob Alberti, Eleanor Arnason, Naomi Kritzer, Paul Weimer, Will Shetterly*

Reading - Peter Hautman reading / Sofitel Lyon
Pete Hautman reads from his time-travel novel The Cydonian Pyramid, Book 2 of The Klaatu Diskos. *Peter Hautman*

12:30pm FRIDAY

Reading - Dana Baird

reading / 2201

The author of the Spell Keeper series reads from her current works in progress. *Dana Baird*

Gaming in the 'Verse

gaming, Joss / Atrium 2

Roll dice? Love to quote Mal or Zoe? Then take part in this discussion about gaming in the 'Verse! Be the first players to hear about Margaret Weis Production's shiny new Firefly RPG based on the television series. Questions welcome! *Cam Banks, Monica Valentinelli*

ASL 101

hot dish / Atrium 3

A quick introduction to American Sign Language. *Maria Gallardo*

Science Fiction on the Screen

goh, movies / Atrium 4

It's been said that Science Fiction is best suited for the screen. What is it about seeing the story that makes that true? *Melinda Snodgrass*

The World of Riffing with Bill and Kevin

comedy, goh / Atrium 6

Bill Corbett and Kevin Murphy will show some video segments and then answer all your questions about Rifftrax and possibly even that television show you may have heard of... *Bill Corbett, Kevin Murphy*

Rapiers for Writers

writing / Atrium 7

Learn the basics of what goes into a sword fight and how to convey it on the page. We'll focus on rapiers, but cover other like-minded weapons as well. Honorable combat & dirty tricks included. Plus, hands-on time with (blunt) rapiers if time permits! *Doug Hulick*

Signing -

Queers Dig Time Lords/Geek Girl

signing / Autograph Table

Jason Tucker, Lynne Thomas, Michael Thomas, Sigrid Ellis

Doctor Who

Season Seven Round-Up

British, Dr Who, TV / Bloomington

A full hour of discussion on the most recent season of Doctor Who, including the Christmas special, the departure of the Ponds and the arrival of new companion Clara Oswald. *Jennifer Kelley, John Seavey, Lyrae Anderson, Steve Manfred, Tom Mahle*

Marvel Universe Phase 2

current, goh, movies / Edina

We know they're coming. And Joss Whedon is in charge. What can we expect from the next phase of Marvel films and what have we seen so far? *Charlie Jane Anders, Christopher Jones, Daniel Wallace, Matt Gamble (mod), Michael Lee*

Gerry Anderson

Retrospective

British, classic, goh, theme, TV / Plaza 2

Gerry Anderson passed away after a long career ranging from SuperCar and Thunderbirds to UFO is one of the most prolific British telefantasy producers. Let's discuss his work and legacy. *Craig A. Finseth, Joan Marie Verba, Nick Glover (mod), Paul Cornell, Scott Pearson*

Kubrick's "The Shining" In Depth

horror, movies / Sofitel Bordeaux

Film experts and fans take a look at Stanley Kubrick's adaptation of Stephen King's novel. We'll deconstruct the film and the effect it has had on the language of film. *Jon Cazares, Melissa Kaercher, Mike Hallenbeck, Romeo Azar, Tim Wick*

Playing RPGs Online

gaming, web / Sofitel Lyon

With the rise of Google Plus we have seen a number of online tools for running pen and paper RPGs online. Come join the panel in a discussing what tools (Table Top Forge, Roll20.net, etc) are available and the pros and cons of playing RPGs online. *Aaron VanderGiessen, Bradford Walker, Taylor Kent*

2:00pm FRIDAY

Reading - Charlie Jane Anders

goh, reading / 2201

One of our Guests of Honor reads from her works. *Charlie Jane Anders*

Introduction to Board Games

gaming / Atrium 2

Board games aren't just Sorry and Monopoly; there's a whole host of new ones. What are the types and which ones are good? *Matt Everhart, Matthew Duhan, Peter Lane, Peter Lee, Tom Mahle*

War of the Worlds 75th Anniversary

audio / Atrium 3

It's coming up on the 75th anniversary of this most famous radio broadcast. What's been its impact? Can there ever be another program with a similar impact? *Adam Whitlatch, Anthony Tollin, Craig A. Finseth, Jeff Adams, Jerry Stearns*

Heroines in

Young Adult Literature

books, Skepchicks, teen / Atrium 4

Although much YA literature with female main characters has become best-selling in the last few years, the portrayal of the heroines of these stories is problematic. What are examples of good portrayals, both recent and old. *Ashley Miller, Joan Sullivan, Jody Wurl, Kathy Sullivan, Michael Levy*

I Go Around, Around, Around, Around, Around?

current, sci/tech / Atrium 6

Bridget Landry will give us a mission briefing about Cassini's continuing mission at Saturn. *Bridget Landry*

Judging a Book by Its Cover

art, books, comedy, hot dish / Atrium 7

Our team of experts will determine the plot of a book based entirely upon what they see in its cover art.

Chrys Buckholtz, Dawn Krosnowski, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher

Signing -

Joseph Scrimshaw/Monica Valentinelli

Signing / Autograph Table

Joseph Scrimshaw, author of "Comedy of Doom" will be available to sign his work. Monica Valentinelli, author of "Don't Read this Book" and other words will be available to sign her work. *Joseph Scrimshaw, Monica Valentinelli*

Caitlin Blackwood & The Doctor

Dr Who, goh, theme / Bloomington

Caitlin Blackwood played "young Amelia Pond" in series 5 and 6 of Doctor Who. Here's your chance to hear about her experiences being cast and working on the popular series. *Caitlin Blackwood*

The "Camp" Factor in British TV & Movies

British, goh, movies, theme, TV / Edina

Some British sci-fi is popular specifically for its camp factor. Later Blake's 7, The Star People and The Tomorrow People are great examples. What is it about campy British shows that appeals to us? *Paul Cornell*

Star Wars Goes Disney

current, movies / Plaza 2

It happened. Abrams is directing Episode VII. What do we hope Disney can bring to the table? *Daniel Wallace, Michael Lee, Romeo Azar, Travis Richey, Zach Nyhus*

Creating & Maintaining Extended RPG Campaigns

gaming / Sofitel Bordeaux

How much planning do you need? What are some pitfalls that are easy to avoid? How do you evolve your player's characters over the long term?

Bradford Walker, Emma Newman, Laura Thurston, Mark DiPasquale

Renaissance Festival Podcast Live

hot dish, podcasting / Sofitel Lyon

Come join us for Renaissance Festival music and stories as we record a live podcast show at CONvergence once again. *Tanya Brody, Tony Artym*

3:30pm FRIDAY

Reading - Adam Whitlatch
Adam Whitlatch

reading / 2201

How to Get Your Book into the Library books, writing / Atrium 2
Have you ever wondered how to get your book into your local library? Panelists will give you practical advice and tips on doing just that. From reviews to dropping in the library, we will walk you through every step in the process.
Jenni Klumpp, Jody Wurl, John Klima, Meredith Gillies

Everyone's a Gamer Now gaming, sci/tech / Atrium 3
With casual games so prevalent, how has that affected gamer culture? Has gamer culture seeped into the rest of the world, or is it just getting diluted?
David Wintheiser, James Turnbull, Leah Groess, Michele Webber, Theora Craft

It's a CONspiracy! comedy, hot dish / Atrium 4
The audience suggests a topic and a panelist must come up with a conspiracy theory on that topic. *Jeremy Stomberg, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, Tim Wick*

SF Squeecast Live! comedy, goh, podcasting / Atrium 6
Guests of Honor, former Guests of Honor, and SPECIAL GUEST record a podcast live. *Elizabeth Bear, Lynne Thomas, Paul Cornell*

Screenwriting Structure for Novelists goh, writing / Atrium 7
Learn how novelists can apply Hollywood screenwriting techniques to enhance character, plot & theme in their manuscripts. *Lou Anders*

Signing #1 - Caitlin Blackwood goh, signing / Autograph Table
Caitlin Blackwood

Social Media Marketing for Creatives hot dish, sci/tech / Bloomington
Strategies and tips for successfully marketing your geeky creative endeavor or business on various social media platforms; Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr and LinkedIn will be discussed. *Catherine Lundoff, Christopher Jones, Hal Bichel (mod), Heather Luca, Travis Richey*

An Unexpected Panel: The Obligatory Hobbit Panel current, movies / Edina
That's right! Peter Jackson finally made one third of the movie we all knew he was destined to make. Now that he's gone there, are you will to go back again?
Andy Newman, Elizabeth Erickson, Michael Scott Shappe, Rae Lundquist, Scott Pearson

Doctor Who's 50th Dr Who, goh, theme, TV / Plaza 2
The Doctor is 50 now, but he looks younger than ever. How has the character evolved over the years, and what makes this anniversary special? *Charlie Jane Anders, James Moran, Jennifer Kelley, Kathy Sullivan, Michael Thomas, Shawn van Briesen*

Keeping Promises to the Audience goh, writing / Sofitel Bordeaux
Lots of works start off promising something, but never deliver. Why is it important that books/movies/whatever keep the promises that they make?
Abra Staffin-Wiebe, Caroline Stevermer, Melinda Snodgrass, Sean M. Murphy

Bye, Bye Rapture gaming / Sofitel Lyon
2K and Irrational Games have made the leap of leaving the underwater chaos of Rapture for the city in the sky of Columbia. How did they do? Is it truly a Bioshock game or something new? *Clayton Fails, Stephan Stomberg, Tom Mahle*

5:00pm FRIDAY

Reading - Aimee Kuzenski
Author reading. *Aimee Kuzenski*

reading / 2201

Alan Moore's Influence on the Comics Industry British, comics, theme / Atrium 2
The argument could be made that Alan Moore is the most influential British comics creator. How has his creative vision been modified by business interests and other creators? *David Schwartz, Jon Dorman, Lars Pearson, Mark Goldberg, Shawn van Briesen*

What Makes a Video Game Good? gaming, goh / Atrium 3
What elements does a video game need to be "good." Is it story? Graphics? Gameplay? Can you sacrifice one to improve on another? *Calvin Priestler, Kimo Kuppe, Matt Everhart, Melinda Snodgrass*

John Steed and Emma Peel Assemble: The Avengers British, classic, goh, theme, TV / Atrium 4
Spies, traitors, clowns and cybnauts: the British TV show The Avengers had it all, and also brought us Mrs. Emma Peel, one of the iconic female characters of 20th century adventure. If you are into Joss or Marvel comics, there are other panels.
Catherine Schaff-Stump, Christopher Jones, James Enge, Paul Cornell

Geek Relationship Advice hot dish / Atrium 6
A group panel of people married/in a long-term relationship with a geek/nerd. How to find them, special concerns, navigating gaming and family time. No judgement, just help. *Anna Waltz, Jenne Hayden, Jenni Klumpp, Molly Glover, Nick Glover*

Drugs: What They Don't Tell You sci/tech / Atrium 7
A look at what drugs really do ... how genetics plays a part and what effects they really have ... a look at the most common drugs of abuse (legal and otherwise) and how they work and what effects linger. *Bruce Miller, Lucinda Marty*

Signing - Scotty Roberts/William Alexander signing / Autograph Table
Scotty Roberts and William Alexander will be available to sign their work. *Scotty Roberts, William Alexander*

Sherlock Holmes: Hotter Than Ever books, British, movies, TV / Bloomington
Although his first adventure was published over 125 years ago, Sherlock Holmes is more popular than ever. What is it about this most English of detectives that keeps us coming back for more? We'll discuss the books, recent movies, and BOTH shows.
Elizabeth Bear, Jo Thomsen, Mary Loving, Naomi Kritzer, Rae Lundquist

Geek's Guide to Visiting London British, goh, hot dish, theme / Edina
Screw Toussauds, how about a 10 minute walk that'll take you past the entrance to Diagon Alley, a shooting location from Sherlock, and possibly the Best Chocolatier in the world? Tips and Tricks for the Geek Angelophile.
Allyson Cygan, Cassandra Lidgerding, Hilary Moon Murphy (mod), James Moran, Ryan Alexander

Comedy on the Internet comedy, goh, hot dish / Plaza 2
In a continuing series on the creation of comedy, we explore how the internet serves as a tool to get comedians in touch with their audience. We Tweet, Blog, Podcast and Facebook endlessly. How do we use this series of tubes to create comedy?
Bill Corbett, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kevin Murphy, Rebecca Watson, Tim Wick

Games Review Panel current, gaming / Sofitel Bordeaux
What were the best games of the past year? Come share your opinion. This panel covers all games: board, RPG, console. *Matthew Duhan, Michele Webber, Theora Craft, Walter Sullivan*

Faking It: Psychoacoustics and Sound Design for Audio audio / Sofitel Lyon
When it comes to sound, nothing is ever quite what it seems. The art of Foley and sound design often uses sounds from unexpected sources in order to create the sounds an audience expects to hear. *Brian Price, Dave Erwin, Matthew Boudreau, Ryan Schile, Tony Brewer*

7:00PM FRIDAY

Reading - Kelly McCullough

Kelly McCullough will be available to read work from his newest book. Kelly McCullough

reading / 2201

Friends of Bill W

hot dish / Atrium 2

Art Show Meetup

Meet some of the artists who have works on display in the Art Show.

art / Atrium 3

Creating a Monster: How to Write Villains

What are some good ways to add depth to your villain characters? What stereotypes should or shouldn't you use? *Eleanor Arnason, Joel Arnold, Naomi Kritzer, Sean M. Murphy, Will Shetterly*

writing / Atrium 4

You're Making That Up!

A panel game of creativity, storytelling, and quick thinking! Four panelists invent new facts for a new world, taking on questions that won't have answers until they create them! *Bill Stiteler, Joseph Scrimshaw, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler*

comedy, goh / Atrium 6

The Non-Doctor Who

British Media Panel

There is some seriously cool stuff that's come out of the UK that's got nothing (or almost nothing) to do with Doctor Who. What else is out there?

Emma Bull, Hal Bichel, Jen Manna, Ryan Alexander

British, theme, TV / Atrium 7

Signing - James Moran/ John Picacio/Sean E Williams

Guests of Honor James Moran and John Picacio, and Sean E. Williams will be available to sign their works. *James Moran, John Picacio, Sean E. Williams*

goh, signing / Autograph Table

Science and Rationality vs. Religion and Superstition

It's the 21st century--where are the air cars and the Moon bases? Why do people put more credence in crystal power, tarot cards, etc. than in physics, biology, chemistry, in short: science? Is the pace of technology leading to more fundamentalism? *Courtney Okey-Wernimont, Heina Dadabhoy, Melinda Snodgrass, William Alexander*

goh, hot dish / Bloomington

Grosser than Fiction

Since biology is the grossest of the sciences (with its slimy creatures and its unseemly smells), we have called together a panel of experts to tell their true tales of grossness. *Greg Laden, Laura Okagaki, Melissa Kaercher, PZ Myers*

hot dish, Skepchicks / Plaza 2

Comic Book Villains: The Worst of the Worst

Everyone knows about Doctor Doom and the Joker...but who remembers the Kangaroo, the Scarlet Skier and the Big Wheel? Spend an hour with us talking about the supervillains that were (intentionally or otherwise) hilarious. *Amanda Furfaro, Daniel Wallace, John Seavey, Roy C Booth, Terry O'Brien*

comics / Sofitel Bordeaux

Reading - Scott Lynch/Elizabeth Bear

Scott Lynch and Elizabeth Bear will both read from their works. *Elizabeth Bear, Scott Lynch*

reading / Sofitel Lyon

8:30PM FRIDAY

LGBT Gaming

Gay and a gamer? When real life drama from being gay gets to be too much, where do you turn? Gaming is a great outlet and there are plenty of like minded people. Which games are good to play for lgbt players, and where to start to look. *Chris Severin, David Rust, Rachel Kronick*

gaming / Atrium 2

Costuming on a Budget

Anyone can make their own costume - but how do you do it without spending a fortune on custom fabric, plastics, etc? What can you make vs. buy? Where are good sources? *Amanda Furfaro, Anjila Olsen, Dorianne McCreary, Rae Lundquist, Tanya Brody*

costuming / Atrium 3

They Came From Fandom!

Professional writers who started out as fans before becoming pros spill their "secrets". How did fandom influence your writing? What fandoms were/are you a part of? Did your relationship with fandom changed when you got published? How did you do it? *Catherine Lundoff, Emma Bull, Joan Marie Verba, Lyda Morehouse, Patrick Nielsen Hayden*

writing / Atrium 4

2013 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival

Once again we present a showcase of midwestern filmmaking talent. Come enjoy our latest year of fantastic short films *Troy LaFaye*

current, movies / Atrium 6

DC Nation

Peter David and company have given us an interesting take on the Justice League and David's own characters in Young Justice - is there anything to like? What about the shorts? *Jonathan Palmer, Kevin Eldridge, Kevin Horner, Mark McPherson, Mark Stegbauer (mod)*

comics / Atrium 7

Films That Get the Science Right

We've seen some spectacularly bad science come out of Hollywood. Which films have actually gotten it right?

Jennifer Menken, Laura Okagaki, Renate Fiora

movies, sci/tech / Bloomington

How to Talk to Girls at Con

Geek girls (and boys) share stories of awkward interactions at Con to help you avoid the same kinds of mistakes. You will leave prepared to make completely new ones! *Alexandra Howes, C. Robert Cargill, Eryn Hildebrand, Jenne Hayden, Meredith Gillies*

hot dish / Plaza 2

Creating a Character - Crowd-Source Creation

What does it take to create a new character? Join others in learning to create an original character, and avoiding the Mary Sue. *Fes Works, Matthew Davis, Nicholas Beeson, S.D. Hintz, Tania Richter*

diy, writing / Sofitel Bordeaux

10:00pm FRIDAY

Breaking Kayfabe: Science Fiction and Professional Wrestling

hot dish / Atrium 2

In the Venn diagram of sci-fi fans and pro wrestling aficionados, there is a larger intersection than most might imagine. Go beyond Shocker and Hurricane Helms, Gangrel & The Brood, and discuss the connections between the two seemingly disparate genres! *James Turnbull, Jeremy Stomberg, Lynne Thomas, Michael Thomas, Steve Bentley*

Speed Dating

hot dish / Atrium 3

If we have to explain it, you're probably not interested. *Andrew Davies*

Writing a Book in Someone Else's Universe

books, writing / Atrium 4

If you are a writer picking up where somewhere else left off, what particular challenges do you have? *Bob Alberti, Emma Bull, Monica Valentinelli, Patrick Tomlinson, Roy C Booth*

Penises of the Animal Kingdom

sci/tech, Skepchicks / Atrium 7

They are pretty damn scary. *Bug Girl, Desiree Schell (mod), Emily Finke, PZ Myers, Sharon Stiteler*

Just a Minute

comedy, goh, hot dish / Bloomington

Paul Cornell will once again host his favorite game of talking and thinking at the same time. The combination is something most of us aren't particularly used to. Paul Cornell

Dark Knight Trilogy Retrospective

movies, superhero / Plaza 2

With Christopher Nolan's trilogy complete, how does it stack up to other Batman stories? Was Bane worse than Bat-nipples?

Damarra A, Geoffrey Hofman-Frethem, Michael Zecca, Romeo Azar, Tabitha Anderson

11:30pm FRIDAY

Friday Late Night Music Circle

music / Atrium 3

A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.

Sex, Sexuality, and Kink in Literature

books, goh / Atrium 4

Exploring good and healthy depiction of sexuality in fiction. There's more to kink in literature than "50 Shades of Gray." *Charlie Jane Anders, Damarra A, James Enge, Laramie Sasseville, Rory Ni Coileain*

Rocky Horror Picture Show Live!

classic, movies / Atrium 6

Let's do the Time Warp again! Join Twin Cities live shadow cast Transvestite Soup for The Rocky Horror Picture Show! Yelling callbacks is encouraged, but no throwing props please. Adult content.

British Cuisine 101

British, hot dish, theme / Atrium 7

Boiled, or fried? Should we just go out for Indian food? *Beth Lareau, Cassandra Lidgerding, Marie Porter, Ryan Alexander*

The Movie Year in Review

current, movies / Bloomington

Looking back at the last 12 months in film. What was good? What was bad? What was...somewhere in between?

Ben Ellis, C. Robert Cargill, Liz Reynolds, Melissa Kaercher, Romeo Azar

Minnesota Drinking Game

hot dish / Edina

We take local actors and do a stage read of a cult classic movie. As a trigger word is read, the actors all take a drink! *Matthew Kelly*

Ian Fleming

books, classic, goh / Plaza 2

Discuss the James Bond books and their original author, not the movies. *Chris Stenzel, Cynthia Booth, Paul Cornell, Scott Lynch*

SATURDAY

9:30am SATURDAY

Acting Without Pants: Voice Acting and the Home Studio

audio / Atrium 2
Covers the increasing trend of voice actors working from the home studio, including equipment, costs, benefits and pitfalls. More & more producers are using technology to cut the cost and time of using studios to record voice actors. *Cayenne Chris Conroy, Clayton Faits, Dawn Krosnowski, Jeffrey Gardner, Matthew Boudreau*

Fiber Arts in Fandom

art, diy / Atrium 3

What do you do when you want your own Jayne Cobb hat to complete your costume? You knit one, of course! Knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, and other classic art forms have become popular in fandom. Come share your favorite projects.

Brandy Snyder, Dorianne McCreary, Emma Bull, Jo Ackerman, Julie Bowman

What Do You Think Of The New Companion

current, Dr Who, theme, TV / Atrium 4
Now that we know more about the newest Doctor Who companion, what are her strengths and weaknesses as a character?

Bill Marth, Kathy Sullivan, Olivia James

Elementary vs. Sherlock

British, theme, TV / Bloomington

Both shows have their avid fans. Do we have to pick one or the other or can we enjoy them both? A discussion about what there is to enjoy (and yes - what frustrates us) in these new adaptations of Doyle's detective. *Jason D. Wittman, Mary Loving, Miriam Krause, Scott Pearson, Stephan Stomberg*

Raising a Geeky Kid

hot dish / Edina

How do you pass on your legacy to the next generation? What is good to introduce or them to or can you do together to teach them how to channel their inner geek and bring it out. *Amada Marquez, Angie Anderson, Joan Sullivan, Jonathan Palmer, Sarah Morningstar*

Mythic Britain

books, British, goh, theme / Plaza 2

Discussion of the early myths of Britain in the pre-Roman era, and their continuance in folklore and literature to the modern day. *Catherine Lundoff, J Boone Dryden, John Heimbuch, Paul Cornell, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low*

Back In My Day...

gaming / Sofitel Bordeaux

How has gaming changed since the days when you had to walk a mile uphill in the snow each way to get to your all-night AD&D session? When your manuals were bootleg mimeographs that could get you high, and all six of your basic stats were 3D6? *David Rust, Kevin Horner, Kimo Kuppe, Paul Weimer, Rory Ni Coileain*

Reading - William Alexander

reading / Sofitel Lyon

National Book Award winner William Alexander reads from his newest novel Ghoulish Song. *William Alexander*

11:00am SATURDAY

Reading - Michael Merriam reading / 2201
Michael will read from his new novel, "Old Blood's Fate" and his new short story collection, "Whispers in Space." *Michael Merriam*

Best RPGs You've Never Heard Of gaming / Atrium 2
What are some of the more obscure role-playing games that are buried on the back shelves of the gaming store? *David Wintheiser, Kevin Horner, Molly Glover (mod), Rachel Kronick, Terry O'Brien*

Contemporary Sword & Sorcery: Leaving the Battlefields for the Back Alleys books, goh / Atrium 3
A look at the latest crop of writers who owe their influence as much to the gritty narratives of Robert Howard, Fritz Leiber and Michael Moorcock as the epics of J.R.R Tolkien. Examples: Rachel Aaron, Saladin Ahmed, James Enge, and Howard Andrew Jones. *Doug Hulick, Lou Anders*

E-Readers: Better Than Paper or Not? books, sci/tech / Atrium 4
What are the merits of the medium - or each individual gadget? Discuss the differences between Nook, Kindle, and others. Will printed books ever die? *Adam Whitlatch, Emma Bull, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Naomi Kritzer, W. A. Thomasson*

The Worst of Bond British, goh, movies, theme / Atrium 6
We love 007, but these are plenty of terrible moments in each of the 23 films, from DR NO to SKYFALL. What are the most awful moments in each Bond movie? *Bill Stiteler, Jeremy Stomberg, John Grams, Joseph Scrimshaw, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler (mod)*

Comics and Archives in Higher Education comics / Atrium 7
The U of M archives tell the behind-the-scenes sordid tale of comic books, politics, Commies, well-meaning professionals, slander, misogyny, censorship, and ruined lives. Join archives staff as they introduce you to the birth of the Comics Code Authority. *Abbey Thompson, Linnea Anderson, Meredith Gillies, Roy Cook*

Signing - Aimee Kuzenski/Emma Newman signing / Autograph Table
Amy Kuzenski and Emma Newman will be available to sign their works. *Aimee Kuzenski, Emma Newman*

Inspector Spacetime video, web / Bloomington
Travis Richey joins a panel discussion about Community's Doctor Who Parody, its explosive fan reaction and the resulting Untitled Web Series About a Space Traveler Who Can Also Travel Through Time. *Geoffrey Hofman-Frethem, Hal Bichel, Jo Thomsen, Travis Richey*

Science Resources for Children children, sci/tech, Skepchicks / Edina
What books and activities can you do to promote science understanding in kids? From the best on the bookshelves to how to extract DNA in your kitchen, we talk about great ways to learn about science in the home. *Brandy Snyder, Matt Lowry, Nicole Gugliucci, Virginia Corbett, Windy Bowlsby (mod)*

Making Your Dialogue Sound Realistic goh, writing / Plaza 2
Teens aren't college professors. How to breathe life into your characters using cadences and speech patterns. *Anna Waltz, C. Robert Cargill, Caroline Stevermer, Charlie Jane Anders, Melinda Snodgrass*

One on One with John Picacio one-on-one, goh / Sofitel Bordeaux
We will interview Mr. Picacio for inclusion on next year's convention DVD. The panel will be moderated but there will be plenty of time for audience questions! *Christopher Jones (mod), John Picacio*

Podcasting 101 podcasting / Sofitel Lyon
Learn how to start your own internet radio show! Get info on tools and software to use, and how and where to publish it online! *Chris Stenzel, Fes Works, John-Paul Natysin, Matt Allex*

12:30pm SATURDAY

Poetry Writing and Marketing Workshop diy, writing / 2201
Sandra Lindow returns to conduct another workshop for those interested in improving their skills as poets. Workshop will include a discussion of marketing, a writing exercise and sharing of results. *Sandra Lindow*

Introduction to Roleplaying Games gaming / Atrium 2
It started with D&D, but has grown a lot! Come find out what ones are currently being played. *Art Lee Henecke, Beth Kinderman, David Rust, Peter Lee*

Star Wars: Clone Wars Discussion children, Star Wars, TV / Atrium 3
Star War The Clone Wars just finished its 5th exciting season. What does the future hold? Kids young and old are welcome to come chat about their favorite characters in the fight between good and evil in a galaxy far, far away. A child-led discussion. *Philip Glover, Teresa Jackson*

Before Page One - World Building Your Story goh, writing / Atrium 4
You may have a great idea for some characters for a new comic or novel, but what good are they without a world to exist in? Save yourself some of the headache of continuity by planning some things ahead. *Adam Stemple, Dana Baird, Fes Works (mod), Lou Anders, Marty Farley, Tania Richter*

The Art of John Picacio art, goh / Atrium 6
2012 Hugo Award winning-artist John Picacio presents a slideshow and Q&A, revealing the making of his latest cover and product artworks, including a look at his Chesley Award-winning work on the 2012 George R. R. Martin / A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE Calendar. *John Picacio*

Fang & Talon: Minnesota's Own Fantasy Comedy Webseries video, web / Atrium 7
Join local filmmakers as they discuss the making of Fang & Talon, an independent fantasy comedy webseries shot here in MN. Behind the scenes, making of, finding the right location, fight choreography, and clips from the show! *Jacob Gulliver, Kyle Dekker, Max Savage, Tom Lockman*

Signing - Sharon Stiteler signing / Autograph Table
Sharon Stiteler

Kickstart Me Up! goh, hot dish / Bloomington
Kickstarter is a great way to fund all sorts of projects. Learn how Kickstarter works from people who have made it happen. From little to big - how do you make this tool work for you? *Bill Corbett, Gordon Smuder, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kevin Murphy, Travis Richey*

Fight the Trolls hot dish, Skepchicks / Edina
Last year we said don't feed the trolls; this year we tell you how to fight the trolls. "Don't feed the trolls" isn't always an effective strategy, particularly with sexism and online harassment. Learn when, why, and how to fight the trolls instead. *Amanda Marcotte, Amy Davis Roth, Nora Last, Rebecca Watson, Stephanie Zvan (mod)*

Paul Cornell's Advanced Cricket for Americans goh, hot dish / Outdoors
Paul Cornell continues to educate Americans on the intricacies of a game that none of us really understand. There will be actual cricked involved. *Paul Cornell*

Measure of a Man goh, Star Trek, TV / Plaza 2
Written by Melinda Snodgrass, one of the most popular ST:TNG episodes is also the first to get an extended edition. Melinda will talk about the episode and her experience working on Star Trek. *Craig A. Finseth (mod), Melinda Snodgrass*

Interactive Fiction & Game Design diy, gaming / Sofitel Bordeaux
Are you a budding game designer? Do you want to dig deeper into the relationship between the designer and the player? Using interactive fiction as a platform, we'll be exploring game theory that holds true no matter how modern the game. *Brian Quarforth, Jerry Belich, Mark DiPasquale*

So You Wanna Make an Audio Drama? audio, podcasting / Sofitel Lyon
Mic? Check. Story? Check. People who can act? Well! Looks like you're ready to create your own audio drama. Join a panel of Mark Time and Ogle-Award winning producers for a hands-on discussion on writing, producing and promoting your first audio drama. *David Romm, Fred Greenhaigh, Jeff Adams, Jeffrey Gardner*

2:00pm SATURDAY

Beyond SF 101

writing / Atrium 2

There's a lot of advice out there for the beginning writer, this panel is for those of you who have moved beyond that point.

John Klima, Michael Merriam, Peter Hautman, Scott Lynch

The Physics of the Tardis

Dr Who, sci/tech / Atrium 3

Are there realistic theories for how time travel would be possible? What about the paradoxes? *Katherine Krantz, Matt Lowry, Renate Fiora, Steve Manfred*

Raptor Center

hot dish / Atrium 4

The Raptor center returns to CONvergence with more of their amazing birds! This event is presented by GPS. Please note the panel begins at 2:30.

Power Point Karaoke

comedy, goh, hot dish / Atrium 6

Four people have to improvise a presentation... the only problem is they never seen it before, and the slides make no sense! *Barb Abney, Bill Corbett, Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Caroline Symcox, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kevin Murphy, Melissa Kaercher, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler*

War of the Worlds 75th Anniv Contest Winners

audio / Atrium 7

The winners of the War of the Worlds 75th Anniversary audio drama will be announced and played. *Craig A. Finseth, Fred Greenhaigh, Matthew Boudreau*

Climate Change and Superstorms sci/tech, Skepchicks / Bloomington

It's real. It's happening. What is the evidence, and what can we do? Is climate change responsible for the recent spate of massively damaging storms? *Desiree Schell (mod), Greg Laden, John Abraham, Paul Douglas, Shawn Otto*

One on One with Caitlin Blackwood

one-on-one, goh / Edina

A moderated interview with guest of honor Caitlin Blackwood that will be videotaped for our Video yearbook. There will be time for audience questions. *Caitlin Blackwood, Jody Wurl (mod)*

Game of Thrones

books, current, goh, TV / Plaza 2

It's a book! It's a TV show! Come talk about it! *Charlie Jane Anders, John Picacio, Laura Graves*

Writing For Different Formats books, goh, movies, TV, writing / Sofitel Bordeaux

A discussion about how writing styles change when one is writing in different formats. How do you adjust? What is the same?

James Moran, Kelly McCullough, Rob Callahan, Roy C Booth, Sean E. Williams

Podfic - Fanfic for Your Ears

podcasting / Sofitel Lyon

Another great way to experience your favorite fanfic is with audiofic, stories read aloud and recorded by fans. Come and discuss where to find them on the internet, how to get started recording your own, and which are your favorites!

Bess Stuvexoxend, Lunate Eight, Revolutionary Jo

3:30pm SATURDAY

Broad Universe Rapid-Fire Reading

reading / 2201

Members of Broad Universe do short readings from their recent work. *Catherine Lundoff, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Kathy Sullivan, Kimberley Long-Ewing*

Meet GPS

GPS / Atrium 2

Learn about the latest workings of the Geek Partnership Society. News and updates about our clubs, events and work in the Geek community.

Brandy Snyder

One on One with Melinda Snodgrass

one-on-one, goh / Atrium 3

Enjoy this interview with Melinda moderated and video taped for inclusion on our DVD. She will talk about anything and everything!

Elizabeth Bear (mod), Melinda Snodgrass

Third Martian from the Left

current, sci/tech / Atrium 6

NASA scientist and former CONvergence Guest of Honor Bridget Landry will give us an update on the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and its support of "Landed Assets". *Bridget Landry*

Pyr Books Presents

books, current, goh / Atrium 7

Lou Anders, Hugo-award winning editorial director of Pyr books, talks about exciting upcoming releases in an audio visual presentation that includes never-before-seen artwork from forthcoming covers! *Lou Anders*

Signing -

Bill Corbett and Kevin Murphy

goh, signing / Autograph Table

Join our guests of honor for an autograph session! *Bill Corbett, Kevin Murphy*

Skyfall and Bond at 50

current, goh, movies / Bloomington

Talk about Skyfall and the last 50 years of James Bond. *Christopher Jones, James Moran, Romeo Azar, Sharon Stiteler, Tim Wick (mod)*

Into Darkness:

The Obligatory Star Trek Panel

current, movies, Star Trek / Edina

J.J. Abrams second trip into the Star Trek universe was a box office success but was it an artistic one? Was it good Star Trek or just a good movie? Discuss your reaction the latest installment in the Trek Franchise. *Joan Marie Verba, Michael Lee, Michael Zecca, Sarah Morningstar, Tony Artym*

The Rocky Horror Picture Show:

36 Years of Shadow Casting

art / Plaza 2

Join the Twin Cities' own Rocky Horror Picture Show cast, Transvestite Soup, for a discussion about what it means to be on a shadow cast for a cult classic! *Chris Stenzel, Hagbard Celine, Hal Bichel (mod), Jenna Powers, Spencer Rossbach*



Smart Art art, Skepchicks, web / Sofitel Bordeaux
How artists can spread a meme as well as educate and inform about science (IRL and online).
Amy Davis Roth, Anne Sauer, Ashley Hamer, Emily Finke, Ryan Consell

Omega Podcast Dr Who, podcasting / Sofitel Lyon
Come join us for a live episode of the Omega Podcast. The Omega Podcast is a Twin Cities made Doctor Who podcast that covers everything from Doctor Who news to Doctor Who lively discussions and to well?.. just about Doctor Who everything! *Ben Ellis, Charlie Paulson, Greg Bakun*

5:00PM SATURDAY

Reading - MP Johnson reading / 2201
Bizarro author MP Johnson reads loud, weird, funny and gross selections from his new book, "The After-Life Story of Pork Knuckles Malone" (Bizarro Pulp Press): the story of a farm kid and his pet slime-spewing, psychic ham. *MP Johnson*

Roleplaying Outside Your Comfort Zone gaming / Atrium 2
You're not a fighter, but want to play one in the game. How do you start thinking in a new way? *Beth Kinderman, Brian Casey, Sherry L. M. Merriam*

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly art, goh / Atrium 3
Illustrators, authors, editors, art directors, and publishers all have their own opinions about cover design. This panel will be a survey looking at covers across the past and present of sf/f and comics, and talking about what works and what doesn't. *John Picacio, Rhea Ewing*

Making it in Hollywood goh, hot dish / Atrium 4
What does it take to make it into the entertainment industry? What skills are important? And no, hanging around coffee shops probably isn't one of them. *Gordon Smuder, Melinda Snodgrass, Travis Richey*

Young Adult Fiction: How Dark is Too Dark? books, children, writing / Atrium 6
Sex, drugs, violence, abuse--these aren't are your mother's children's stories. It seems we've gone from Grimm to grimmer with no end in sight. What's off limits in YA these days, and what should be? *Adam Stemple, Alex Chandler, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Meredith Gillies, Michael Levy*

Geeks Without God LIVE comedy, podcasting / Atrium 7
Last year, we launched our podcast at the con. This year we celebrate one year of geekery, comedy and atheism! We'll be joined by an all star guest brigade of Melissa Kaercher and PZ Myers! *Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Nick Glover, PZ Myers, Tim Wick*

Signing - Kathy Sullivan/ Kelly McCullough/Emma Bull signing / Autograph Table
Kathy Sullivan, Emma Bull and Kelly McCullough will be available to sign their works. *Emma Bull, Kathy Sullivan, Kelly McCullough*

What Would a Woman Doctor be Like? Dr Who, goh, theme, TV / Bloomington
Could a female Doctor work? Why or why not? Assuming that at some point there is one, how would you want to see the character develop? *Abbey Thompson, Charlie Jane Anders, Dave Margosian (mod), Hal Bichel, Lynne Thomas*

British Jokes & Stereotypes British, goh, hot dish, theme / Edina
For all that the rest of the world loves the people of the U.K., we sure make fun of them a lot. What's accurate and what's exaggerated - or completely false? *Caitlin Blackwood, Cassandra Lidgerding, Emma Newman, James Moran, Paul Cornell*

Modern Fairy Tales classic, current, hot dish / Plaza 2
We have fairy tales coming back in movies, TV and books. Do we have new fairy tales, or at least new twists on the old ones? *Brett Thompson, Catherine Schaff-Stump, Damarra A, Dana Baird, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low*

Until It Hertz: Approaches and Styles of Audio Drama Recording audio / Sofitel Bordeaux
Theories, approaches and methods of recording audio drama. What works, what doesn't and why? How can you get started producing your own audio drama? What are the benefits and limitations of each method and how to choose the one that is right for you. *Brian Price, Jeff Adams, Jeffrey Gardner, Jerry Stearns, Matthew Boudreau*

Reading - Shira Lipkin reading / Sofitel Lyon
Shira Lipkin will read from her work. *Shira Lipkin*

7:00PM SATURDAY

Friends of Bill W hot dish / Atrium 2

Secrets of Short Fiction writing / Atrium 3
What works, what doesn't, how to make it out of the slush, how the magazine markets work. *J Boone Dryden, Lynne Thomas, Michael Thomas, R. Scott McCoy*

Arthurian Legend in Popular Culture books, British, theme / Atrium 6
From blockbuster movies to pop music, comic books to video games, the BBC to Saturday morning cartoons, the Knights of the Table Round seem to be everywhere. *Elizabeth Bear, James Enge, Phillip Andrew Bennett Low, Renate Fiora, Tim Lieder*

Owning Your Sexuality hot dish / Atrium 7
Growing up a geek, nerd, dork, or any combination of the above can take a lifelong toll on your confidence and social skills. Moving beyond the usual dating tips and advice, let's discuss how we can be more positive and active about our own sexual agency. *Damarra A, Heina Dadabhoy, Kristin Codling, Leah Groess, Nora Last*

Signing - Peter Hautman/Rob Callahan signing / Autograph Table
Peter Hautman and Rob Callahan will be available to sign his work. *Peter Hautman, Rob Callahan*

Mega Panel comedy, hot dish / Bloomington
The panel where we talk about anything and everything *except* the CONvergence Masquerade. If you are interested in everything *except* the masquerade, this is the panel for you! *Christopher Jones, Daniel Wallace, Jeremy Stomberg, Melissa Kaercher, Romeo Azar*

Obsessed: The Doctor Who Special goh, hot dish / Plaza 2
Joseph Scrimshaw's hit podcast tackles the huge obsession of Doctor Who with several special guests. The panelists will address burning questions about the show, the fandom, time travel itself, and whether the 10th Doctor cried too much or just enough. *C. Robert Cargill, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Molly Glover, Paul Cornell*

Adventure Time Fan Panel current, TV / Sofitel Bordeaux
with Finn & Jake! Why do we love this kids show? It's Mathematical! *Andy Newman, Jerry Belich, Kevin Horner, Lori Fischer, Marnie Musielewicz*

Reading - Monica Valentinelli reading / Sofitel Lyon
Hear snippets from a few of Monica's favorite publications like "The Button" a Lovecraftian tale and "The Queen of Crows." You'll also listen to a sneak peek at what's to come -- including the author's debut comic. *Monica Valentinelli*

8:30PM SATURDAY

Tomorrow People Made Me Gay hot dish, TV / Atrium 2
Join the North Country Gaylaxians as we jaunt back to Nickelodeon in the '80s with this campy classic (along with other British shows that gave us a bit of a queer turn). Watch as we explore our GLBT roots in our annual "Made Me Gay" panel. *Andrew Bertke, Jason Tucker, Joe Agee*

One on One with Charlie Jane Anders one-on-one, goh / Atrium 3
Enjoy this intimate conversation with guest of honor Charlie Jane Anders recorded for our annual convention video. *Charlie Jane Anders, Haddayr Copley-Woods (mod)*

Grimm current, TV / Atrium 6
Some people swear by this show and other swear at it. What is it all about? *Chris Stenzel, Jenny McDermott, Tony Artym*

London in Fact and Fiction British, goh, hot dish, theme / Atrium 7
London, England has a rich tradition in genre fiction. It is one of the world's most distinctive cities. What makes London such a great place to set stories? *Emma Newman, Paul Cornell*

The Real World vs. the Internet Skepchicks, web / Bloomington
A line is a blurring and a distinction is fading: social networking and online communities are becoming just as real as face-to-face engagements. *Heina Dadabhoy, Jamie Bernstein, Jason Thibeault, PZ Myers, Stephanie Zvan (mod)*

8:30pm SATURDAY CONTINUED

Drinking With Geeks hot dish / Plaza 2
Geeks discuss and imbibe alcohol. *Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Laurie Richardson, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Uren*

Civility in Fandom hot dish / Sofitel Bordeaux
How to remain objective and polite when discussing the relative merits of Star Wars vs. Star Trek. What are some of your favorite moments when an argument could have gone south but didn't? What are some hilarious nerd resolutions to an argument? *David Rust, Lynne Thomas, Rachel Kronick*

10:00pm SATURDAY

What Makes It Horrific? books, horror / Atrium 2
What are the key elements needed to make a book horrific? *Jason D. Wittman, Joel Arnold, R. Scott McCoy, S.D. Hintz, Tim Lieder*

Cosplay with a Twist costuming / Atrium 3
Modifying an existing character with a twist. Steampunk X-Men, Kilted Stormtroopers, etc. What makes it so interesting?
Amanda Furfaro, Bridget Landry, Kate Johnson, Nora Last

Guilty Pleasure Film movies / Atrium 6
What do you watch when the lights are out and nobody knows? Tell us about the movies you love to watch but would never like on Facebook.
John Seavey, Mark McPherson, Rob Callahan, Romeo Azar

Generative Arts art, diy / Atrium 7
How to use software such as Photoshop and other tools to produce artistic output. *Christine Mitzuk, Laramie Sasseville, Shawn van Briesen, Tom Mahle*

The British Anti-Science Invasion British, hot dish, Skepchicks, theme / Bloomington
What horrors have Andrew Wakefield and Lord Monckton unleashed? Anti-vax, climate change denial, homeopathy, and more.
Fionnuala Murphy, Greg Laden (mod), Jamie Bernstein, Shawn Otto, Siouxsie Wiles

Science of Sex Toys hot dish, Skepchicks / Plaza 2
Porn leads the way! The sex industry is populated with early adopters, from distributors of images to developers of sex toys. And, say, shouldn't we be a little uncomfortable with that? Or not?
Anjila Olsen, Heina Dadabhoj, Mary McKinley

11:30pm SATURDAY

Being Human British, theme, TV / Atrium 2
A comparison of the British vs. American versions of the show.
Amanda Furfaro (mod), Andy Newman, Jen Manna, Mark Goldberg

Saturday Late Night Music Circle music / Atrium 3
A late night gathering of musicians. Come join us to sign, play or just listen!

Killer B's Improv Movie Show comedy, hot dish / Atrium 6
Our team of expert improvisers will create brand new dialogue, commentary, and Theremin score to some of the most deliciously odd film clips you will ever see... and they will do it without ever seeing the films before!
Aric McKeown, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw, Kelvin Hatle, Melissa Kaercher, Scott Keever, Tim Uren, Tony Brewer

Vampire Literature From Dracula to Edward Cullen books / Atrium 7
Vampire legends have been in our culture for hundreds of years, and vampire characters have been popularized in literature for almost 200 years. In that time, we seen horrifying, mystifying, and even laughable characters. How has the genre evolved? *Adam Whitlatch, Dana Baird, Jennie Goloboy, Mariah Fryer, Monica Valentinelli*

Behind the Blinds, the Real 50 Shades: A Beginner's Guide to Kink hot dish / Bloomington
A discussion of/for/by people in the kink community. Getting into the kink community can seem daunting, and maybe you don't want into the "scene" completely, but want to spice things up. A basic "how-to" for safe, sane, sober, consensual kinky activities. *Dan Featherstone (mod), Heina Dadabhoj, Jolenna Featherstone, Mary McKinley, Nora Last*

Walking Dead Fan Panel current, TV / Edina
Discuss the past season and speculate on what's to come. *Dave Margosian, Mark Goldberg, Melissa McConnell, Neil Anderson, Stephan Stomberg*

The Pun-el comedy / Plaza 2
Lowest form of humor? We don't know about that. What we do know is if you hate puns and you come to this panel anyway, it's a form of self-punishment.
Bob Alberti, Ed Eastman

SUNDAY

9:30am SUNDAY

BBC Radio Programs: Drama Across the Wireless audio, British, theme / Atrium 2
Join in the discussion about all things Radio Drama from Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy and Doctor Who, to Cabin Pressure or even Sherlock Holmes. Learn how you can listen to it! *Lee Harris, Rana Raeuchle, Sasha Katz*

Kids Intro to Classic SF&F books, children, classic / Atrium 3
Yes! The field did exist before Harry Potter. What are good books from long ago (well, over 40 years) that still hold up for kids (under 12) to read now?
Michael Levy, Michael Merriam, Sean M. Murphy, Vetrina Anderson

Reading - Sean E. Williams reading / Atrium 7
Sean E. Williams does an interpretive reading (with art!) of *Artful Daggers*, a swords, spies and science comic set fifty years after Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* published by Monkeybrain Comics on ComiXology *Sean E. Williams*

Wreck-It Ralph current, movies / Bloomington
Discuss the recent movie -- a nostalgic look at video games, and an example of Pixar's influence on Disney. *Anna Waltz, Dave Margosian, Fes Works, Windy Bowlsby*

Fine Art in Genre art / Edina
There's lots of new-media art depicting science fiction and fantasy subjects. What about oil paints, sculpture, and other classic art techniques?
Christine Mitzuk, Laramie Sasseville, Rhea Ewing

Hungover With Geeks hot dish / Plaza 2
The morning after Drinking with Geeks
Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw, Laurie Richardson, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Uren, Tim Wick (mod)

Neil Gaiman's Sandman comics / Sofitel Bordeaux
For many people, this is when graphic novels started. They were certainly groundbreaking. Let's discuss.
Jamie Cleven, Lyda Morehouse, Mark Goldberg, Roy Cook, Shira Lipkin

11:00am SUNDAY

Reading - Jason D Wittman reading / 2201
Jason D. Wittman

So You Want to be a Game Designer? gaming / Atrium 2
What goes into being a Game Designer? How do you successfully publish a game? What is Kickstarter and how can you run a successful kickstarter campaign to raise money for your project? We'll explore these questions and more. *Matthew Duhan, Peter Lee, Rachel Kronick*

Teen Intro to Classic SF & F books, classic, teen / Atrium 3
Yes! The field did exist before Harry Potter. What are good books from long ago (well, over 40 years) that still hold up for teens to read now?
Craig A. Finseth, Meredith Gillies, Michael Levy

GPS Charity Auction GPS / Atrium 4
All silent auction items that went to voice auction will be sold at this charity auction benefiting the Geek Partnership Society.

Movie Sweding Festival diy, movies / Atrium 6
Come see movie swedes made by your fellow CON-goers! Celebrity panelists will review and riff the sweding splendor! All submissions welcome, even swedes made before CON. Email jerry@monkeytheater.com to submit. Thursday swede panel to organize groups.
Brian Quarforth, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Melissa Kaercher

Stigma of Mental Illness hot dish / Atrium 7
Many of the people you know (and some of us!) are mentally ill by the standard medical definition. How do we cope? How can it be that people with mental illness are still happy, productive members of society? *Ashley Miller, Emma Newman, Kate Johnson, Molly Glover, Steve Bentley*

Signing - Dana Baird/Michael Merriam/Tim Lieder signing / Autograph Table
Dana Baird, Michael Merriam and Tim Lieder will all be available to sign their work. *Dana Baird, Michael Merriam, Tim Lieder*

The Future of Art & Artists in Science Fiction / Fantasy art, goh / Bloomington
The present and future of traditional and digital publishing is constantly and rapidly evolving in sf/f. Pro artists discuss how they've evolved with the latest changes in publishing, creating new revenue streams and new art opportunities for themselves. *John Picacio*

One on One with Kevin Murphy one-on-one, goh / Edina
Kevin will be interviewed live for inclusion on our 2013 DVD set. Bring a question you can't wait to hear him answer! *Kevin Murphy, Tim Wick (mod)*

How to Write an Interesting Hero writing / Plaza 2
What makes a good hero? How can you write a character that makes a good hero and people still want to read about. *Eleanor Arnason, Lee Harris, Matthew Davis, Tania Richter, Will Shetterly*

Superheroes In Prose goh, superhero / Sofitel Bordeaux
Superheroes aren't just in comics and movies, you can even find them in books. Learn about the superheroes that come from sources you might not expect. *Laramie Sasseville, Lee Harris, Melinda Snodgrass*

Reading - Joel Arnold reading / Sofitel Lyon
Joel Arnold will read from his newest work, *More Bedtime Stories for the Apocalypse*. Apocalyptic cookies will be provided. *Joel Arnold*

12:30PM SUNDAY

Reading - Anna Waltz reading / 2201
Anna Waltz, author of "Swedish Lutheran Vampires of Brainerd," will read from her new science fiction novel. "Rhapsody in Rock" is for music fans who remember hair metal, power ballads, and the near-Earth spaceship battles of 1990. *Anna Waltz*

Masquerade Results art, costuming / Atrium 2
Want to understand why judges made the decisions they did? Want to talk about your favorite costumes from the Masquerade? This is the panel for you! *Dayna Jean Wolter, Erin Kasper*

One on One with James Moran one-on-one, goh / Atrium 3
One on one with a guest of honor. *James Moran, Lyrae Anderson (mod)*

Cover Reveal: The Making of Book Cover Art art, goh, writing / Atrium 6
Hear not one but TWO, count 'em TWO guests - a Hugo-winner and a Chelsey-winner - talk about what goes into cover art. It's a lot more than just leaving room for some words! Includes many visual aids. *John Picacio, Lou Anders*

British vs American Urban Fantasy books, goh, theme / Atrium 7
Thanks to 'Rivers of London' British urban fantasy is more visible now than ever. What makes it different to American urban fantasy and what do they have in common? Is there a distinct set of characteristics that separates British UF from American UF? *Emma Newman, Jody Wurl, Paul Cornell, Ryan Alexander*

Signing #2 - Caitlin Blackwood goh, signing / Autograph Table
Caitlin Blackwood

Science and Religion: Friends or Foes? hot dish, Skepchicks / Bloomington
Science and religion are fundamentally incompatible? or are they? Join the argument. Defend the thesis that science and religion complement each other, or the philosophical impossibility of reconciling faith with evidence. *Bridget Landry, Daniel Fincke, Debbie Goddard (mod), Heina Dadabhoy, PZ Myers*

Atheist Authors books, goh, writing / Edina
How do authors' personal views influence their works? How does the atheist author approach writing the fantastic? *Aimee Kuzenski, Kelly McCullough, Melinda Snodgrass, Peter Hautman, Rob Callahan*

British Tourism - Where to go in the UK British, hot dish, theme / Plaza 2
Everyone says start with London. Where do you go from there? How do your other hobbies and interests influence your travel itinerary? Are there any can't-miss recommendations from the locals? *Beth Lareau, Cassandra Lidgerding, Miriam Krause, Peter Lane*

State of the Comics: The Comics Fan Point of View comics, current / Sofitel Bordeaux
This panel is for comics readers and fans to talk about what they like and don't like in the world of comics today. Professionals, come find out what the fans think. No writers, artists, publishers or store owners will be on the panel. *Andrew Bertke, Chris Severin, Jason Tucker, Matt Gamble, Mike Fisch*

First Issue Comic Book Review - Live with Mark Stegbauer comics, podcasting / Sofitel Lyon
Mark Stegbauer joins the First Issue review crew for the 2nd Live comic book review recording at CONvergence! We will be reviewing one of Mark's early works. *Fes Works, M. Nicholas Almand, Mark Stegbauer, Melissa Kaercher*

2:00PM SUNDAY

Open Mic Poetry Reading reading / 2201
Hosted by Sandra Lindow, who will also read some of her own work. *Sandra Lindow*

I'm Getting Too Old to Find Time to Game gaming / Atrium 2
As you get older, life gets busier. How can you have a life and still squeeze in gaming. *Amanda Furfaro (mod), Beth Kinderman, David Wintheiser, Katie Serrano, Rachel Kronick*

HIV: What's Happening? sci/tech / Atrium 3
What's the current situation about HIV in general and an HIV vaccine in particular. *Gregory Gadow*

One on One with Bill Corbett one-on-one, goh / Atrium 4
Bill Corbett will be interviewed for inclusion on the 2013 Convention DVD. Come and ask him questions! *Bill Corbett, Bill Stiteler (mod)*

Art: Impossible comedy / Atrium 6
A crack team of art specialists will be tasked with completing challenges of varying difficulty. Will their art succeed or self destruct? Come find out as our artists try to achieve the impossible! *Christine Mitzuk, Christopher Jones, Dawn Krosnowski (mod), Jerry Belich, John Kovalic, Louis Frank, Melissa Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod)*

Blake's 7 goh, theme, TV / Atrium 7
Examining the series from the 80s and what we can expect to see from the remake. *Charlie Jane Anders, Kathy Sullivan, Rana Raeuchle*

Signing - Melinda Snodgrass/Paul Cornell goh, signing / Autograph Table
Guests of Honor Melinda Snodgrass and Paul Cornell will be available to sign their works. *Melinda Snodgrass, Paul Cornell*

Doctor Who: The Wilderness Years British, Dr Who, TV / Bloomington
From 1989 to 2005, Doctor Who was off our TV screens...but the series was going stronger than ever. This panel explores the ground-breaking line of novels and highly popular audio-plays that laid the groundwork for the new series. *Felicity Kusnitz, Jason Tucker, John Seavey, Lars Pearson, Michael Lee*

Ask a Scientist sci/tech, Skepchicks / Edina
A general Q & A with expert scientists from a variety of fields. *Bridget Landry, Bug Girl, Indre Viskontas, Laura Okagaki, Lori Fischer, Matt Lowry, Nicole Gugliucci, PZ Myers, Siouxsie Wiles, Tom Mahle*

Geek Cooking hot dish / Plaza 2
Are you a foodie? Are you a geek? Yes, the two go together. Come find out how. *Kristin Codling, Marie Porter, Matthew Duhan, Meredith McDonald, Renee Petersen*

Use of Magic in Books books, goh, writing / Sofitel Bordeaux
There are many ways to structure a magic system. What are some of the best and how what does it take to make a system of magic convincing and interesting? *Caroline Stevermer, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Kelly McCullough, Lou Anders, Sean M. Murphy*

8:30pm SATURDAY CONTINUED

Too Big to Fail: What to do About Super-sized Conventions

CONvergence / Sofitel Lyon

Our con will pass the point this year where there is enough room; room for events, room for people and room for parking. Bummer. But we are also smart, talented & creative people. What can we do to work with the challenges of being too popular and fun? *David Walbridge, Gordon Smuder, Michael Scott Shappe, Ryan Alexander*

3:30pm SUNDAY

Reading - Adam Stemple

reading / 2201

Adam Stemple

Free to Play?

gaming / Atrium 2

There are a number of free-to-play MMOs that have been released over the last year. Are any of them any good? Are they succeeding without subscriptions? *Aaron VanderGiessen, Bob Wagner (mod), Chris Severin, Shanti Pothapragada, Taylor Kent*

One on One with Lou Anders

one-on-one, goh / Atrium 3

Lou Anders will be interviewed for inclusion in our 2013 convention video. *Lou Anders, Lynne Thomas (mod)*

Neil Gaiman's Doctor Who Episodes

British, Dr Who, theme, TV / Atrium 4

He now has written two. How do they compare? (And let's not forget his Babylon 5 episode.) *Jamie Cleven, Steve Manfred*

The Science Behind British Sci-Fi

British, sci/tech, theme / Atrium 7

From the TARDIS to Triffids, where's the line between science and fiction? The physics of time travel, the biology of carnivorous and ambulatory plants, and more. *Amanda Marcotte (mod), Bug Girl, Emily Finke, Nicole Gugliucci, Ryan Consell*

Signing - Mark Stegbauer

signing / Autograph Table

Mark Stegbauer will be available to sign his work. *Mark Stegbauer*

Disney Princesses

children, movies / Edina

Now that Disney is adding princesses to the ones found in the classic fairy tales, how has the appeal changed? *Amada Marquez, Joan Sullivan, Katie Serrano, Kristin Codling, Madeleine Rowe*

Lesser Known British Comedy

British, comedy, theme / Plaza 2

British people are funnier than American people. Especially American people who quote Monty Python. How about some lesser known stuff: The League of Gentlemen (with Mark "Godtiss" Gatiss); A Bit of Fry and Laurie; Black Books; The Thick of It. *Bill Stiteler, Fionnuala Murphy, Jason Tucker, Ryan Alexander, Sharon Stiteler*

One on One with Paul Cornell

one-on-one, goh / Sofitel Bordeaux

Paul Cornell will be interviewed for our convention DVD in front of a live audience. The conversation will be moderated but bring your questions because you will get a chance to ask them! *Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Paul Cornell*

5:00pm SUNDAY

Big Bang Theory vs. Community

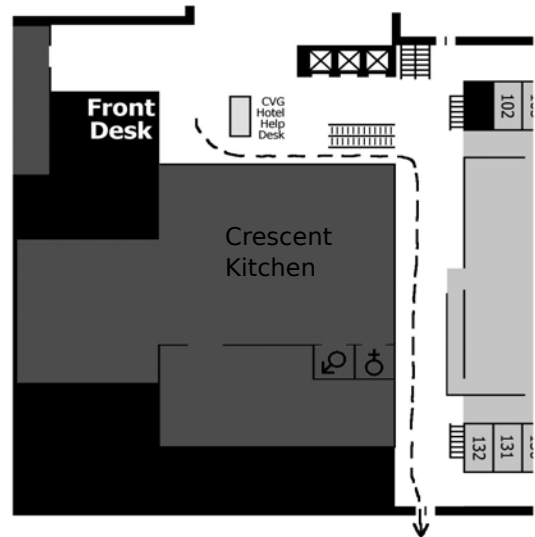
TV / Bloomington

These two sitcoms are bringing geek culture into the mainstream, but with vastly different approaches. We will discuss what works and what doesn't about Big Bang Theory's classic sitcom model and Community's homage and meta approach. *Hal Bichel, Michael Lee, Stephan Stomberg, Windy Bowlsby*

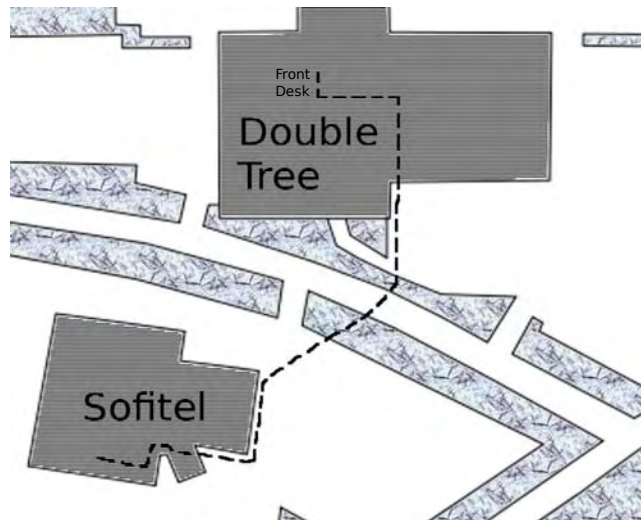


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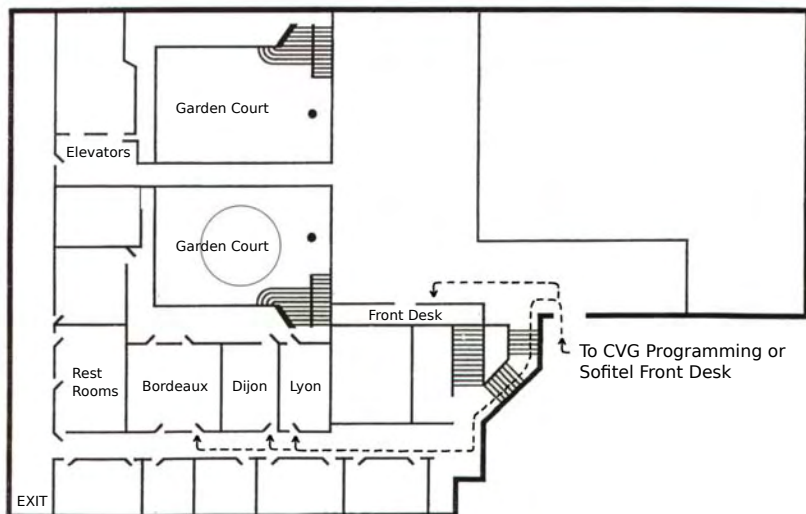
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