



# CVG 2010

## PROGRAMMING GUIDE

**BRING ON THE BAD GUYS**





# CONNIE MARK 2



## HISTORY

Connie Mark 2 is the second sentient robot built by eccentric genius **Professor Maxwell Misfittle**. After the success of his first creation **Connie** and her popularity as the mascot of the science fiction convention **CONvergence** in its debut year, Misfittle thought he could do even better by upgrading his design and promised "Connie 2.0" as the new CONvergence mascot for their second year.

While the Mark 2 robot proved to be more sophisticated than her predecessor on several technical levels, it was widely felt that the new model lacked the **charm** and **likeability** of the original, and Misfittle reluctantly agreed that his original creation had a "lightning in a bottle" quality he could not recapture, and he swore never to create another humanoid robot. Mark 2 also lacked her older sister's unbridled enthusiasm for all things related to **sci-fi fandom**.

Because of this as well as the fact that many felt the younger robot to have a slight aura of **evil**, it was decided that the original Connie would stay on as mascot of CONvergence permanently, and in the years that followed Connie's popularity only grew.

Connie Mark 2 featured in supporting roles at CONvergence over the years as part of a family of characters including such robotic creations as the espresso-dispensing **F<sub>2</sub>E<sub>3</sub>** and the canine **Sparky**. In spite of this, Mark 2 felt denied her **destiny** to take the spotlight from her older sister, and over the years her resentment for the role she'd been relegated to increased, and she held Connie responsible for her fate.

Finally having had enough, Mark 2 took it upon herself to put her sister Connie "**out of the way**" and took over Connie's place with CONvergence by force. Not content to be simply a mascot, Mark 2 sees herself as **sovereign ruler** of an empire, with CONvergence existing for her own aggrandizement.

How long Mark 2's rule will last, the whereabouts of the original Connie and whether the original CONvergence mascot will ever return is, at this time, unknown.

## POWERS & WEAPONS

Connie Mark 2 has the powers and weapons typical of a gynoid of her size and age.

Art by **Chadler Jones**

## PERSONAL DATA

**Real Name:** Connie Mark 2.0

**Occupation:**

Beloved Leader of CONvergence

**Marital Status:** Single

**Known Relatives:**

Connie Mark 1.0 (Sister)

**Group Affiliation:**

Misfittle Labs Product Line

**Base of Operation:** Sheraton Hotel, Bloomington, MN

**First Appearance:**

CVG 1999 Post-Mortem Report

**Height:** 1.58m **Weight:** 32.65kg

**Eye:** Red **Hair:** None

The purpose of this Programming Guide is to tell you the where-and-when of things happening throughout the convention weekend. The more condensed Programming Grid has been separated out into its own pocket-sized book. You can find more detailed information about our Guests of Honor, Performers, CONvergence Convention Committee, and our parent organization CONvergence Events, Inc. in our Souvenir Book.

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# HOURS OF OPERATION AND LOCATIONS

## REGISTRATION

(1st Floor, Central Lobby)

Wednesday	3:00pm—6:00pm (For Volunteers Only—come sign up!)
Thursday	10:00am—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—8:00pm
Sunday	11:00am—6:30pm

## OPERATIONS (OPS) / THE BRIDGE

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

Opens	8:00am Thursday
Closes	6:00pm Sunday

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE SERVICES (ASL)

Interpreters available in CONvergence Central  
(Second Floor, South Tower)

There will be NO pre-scheduling of interpreters for panels this year.

Thursday	Noon—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—11:00pm
Sunday	9:00am—4:00pm

## ART SHOW

Plazas 5—6 (First Floor, North Tower)

Wednesday	Noon – 5:00pm (Artist Check—in Only)
Thursday	10:00am—2:00pm (Artist Check—in Only) 2:00pm—7:00pm (Gallery Open & Artist Check-in)
Friday	10:00am—7:00pm (Gallery Open & Artist Check-in) 7:15pm—? (Art Show Tour)
Saturday	10:00am—7:00pm (Gallery Open) 9:00pm—? (Art Auction – Atrium 4)
Sunday	10:00am—2:00pm (Art Pick—up & Sunday Sales)

## ARTISTS ALLEY

CONvergence Central (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	10:00am—5:00pm
Friday	10:00am—5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—5:00pm
Sunday	10:00am—5:00pm

## CINEMA REX MOVIE ROOM

Plaza 4 (1st Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	3:00pm—4:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	10:00am—4:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	10:00am—4:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	10:00am—6:00pm

## COF<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> FREE COFFEE SHOP

Cabanas 115—116 (1st Floor, South Tower)

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 QUANTUM SANDBOX

Plaza 3 (1st Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	3:00pm—9:00pm
Friday	9:00am—9:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—9:00pm
Sunday	9:00am—5:00pm

## CONNIE'S SPACE LOUNGE

Verandas 1—5 (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	9:00pm—2:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	1:00pm—4:00pm 8:00pm—2:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	1:00pm—4:00pm 8:00pm—2:00am (Sunday morning)

## CONSUIITE

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

Opens	3:00pm Thursday
Closes	5:00pm Sunday
Grand Opening	
Party	3:00pm Thursday

## DEALERS ROOM

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

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

## DORIAN GRAY MEMORIAL LITERARY LOUNGE

Room 2201 (South Tower, 22nd Floor)

Thursday	12:30pm—11:00pm
Friday	9:30am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:30am—11:00pm
Sunday	9:30am—4:30pm

## GAMING

(Vista Suites 22nd Floor, South Tower)

Gaming Suites (Suites 2203, 2204, 2206, 2207)

Thursday	5:00pm—12:30am (Friday morning)
Friday	9:30am—12:30am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	9:30am—12:30am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	9:30am—3:30pm

LAN Gaming (Suite 2205)

Thursday	5:00pm—2:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	12:30pm—2:00am (Saturday morning)
Friday	12:30pm—2:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	12:30pm—3:30pm

Open Gaming (Suite 2202 & ConSuite)

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



## GPS CHARITY AUCTION

### Atrium 1 (2nd Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	2:00pm—10:00pm
Friday	10:00am—10:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—10:00pm
(Silent auction portion ends at this time. Live auction portion is Sunday at 11:00am.)	
Sunday	11:00am to 4:00pm (Pick up items only)

## HARMONIC CONVERGENCE (HARMCON)

### Former Stevie Ray's Cabaret Location (1st Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	9:00pm – 1:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	Noon — 1:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	Noon — 1:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	11:00am — 5:00pm

## HOTEL DEPARTMENT HELP DESK

### Near Sheraton 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 Dept. issues.	

## KRUSHENKO'S

### Cabana 118 (1st Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	5:00pm—6:00pm 8:00pm—Midnight
Friday	11:00am—6:00pm 8:00pm—1:00am (Saturday Morning)
Saturday	11:00am—6:00pm 8:00pm—2:00am (Sunday Morning)
Sunday	11:00am—5:00pm 7:30pm—Midnight

## MASQUERADE

### Grand Ballroom East (2nd Floor, South Tower)

#### Registration

Thursday	2:00pm—6:00pm
Friday	10:00am—Noon 2:00pm—6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—11:00am

#### Performer Orientation

Saturday	11:00am—Noon (Mandatory for performers)
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#### Technical Rehearsal

Saturday	Noon—4:00pm
(Performers will be assigned a 15 minute slot during this time)	

#### Workmanship Judging

Saturday	3:30pm—6:30pm
(Performer judging times will be assigned)	

## MERCHANDISE TABLE

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

Thursday	2:00pm—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—10:00pm
Friday	9:00am—10:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—10:00pm
Sunday	9:00am—4:00pm

## THEATER NIPPON ANIME ROOM

### Plaza 2 (1st Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	5:00pm – 3:00am Friday morning
Friday	7:00am – 2:30am Saturday morning
Saturday	6:30am – 3:00am Sunday morning
Sunday	7:00am – 3:00pm

## VOLUNTEERS

### Volunteer Table /

### Information Desk at CVG Central CONvergence Central (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Wednesday	Noon—6:00pm
Thursday	Noon—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—11:00pm
Sunday	10:00am—5:30pm 7:00pm—9:00pm

## Volunteers' Sign-up

### Registration (1st Floor, Central Lobby)

Wednesday	3:00pm—6:00pm
Thursday	10:00am—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—8:00pm

## Volunteers' Den

### Cabana 222 (2nd Floor, South Tower)

Thursday	Noon—2:00am (Friday Morning)
Friday	10:00am—2:00am (Saturday Morning)
Saturday	10:00am—2:00am (Sunday Morning)
Sunday	10:00am—4:30am (Monday Morning)



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## ALL WEEKEND

### FALLOUT SHELTER ARCADE

Thursday-Sunday / Garden Court

Organizer: Fallout Shelter Arcade & CONvergence Events

Come battle your friends and enemies alike as simulated robot killing machines! Fallout Shelter Arcade will be bringing their **BattleTech** simulators to CONvergence the first time. These Tesla II Virtual Reality Cockpit Simulators will provide attendees with an unique video gaming experience. **Please be aware that this attraction is available for an additional cost of \$6 for a single game, or \$25 for 5 games.** A portion of the proceeds from this attraction is being given to us to further our mission of bringing you great events like CONvergence. So don't forget to bring some extra cash to blow stuff up! You can visit Fallout Shelter Arcade on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/FalloutShelterArcade>.

## 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!

### GNOME PUNTING

Thursday 3:00pm—6:00pm / Garden Court

Organizer: The Bearded Gnome Tavern and Inn

Come join the boisterous Bearded Gnome Tavern and Inn in Gnome Punting. Watch the little men fly! Prizes! Make your own gnome to take home!

### TIN FOIL HATTIES

Thursday 5:00pm—6:00pm / Garden Court Tables

Organizer: U.S.S. Beh'rak

First annual meeting of the Tin Foil Hatties. Come protect yourself and your family from dreaded aliens invading your brains! Tin foil and protective arts directions will be provided.

### COSPLAY BOFFER ASSOCIATION FIGHTING

Thursday 6:00pm—10:00pm / Garden Court

Friday 8:00am—Noon / Garden Court

Saturday 1:00pm—5:00pm / Garden Court

Organizer: Cosplay Boffer Association

Have you ever wanted to fight alongside your favorite anime character? Ever watch Braveheart and think "I could do that!" Do you not mind being the nerdiest type of athlete? Then we have the game for you. Come swing foam with the Midwest's premier convention boffer group, the Cosplay Boffer Association.

### MATRIX TAG

Thursday 9:00pm—11:00pm / Cabana 101 (Patio)

Saturday 9:00pm—11:00pm / Cabana 101 (Patio)

Organizer: Shannon Green

In Matrix Tag, two teams vie for power over the fate of the human race. Players choose the roles of Agent Smith, Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, Agent and Zionist. Any number of people can play, joining in and leaving at any time. Players are free to attend other programming during the convention, as they seek out Agents and Zionists and gain strength for their team.

## FRIDAY

### COSPLAY BOFFER ASSOCIATION FIGHTING

Friday 8:00am—Noon / Garden Court

(See Thursday session for description)

### STEAM CENTURY FASHION SHOW

Friday 1:00pm—2:00pm / Garden Court

Organizer: Steam Century

Don your finest Neo-Victorian outfit for a stately walk down the retro runway. Sign up for the fashion show on Thursday 4pm—6pm at the Steam Century Mystery Game on the 22nd floor. Limit 35 entries.

### STEAM CENTURY REGENCY DANCE

Friday 2:00pm—3:00pm / Garden Court

Organizer: Steam Century

After we've shown off our fancy frocks, join us and guest of honor Bridget Landry for a Regency style ball! We will teach you the steps and you'll be parading elegantly in no time!

### STEAM CENTURY MYSTERY GAME (CLUE TABLE)

Friday 4:00pm—6:00pm / Garden Court Tables

Saturday Noon—5:00pm / Garden Court Tables

Organizer: Steam Century

The Steam Century Mystery is a multifaceted game that combines 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. This is the clue table location. Main gameplay and sign up is on the 22nd floor.

### DAGORHIR MEDIEVAL COMBAT

Friday 4:00pm—7:00pm / Garden Court

Saturday 5:00pm—8:00pm / Garden Court

Organizers: Jamie Huddle, Britta Voorhaar

Safe, fun and full contact medieval combat.

## SATURDAY

### **COSPLAY BOFFER ASSOCIATION FIGHTING**

**Saturday 1:00pm—5:00pm / Garden Court**

(See Thursday session for description.)

### **MATRIX TAG**

**Saturday 9:00pm—11:00pm / Cabana 101 (Patio)**

(See Thursday session for description.)

### **9TH ANNUAL IKU WARHAMMER INVITATIONAL BAT'LETH TOURNAMENT (FIGHT FOR THE CURE TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION)**

**Saturday 10:00am—Noon/ Garden Court**

*Organizer: M.C. Komonda*

10 A.M. for Warrior Qualifications and practice, you must qualify to compete. Competitors and Cheerleaders are needed! Tournament starts at 11:00am. \$10.00 Donation is suggested, scholarships are available. Three Grand Prizes will be awarded!

### **STEAM CENTURY MYSTERY GAME (CLUE TABLE)**

**Saturday Noon—5:00pm / Garden Court Tables**

*Organizer: Steam Century*

(See Friday session for description.)

### **DAGORHIR MEDIEVAL COMBAT**

**Friday 4:00pm—7:00pm / Garden Court**

**Saturday 5:00pm—8:00pm / Garden Court**

*Organizers: Jamie Huddle, Britta Voorhaar*

(See Friday session for description.)

### **KLINGON ASSAULT GROUP GATHERING**

**Saturday Noon—1:00pm / Garden Court**

*Organizer: Karen Nelson*

Klingon Assault Group-House Kurkura Reunion

### **USS NOKOMIS RED CROSS AND YOU SAVING LIVES AT CONVERGENCE FOR TEN YEARS!**

**Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm / Sign-up at Main Lobby (First Floor)**

The USS Nokomis (a Twin Cities Star Trek fan club) is proud to host its tenth CONvergence blood drive. •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

If you haven't pre-scheduled your appointment, which can be done at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), you can stop by the USS Nokomis' room on Thursday or Friday night to schedule one. You may also stop by the lobby after 11:00am on Saturday to check for open appointments. 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!

## SUNDAY

### **KENPO KARATE PRACTICE**

**Sunday 9:00am—11:00am / Garden Court**

*Organizer: John Shea*

Get back in shape after a long weekend of CONvergence by practicing karate. This is an informal class/workout. Wear comfortable clothing.

### **AIKIDO DEMONSTRATION**

**Sunday Noon—1:00pm / Garden Court**

*Organizer: Mark Tempel*

Come see the Shuharikan Aikido dojo present a demonstration of Yoshinkan Aikido. This martial art is required learning for members of the Tokyo riot police and is a practical and powerful defensive art accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Come see how to throw someone twice your size. Come see how to fall and not get hurt. Most importantly, come see how to face the angry hordes without spilling your beer.





# CVG ASL

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AT CONVERGENCE

### INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE IN CONVERGENCE CENTRAL

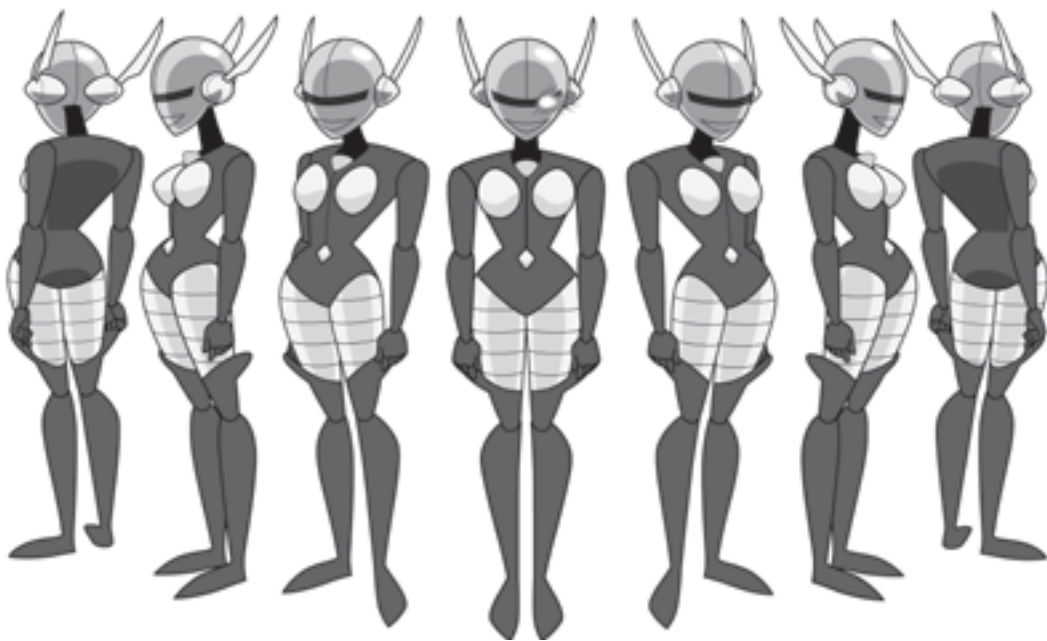
(South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Thursday	Noon—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—11:00pm
Sunday	9:00am—4:00pm

CONvergence is proud to announce that this year we will have sign language interpreters once again. We are happy to welcome hearing impaired fans who will be able to join us in our celebration of Science Fiction and Fantasy. This is just one way that we are reaching out to more fans.

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.

If an interpreter is not available, other communication options are available including writing it out. Please join us in welcoming our hearing impaired fans and interpreters. We look forward to all the new friendships and conversations they will bring.





# ART SHOW AND AUCTION

## Plazas 5—6 (North Tower, 1st Floor)

Wednesday	Noon—5:00pm	(Artist Check-in Only)
Thursday	10:00am—2:00pm	(Artist Check-in Only)
	2:00pm—7:00pm	(Gallery Open & Artist Check-in)
Friday	10:00am—7:00pm	(Gallery Open & Artist Check-in)
	7:15pm—?	(Art Show Tour)
Saturday	10:00am—6:00pm	(Gallery Open)
	9:00pm—?	(Art Auction—Atrium 4)
Sunday	10:00am—2:00pm	(Art Pick-up & Sunday Sales)

Art show will again be located in Plazas 5 and 6. As always, we'll have artwork of all kinds from across the country for you to browse and buy. There will also be **artwork awards** that you can vote on.

The **Art Auction** will start at **9:00pm on Saturday night** and will be located in Atrium 4, upstairs and across from the Art Show. Please note that the Auction will start at 9:00pm whether the Masquerade is finished or not.

If you have purchased art, you can come pick it up on Sunday between 10:00am and 2:00pm. If you are an artist, you can come pick up your art during that same time.

## ART SHOW TOUR

### Starting Friday at 7:15pm

Tours of the art show will be conducted by artists and knowledgeable collectors for a limited number of people. It's a great opportunity to get more information about artwork on display that you may wish to bid on, as well as to get the perspective of artists or more experienced collectors. The number of tours is limited based on the number of available tour guides. Inquire with the Art Show staff if you are interested.

## CONvergence Central (South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Friday	10:00am—6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—6:00pm

Artists Alley gives CONvergence attendees the chance to meet and greet artists, many of whom sell original works, sketches, and exclusive limited-edition prints and sketchbooks. Artists alleys are a tradition at many other conventions, bringing together artists from print and web comics, literature, and other fan-beloved media in a common location, all for YOU to get to know and experience live! Get something original and unique, perhaps even made before your eyes, direct from the hands of the artists who made it. Look for the tables of Artists' Alley on the second floor, in CONvergence Central.

This year, look for your favorite tarot card reader – Tarot by Annie – in Artists Alley!



Art by Holly Spotts

# CINEMA REX

## Plaza 4 / First Floor, North Tower

Rex is happy to be back for the twelfth year of CONvergence, and excited to use this year's theme to celebrate some great cinematic villains.

### This year's special events in Cinema Rex include:

- **Joe Scrimshaw** and **Tim Uren** ripping into the eighties film *Highlander II: The Quickening* on Thursday night.
- Friday afternoon, stop by for an hour of shorts by independent filmmakers from Minnesota and the greater Midwest area.
- A **London Triple Feature** on Friday night, with three films set primarily in the UK and London.
- Teen filmmaker **Emily Hagins** is back with more recent footage and shorts on Saturday afternoon.
- **Bridget Landry** and **Jim Kakalios** will use the scientifically appalling film *Mission To Mars* as a springboard to discuss the actual science of space travel in a live commentary event.
- **Tim Uren** and **Joe Scrimshaw** are back on Sunday afternoon, this time with four full episodes of *SpookySpookyScaryScary*.

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. We show a variety of movies: classics that everyone should have seen (but some of you haven't), films that are painful to watch on a small screen, films that are fun to see with a crowd, and films from past years' suggestion boxes.

Thanks to those who filled out comment cards in past years! We appreciate your input and hope to receive more this year. Rex reads every card personally, and your opinions and film suggestions are very helpful.



## THURSDAY

3:00pm **Labyrinth** (PG-1986-101 min.)

*dir. Jim Henson w/David Bowie, Jennifer Connelly*

Jim Henson's iconic coming of age fantasy classic. It's not that Rex didn't *want* to show the most requested film in the history of CONvergence ... He was just waiting for an opportunity worthy of David Bowie in spandex.

5:00pm **House on Haunted Hill** (NR-1959-75 min.)

*dir. William Castle w/Vincent Price, Carol Ohmart, Richard Long*

The classic original! An eccentric millionaire, played by the master of the macabre Vincent Price, invites five guests to a peculiar party. Following the promise of fistfuls of cash for staying the night, they arrive to find themselves locked in—provided with complementary guns, booze and terror.

6:30pm **Death Proof** (R - 2007 - 114 min.)

*dir. Quentin Tarantino w/Kurt Russell and some other people*

Quentin Tarantino's slasher-esque tale of a mad man in a muscle car. Buckle up. (this showing captioned)

9:00pm **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 **Hausu** (R - 1977- 88 min.)

*dir. Nobuhiko Obayashi*

This 1970s Japanese cult classic is an over-the-top, camp haunted house story with gorgeous cinematography and some genuinely creepy horror elements, too. This will be released on Criterion Collection DVD this fall but Rex managed to get an advance copy! (with English subtitles)







# SATURDAY

- 10:00am **The Wizard of Oz** (G – 1939 – 101 min.)  
*dir. Victor Fleming w/Margaret Hamilton, Judy Garland*  
 Rex is off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz! (And you can come too.)
- Noon **Superman II** (Richard Donner cut) (PG – 1980 – 116 min.)  
*dir. Richard Donner w/Terence Stamp, Gene Hackman, Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder*  
 Kneel before Zod ... and Richard Donner, as you marvel at how radically different his 2006 cut is from the version that was released into theaters 30 years ago after he was replaced as director on the film.
- 2:00pm **Emily Hagins Shorts**  
 2007 guest of honor and teen filmmaker Emily Hagins returns to show some new film shorts and update us on her latest projects.
- 3:00pm **The Seventh Seal** (NR – 1957 – 96 min.)  
*dir. Ingmar Bergman w/Bengt Ekerot, Max von Sydow*  
 Death and Chess. This film put world-renowned director Ingmar Bergman on the mainstream map. A masterpiece of cinematography in beautifully haunting black and white. (with English subtitles)
- 5:00pm **House on Haunted Hill** (NR – 1959 – 75 min.)  
*dir. William Castle w/Vincent Price, Carol Ohmart, Richard Long*  
 (See Thursday 5:00pm showing for description.)
- 7:00pm **Se7en** (R – 1995 – 127 min.)  
*dir. David Fincher w/Kevin Spacey, Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman*  
 (See Thursday night 2:00am showing for description.)
- 9:30pm **The Silence of the Lambs** (R – 1991 – 118 min.)  
*dir. Jonathan Demme w/Anthony Hopkins, Ted Levine, Jodie Foster, Scott Glenn*  
 The American Film Institution ranks Hannibal Lecter as the number one film villain of all time. Bring some fava beans and a nice chianti.
- Midnight **Oldboy** (R – 2003 – 120 min.)  
*dir. Chan-wook Park w/a bunch of people you've probably never heard of*  
 A man locked in a room for fifteen years quests for the motive of his captor. This twisted psychological thriller is hailed as one of the top ten Asian films ever made. (with English subtitles)  
*(This film contains intense graphic violence and concepts. Adults only.)*
- 2:00am **The Dark Knight** (PG-13 – 2008 – 152 min.)  
*dir. Christopher Nolan w/Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale, Michael Caine*  
 The late Heath Ledger single-handedly redefined "villain" with his dismaying and powerful portrayal of Batman's arch nemesis. Sorry, Jack.

# SUNDAY

- 10:00am **Labyrinth** (PG – 1986 – 101 min.)  
*dir. Jim Henson w/David Bowie, Jennifer Connelly*  
 (See Thursday Noon showing for description.) (this showing captioned)
- Noon **Mission To Mars (with Bridget Landry and Jim Kakalios)** (PG – 2000 – 114 min.)  
*dir. Brian De Palma w/story and screenplay by Lowell Cannon, Jim Thomas, John Thomas, Graham Yost*  
 Spreading misinformation to the uninformed public is an act of antagonism! Thankfully, Bridget Landry of JPL along with Dr. Jim Kakalios have come to defeat this villainy. Bear witness as these gross inaccuracies are revealed and join in the fight to defend real science!
- 2:30pm **SpookySpookyScaryScary**  
 A locally produced Lovecraft-inspired comedy! Chuck and Dexter, best friends and crappy cultists, are on a mission. Armed with the power of the internet, small daggers and poor social skills they vow to spread the bad word that CTHULHU IS REAL!
- 4:00pm **Hausu** (R – 1977 – 88 min.)  
*dir. Nobuhiko Obayashi*  
 (See Thursday night 10:00pm showing for description.) (with English subtitles)

# COF<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> 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 2010. Open again late each night! Since we know your four-day convention will fly by, CoF<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> 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. CoF<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> is here to provide the liquid fuel for you to get the most out of your convention weekend!

# CONNIE'S SPACE LOUNGE

## Verandas 3—6 & 8 (South Tower, 2nd Floor)

Thursday	9:00pm—2:00am
Friday	2:00pm—4:00pm 8:00pm—2:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	1:00pm—4:00pm 10:00pm—2:00am

As usual, the talented and ever-vigilant **Space Lounge Smoothie Staff** has spent the last year exploring the galaxy in search of otherworldly ingredients and dastardly combinations in an attempt to bring you the wickedest, fanciest, glowiest and deliciousist scientific solutions suitable for human consumption! Consume with caution: known to turn friends to foes and create super villains from simpletons. (Smoothies only available during evening hours.)

## THURSDAY

10:00pm	<b>International Espionage</b> International Espionage—THE BAND! Dang, those ninjas are villainously cool! It's entirely possible that no band has ever fit a theme and a space so well. Later, watch
Midnight	<b>Stingray Sam</b> A movie that follows two space convicts on a galactic mission. (From the people who brought you <i>The American Astronaut</i> !)

## FRIDAY

2:00pm signup	<b>Classic Video Game Tournament</b> Warm up your thumbs and come compete in our second annual classic video game tournament!
9:00pm—11:00pm	<b>Space Lounge Cabaret</b> Think you've seen the Space Lounge Cabaret? Well you're wrong! Space Wrong! SPRONG! Friday night come see <i>Naked! With a Unicorn: the MUSICAL!</i> IN 3D! (All ages welcome.)

## SATURDAY

1:00pm—4:00pm	<b>Space Crafts: Black Light Ball Prep &amp; Dance Instruction</b> The always popular daytime Splounge crafting returns, but this time with a mission! Come make crafty projects to wear to the black light ball later in the evening. Take a break from crafting a glowy boutonniere or neon crown and learn how to dance a spacey minuet!
10:00pm—Midnight	<b>Black Light Ball</b> Combining the best of the past and the future, the Space Lounge will be hosting its first ever Black Light Ball. Show off your fanciest glowy duds while you take a promenade and then dance a spacey minuet (instructors included!)*

\*Disclaimer: This list is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the amazing and fantastic activities and entertainment to be found in the Splounge. Masterminds and henchmen are welcome to perform their own recon missions.

# Connie's Quantum Sandbox

(Plaza 3, North Tower, 1st Floor)

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday	3:00pm—9:00pm
Friday	9:00am—9:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—9:00pm
Sunday	9:00am—4:00pm

Every convention needs a place of action! For CONvergence, the Sandbox is that place—born from the merging of the science room and the craft room, Connie's Quantum Sandbox emerged for CONvergence 2009 as a destination for people of all ages looking for activities and hands-on experiences. At CONvergence 2010, the Sandbox has evolved (much like the minions of evil that so many self-respecting bad guys create) to be more efficient and active. Remember—Evil is both an Art and a Science!

## 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. 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).
4. Wait your turn. Lines may be long, especially during the hair-braiding and face-painting panels. We WILL get to you (although it might move faster if YOU decide to help us paint or braid!)
5. 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 science activities has a serious potential to injure someone.

## THURSDAY

3:00pm—6:00pm

### Face-painting

Whether it's to disguise your true identity so you can walk among the unsuspecting sheeple, or to cover up those horrible scars from your science experiments as a youth, good face paint is a must for most evil geniuses. Come put on the paint with our trained staff, or if you're talented with a brush, put it on yourself!

*Jim Shields, Matthew Bannerman*

8:00pm—9:00pm

### Noisy Demonstrations

A variety of brief, noisy, messy, and entertaining science demonstrations, good for the kids, and kids at heart. Lots of things to pick up and play with, and maybe a coloring contest, too!

*Renee Peterson, Jim Shields*

8:00pm—9:00pm

### Mad Money

When you finally succeed in taking over the world, you are going to need to introduce your own currency. So get a head start by participating in this currency design contest! Winners will be chosen, and prizes will be awarded



# FRIDAY

- 9:30am—10:30am **Build a Dragon Dragonmaking By Committee**  
Soft Sculpture Artist, Julie Bowman, will be leading all participants in creating a group “Dragon”. She will provide the body parts. You provide the style and personality. Our new friend will be donated to the Geek Partnership Society (GPS) Charity Auction.  
*Julie Bowman*
- 11:00am—Noon **Ooblek**  
Storytime and science, all wrapped into one—what could be better? Come explore the properties of Ooblek, a mysterious green substance that the arrogant king caused to fall on the Kingdom of Didd.  
*Matthew Bannerman*
- 12:30pm—1:30pm **Angry Puppets**  
Those used sweat socks are pretty angry by themselves. Come learn how to make them true talking Minions of Evil, at your command.  
*Angie Anderson, Lori Fischer*
- 2:00pm—2:30pm **Hanny’s Voorwerp I**  
Hanny finds the Voorwerp and goes to wise astronomers to seek knowledge, but is told she has found something new and magical, and is sent on a quest to discover the true nature of the object. Join our band of writers and illustrators as we chronicle Hanny’s journey.  
*Pamela Gay, Kelly McCullough*
- 3:30pm—6:00pm **Science Inquiry**  
You can’t do science without questions!! Asking questions is, in fact, the heart of science and science ideas! Come learn about science and its nature—it’ll be like high school again, except without the acne.  
*Matthew Bannerman*
- 7:00pm—9:00pm **What would that Mac-Guy Do?**  
You think you have what it takes to be an evil genius? Come prove it! We have the materials for our own Evil Triathlon, that only an evil Mac(Copyright infringement avoided)-guy could triumph over. Bring it, evil overlords.  
*Rob Withoff*

# SATURDAY

- 9:30am—10:30am **Family-Friendly Evil Mask Making**  
Every good villain has a mask!  
*Angie Anderson*
- 11:00am—Noon **Hanny’s Voorwerp II**  
Hanny finds the Voorwerp and with goes to wise astronomers to seek knowledge, but is told she has found something new and magical, and is sent on a quest to discover the true nature of the object. Join our band of writers and illustrators again as we chronicle Hanny’s journey.  
*Pamela Gay, Kelly McCullough*
- 12:30pm—1:30 pm **How Do I do that?—Balloon Animals**  
Michael McDole and John Warland will be running simultaneous classes on beginning and intermediate Balloon Sculpting. Come join in the fun. Squeak, squeak, POP!!! Allergy Warning-Latex, Loud Noises  
*Michael McDole, John Warland*
- 2:00pm—4:30pm **Shirt Modification**  
What, This Old Thing? Come learn how much fun an “old t-shirt” can be! Learn how to turn your old t-shirts into new designs, fun accessories, even household goods. Bring a shirt, and by the end you’ll have something brand new to wear. Everyone will be asking, “What did you do to that t-shirt?”  
*Leora Effinger-Weintraub, Eli Effinger-Weintraub, Electra Vincent*
- 5:00pm—6:00pm **Pipecleaner Dragons**  
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*
- 6:30pm—7:30pm **Open Craft/ Building Session**  
We have stuff. You have Creativity. Together, we have an hour of fun. In addition, Andre will be teaching some origami basics and Angie will be showing some fun things to do with plastic grocery bags  
*Andre Guirard , Angie Anderson*

## SATURDAY CONTINUED

8:00pm—9:00pm

### Beaded Bugs and Bad Guys

Come learn to make glass and plastic beaded familiars and minions to take with you everywhere you go.

*Mary Reining, Angie Anderson*

## SUNDAY

9:00am—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

### Hanny's Voorwerp III

Hanny finds the Voorwerp and goes to wise astronomers to seek knowledge, but is told she has found something new and magical, and is sent on a quest to discover the true nature of the object. Join our band of writers and illustrators as we chronicle Hanny's journey.

*Pamela Gay, Kelly McCullough*

12:30pm—1:30pm

### Ohh Shiny! Making Jewelry

In this session we will learn some basic jewelry making techniques and learn how to make a really cool pendant.

*Sandy Stelzig Darst*

1:30pm—4:00pm

### Evil Knitting

It's Horrifying! It's Terrifying! It's Evil! Well ... it's actually a potholder. However, to someone who doesn't know how to knit, it is all of the rest as well. We have just the right people to teach you to vanquish Yarn and join in with the "Click Clacking" of your peers.

*Chrys Vanderkamp, Doreen Neil*

# 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 continually serving rice, chips, candy, and for—those who want more food and less junk—fresh veggies. There will also be some breakfast food available in the morning, and watch for special treats such as sandwiches, nachos, pizza, and Chinese food. 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.

### 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!



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# DORIAN GRAY MEMORIAL LITERARY LOUNGE

## Room 2201 (South Tower, 22nd Floor)

Thursday	12:30pm—11:00pm
Friday	9:30am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:30am—11:00pm
Sunday	9:30am—4:30pm

Welcome to the Literary Lounge, a place for quiet reading, local authors, and panel discussions in an intimate and restful setting. High atop the sinister South Tower of the Sheraton, the Literary Lounge is a great place to look out over the surrounding landscape and plot world domination! Oh, and to listen to readings and panels, too.

## THURSDAY

### 3:30pm **Quiet Reading Time**

Start your weekend off right in the Lit Lounge by enjoying your own book or one of the books we have available in the lounge!

### 5:00pm **Harlan Ellison: The Bad Guy of Science Fiction Literature?**

We've all heard stories about the kind of guy Harlan is. Some people love that about him. Others don't. Share you stories and your opinions of the writer nobody is neutral about.

*Doug Texter, Mark Goldberg (mod)*

### 8:30pm **Damian Sheridan Reading**

Damian Sheridan, co-editor of "Parasitic Sands," and author of 2004 MN Fringe Festival show "The Judas Cradle" reads from his work.

*Damian Sheridan*

### 10:00pm **R.Thomas Riley Reading**

The author of *The Monster Within Idea* will read from some of his work.

*R. Thomas Riley*

## FRIDAY

### 9:30am **Young Adult Readers Discussion**

A discussion group for fans of young adult literature.

### 11:00am **Reading 2.0**

How have eBooks and eBook readers changed how we enjoy the stories and novels we love so much?

*Taylor Kent (mod), Kathy Sullivan, John Debnam, Hugh Morrison*

### 2:00pm **Stephanie Zvan Reading**

The author of *The End of Eternity* and *Among the Trees* reads from her work.

*Stephanie Zvan*

### 3:30pm **Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading**

Members of *Broad Universe* will read their short fiction. Broad Universe is an international organization with the primary goal of promoting science fiction, fantasy, and horror written by women.

*Kathy Sullivan, Catherine Schaff-Stump*

### 5:00pm **L.A. Banks Reading**

Guest of Honor L.A. Banks heads to the Dorian Gray Literary Lounge to read some of her work in this wonderful intimate setting.

*L.A. Banks*

### 7:00pm **Poetry Slam**

Don't know what a Poetry Slam is? Come find out. (Continues until 9:00pm)

*Matthew Rucker*

### 10:00pm **Jeannie Holmes Reading**

Jeannie Holmes reads from her newly released novel *Blood Law* and other works.

*Jeannie Holmes*



# SATURDAY

**9:30am MN Speculative Fiction Writers Group Reading**

Come learn about this local resource for working SF/F/H writers, and hear members read from their work.  
*Michael Merriam*

**11:00am Lois McMaster Bujold Reading**

Former CONvergence Guest of Honor Lois McMaster Bujold presents a reading of her work.  
*Lois McMaster Bujold*

**12:30pm Poetry Workshop**

A workshop focused on creating fantastic images, using humor and poetry form and models hosted by poet Sandra Lindow. Written critiques will be available for those who pre-submitted their works but the workshop is open to anyone. (Continues until 2:00pm)  
*Sandra Lindow*

**3:30pm Esoteric Faith Systems**

Using unconventional faith systems as a basis for spirituality in your writing.  
*John Shea, MontiLee Stormer, Veronica Cummer*

**5:00pm Storytelling Slam**

Open to all interested storytellers—come and share your short stories in CONvergence's Storyteller Slam up in the Lit Lounge.  
*Rob Callahan (mod)*

**7:00pm Rob Callahan Reading**

Immediately following the Story Slam, Rob will read from his own work. The reading may start earlier than the scheduled time—depending on how long the Storytelling slam goes.  
*Rob Callahan*

**8:30pm Roy C. Booth Reading**

Author and playwright Roy Booth will read from his recent work.  
*Roy C. Booth*

**10:00pm The Shuffling Hoarde**

Slow zombies, fast zombies, viruses and walking corpses. The world of zombie fiction.  
*R. Scott McCoy, Thomas Riley, Roy C. Booth*

**11:30pm "The Horror at Cold Springs" Release Party**

The author of *Shimmers* and *Shadow* will celebrate his just released Steampunk/Weird West Novella, *The Horror at Cold Springs*. Come celebrate this new release and listen to the author read from his work.  
*Michael Merriam*

# SUNDAY

**9:30am Joel Arnold Reading**

Joel Arnold, author of several short stories including "Seller's Market," "October Blizzard," and "Some Things Don't Wash Off" reads from his work.  
*Joel Arnold*

**11:00am Anna Waltz Reading**

Anna will be reading from her new, not-yet-published SF action-adventure novel, *Allie Indigo and the Flashforce Pilots*.  
*Anna Waltz*

**12:30pm Can't-Put-It-Down Pacing**

What distinguishes the book you can't put down from an interesting character story or a stylistic triumph? Is it the same for everyone?  
*David Oppegaard, Hilary Moon Murphy, Matthew Davis, Kelly McCullough*

**2:00pm Open Mic Poetry Reading**

Come and share your poetry in this open forum. Everyone is welcome—be this your first public reading or your hundredth.  
*Sandra Lindow (mod)*

**3:30pm Dana Baird Reading**

The author reads from her own work.  
*Dana Baird*

## OPEN GAMING

### Vista Suite 2207 / 22nd Floor, South Tower

Thursday	5:00pm—12:30am (Friday morning)
Friday	9:30am—12:30am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	9:30am—12:30am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	9:30am—3:30pm

### ConSuite Gaming

#### Consuite / 2nd Floor, South Tower

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

### LAN Gaming

#### Vista Suite 2205 / 22nd Floor, South Tower

(See schedule on page 19)

## EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

### Magic: the Gathering Tournament

#### Vista Suite 2207 / 22nd Floor, South Tower

Friday July 2, 8:00pm—12:30am

16 players

Referee: Rob Polzin

Once again CONvergence's Card Gaming Suite presents the annual Magic the Gathering tournament. 16 people will be invited to play with no entry fee. Sealed decks will be provided. It will be best 2 out of 3 as always, with the winner receiving 8 decks to do what they please. 2nd place will get 4 decks. We are also wanting 2 referees to resolve any disputes with any rules and gameplay and they will receive a deck each for refereeing.

## ROLEPLAYING SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

7:00pm—?

### Serenity RPG: The Mother Lode

#### Vista Suite 2203-A

2-9 players all experience levels welcome.

Pre-generated characters of the crew of the good ship Serenity provided.

Join the crew of the good ship Serenity on the trail of what could be the great gran-pappy of all scores or the most colossal goose-chase of all time. With Mal and the gang you never can tell. Some ways back an Alliance convoy went missing in the black and now it's just sittin' out there waiting to be found. Capt. Mal has a line on where they are and is aimin' to go and get 'em before anyone else does. Hopefully. Takes place sometime before the events of the film Serenity. Full crew available to play. Game runs until the job is done or folk run out of steam.

## FRIDAY

12:30pm—5:00pm

### Victoriana: A Bone to Pick

#### Vista Suite 2203-A

2-6 players All experience levels welcome.

It is London in 1867, where Ogres are body-guards and The Guild licenses magicians to practice. The police help the rich and the poor suffer. Society is stratified along rigid class, gender, and race lines. Where can the helpless turn when society won't answer their call? LILAC is a secret organization of women who are not afraid to break tradition, break the rules, and occasionally break some bones. Played using the *Heresy D6 System*.



## FRIDAY CONTINUED

1:30pm—3:00pm

### **Atlas Games: Lets Kill**

#### **Vista Suite 2206-A**

2-6 players. All experience levels welcome. All materials provided.

**Intended for mature audiences gm reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone under the age of 16.**

Mass murder can be fun! Be the first to make the bigtime as the most notorious serial killer in the country in this twisted offering from Atlas Games! Open a can of Whoop @\$\$ in a coffee shop! Beat your boss to death with a cheese grater! Murder a mime with Gary Coleman (you know you wanna). Grab the biggest headlines and slay your way to victory! And remember; when your only tool is a sledgehammer, all of your problems tend to look like puppies.

3:30pm—5:00pm

### **Slugfest Games: Red Dragon Inn 1 & 2**

#### **Vista Suite 2206-A**

2-8 players. All experience levels welcome. All materials provided. Free loot entirely possible

So you've raided the dungeon, slain the Princess, ravished the drago...ummm wait a minit. Hey barkeep! What the hell's in this drink? Look, the point is, you're back from adventuring. You've got the loot and your skin mostly intact. Now what? Now you drink! And fight! And gamble! Play as Deirdre the Priestess, Gerki the Sneak, Gog the Half-Ogre and others. And for Gods sake, keep Pooky the bunny out of the whiskey! We just replaced all the furniture from the last time!

## SATURDAY

11:00am—12:30pm

### **Z-Man Games B-Movie Card Games: Grave Robbers From Outer Space and Berserker Halflings from the Dungeon of Dragons (combo game).**

#### **Vista Suite 2206-A**

2-6 players. All experience levels welcome. All materials provided.

**GM reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone under the age of 14 due to game content.**

What's more evil than a Hollywood movie producer? That's right, six movie producers all competing to make the same movie at once! Z-man games presents their twisted take on two classic genre's near and dear to the heart of every geek; sci-fi horror and epic fantasy. Players are making a B-Movie by playing Characters, Props, and Locations in their movie and sending Creatures to attack the other players' movies in order to kill off their Characters. SFX cards can modify attacks and do other wacky stuff. When Roll the Credits is played, the player with the most points wins!

Noon—4:30pm

### **Mutants and Masterminds—To Serve Villains**

#### **Vista Suite 2203-A**

2-7 players. All experience levels welcome, but game content will favor returning players from last year

One year ago, five villains joined forces in Minneapolis, and were so extreme...so effective...so destructive that CONvergence made 2010 the Year of the Villain. Now a year later, Minneapolis is in ruins, and those villains will have to join forces one more time to face the greatest threat ever! "Sometimes bad guys make the best good guys. But this isn't one of those times. Sometimes you need to crush the alien army with a day care center before it's too late. It's one of those times, baby. And I'm getting a bit peckish." -the Chef.

3:30pm—5:00pm

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## SUNDAY

11:00am—12:30pm

### **Slugfest Games: Kung Fu Fighting and More Kung Fu Fighting**

#### **Vista Suite 2206-A**

2-6 players. All experience levels welcome. All materials provided. Free loot extremely likely.

Your Kung Fu is strong but your jaw is weak! Come together and fight in classic chop-socky cinema style in this fun-filled fist-fest from the guys at Slugfest Games. Do battle as the Mysterious Stranger, Imperial General or Jade Princess! Pit your Crane Style against the Drunken Style! Perform a Spinning, Flipping Nunchuck attack and send your opponent Through The Wall! Six will fight! One will prevail!

1:00pm—?

### Serenity RPG: The Mother Lode (Encore)

#### Vista Suite 2206-A

2-9 players. All experience levels welcome. Pre-generated characters of the crew of the good ship Serenity provided.

In case you missed it Thursday you can catch it in re-runs. Join the crew of the good ship Serenity on the trail of what could be the great gran-pappy of all scores or the most colossal goose-chase of all time. With Mal and the gang you never can tell. Some ways back an Alliance convoy went missing in the black and now it's just sittin' out there waiting to be found. Capt. Mal has a line where they are and is aimin' to go and get 'em before anyone else does. Hopefully. Takes place sometime before the events of the film Serenity. Full crew available to play. Game runs until the job is done or folk run out of steam.

## LAN GAMING

### Vista Suite 2205

## THURSDAY

5:00pm—7:00pm Counter-Strike: Source  
7:00pm—8:30pm Warcraft III  
8:30pm—10:00pm Open LAN Gaming  
10:00pm—11:30pm Team Fortress 2 (18+)  
11:30pm—1:00am StarCraft (18+)  
1:00am—2:00am Open LAN Gaming (18+)

## FRIDAY

12:30pm—2:00pm StarCraft  
2:00pm—3:30pm Open LAN Gaming  
3:30pm—5:00pm Counter-Strike: Source  
5:00pm—7:00pm Team Fortress 2  
7:00pm—8:30pm StarCraft Tournament  
8:30pm—10:00pm Open LAN Gaming  
10:00pm—11:30pm Counter-Strike: Source (18+)  
11:30pm—1:00am Team Fortress 2 (18+)  
1:00am—2:00am Open LAN Gaming (18+)

## SATURDAY

12:30pm—2:00pm Warcraft III  
2:00pm—3:30pm Open LAN Gaming  
3:30pm—5:00pm Team Fortress 2  
5:00pm—7:00pm Team Fortress Tournament  
7:00pm—8:30pm StarCraft  
8:30pm—10:00pm Open LAN Gaming  
10:00pm—11:30pm Counter-Strike: Source (18+)  
11:30pm—1:00am Warcraft III (18+)  
1:00am—2:00am Open LAN Gaming (18+)

## SUNDAY

12:30pm—2:00pm Open LAN Gaming  
2:00pm—3:30pm Open LAN Gaming



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#### Former Stevie Ray's Stage/First Floor, South Tower

Thursday	9:00pm—1:00am (Friday morning)
Friday	Noon—1:00am (Saturday morning)
Saturday	Noon—1:00am (Sunday morning)
Sunday	11:00am—5:00pm

Harmonic CONvergence (HarmCON) is our more intimate venue for live music and entertainment. The space will feature a blend of music and spoken word performances. Each year we look for musicians, comedians and other performers interested in using this space. If you or someone you know are interested in performing at CONvergence, contact us at [harmonicconvergence@convergence-con.org](mailto:harmonicconvergence@convergence-con.org).

#### NEW TO HARMCON IN 2010: MUSICIAN PANELS AND STAND-UP COMEDY

We have two new attractions in Harmonic CONvergence this year. First, we've got panels focused on music and musicians (see below for more detailed descriptions).

Then, on Thursday and Friday from 10:00pm—10:45pm, the Harmonic CONvergence stage is proud to launch our new **Tongue In Geek Comedy** block, featuring some of the Twin Cities most wickedly brilliant, devilishly clever, and sardonic comedians this side of the Multi-Verse. These comics are excited to share material the n00bs would never understand. Please come support them and share the comedic joy of our new Harmonic CONvergence Stage feature **Tongue in Geek Comedy!** ("Stop me if you've *nerd* this one...")

### THURSDAY

9:00pm—9:45pm	The Poor Nobodys
10:00pm—10:45pm	Tongue In Geek Comedy I
10:00pm	Gus Lynch
10:15pm	Bryan Miller
10:30pm	Patrick Ryan Bauer
11:00pm—11:45pm	The Sidhe
Midnight—12:45am	Falcon Arrow

### FRIDAY

11:30am—1:00pm	Mark Time Gold Ogle Award: <i>We're Alive, Chapter 10</i> Written by KC Wayland of Los Angeles , CA
1:00pm—1:45pm	PANEL: Songs of Eeevvvlllllll!
2:00pm—2:45pm	Japanese Space Program
3:00pm—3:45pm	Orkestar Bez Ime
4:00pm—4:45pm	PANEL: 24-Hour Song Writing Challenge (Part 1)
5:00pm—5:45pm	Riverfolk
6:00pm—6:45pm	Damian Sheridan
7:00pm—7:45pm	The Idisi
8:00pm—8:45pm	The Grand Scheme
9:00pm—9:45pm	Shakespeare's Love Child
10:00pm—10:45pm	Tongue in Geek Comedy II
10:00pm	Amy Burge
10:15pm	Corey Adam
10:30pm	Bill Young
11:00pm—11:45pm	Voluntary Nightmare
Midnight—12:45am	Ionosphere Casting Shadows



# SATURDAY

11:00am—Noon	Mark Time Gold Award: <i>The Rookie</i> Written by Julie Hoverson of Seattle , WA
Noon—12:45pm	PANEL: Songs I Wish I Wrote
1:00pm—1:45pm	Adam Stemple
2:30pm—3:15pm	Beth Kinderman & The Player Characters
3:30pm—4:15pm	Possible Oscar
4:30pm—5:15pm	Feng Shui Ninjas
5:15pm—6:00pm	Mark Time Silver Award: <i>Henry Current, Space DJ</i> Written by Tom Hogan & Hamish Sinclair of New South Wales, Australia
6:00pm—6:45pm	PANEL: 24-Hour Songwriting Challenge (Part 2)
7:00pm—9:00pm	CLOSED FOR MASQUERADE
9:00pm—9:45pm	Rockstar Storytellers
10:00pm—10:45pm	Gabriel Hilmar
11:00pm—11:45pm	Triple Depresso Reunion!
Midnight—12:45am	The Dregs

# SUNDAY

11:00am—Noon	Mark Time Silver Ogle Award: <i>The Thing On The Ice</i> Written by Jeffrey Adams of International Falls, MN
Noon—12:45pm	PANEL: I Wrote This Song Because...
1:00pm—1:45pm	Dissociate
2:00pm—2:45pm	Bad September
3:00pm—3:30pm	Don't Eat the Pope!
4:00pm—4:45pm	W.O.R.D.—When Ordinary Reality Disappears

## MUSICIAN PANELS

# FRIDAY

1:00pm—1:45pm	<b>Songs of Eeeevvvviiiii!!!!!!</b> Enjoy songs of dastardly doings, nefarious plans, wicked minions, and just plain chaos and mayhem. Join our panel as they share some of their favorite songs of Evil Deeds...Done Dirt Cheap... <i>Speaker/Artist(s): Keith Spears, Raymond Yates, Gabriel Hilmar</i>
4:00pm—4:45pm	<b>24-Hour Songwriting Challenge Panel (Part 1)</b> Ever want a songwriter to write a song about whatever you tell them to? Now's your chance! Come to the 24 hour songwriting challenge and your suggested song topic might be selected as the one. Come and challenge your panelists to maximum creativity! You'll laugh. You'll cry. It'll become a part of you. NOTE: This is a 2-day, 2-part panel. <i>Speaker/Artist(s): Raymond Yates, Michael Matheny, Keith Spears, Todd Madson, Tim Wick/Chad Dutton</i>

# SATURDAY

Noon—12:45pm	<b>Songs I Wish I Wrote</b> Our panelists share some favorite songs they wished they had actually authored. Join them as they wax poetic about how much greater it would have been if THEY had written Stairway To Heaven. <i>Speaker/Artist(s): Adam Stemple, Raymond Yates, Michael Matheny, Gabriel Hilmar,</i>
6:00pm—6:45pm	<b>24-Hour Songwriting Challenge Panel (Part 2)</b> (See Part 1, above, for description.)

# SUNDAY

Noon—12:45pm	<b>I Wrote This Song Because...</b> Panelist share "Behind the Scenes" stories that lead them to write sappy love songs, bitter ballads, happy-go-lucky ditties, and ridiculous songs about aliens and the undead. <i>Speaker/Artist(s) : Keith Spears, Michael Matheny, John Heimbuch/Michael Borchert, Gabriel Hilmar</i>
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# KRUSHENKO'S

## Cabana 118 (1st Floor, South Tower)

Thursday 5:00pm—6:00pm, 8:00pm—Midnight  
Friday 11:00am—6:00pm, 8:00pm—1:00am  
Saturday 11:00am—6:00pm, 8:00pm—2:00am  
Sunday 11:00am—5:00pm, 7:30pm—Midnight

Taking its name from a bistro in Larry Niven's *Ringworld*, Krushenko's has been a place for panels, parties and conversation for over 25 years. Here you will find discussions of Science Fiction and Fantasy in all its forms. Krushenko's connects CONvergence with the other conventions in our area and with the rich traditions of Science Fiction and Fantasy fandom in the upper Midwest. From panels to parties, Krushenko's is **accustomed to serving alien guests!**

*Eric M. Heideman, Krushenko's Founder/Manager*

*Edward E. Ness, Krushenko's "Number One"*

## THURSDAY

### 8:00pm "Welcome to Krushenko's" Party

Let's help launch CONvergence 2010 with a mellow party celebrating this long-running (since 1983) space for science fiction-fantasy conversation.

## FRIDAY

### 11:00am Without a Scorecard: The Villains of Marvel Comics

Since 1961 Marvel has offered grand villains (Doom!), hero villains, villain-heroes and forces of nature (Galactus). Let's explore their (not altogether) bad guys.

*Christopher Jones, Roy C. Booth, Anthony Tollin, Eric Heideman (mod)*

### 12:30pm Villains I'll Pay to See

Are there villains (Count Dracula?) and/or villain enactors (Christopher Lee?) you like so much that you'll pay to see a film just because that villain/villainous actor is in them? Which actors would you like to see portray your favorite villains?

*David Christenson (mod), Eric Heideman, Anthony Tollin*

### 2:00pm Rogue Galleries

Which Superhero has the best rogue gallery? The Flash? Batman? Spiderman? Let's duke it out!

*Daniel Wallace, Mark Stegbauer, Christopher Jones, Anthony Tollin*

### 3:30pm Bizzaro: What Is It and Why Should I Care?

Bizzaro is a new genre for fiction and films that fit into no other category. What is it all about? And what books, films, and authors should I pay attention to in this new genre?

*Taylor Kent (mod), Matthew Davis, Hugh Morrison*

### 5:00pm Minn-Spec Meeting and Meet-up

Learn about this resource-sharing network for professional and aspiring speculative fiction writers and their reader friends.

*Michael Merriam (mod)*

### 8:30pm Tales of the Unanticipated Party

Hang out with the staff of and contributors to this long-running (since 1986) speculative fiction magazine-anthology. (Party open until 3:00am.)

## SATURDAY

### 11:00am Writing Fiction in Multiple Genres

L.A. Banks considers herself a shape shifter, having written vampire huntress, crime and suspense and women's fiction. She and other authors talk about the challenges and benefits of writing fiction in multiple genres.

*L.A. Banks, Roy C. Booth, Eleanor Arnason, Eric Heideman (mod)*

- 12:30pm **Dusting Off the Shelves**  
Classic books of any genre that are still relevant to the modern reader. What are your favorites and what makes them a classic?  
*R. Scott McCoy, David Oppgaard, Kathy Sullivan, Tim Lieder, Matthew Davis*
- 2:00pm **Rivendell Group Discussion: Narnia**  
Join this discussion of the novel *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* from C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. Sponsored by the Rivendell group, a Twin Cities fantasy book discussion group that has met regularly since late 1973 or early 1974.  
*David Lenander*
- 3:30pm **One on One with L.A. Banks**  
Get to know our Guest of Honor in a moderated session that will be filmed for inclusion on the CONvergence 2010 DVD. Make sure to wave so your parents see you.  
*L.A. Banks, Jody Wurl, Video Team*
- 5:00pm **SF Writing Groups: The 2010 Scene**  
The annual (since 1986) get-together lets speculative fiction groups link with writers who are looking for a critique group.  
*Eric Heideman (mod)*
- 7:30pm ***The Day Luftberry Won It All* Premiere**  
*The Day Luftberry Won it All* (20 mins), produced by Frosty Moon Productions; based on a story by R. Thomas, dealing with the question, what does the Devil do after the apocalypse? Discussion to follow the film.  
*Roy C. Booth, R. Thomas Riley, Cynthia Booth*
- 8:30pm **Bandana Square Conventions Party**  
Hosted by three cons that will be held at Best Western, Bandana Square, St. Paul: Diversicon, a multicultural speculative fiction con, Arcana, a horror con, Oct 15-17, with Guest Caitlin R. Kiernan and Con-sarnit, a Western con, Sat June 4, 2011. Party open until 2:00am.

## SUNDAY

- 11:00am **What's Up with the Space Program in the Obama Years?**  
The Obama administration has proposed changes in the space program, in and out of NASA. Will these changes sail through congress? How do they affect the long-term future of space exploration?  
*Eric Heideman (mod), Michael Kauper, David Buth*
- 12:30pm **The Death of the Magazine**  
The internet age is killing the media we love. Can we save it? Can we move it online? What happens to the writers when these publications go away? The bathwater is gone, can we still save the baby?  
*R. Scott McCoy, Michael D. Thomas, Joshua Lynsen, Michael Merriam, MontiLee Stormer, Anthony Tollin*
- 2:00pm **Sherlock's Other Adversaries**  
In addition to creating Prof. M, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle gave Sherlock Holmes many other adversaries from sympathetic (Irene Adler) to sinister (Sebastian Moran, Grimesby Roylott) to fiendish (the Hound and its master)  
*Anthony Tollin, Eric M. Heideman(mod)*
- 3:30pm **Worms in Fact, Folklore, Fiction & Film**  
Our annual bio-horror panel on the scary side of nature (past entries have included bats, ants, reptiles & amphibians). This year's entry is the worm. Sometimes humble, sometimes (Dune) really big.  
*Melissa Kaercher (mod), Eric Heideman (mod), Anthony Tollin*
- 7:30pm **A Party for Readers and Viewers**  
Hosted by Second Foundation, a Twin Cities speculative fiction-book discussion group (since 1983), some of whose members are also film buffs. (Party open until 1:30am)

# MAINSTAGE

Grand Ballroom East/Second Floor, South Tower

## THURSDAY

6:00 pm—7:00pm

### Mark Time Radio Show—*Villains on Parade*

Featuring two of our Guests of Honor being great at being silly. Look for Wally Wingert and Chuck McCann on stage, along with evil sorceresses, villainy TV, and all the hilarity you'd expect from the Dark Side. Nothing but the best in original comic radio!

*Windy Bowlsby, Jerry Stearns, **Chuck McCann, Wally Wingert, Tim Wick***

7:00pm—8:00pm

### Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies for our 2010 convention. Connie Mark II is here to ensure you have a diabolical time... (May continue past 8:00pm)

**L.A. Banks, Wally Wingert, Chuck McCann, Bridget Landry, Jeremy Bulloch, Paul Cornell, Laura Gerald, Michael Lee, Christopher Jones, Ishmael Williams, Jon Olsen, Lex Larson, Thomas Keeley, Windy Bowlsby**

10:00pm—11:00pm

### Vaude-Villains Variety Show

We're happy to bring you the Vaude-Villains' cabaret and variety show, featuring black light skeleton body balancing, songs about our favorite cartoon anti-heroes, dances from our favorite femme fatales, a belly-dance act meant to entrance and hypnotize the audience (so they can program you to do their bidding), and so much more.

11:30pm—12:30am

### Musical Guest: Voltaire

After the Vaude-Villains are vanquished from the stage, we're very pleased to introduce the boss villain for the evening, Voltaire! Combining beautiful old-world melodies with viciously sarcastic lyrics, Wagnerian bravado with Brechtian allure, Voltaire has crafted songs of love, loss, revenge and dismemberment sure to bring a smile to even the darkest of souls. In addition to live performances and the "Brains" song from The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy, Voltaire has been responsible for the animation of various Hieronymous Bosch-inspired station IDs for MTV. Read more, hear music clips, and see animation at [www.voltaire.net](http://www.voltaire.net).

1:30am—4:00am

### Villain's Dance

In-between acts and after the show, dance to the macabre and sinister beats of djs Spleen, dv8, and guests as they keep the eevil going with industrial and darkwave tunes until the point of collapse, when your wicked sidekick has to carry you home



## FRIDAY

6:00pm—7:00pm

### **Musical Guests - The Long Straight Forever**

The Long Straight Forever uses songs, voices, guitars, a mandola, and a bodhran to traverse the oceanic road from the British Isles to the Americas, with echoes of the Chieftains, Warren Zevon, Richard Thompson, Stan Rogers, and Led Zeppelin in their music. Gallowglass co-founder Michael Matheny joins long-time singer/songwriter Raymond Yates and instrumentalist extraordinaire Matthew Ogden to create a sound encompassing the Celtic, Americana, and rock genres.

7:30pm—8:30pm

### **Macbeth: The Video Game Remix**

Written by Tim Uren (10,000 Comic Books) and Bill Stiteler (THACO)

Shakespeare's classic tale of treachery and bloody destiny, warped into a world of group raids, power ups and multiplayer side-quests. The tale of a n00b destined to be king...if he can ever make it out of first level. Scotland is pwn'd.

10:30pm—11:30pm

### **Vilification Tennis**

The show that violated fire codes in Harmonic CONvergence is back and they brought their ASL interpreters with them! Enjoy their offensive insults in fabulous sign-o-rama (TM) and learn why they should never, ever, be given microphones.

1:00am—4:00am

### **Snidely's Ball**

Our retro-inspired dance night will give you a taste of evil through the decades. From mean-a-delicious disco, to the maligned 80's, into the sneaky 90's and mischievous aughts, we'll even bring you retro music from the future!

## SATURDAY

7:00pm—9:00pm

### **Masquerade**

Our annual pageant returns with beautiful costumes and fabulous performances.

This year, the **Half-Time Show** is based upon the classic BBC Radio 4 gameshow *Just a Minute!* and will be hosted by GoH **Paul Cornell**. It promises to be a laugh-filled riot!

11:00pm—4:00am

### **The DJ Masterplan**

We'll start with our traditional hour of strobe-free science-fiction inspired music before luring you into our ultimate trap: an assault of several of the best djs we could collect in one gathering of evil geniuses. Come be hypnotized to the sounds of breakbeat, electro, trance, goa, and some much more while you dance under our array of mesmerizing lights and effect. You will forever be in our power.

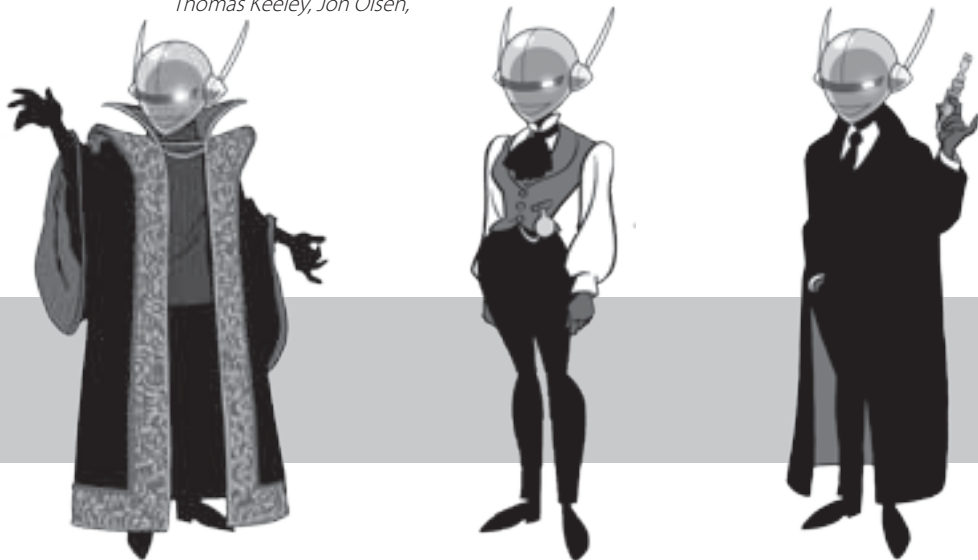
## SUNDAY

5:00pm—7:00pm

### **Closing Ceremonies**

Closing Ceremonies for our 2010 convention. Will Connie Mark I return and defeat her evil younger sister Connie Mark II or is all hope lost forever? (This event may run over one hour)

**L.A. Banks, Jeremy Bulloch, Wally Wingert, Bridget Landry, Paul Cornell, Chuck McCann, Lex Larson, Christopher Jones, Ishmael Williams, Windy Bowlsby, Michael Lee, Laura Gerald, Thomas Keeley, Jon Olsen,**





# THEATER NIPPON ANIME ROOM

## Plaza 2 (1st Floor, North Tower)

Thursday	5:00pm—3:00am Friday morning
Friday	7:00am—2:30am Saturday morning
Saturday	6:30am—3:00am Sunday morning
Sunday	7:00am—3:00pm

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

## THURSDAY

- 5:00pm **Initial D** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 10+)  
High school student Takumi Fujiwara works as a gas station attendant during the day and a delivery boy for his father's tofu shop during late nights. Little does he know that his precise driving skills and his father's modified car makes him the best amateur road racer on Mt. Akina's highway.
- 7:00pm **Mirage of Blaze** (Media Blasters; Dubbed, Ages 15+)  
Takaya Ohgi is a typical high school guy who wants nothing more than to protect his friend and live a normal life. Enter Nobutsuna Naoe, who informs Takaya that he is in fact the reincarnation of Lord Kagetora. Meanwhile dark forces begin their attack as the Feudal Underworld descends upon the living world.
- 9:00pm **FAKE** (Media Blasters; Subbed, Ages 15+)  
Dee Laytner and Randy "Ryo" MacLane are two New York cops taking a needed vacation in England. Their vacation and relationship is suddenly disturbed when murders and missing person reports keep surfacing around their hotel.
- 10:00pm **Sukisho!** (Media Blasters; Subbed, Ages 15+)  
After falling out of a 4th story window, Hashiba Sora has lost his memory. He returns to his school to find a new roommate in his dormitory. Sora gradually begins to fall in love with his new male roommate, while trying to put together pieces of his past.
- 11:30pm **DNAngel** (ADV; Dubbed, Ages 10+)  
Niwa Daisuke is your average teenager, until his fourteenth birthday. Suddenly, whenever he thinks about a girl he loves he turns into the legendary phantom thief known as Dark Mousy, who steals artwork created by the Hikari.
- 1:00am **Speed Grapher** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 16+)  
Ten years after the Bubble War, the dichotomy between the rich and the poor in the world becomes more prominent and Japan is no exception. Saiga works in the capitalist state of Tokyo. He infiltrates into Roppongi Club, a secretive base located in the red district area of the city, to collect information about them.

# FRIDAY

- 7:00am **Mazinkaiser** (ADV; Dubbed, Ages 10+)  
Dr. Hell is back, and this time he's got an entire armada of world-crushing robots at his disposal! The only thing standing between him and total world domination is the Photon Power Lab and Mazinger, two obstacles he must destroy at any cost.
- 9:00am **Fruits Basket** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 10+)  
Tohru Honda is an orphaned girl who gets invited to live in the house of her classmate, the handsome boy Sohma Yuki, and his cousins, Kyo and Shigure. However, these young men and parts of the rest of their family hold a curse: if they are hugged by the opposite gender, they transform into animals.
- 10:30am **Pretear** (Section 23; Subbed, Ages 12+)  
Himeno Awayuki was a normal girl until her father married a rich woman. Then, she finds out from seven men called the Leaf Knights that she is Pretear, who has the power to merge with the powers from the Leaf Knights and stop the Princess of Disaster.
- Noon **Case Closed Movie** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 7+)  
Kudo Shinichi witnessed an illegal trade and, caught off his guard, was knocked unconscious and fed a drug that was supposed to kill him... but he woke up and found himself shrunk to a seven year-old. In order to track down the men who did this to him, Shinichi hid his identity and became a junior detective.
- 2:00pm **Slayers: Revolution** (Funimation; Subbed, Ages 13+)  
Having lost the Sword of Light in the previous battle, Lina and Gourry continue their journey in search of a replacement weapon. On the way, the two of them meet up with Amelia and Zelgadis. Lina is happy to reunite with her old friends, but appearing before her is Luvinagard's Inspector of the Special Investigative Unit...
- 4:00pm **Hellsing: Ultimate** (Geneon; Dubbed, Ages 15+)  
Alucard, an incredibly powerful vampire, has been controlled by Hellsing for years. A group long thought dead has been plotting in secret since their apparent destruction over 50 years ago - plotting to plunge England, and perhaps the entire world, into war.
- 5:30pm **Darker Than Black** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 15+)  
In Tokyo, an impenetrable field known as "Hell's Gate" appeared ten years ago. At the same time, psychics who wield paranormal powers at the cost of their conscience also emerged. Hei is one of these psychic agents, and along with his blind associate, Yin, works for one of the many rival agencies vying to unlock the mysteries of Hell's Gate.
- 7:30pm **MONSTER** (Viz; Subbed, Ages 13+)  
Kenzou Tenma, a Japanese brain surgeon in Germany, had it all: incredible skill at his work, a rich and beautiful fiancé, and a promising career at his hospital. However, after becoming disenchanted by hospital politics, he chose to save the life of a young boy who got shot in the head over the life of the mayor.
- 9:30pm **Eva** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 13+)  
In 2000 the Second Impact occurred, flooding the world and killing nearly half its population. Fifteen years later gigantic beings called Angels have appeared with the apparent intent of finding Lilith, the Second Angel, and thus initiating the Third Impact to finish the job. Only NERV and the Evangelions can stop them.
- 11:30pm **Fanboy Bebop** (Ages 13+)  
Parody Time!
- 1:00am **Read or Die** (Manga Video; Dubbed, Ages 13+)  
Yomiko Readman is "The Paper" a secret underground operative for the British Library with the incredible power of complete control over paper. She is called to duty when a book that could spell the end of the world is stolen, and she must take it back.

# SATURDAY

- 6:30am **Pokemon** (The Pokemon Company; Dubbed, Ages 7+)  
A young boy named Ash Ketchum embarks on a journey to become a Pokemon Master with his first Pokemon, Pikachu. Joining him on his travels are Oh who am I kidding. Do you really need me to tell you what this show is about? It's POKEMON. You know what it's about!
- 8:30am **Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha** (Funimation; Subtitled, Ages 10+)  
Takamachi Nanoha one day hears a telepathic cry for help and comes to the aid of a talking ferret. When she is given a pearl known as the Raging Heart she is able to transform into Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha and wield a staff to fend off the evil that lies within the 21 Jewel Seeds.
- 10:30am **Case Closed Movie** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 7+)  
Kudo Shinichi witnessed an illegal trade and, caught off his guard, was knocked unconscious and fed a drug that was supposed to kill him...but he woke up and found himself shrunken to a seven year-old. In order to track down the men who did this to him, Shinichi hid his identity and became a junior detective.
- 12:30pm **DragonBall Z Kai** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 10+)  
Goku is back, now married and has a son, Gohan, but just when things were calm and settled a new threat comes which creates adventures and uncover the truth about Goku's origins as a Saiyan IT'S DBZ. YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS.
- 2:00pm **One Piece Movie** (Funimation; Subbed, Ages 12+)  
A re-telling of the Alabaster Arc from One Piece. Monkey D. Luffy and his crew come to rescue a land in the midst of a civil war, due to a powerful devil fruit user and leader of an underground organization, Baroque Works. Together they must help Princess Vivi defeat this organization before the kingdom is lost.
- 3:30pm **Gundam 00** (Bandai; Dubbed, Ages 13+)  
It is the year A.D. 2307. Arising out of the conflict, a mysterious military organization known as Celestial Being appears, dedicated to end all warfare using Mobile Suits called Gundam. This begins the stories of Gundam Meisters as they are thrown into conflict between the 3 superpowers and the various other factions.
- 5:30pm **Soul Eater** (Funimation; Subtitled, Ages 12+)  
Set in the Shinigami technical school for weapon masters, the series revolves around 3 groups of each a weapon master and a human weapon. Trying to make the latter a "Death Scythe" and thus fit for use by the Shinigami, they must collect the souls of 99 evil humans and 1 witch.
- 7:30pm **Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood** (Funimation; Dubbed, Ages 13+)  
Edward Elric lost his arm and leg trying to bring his mother back to life. His brother Alphonse lost his entire body and his soul exists in a suit of armor. Together, the two seek out the Philosopher's Stone in order to regain their original bodies.
- 9:30pm **Ghost Hunt** (Funimation; Subtitled, Ages 12+)  
Telling ghost stories is a favorite past time of Mai Taniyama and her friends--that is, until she meets Kazuya Shibuya, the man sent by Shibuya Psychic Research Center to investigate paranormal activity at a supposedly haunted school. She ends up working for him and learning more of the paranormal world.
- 11:30pm **It's Gendo**  
It's Gendo.
- 1:00am **Boogiepop Phantom** (Right Stuff; Dubbed, Ages 15+)  
One night, a pillar of light appears in the sky, followed by a strange aura and grisly murders. Each character tells of their connection to the event and to a similar murder spree 5 years ago. All of the different stories are slowly tied together by seemingly minute similarities and the story of Boogiepop is unraveled.

# SUNDAY

7:00am **Yawara** (AnimeEigo; Subbed, Ages 13+)

Inokuma Yawara is just another young high school girl. Well, not quite - for Yawara is being raised by her grandfather, 7th-dan Judo master Inokuma Jigorou, to be Japan's great hope for the women's Judo competition at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. All the same, Yawara just wants to live a normal life...

9:00am **Getter Robo Armageddon** (ADV; Dubbed, Ages 15+)

Sent to jail after being accused of murdering Getter Robo creator Dr. Saotome, Ryoma Nagare must once again team up with his former comrades and pilot Getter Robo when Saotome returns from the dead and threatens humanity by unleashing his greatest creation—the Shin Dragon.

11:00am **Akira** (Bandai; Dubbed, Ages 15+)

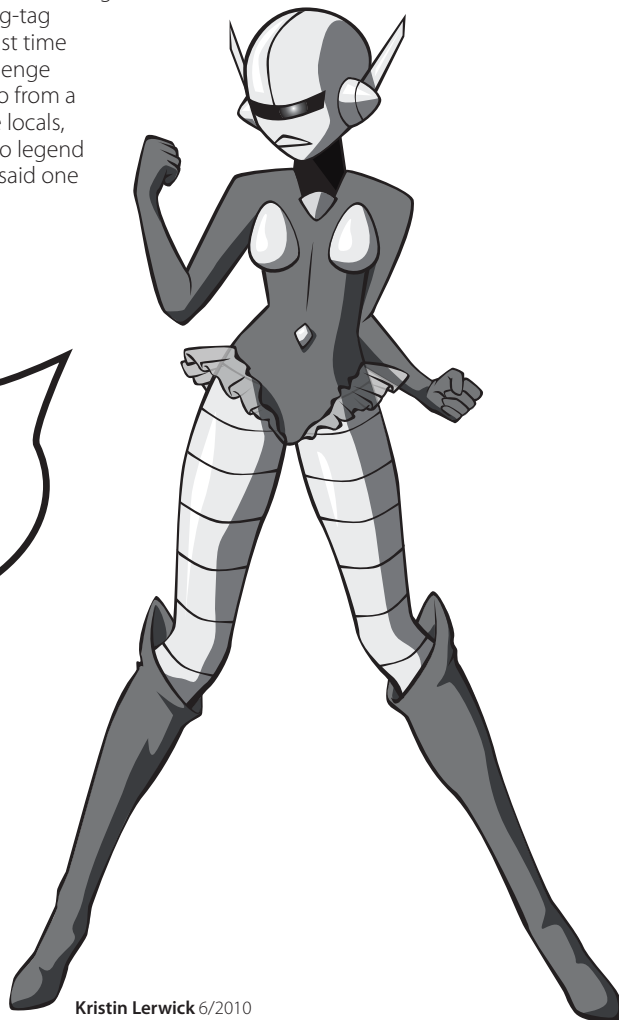
In the year 2019, thirty-one years have passed since the outbreak of World War III. In Neo-Tokyo, all authority is waging a never-ending struggle against the underground that virtually rules the shattered city. A top-secret child with amazing powers of the minds breaks free from custody and accidentally gets a motorcycle gang involved in the project.

1:00pm **FLCL** (Production IG; Subbed; Ages 15+)

Naota is a cynical Japanese 6th grade boy but Naota's world is totally turned upside down when he is run over by a woman on a Vespa. She hits him over the head with her guitar, which then causes a horn to grow out of his forehead. She calls herself "Haruko" and her presence changes Naota's life.

3:00pm **Closing and teardown** (LoD Inc.; Dubbed, Ages 15+)

In a forgotten future, a group of rag-tag heroes must band together one last time in order to face their greatest challenge yet: transferring a mysterious cargo from a place called Plaza 2 by the strange locals, and bringing it to a place known to legend as The Storage; a place where it is said one might find their greatest wishes...



Kristin Lerwick 6/2010

Art by Kristin Lerwick





## 106 - - **Worship the Goddesses**

*Hosted by TransGalactic InterDimensional Gourmand Society*

Friday 9:00pm—1:00am  
Saturday 10:00pm—2:00am

Welcome back worthy worshippers! Whether song, gift or poem, the Goddesses will enchant your heart, inspire your creativity and warm your soul. Relax with the Goddesses, or bring your own lovely Goddess and fall in love with each other again! Sip the Goddess nectar, and feel your worries slip away.

## 107 - - **United Federation of Planets**

*Hosted by USS Nokomis*

Thursday 9:00pm—Midnight  
Friday 7:00pm—Midnight  
Saturday 7:00pm—Midnight

We're back to take on the bad guys, and we may have some of our own! Step aboard the Enterprise for square food and games. You've always wanted to... We have a few new surprises, of course. When you're through, visit the Empire... the real bad guys of Star Trek.

## 108 - - **Terran Empire**

*Hosted by World Defense Force*

Thursday 9:00pm—Midnight  
Friday 7:00pm—Midnight  
Saturday 7:00pm—Midnight

Bring on the bad guys? We've been the bad guys for years, and we still have a few tricks up our sleeves. The Empire is not for the faint of heart, and you never know what might happen there. When you're done you can step next door to the Federation.

## 109 - - **Con of the North 2011**

*Hosted by Con of the North*

Thursday 7:00pm—11:00pm  
Friday 7:00pm—11:00pm  
Saturday 7:00pm—11:00pm

Stop by the Con of the North room and learn about Minnesota's longest-running games convention! We'll be playing games and enjoying each others' company every evening starting Thursday. Come and check out our 2010 Events book for ideas of the you-can't-do-this-at-home fun we offer each year!

## 110 - - **GPS Clubhouse**

*Hosted by Geek Partnership Society (GPS)*

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.

## 115-116 - **CoF<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> Free Coffee Shop**

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

A feature of CONvergence: Free coffee, tea and more! (See page9 for more about CoF<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub>.)

## 118-119 - **Krushenko's**

Thursday 5:00pm—6:00pm,  
8:00pm — Midnight  
Friday 11:00am — 6:00pm  
8:00pm—1:00am  
Saturday 11:00am — 6:00pm  
8:00pm — 2:00am  
Sunday 11:00am — 5:00pm  
7:30pm—Midnight

A feature of CONvergence: A space for panels, parties and conversation. See page (22) for more details.

## 123 - - **Karaoke Joe's Café**

*Hosted by Karaoke Joe's Cafe*

Thursday 8:00pm—6:00am  
Friday 8:00pm—6:00am  
Saturday 8:00pm—7:00am

We're back! With Ben (Secret Master of Karaoke), Dov (Loudmouth KJ) and Gene (Wizard of Electrical Thingies), Karaoke Joe's has over 7,000 songs, the Saturday Night Karaoke Contest, and as always the party doesn't end until the last singer leaves! So stop by, pick a song and ROCK THE MIKE!

## 124 - - **The Cow Asylum**

*Hosted by The Herd*

Friday 8:00pm—Midnight  
Saturday 9:00pm—1:00am

As Friedrich Nietzsche said, "Those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." That just about sums us up. Come to the Asylum and Party 'til the Cows Come Home.

## 125 - - **Campaign CONvergence '10**

*Hosted by Genevieve Woodward, Chris Whiting*

Thursday 8:00pm—2:00am  
Friday 8:00pm—2:00am  
Saturday 8:00pm—2:00am

Where evil masterminds maneuver, manipulate, and murder their way to the presidency. (Just like the real election only not as depressing.) Take exit polls, play games, and cast your vote! See programming guide for our debate Friday at 7. Election results posted Saturday. Sponsored by The Guild of Calamitous Intent.

## FIRST FLOOR CONTINUED

### Cabana - Party Name and Information

#### 126 - - Xenaversity of Minnesota

*Hosted by Xenaversity of Minnesota*

Friday 8:00pm—Midnight

Saturday 8:00pm—Midnight

Welcome patients new and old to Xenaversity's CHAKRAM ASYLUM! Electro-Chak! Medications! Solitary Confinement! Meet Sue Sylvester, The Joker, Hannibal Lecter, Xena, Nurse Ratched. Normal??? Think again! They could just be the most criminally and psychotically insane villains to plague the planet! Come, let us test YOUR Level of Insanity!

#### 127 - - Days of Magic in Gryffindor Commons: A MarsCon and DreamStitcher Production

*Hosted by MarsCon & The DreamStitcher*

Thursday 9:00pm—2:00am

Friday 9:00pm—2:00am

Saturday 9:00pm—2:00am

Wild About Harry? Hang out at the Gryffindor Commons, a meeting place for fans of Harry Potter & magic. Snack on Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans, try your hand at Wizard's chess, and take a crack at passing your O.W.L. exams. Professors on duty.

#### 128 - - Anime Detour

*Hosted by Anime Detour*

Thursday 5:00pm—Midnight

Friday 6:00pm—2:00am

Saturday 6:00pm—2:00am

Come and see some of your favorite AMVs, have some snacks, or just hang out as Anime Detour brings their room party back again for more tunes, dancing, sing-alongs and fun!

#### 129 - - Vice City 2010

*Hosted by Jesse Richardson & Ian Whitney*

Thursday 7:00pm—Midnight

Friday 7:00pm—Midnight

Saturday 7:00pm—Midnight

Vice City is all about casual, classic video gaming fun. From Bible Adventures to Tetris Attack to Wizard of Wor. Vice City has your classic gaming needs covered. "WINNERS DON'T USE DRUGS" (William S. Sessions, Director, FBI)

#### 130 - - House of Toast

*Hosted by House of Toast*

Thursday 8:00pm—Midnight

Friday 8:00pm—Midnight

Saturday 9:00pm—1:00am

Many years of serving seemingly random combinations of toppings to con-goers have led us to 3 conclusions.

- 1: Nearly everything goes well on toast.
- 2: Increased application of alcohol increases willingness to try villainous combinations of toppings.
- 3: Con-goers increase their application of alcohol every year.

#### 131 - - Wonka's Night Out

*Hosted by Daniel Mohr, Jules Mohr,*

*Ryan Waldoch, Lyn Taylor*

Friday 8:00pm—1:00am

Saturday 9:00pm—3:00am

"I Willy Wonka, have returned. I have brought more Chocolate for you lucky people, and experimental candy, as well as the Candy Vodka to share with you all. Again, five of my candy bars will have Golden Tickets, find one, bring it to the party and win a wonderful prize."

#### 131 - - SuperCon

*Hosted by Tangee Harrison \ Christen*

*Cassidy*

Thursday 8:00pm—1:00am

SUPERCON presents: Club Nemesis- a chill lounge for the villainous, vile and kinda bad. One Night Only! Get your bad self down to Club Nemesis to chillax with your minions, munch on some sinful food and mingle with evil-doers from the far corners of the galaxy

## SECOND FLOOR

#### 201 - - The Bearded Gnome Tavern and Inn

*Hosted by The Lords of Lore and Lechery*

Thursday 8:00pm—2:00am

Friday 8:00pm—2:00am

Saturday 8:00pm—2:00am

Welcome weary travelers! Rest your feet and quench your thirst! Enjoy fresh kettle corn, beverages, and parlor games. Mount a glorious Dungeons & Dragons mini-adventure, but be warned! The tavern staff have taken an evil turn and creatures from the dark corners of the world have moved in! Watch your back!

#### 202 - - Perfectly Legitimate Spaceship

*Hosted by The Gangsternauts*

Thursday 8:00pm—Midnight

Friday 9:00pm—3:00am

Saturday 9:00pm—3:00am

A Perfectly Legitimate Spaceship for perfectly legitimate spacemen. If it was a speakeasy we would tell you it's a speakeasy...capice?

#### 203 - - Children of Dagon

*Hosted by Sean 'O' Nelson and Arik Xist*

Friday 8:00pm—Midnight

Saturday 8:00pm—Midnight

The Children of Dagon are a multimedia group concerned with exploring the darker sides of humanity in horror and science fiction. They work with light, sound, and video to create a cacophonous environment suitable for deprogramming and reprogramming through hyper sensory stimulus.



## SECOND FLOOR CONTINUED

### 226 - - **The Ochaya**

*Hosted by Cameron Nelson, Amaya Goldsmith*

Thursday 9:00pm—Midnight  
Friday 8:00pm—Midnight  
Saturday 8:00pm—Midnight

The Ochaya is but a modest tea house in the flurry of CONvergence, a place for conversation, and a place to relax. Please join us for a cup of tea, or something light to eat, served to you by our lovely "Trap Tea Maidens."

### 227 - - **Skepchick**

*Hosted by Skepchick.org*

Thursday 8:00pm—1:00am  
Friday 8:00pm—1:00am  
Saturday 8:00pm—1:00am

Join the hot, nerdy crew of the Skepchick spaceship for a weekend of guaranteed science-y fun, with plenty of Buzzed Aldrin to keep you going. Skeptical? We expect nothing less. Come check us out and see what all the fuss is about.

### 228 - - **The Assassins' Guild**

*Hosted by William Verburg-Cunningham*

Thursday 9:00pm—Midnight  
Friday 8:00pm—Midnight  
Saturday 8:00pm—Midnight

Come and join us at the Assassin's Guild. Murder? Mystery? Violence? Games? We have it all. Come & ill in the Assassin's game or in the boffing tourney. Join us in room for games & friendship. Everyone is welcome to come but not everyone is welcome to leave. Muahahaha.

### 229 - - **Independent Film @ CON**

*Hosted by I.C.A.N.*

Thursday 8:00pm—2:00am  
Friday 8:00pm—2:00am  
Saturday 8:00pm—2:00am  
Sunday 10:00am—2:00pm

Our theme is local villains and badguys or the vixen next door. We plan to bring in our own guests, actors that have played Villains and Vixens in local Sci-fi and Horror films. They will answer questions about the filming process and to sign promotional material from the various films.

### 231 - - **Mos Isee Cantina**

*Hosted by Minnesota Force*

Friday 8:00pm—1:00am  
Saturday 9:00pm—1:00am

Come one come all to the Mos Isee Cantina and enjoy the finest crushed iced, sugary syrups and company the galaxy has to offer. We may not have the droids you're looking for, but stop on by and you won't regret it.

### 232 - - **Camp Onomatopoeia**

*Hosted by VHU, Heather Johnson, and Holly Spotts*

Thursday 7:00pm—1:00am  
Friday 7:00pm—1:00am  
Saturday 7:00pm—1:00am

Sharpen your skills at vampire hunting week here at Camp Onomatopoeia. You will experience the outdoors, expand your abilities in crossbows and stakes, learn practical camping, hunting, and survival skills, and gain knowledge with classroom time. Arts and crafts, snacks, and campfires are also part of the programming.

## FOURTH FLOOR

### Room - Party Name and Information

#### 404 - - **Jews in Space**

*Hosted by Hannah Stein, Jessica Zehavi, David Zehavi*

Friday 7:00pm—10:00pm  
Saturday 8:00pm—10:00pm

Celebrating all things geeky and Jewish! Join us Friday night for free matzo ball soup (vegetarian) and Saturday night to end the sabbath. Nosh, kibbitz, and (inevitably) play Jewish Geography (or Jewish Apples to Apples). Non-Jews are of course welcome, you know you all hang out on J-Date anyway.

#### 406 - - **Milliways, the Restaurant at the End of the Universe**

*Hosted by Cory & Tabitha Schaak*

Friday 7:00pm—Midnight  
Saturday 7:00pm—Midnight

At Milliways we serve all creatures that happen by! We offer homemade and fresh baked cookies with non-alcoholic milk shots! We also provide dining entertainment with the *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* until 11:00pm when we have Vagon Poetry Hour! So bring your best and worst poetry to share for prizes!

# VOLUNTEERS / VOLUNTEERS' DEN

## VOLUNTEER TABLE / INFORMATION DESK AT CUG CENTRAL

**CONvergence Central (Outside the Grand Ballrooms, Second Floor, South Tower).**

Wednesday	Noon—6:00pm
Thursday	Noon—11:00pm
Friday	9:00am—11:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—11:00pm
Sunday	10:00am—5:30pm, 7:00pm—9:00pm

The volunteer table is our primary at-con location to coordinate and gather volunteers. The table located at the entrance to CONvergence Central. Stop by to sign up and volunteer!

## VOLUNTEERS' DEN

**Cabana 222 (2nd Floor, South Tower)**

Thursday	Noon—2:00am
Friday	10:00am—2:00am
Saturday	10:00am—2:00am
Sunday	10:00am—4:30am

Where Volunteers go to relax and chat with other volunteers.

It's back and it's better than ever! A place for volunteers to go and get away from the rush and hubub of the rest of the convention. All that you need to spend time in the Volunteers' Den is a Volunteer Button. You get that for spending ONE HOUR or more doing any volunteer activity that a Department Head will sign off on for your Volunteer Card.

You'll find us next door ConSuite. So if you need a bite to eat, it's not that far away. If you're looking for a secluded spot to hang out for a few minutes, get a massage, or check in with the Volunteer Staff on duty there to see if there is some way to get a couple of extra hours in to earn that T-shirt, the Volunteers' Den is the place to do it!





# 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	<b>Read the Book, See the Movie</b>
Saturday 9:30am	<b>Geeks Read:</b> Discussing <i>Bad Prince Charlie</i> by John Moore.
Saturday 11:00am	<b>Geek Physique:</b> Meet-up before going elsewhere for physical activity.

## GPS SILENT AUCTION

### Atrium 1 (North Tower, 2nd Floor)

Thursday	2:00pm—10:00pm
Friday	10:00am—10:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—10:00pm (Silent auction portion ends at this time.)
	Live auction portion is Sunday at 11:00am.)
Sunday	11:00am to 4:00pm (Pick up items only)

Through club activities, events, and work in the schools GPS works year-round with people of all ages, identities, and backgrounds to enhance literacy and build community. Your donations and purchases at the Silent and Live Auctions go directly to GPS' mission.

## OTHER GPS PANELS & EVENTS

## FRIDAY

7:00pm—8:00pm	<b>Writing Contest Reception</b> (Atrium 8) Meet the winners of the GPS writing contest to talk about the contest and their work. <i>Hilary Moon Murphy, Charlotte Nickerson, Jodie Gustafson, Kelly McCullough</i>
7:00pm—8:00pm	<b>GPS/MISFITS - All You Need to Know</b> (Atrium 2) Learn about the transition from MISFITS to GPS and the clubs and events they sponsor throughout the year. <i>Dave Benhart, Peter Verrant, Charles Piehl</i>

## SATURDAY

2:00pm—5:00pm	<b>Raptor Center</b> (Atrium 4) Our annual Raptor Center presentation, brought to you by GPS.
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## SUNDAY

11:00am—1:00pm	<b>GPS Charity Auction</b> (Atrium 4) Some of the most coveted items from the Silent Auction will move to the Live Charity Auction in much the same way that works from the Art Show move to the Art Auction after a certain number of bids. We'll also have some special surprises that are exclusive to the Live Charity Auction! Come fight it out nose-to-nose with that guy who kept upping your bid all weekend. Come see proof that auctioneers are up before noon. Come and help GPS support our year round programs.
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# 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 2010 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.

## L.A. BANKS

**Author of Crime Thrillers, Romances, and the *Vampire Huntress Legend* series.**

Thursday 7:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.
Friday 12:30pm	Writing in Other People's Worlds	Literature/Bloomington
Friday 3:30pm	Supernatural Chick Lit	Literature/Bloomington
Friday 5:00pm	L.A. Banks Reading	Lit Lounge/Vista Suite
Friday 7:00pm	Bad Boys Are Cuter!	Hot Dish/Atrium 4
Saturday 11:00am	Writing Fiction in Multiple Genres	Krushenkos/Cabana 118
Saturday 3:30pm	One on One with L.A. Banks	Krushenkos/Cabana 118
Saturday 5:00pm	Minorities as Villains	Movies/Plaza 1
Sunday 5:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.



## JEREMY BULLOCH

**Actor: Boba Fett in the *Star Wars* films, also appeared on *Doctor Who* and Bond Films.**

Thursday 7:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.
Friday 11:00am	Play the Armour	Movies/Plaza 1
Friday 12:30pm	Jeremy Bulloch Signing Friday	Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.
Saturday 3:30pm	Jeremy Bulloch, Roy and Cynthia Booth Signing	Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.
Saturday 5:00pm	Boba Fett Did Other Stuff	Audio Visual/Atrium 6
Sunday 11:00am	One on One with Jeremy Bulloch	Movies/Plaza 1
Sunday 12:30pm	Jeremy Bulloch Signing Sunday	Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.
Sunday 5:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.



## PAUL CORNELL

**Author of novels, comics and television, including *Doctor Who* and Marvel & DC Comics.**

Thursday 7:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.
Friday 11:00am	Paul Cornell and Joan Marie Verba Signing	Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.
Friday 12:30pm	Writing in Other People's Worlds	Literature/Bloomington
Friday 2:00pm	One on One with Paul Cornell	Television/Edina
Friday 5:00pm	The Doctor Dances:	
	Examining Relationships in <i>Doctor Who</i>	Television/Edina
Saturday 12:30pm	Working on the New <i>Who</i>	Television/Edina
Saturday 2:00pm	British and American Science Fiction	Side Dish/Atrium 8
Saturday 5:00pm	Paul Cornell Signing 2	Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.
Saturday 10:00pm	Paul Cornell Explains Cricket to Americans	Hot Dish/Atrium 3
Sunday 3:30pm	Starting Out as a Fan:	
	Writing Your Way Into the Pros	Literature/Bloomington
Sunday 5:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.



## BRIDGET LANDRY

**Jet Propulsion Laboratory Rocket Scientist and Master Costumer.**

Thursday 3:30pm	Masquerade 101	Art/Atrium 2
Thursday 7:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.
Friday 12:30pm	One on One with Bridget Landry	Science & Technology/Atrium 7
Friday 2:00pm	Physics for the Scientifically Inept	Science & Technology/Atrium 7
Friday 2:00pm	Steam Century Regency Dance	Garden Court
Saturday 9:30am	Costuming Different Eras	Art/Atrium 2
Saturday 12:30pm	Science and the Media	Science & Technology/Atrium 7
Saturday 3:30pm	What's New on Saturn & Beyond: Cassini Update	Audio Visual/Atrium 6
Saturday 5:00pm	Wonder Twin Science	Science & Technology/Atrium 7
Sunday 9:00am	Breakfast with Bridget	Hot Dish/ConSuite
Sunday 11:00am	The Evolution of Female Characters on Television	Television/Atrium 6
Sunday Noon	<i>Mission to Mars</i> Commentary	Cinema Rex/Plaza 4
Sunday 3:30pm	Herding Cats: Large Group Costuming	Art/Atrium 2
Sunday 5:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.



## GUESTS OF HONOR APPEARANCES CONTINUED



### CHUCK MCCANN

**Comedian and Voice Actor. He's Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs.**

Thursday 6:00pm  
Thursday 7:00pm  
Friday 11:00am  
Friday 5:00pm  
Saturday 9:30am  
Saturday 12:30pm  
Saturday 11:30pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
Sunday 2:00pm  
Sunday 3:30pm  
Sunday 5:00pm

Mark Time Radio Show - Villains on Parade  
Opening Ceremonies  
The Obligatory *Far-Out Space Nuts* Panel  
Many Characters, Two People  
Variety Morning Kid Shows  
One on One with Chuck McCann  
Killer B's Spectacular Movie Improv Show!  
Chuck and Wally Signing  
My Life as Oliver Hardy  
The Business of Voice Acting  
Closing Ceremonies

MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.  
MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.  
Television/Edina  
Hot Dish/Atrium 4  
Television/Edina  
Side Dish/Atrium 8  
Audio Visual/Atrium 6  
Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.  
Side Dish/Atrium 8  
Hot Dish/Atrium 4  
MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.



### WALLY WINGERT

**Voice Actor known for anime, *Invader Zim*, *Family Guy*, and announcer for Jay Leno.**

Thursday 6:00pm  
Thursday 7:00pm  
Friday 12:30pm  
Friday 5:00pm  
Saturday 11:00am  
Saturday 12:30pm  
Saturday 11:30pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
Sunday 12:30pm  
Sunday 2:00pm  
Sunday 3:30pm  
Sunday 5:00pm

Mark Time Radio Show - Villains on Parade  
Opening Ceremonies  
Villains from the Adam West *Batman* Series  
Many Characters, Two People  
One on One with Wally Wingert  
One on One with Chuck McCann  
Killer B's Spectacular Movie Improv Show!  
Chuck and Wally Signing  
I Miss You Cupcake  
TV Shows on DVD & Blu-Ray: Season Nine  
The Business of Voice Acting  
Closing Ceremonies

MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.  
MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.  
Television/Edina  
Hot Dish/Atrium 4  
Side Dish/Atrium 8  
Side Dish/Atrium 8  
Audio Visual/Atrium 6  
Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.  
Side Dish/Atrium 8  
Television/Edina  
Hot Dish/Atrium 4  
MainStage/Grand Ballroom E.



Art by Holly Spotts

# FORMER GOHS IN ATTENDANCE

These Guests of Honor from past years of CONvergence are expected to be in attendance in 2010, and are scheduled for the programming listed.

## CRIST BALLAS

<http://www.metamakeup.com>

## LOIS MCMASTER BUJOLD

<http://www.dendarii.com>

Friday 2:00pm	Sherlock Holmes	Plaza 1
Saturday 11:00am	Lois McMaster Bujold Reading	Lit. Lounge/Room 2201
Saturday 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table

## EMILY HAGINS

<http://emilyhagins.com>

Saturday 2:00pm	Emily Hagins Shorts	Cinema Rex/Plaza 4
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## DR. JAMES KAKALIOS

<http://www.physicsofsuperheroes.com>

Friday 3:30pm	Amazing...Quantum Mech.	Atrium 6
Saturday 5:00pm	Wonder Twin Science	Atrium 7
Sunday Noon	<i>Mission To Mars</i> Commentary	Cinema Rex/Plaza 4

## TROY LAFAYE

[http://www.fandango.com/gotohell\\_89778/cast](http://www.fandango.com/gotohell_89778/cast)

Friday 8:30pm	2010 Midwest...Short Film Fest.	Atrium 6
Saturday 10:00pm	Low Budget Success Stories	Bloomington Rm.

Troy is also presenting the "Late Night Local Feature" series in **Atrium 6 at 1:00am:**

Late Thursday/Early Friday	<i>Destination: Outer Space</i> Directed by Christopher Mihm.
Late Friday/Early Saturday	<i>Dawning</i> Directed by Gregg Holtgrewe.
Late Saturday/Early Sunday	<i>Planetfall</i> Directed by Gianni Mezzonotte.

## KELLY MCCULLOUGH

<http://kellymccullough.com>

Friday 2:00pm	Hanny's Voorwerp I	Plaza 3
Friday 7:00pm	Writing Contest Reception	Atrium 8
Saturday 11:30am	Hanny's Voorwerp II	Plaza 3
Saturday 12:30pm	Signing	Autograph Table
Saturday 2:00pm	Evolution of Common Themes	Bloomington Rm.
Sunday 11:00am	Hanny's Voorwerp III	Plaza 3
Sunday 12:30pm	Can't-Put-It-Down Pacing	Lit. Lounge/Room 2201



# PANELS AND PROGRAMMING

CONvergence programming operates on a schedule of 60-minute programming slots with 30-minute breaks in between. The break is designed to allow time for our members to finish a panel, chat a bit, visit ConSuite or the restroom, and still make it to the next programming item they want to see.

Panels and events listed in the following section are expected to run for approximately one hour unless otherwise indicated.

Programming items are divided into tracks, with an individual room dedicated to each track. At times, we have panels that will take place in a room other than the "home room" for their particular track. Please make sure you double-check the room in which your panel will take place.

Programming Track	Home Room
Movies	Plaza 1
Connie's Quantum Sandbox	Plaza 3
Art & Comics	Atrium 2
Gaming	Atrium 3
Sci-Fi Hot Dish	Atrium 4
Programming Ops	Atrium 5
Audio/Visual Room	Atrium 6
Science & Technology	Atrium 7
Sci-Fi Side Dish	Atrium 8
Television	Edina Room
Literature	Bloomington Room

## Programming can also be found in:

Krushenko's	Cabana 118
Connie's Space Lounge	Verandas 1-5
Dorian Gray Literary Lounge	Vista Suite 2201
Gaming Suites	Vista Suites, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

Daily schedules will be posted outside of each programming room and at Programming Schedule kiosks around the convention.

## 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 2010 Programming Grid.

## THURSDAY

### 3:00PM THURSDAY

#### Face Painting

Whether it is to disguise your true identity or to cover up those horrible scars, good face paint is a must for most evil geniuses. Come put on the paint with our trained staff, or if you're talented with a brush, put it on yourself! (Continues until 6:00pm)

*Matthew D. Bannerman, Jim Shields*

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

#### ConSuite Grand Opening

Come and meet the ConSuite crew, see what they've got in store for 2010, and make your friends wish they'd been there when they hear what happened at the ConSuite Grand Opening!

ConSuite

### 3:30PM THURSDAY

#### Quiet Reading Time

Start your weekend off right in the Lit Lounge by enjoying your own book or one of the books we have available in the lounge!

Lit Lounge/Vista Suite

#### CONvergence 101

First time at CONvergence? Some old pros will help you to figure out how to make the most of your weekend. There will be a walking tour so if you get there late, everyone might be gone!

*Jen Manna, Gypsy Etchison*

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

#### Masquerade 101

What is the difference between a Beginner, a Journeyman and a Master? Learn the answers to this and other questions relating to the Masquerade. This panel is a great primer for new Masquerade participants.

*Dayna Jean Wolter, Bridget Landry, Erin Kasper*

Art/Atrium 2

#### Changing the Rule Book

Share your house rules! What games are better when you change (aka enhance) the rule book?

*Ross Watson, Stephen Miller*

Gaming/Atrium 3

## Practicalities of Living in Space

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

If you were living on a moon base or on Mars, what would life be like? How often would you have to exercise? What could you eat and grow? How would you get water?

*Michael Walsh, David Buth, Andre Guirard, G. David Nordley, Pamela Gay*

## Audio Books

Literature/Bloomington

When listening to a book is a good substitute for reading it. The best audio books you've taken on a road trip with you.

*Taylor Kent, MontiLee Stormer, John Debnam*

## Heroes: The Rise and Fall of a Cult Classic

Television/Edina

Heroes started with amazing promise and a real buzz but quickly faded. What went wrong so quickly and did it ever recapture its original spirit?

*Brett Thompson, Alee Ellingsberg, Rick Rietow, Tim Lieder, Dave Margosian*

## How to Throw a Great Room Party

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Room parties sure are fun. I bet you'd like to throw one! Learn how to get started. What are some do's and don'ts to limit liability, have fun, and be a success?

*Heather Johnson, Robert Schug, Tod Gelle, Daniel Mohr*

## Panels & Programming 101

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Learn how to be a good panelist and/or a good moderator. Also get a look behind the scenes at all the technology that makes the Programming Department go.

*Matt Savelkoul, Jo Thomsen, Amanda Hofman-Frethem, Tim Wick*

## Beginning Screenwriting - Story Structure

Movies/Plaza 1

A workshop on basic story structure. Learn about 3 Act structure, plot points, turning points and visual storytelling.

*David Walbridge, Roy C. Booth*

# 5:00PM THURSDAY

## Zombie Hunting and Preparedness

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Learn the advanced warning signs of an impending zombie apocalypse and how to prepare for the worst when it happens. We'll even review actual military training procedures that involve zombie scenarios!

*Ted Meissner, Clay Lamkin, Mariah Fryer, Erik Pakieser*

## Harlan Ellison: The Bad Guy of Science Fiction Literature?

Lit Lounge/Vista Suite

We've all heard stories about the kind of guy Harlan is. Some people love that about him. Others don't. Share your stories and your opinions of the writer nobody is neutral about.

*Doug Texter, Mark Goldberg (mod)*

## Convention Costuming Survival Guide

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Once you have that great hall costume or Masquerade entry built, what do you do next? How do you keep it looking great? How do you store it? What are some suggestions for quick fixes at the last minute?

*Deborah Jones, Rhiannon Jones, Anna Waltz, Todd Murray, Angelique Montag*

## 3D Modeling with Blender

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

A brief demonstration on how to use the application Blender to quickly create a 3D model of the USS Enterprise.

*Tony Bruno*

## Hey, That's Me!!!

Television/Edina

Discuss the portrayal of geek culture on popular television series like *Lost*, *Supernatural*, *CSI*, *The Big Bang Theory*, and others.

*Bill Stiteler, Michael Lee, Jo Thomsen, Miriam Krause*

## The Skepchicks are Back!

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Meet the blogging ladies from [www.skepchick.org](http://www.skepchick.org).

*Amy Davis Roth, Bug Girl, Carrie Iwan, Maria Walters*

## The Portable Panel

Gaming/Atrium 3

Share and discuss gaming apps on smart phones like the Android and iPhone. We'll also look at the state of gaming on the Sony PSP, iPad, and Nintendo DS platforms.

*Matt Everhart*

## Spotting Mary Sue and Learning How to Avoid Her!

Literature/Bloomington

Don't ruin your story by inserting yourself as the idealized protagonist! Learn how to steer clear of this common pitfall.

*R. Scott McCoy, David Oppegaard, Birdy Kildahl, Dana Baird, Joan Marie Verba*

## DC Universe Animated Films

Comics/Atrium 2

Discuss the recent slate of DC Comics Animated films such as *Crisis on Two Earths*, *Green Lantern First Flight*, *Public Enemies*, and more. How do they stack up to their comic counterparts?

*Britt Aamodt, Doug Trumble, Tom Hogan*

## Counter-Strike: Source

LAN Gaming/2205

Counter-Strike: Source is a first-person shooter that pits a team of terrorists against a team of counter-terrorists. Game types include Hostage Rescue, Bomb Defusal, VIP Escort, and Elimination.

## Beginning Filmmaking - Basic Camera Operation

Movies/Plaza 1

A workshop for beginning filmmakers focusing on basic camera operations. Learn about the basic functions of a camera, proper focusing, terminology and composition.

*Rob Withoff, Chris McWethy, Derek Mahr*



## 6:00PM THURSDAY

### Mark Time Radio Show - Villains on Parade

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

Featuring two of our Guests of Honor being great at being silly. Look for Wally Wingert and Chuck McCann on stage, along with evil sorceresses, villainy TV, and all the hilarity you'd expect from the Dark Side. Nothing but the best in original comic radio!

Windy Bowlsby, Jerry Stearns, **Chuck McCann**, **Wally Wingert**, Tim Wick

## 7:00PM THURSDAY

### Opening Ceremonies

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

Opening Ceremonies for our 2010 convention. Connie Mark II is here to ensure you have a diabolical time... (May continue past 8:00pm)

**L.A. Banks**, **Wally Wingert**, **Chuck McCann**, **Bridget Landry**, **Jeremy Bulloch**, **Paul Cornell**, **Laura Gerald**, **Michael Lee**, **Christopher Jones**, **Ishmael Williams**, **Jon Olsen**, **Lex Larson**, **Thomas Keeley**, **Windy Bowlsby**

### Warcraft III

LAN Gaming/2205

*WarCraft III* is a Real-Time Strategy game that allows you to play as humans, night-elves, orcs, or undead. In an RTS you construct buildings, which in turn allow you to create units. The goal of the game is to completely decimate your opponent's forces. (Continues until 8:30pm)

## 8:00PM THURSDAY

### Noisy Demonstration

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

A variety of brief, noisy, messy, and entertaining science demonstrations: Good for the kids, and kids at heart. Lots of things to pick up and play with, and maybe a coloring contest, too!

Renee Petersen, Jim Shields

### Mad Money

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

When you finally succeed in taking over the world, you are going to need to introduce your own currency. So get a head start by participating in this currency design contest! Winners will be chosen, and prizes will be awarded

## 8:30PM THURSDAY

### Damian Sheridan Reading

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

Damian Sheridan, co-editor of "Parasitic Sands," and author of 2004 MN Fringe Festival show "The Judas Cradle" reads from his work.

Damian Sheridan

### The Mentalist: Is it Real?

Television/Edina Rm.

The Mentalist is one of TV's hottest shows. Come hear the truth about some of Patrick Jayne's stunts.

Dee Bitner

### The Guild as Gamer Representation in Media

Gaming/Atrium 3

How does the popular online web series *The Guild* represent the larger *World of Warcraft* community at large? Is \*the\* guild representative of \*your\* guild? What does Wil Wheaton's role as a recurring season 3 guest star bring to the mix?

Amanda Hofman-Frethem, Geoffrey Hofman-Frethem

### Skepticism 101

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Steve Thoms, Pamela Gay, Lois Schadewald, Greg Laden

### Psychology of Criminals

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Many SF/Fantasy villains are portrayed as just plain evil, but in reality there is a deeper psychology behind criminal behavior that is not explored outside crime novels. Is criminal psychology ever effectively explored in genre characters?

Christoforo Pasquarette, MontiLee Stormer, Jeannie Holmes, Sherry L.M. Merriam, Dana Baird

### Open LAN Gaming

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

Open LAN Gaming is exactly how it sounds. You can choose to play *Counter-Strike: Source*, *StarCraft*, *Team Fortress 2*, or *WarCraft III*. (Continues until 10:00pm)

### Are Special Effects Ruining our Movies?

Movies/Plaza 1

When do effects enhance a movie and when do they detract? If a movie is all flash and no finish, were the effects worth the price of admission?

Jen Manna, Romeo Azar, Jennifer Menken, Tony Bruno

### Moriarty: Everywhere and Nowhere

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Professor Moriarty appeared in only two of the original Sherlock Holmes stories and yet he appears (in some form) in almost every film, radio drama, and television series about Holmes. How did he become so integral to the Holmes mythology?

Ruth Berman, Mary Loving, Mary Bertelson, Cynthia Booth

### Current Popular Manga

Comics/Atrium 2

What are you currently reading? What are some good, current, ongoing manga titles worth following?

Scott Jamison, Abby Lehrke, Teresa Kramer

### Thursday Teen Meet-Up

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Hey, are you a teenager? Looking for an alternative to the adult party scene? Come to this gathering and meet some geeks your own age.

Tabitha Anderson, Brigitte Honaker

## 9:00PM THURSDAY

### Super Villain Smackdown

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Smackdown returns, and this year it's Super Villains duking it out for supremacy. Don't miss this not-entirely-serious deliberation by a panel of experts to determine who would triumph in a no-holds-barred cage match of EVIL!

*Christopher Jones, Tim Wick, Melissa Kaercher, Paul Cornell, Laurie Richardson, Tim Uren, Kelvin Hatle, Joseph Scrimshaw, C. Robert Cargill*

### The Poor Nobodys

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance – 9:00pm-9:45pm

## 10:00PM THURSDAY

### R.Thomas Riley Reading

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

The author of *The Monster Within Idea* will read from some of his work.

*R. Thomas Riley*

### Vaude-Villains Variety Show

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

See black light skeleton body balancing, songs about our favorite cartoon anti-heroes, dances from our favorite femme fatales, a belly-dance act meant to entrance and hypnotize the audience (so they can program you to do their bidding), and so much more.

### Thursday Night Friends of Bill W.

Side Dish/Atrium 2

This meeting space has been set aside for a Friends of Bill W. meeting.

### The Straight Pill

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Some scientists have claimed to find a "gay gene." What are the implications of a drug or device that could alter one's sexual preference, even temporarily? Can parallels be drawn from the Deaf community? Is it a cure or the destruction of a culture?

*Peer Dudda, Andrew Bertke, Don Kaiser, Kelly Murphy*

### From Villains to Warrior Allies: The Arc of the Klingons

Television/Edina Rm.

Discuss the history and progression of Klingon culture over the past 40-plus years. What's next for the Klingons?

*Michael Scott Shappe, Rob Jensen, Bill Hedrick, George Richard*

### International Espionage

Space Lounge/Verandas 1-5

Spy-themed band.

### Evolution of Title Sequences

Movies/Plaza 1

From everything at the beginning to everything at the end and back again. What is the difference between a title sequence and credits? How have title sequences changed and what are some you remember?

*Romeo Azar, Eric Clark*

### Team Fortress 2 (18+)

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

Team Fortress 2 is a team-based First Person Shooter. There are also nine distinct classes with their own types of weaponry and other stats like speed or hit points. Game modes vary from Capture The Flag, Control Points, and Team Deathmatch. (Continues until 11:30pm)

### Monsters of HP Lovecraft

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Explore the range and diversity of Lovecraft's zoo. Don't worry, we won't invoke the nameless one. Again.

*Taylor Kent, Craig A. Finseth, Roy C. Booth, Mark Goldberg*

### Toy Customization

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Mint in the box isn't any fun. Take your toys out of the box and make them look the way you want them to look! This panel will explore ideas for customizing your toys and techniques to do it right.

*Steve Fuchs (mod), Gordon Smuder, Lori Fischer*

### Fringe

Television/Atrium 7

JJ Abrams has brought a unique take on the *X-Files* formula. What is working and what could be improved?

*Matt Weinberg, Matthew Davis, Deborah Frethem, Geoffrey Hoffman-Frethem, Dave Margosian*

### Villains of Anime and Manga

Hot Dish/Atrium 3

From the laughable (Team Rocket) to the insidious (Orochimaru) to the brain-breaking (Godhand), memorable villains are a staple of Anime and Manga. Let's discuss our favorites!

*Anna Waltz, Scott Jamison*

### Tongue in Geek Comedy

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Standup Comedy Block: 10:00pm—10:45pm.

Gus Lynch (10:00), Bryan Miller (10:15), and Patrick Ryan Bauer (10:30)

## 11:00PM THURSDAY

### The Sidhe

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: 11:00pm—11:45pm

## 11:30PM THURSDAY

### Dr. Horrible Sing Along

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Join your fellow Whedonites as you sing along to *Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog*. If you know what the Hammer is, you are probably already planning on being there!

### Whatever Happened to Horror Hosts?

Television/Edina Rm.

Do you remember those late night horror movies shows with the crazy hosts and often bad movies? Whatever happen to those guys?

*Taylor Kent (mod), Nick Larson, Rob Callahan, Bill Stiteler*

### The UFOs Have Landed!

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

The government has said the public cannot be told ET exists because they will freak out like little children and they must be kept in the dark to keep them docile. What do you think? How would YOU react?

*Joel Henry*

### Late Night Nerd Comedy with Kid Dynamite

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Come see Anime Nebraskon's very own Kid Dynamite as he keeps you laughing and falling out of your seats with Nerd/Geek-based mature humor. Plan to not just watch, but get involved via his interactive humorous activities.

*Cay Combs*

### Musical Performance by Voltaire

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

Combining beautiful old-world melodies with viciously sarcastic lyrics, Wagnerian bravado with Brechtian allure, Voltaire has crafted songs of love, loss, revenge and dismemberment sure to bring a smile to even the darkest of souls.

*Voltaire*

### Slash Fiction

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Do you enjoy subversive fiction? Do you squee when two male leads hold a glance for a split second too long? Learn about the fan-history of Slash fiction going all the way back to Kirk and Spock!

*Brett Thompson, Mara Kapp, Anna Waltz, Revolutionary Jo*

### Bond Girls are Forever

Movies/Plaza 1

Some are unattainable (unless you are Bond), some are damsels in distress and some can hold their own with the world's greatest secret agent. Discuss your favorites and the ones who don't make the grade.

*Tony Artym, Daniel Mohr, Michael Kingsley, Romeo Azar, Ben Ellis*

### StarCraft (18+)

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

*StarCraft* is a Real-Time Strategy game that allows you to play as the humanoid Terrans, the psionic powered Protoss, or the insectoid Zerg. Each faction is unique and provides a different play style.

(Continues until 1:00am Friday morning)

### The Seedy Side of Steampunk

Comics/Atrium 2

Evil is so much more alluring when its dressed in fine Victorian attire. From the giant mechanical spider of Doctor Loveless to Baron Klaus Wulfenbach's war on Sparks to the talons of Weng Chiang, the villains of Steam Punk always give us a thrill!

*Gordon Smuder, Clay Lamkin, Mariah Fryer, Nick Valentino*

## MIDNIGHT THURSDAY

### Falcon Arrow

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: Midnight – 12:45am

### Stingray Sam

Space Lounge/Verandas 1-5

A movie that follows two space convicts on a galactic mission. (From the people who brought you *The American Astronaut!*)

## FRIDAY

### 1:00AM FRIDAY

#### Open LAN Gaming (18+)

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

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#### Late Night Local Feature

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

*Destination: Outer Space* Directed by Christopher Mihm. An error during a test flight of Earth's first faster-than-light-speed rocket, that throws Captain Mike Jackson halfway across the galaxy. Now he must use all his wits and derring-do to get back home. (Continues until 3:00am)

*Troy LaFaye (mod)*

### 1:30AM FRIDAY

#### Villain's Dance

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

In-between acts and after the show, dance to the macabre and sinister beats of djs Spleen, dv8, and guests as they keep the eeevil going with industrial and darkwave tunes until the point of collapse, when your wicked sidekick has to carry you home. (Continues until 4:30am)

### 9:30AM FRIDAY

#### Horses in Fact and Fiction

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Join some real cow girls with a passion for sci-fi and fantasy. We will explore the realm of the horse real and imagined. Bring your horse questions and have them answered. Read a good book with horses in it? Bring that too, we'd love to hear about it!

*Joan Dobbert, Lee Reynolds, Sue Lavens, Deb Timm*

## Young Adult Readers Discussion

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

A discussion group for fans of young adult literature. Please note - this is not a moderated panel. It is a roundtable discussion with no assigned panelists.

## Build a Dragon

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

Soft Sculpture Artist, Julie Bowman, will be leading all participants in creating a group "Dragon." She will provide the body parts. You provide the style and personality. Our new friend will be donated to the Geek Partnership Society Charity Auction.

*Julie Bowman*

## Keeping It Simple...

Gaming/Atrium 3

You don't always need an over-complicated character background. Sometimes simple is best and serves the storyline. How do you make that determination?

*Margaret Eastman, Stephen Miller*

## Science and the Internet

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Exploring the sources for scientific information online. Where can you find real scientific information and where will you find bad research, bad data and bad findings?

*Greg Laden, PZ Myers, G. David Nordley, Stephanie Zvan*

## Foley Demonstration

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Crunch, smack, smooch, clip clop, clip clop, heavy breathing, and more! Come add your own soundtrack to a scene using ordinary objects.

*Brian Price, Dave Erwin, Jerry Stearns*

## Disney Villains

Movies/Plaza 1

They fall off of things a lot, but they sure are memorable. Exploring the icons of animation from the White Queen to The Shadow Man. For obvious reasons, this panel will not be held on the 22nd floor.

*Joel Arnold, Lori Fischer, M. K. Melin, Scott Jamison, Caryn Lengkeek*

## I Am Not a Number: The Prisoner Revisited

Television/Edina Rm.

AMC remade the classic 1967 British series last fall. To say it was poorly received is putting it mildly. What was redeeming about this remake and where did it go wrong?

*Craig A. Finseth, Jason Shapiro*

## Practical Rapier for Writers

Side Dish/Atrium 8

An experienced martial artist will demonstrate how swords work with an eye to helping writers convey the experience to their readers. The panel can accommodate a limited number of people so come early to get some hands on experience.

*Jamie Feldman, Doug Hulick*

## Parenting Geeks: Starting Them Young

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Are you raising your kids in fandom? Rearing them on the convention circuit? Were you raised in nerd-dom? What are the prides and pitfalls of growing up outside the "normal" cultural experience?

*Melissa McConnell, Angie Anderson, Naomi Kritzer, Renee Petersen, Kelly Strait, Tom Hogan*

## Sheldon's Always Right

Comics/Atrium 2

Comics and their use in *The Big Bang Theory* situation comedy.

*Dave Margosian, Beth Hansen-Buth, Jonathan Palmer*

## 11:00AM FRIDAY

### Beginning Costuming

Art/Atrium 2

How to get started with your costumes. Learn some basic techniques, whether you own a sewing machine or not. Discuss "found" costumes and basic tips for presenting your costume.

*Amanda Hoffman-Frethem (mod), Tish Cassidy, Joanna Carlson, Bridget Landry, Kath Dimmich*

### Paul Cornell and Joan Marie Verba Signing

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

Guest of Honor Paul Cornell will be available to sign his work. Also available at the table with be Joan Marie Verba.

*Joan Marie Verba, Paul Cornell*

### Without a Scorecard: The Villains of Marvel Comics

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

Since 1961 Marvel has offered grand villains (Doom!), hero villains, villain-heroes and forces of nature (Galactus). Let's explore their (not altogether) bad guys.

*Christopher Jones, Roy C. Booth, Eric Heideman (mod)*

### Men are from Tatooine, Women are from Naboo

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Most relationship books are geared towards...you know...normal people. Meet two geek couples who will share their down-to-earth tips to create successful, happy (and geeky) relationships.

*Joshua Lynsen, Melanie Boerger, Tim Boerger, Annie Lynsen*

### Ooblek

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

Storytime and science, all wrapped into one what could be better? Come explore the properties of Ooblek, a mysterious green substance that the arrogant king caused to fall on the Kingdom of Didd.

*Matthew D. Bannerman*

### Classic Sci-Fi Today

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Where do I start reading? An introductory discussion of classic sci-fi literature for the movie and TV generations. Which books stand the test of time and which just don't work so well? With handouts!

*Rachel Bendtsen (mod), Matt Mackall, Cole Sarrar, Amy Greely, Aaron Prust*

### The Obligatory Far-Out Space Nuts Panel

Television/Edina Rm.

For people of a certain age, the title says it all. For the rest of you, we said lunch, not launch!

*Chuck McCann, Gordon Smuder, Joel Arnold*

## 11:00AM FRIDAY CONTINUED

### D&D: 3.5 versus 4th Edition

Gaming/Atrium 3

Is 4th edition easier to learn or has it shifted the complexity around? It's been two years - has your group switched over? What happens when the inevitable 5th edition is released?

*C. Robert Cargill, Stephen Miller, Paul Harmeyer, Ross Watson, Kevin Horner*

### Play the Armour

Movies/Plaza 1

Creating a convincing character when no-one can see your face. Jeremy talks about working on the *Star Wars* saga and creating a memorable character behind a mask.

*Jeremy Bulloch*

### The Wide World of Sci-Fi Conventions

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

What other science fiction conventions do you attend and why?

*Rachel Kronick, Ben Ellis, Kelly Strait, Michael Merriam*

### Reading 2.0

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

How have eBooks and eBook readers changed how we enjoy the stories and novels we love so much?

*Taylor Kent (mod), Kathy Sullivan, John Debnam, Hugh Morrison*

### Writing for the Theatre of the Mind

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Audio drama is not a lost art. The Big Finish series of Dr. Who audios as well as many great Mark Time Winners show the art form is still alive and well. These days it is easier than ever to make one in your living room.

*David Walbridge, Cayenne Chris Conroy, Jeff Adams, Jerry Stearns, Brian Price*

### Can social networking sites help land me a job?

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Using social media to your advantage and knowing when it can work against you.

*Anjila Olsen (mod), Rob Callahan*

## 11:30AM FRIDAY

### OGLE Gold Winner: We're Alive, Chapter 10

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Written by Kc Wayland of Los Angeles , CA (Continues until 1:00pm)

## NOON FRIDAY

### A Personal Star Trek

Side Dish/Atrium 8

On Earth Date 08.05.2009, a 23-year-old set out to watch all 21 seasons of 24th Century *Star Trek*, having never seen any of them before. Watching one episode per night, he's finished TNG and is deep into DS9 & Voyager. How do these series hold up today?

*Matt Everhart (mod)*

### Word Girl Bad Guys

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Come learn about the PBS show *Word Girl* and her rogues' gallery of language challenged bad guys like Chuck the Evil Sandwich Making guy and Lady Redundant Woman.

*Maira Manion*

### Villains I'll Pay to See

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

Are there villains (Count Dracula?) and/or villain enactors (Christopher Lee?) you like so much that you'll pay to see a film just because that villain/villainous actor is in them? Which actors would you like to see portray your favorite villains?

*David Christenson (mod), Eric Heideman*

### Jeremy Bulloch Signing Friday

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

Guest of Honor Jeremy Bulloch will be available for autograph.

*Jeremy Bulloch*

### Zombie Costuming and Makeup

Art/Atrium 2

How to look your best when you are undead.

*Angelique Montag, Mariah Fryer, Erik Pakieser*

### Angry Puppets

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

Those used sweat socks are pretty angry by themselves. Come learn how to make them true talking

Minions of Evil, at your command.

*Lori Fischer, Angie Anderson*

### Indie Computer Game Development

Gaming/Atrium 3

Not everything is massively-multiplayer. Learn about the indie-gaming scene and how new platforms like smart phones and tablets are shaping the future.

*Doug Thorpe, Geoffrey Benson, Dave Haas*

### Writing in Other People's Worlds

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Writing in established universes can be very rewarding but it can also be a big challenge. How important is continuity and established characters to the writing process?

*Paul Cornell, Roy C. Booth, Joan Marie Verba, L.A. Banks*

### One on One with Bridget Landry

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Get to know our guest of honor in a moderated session that will be filmed for inclusion on the CONvergence 2010 DVD. Bridget also appears in other DVD's available at the merchandise table. Buy now!

*Video Team, Bridget Landry, Windy Bowlsby*

### Villains from the Adam West Batman Series

Television/Edina Rm.

Biff! Pow! Zap! Na-na-na-na-na-na-na BATMAN!

*Wally Wingert, Ed Eastman, Christopher Jones, Stephen Miller*

**Bond Bad Guys: Blofeld & Beyond****Movies/Plaza 1**

From Dr. No to Goldfinger to Jaws to Mr. White, come talk about what makes the villains of James Bond to die for.

*Tony Artym, Daniel Mohr, Ben Ellis, Chris Stenzel, Romeo Azar, Charlie Paulsen*

**StarCraft****LAN Gaming/Vista 2205**

*StarCraft* is a Real-Time Strategy game that allows you to play as the humanoid Terrans, the psionic powered Protoss, or the insectoid Zerg. Each faction is unique and provides a different play style. (Continues until 2:00pm)

**Alchemy and the Writer****Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

Looking at the root concepts of Alchemy and how they can be applied morally and thematically to your writing.

*John Shea, David Buth, Veronica Cummer*

**Shiny New Anime****Audio Visual/Atrium 6**

Want to get into Anime and don't know where to start? There's so much out there. Let our experienced guides walk you through the best of Japanese animation from the past year.

*Jessi Silver, Boris Smelov, Jo Thomsen*

**2:00PM FRIDAY****Joan Marie Verba and Tim Lieder Signing****Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.**

Joan Marie Verba and Tim Lieder will be available to sign their work.

*Tim Lieder, Joan Marie Verba*

**Stephanie Zvan Reading****Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

The author of *The End of Eternity* and *Among the Trees* reads from her work.

*Stephanie Zvan*

**Sherlock Holmes****Movies/Plaza 1**

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's detective has seen a great many films devoted to his adventures. The most recent film (starring Jude Law and Robert Downey, Jr.) was another portrait of the character refracted through the world in which it was made.

*Melissa McConnell, Miriam Krause, Lois McMaster Bujold, M. K. Melin, Cynthia Booth, Marguerite Krause*

**The Other Side: Ghost Hunting & Evidence Review****Audio Visual/Atrium 6**

How to investigate the Paranormal, from setting up a team to reviewing evidence. Presented by Dave Schrader, host of Paranormal Radio and author of *The Other Side: A Teens Guide to Ghost Hunting and the Paranormal*.

*Dave Schrader*

**Hannys Voorwerp I****Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3**

Hanny finds the Voorwerp and goes to wise astronomers to seek knowledge, but is told she has found something new and magical, and is sent to discover the true nature of the object. Join our band of writers and illustrators as we chronicle Hannys journey.

*Kelly McCullough, Pamela Gay*

**Dodge Ball!****Hot Dish/Outdoors**

"If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball!" Get out of the hotel for a while and enjoy that fine Minnesota summer! This time it isn't the jocks vs. the geeks - the geeks own the field! Event will be held outside between the towers. Rain or Shine.

*Angie Anderson, Laurie Richardson (mod)*

**Putting the Story into RPGs****Gaming/Atrium 3**

Is your gaming group stuck in a "hack-and-slash" or "dungeon-crawling" mentality? How can you best introduce (or reintroduce) role-playing elements to your campaigns and get your participants to play along?

*Beth Kinderman, Rich Shepardson, Rachel Kronick, Rockford Lhotka*

**One on One with Paul Cornell****Television/Edina Rm.**

Get to know our guest of honor in a moderated session that will be filmed for inclusion on the CONvergence 2010 DVD. But why wait for next year when you can experience it first hand?

*Video Team, Paul Cornell*

**Physics for the Scientifically Inept****Science & Technology/Atrium 7**

Sure, we all know that bricks and feathers fall at the same rate in a vacuum, but how many of us know why? Science made simple so when your kids ask you to help with their homework, you don't mess it up.

*Bridget Landry*

**I Love My Archetypal Characters****Literature/Bloomington Rm.**

Creating characters that the reader instantly recognizes and identifies with. Using archetypes for good and not evil.

*R. Scott McCoy, Rob Callahan, Andre Guirard, Dayna Jean Wolter, Dana Baird*

**Giant Atomic Monsters****Side Dish/Atrium 8**

Are they really villains? Aren't they just forces of (warped) nature?

*Taylor Kent, Craig A. Finseth, Todd Murray, Bill Stiteler*

**Atheism in Popular Culture****Hot Dish/Atrium 4**

Popular media seems to have something against atheism. Why is every other belief system given the benefit of a doubt while atheists constantly have theirs challenged and questioned?

*Tim Wick (mod), Jen Manna, Melissa Kaercher, C. Robert Cargill, David Walbridge, Ted Meissner*



## 2:00PM FRIDAY CONTINUED

### Open LAN Gaming

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LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### Bring Me Up To Speed...

Fallen behind on your comic book reading? Want to know what's going on in the DC and Marvel universes? Come to this panel and get brought up to speed, rapid-fire style, by our experts!  
*Jonathan Palmer, Scott Jamison*

Comics/Atrium 2

### Rogue Galleries

Which Superhero has the best rogue gallery? The Flash? Batman? Spiderman? Let's duke it out!  
*Daniel Wallace, Mark Stegbauer, Christopher Jones*

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

### Japanese Space Program

Performance: 2:00pm – 2:45pm

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

### Classic Video Game Tournament

Our second annual classic video game tournament! Signup starts at 2:00pm. Tournament continues until 4:00pm.

Space Lounge/Verandas 1-5

## 3:00PM FRIDAY

### Orkestar Bez Ime

Performance: 3:00pm – 3:45pm

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 3:30PM FRIDAY

### Whither art thou, Ripley?

Ripley tore up the aliens in 1986. 20 years later, we get white republican housewives (*The Blind Side*), loyal natives (*Avatar*), and bloggers seeking identity through cooking (*Julie & Julia*). Our heroines kicked butt 20 years ago - what happened?!?!  
*Windy Bowlsby (mod), Laura Gerald, Lex Larson*

Movies/Atrium 8

### Bizzaro: What Is It and Why Should I Care?

Bizzaro is a new genre for fiction and films that fit into no other category. What is it all about? And what books, films, and authors should I pay attention to in this new genre?  
*Taylor Kent (mod), Matthew Davis, Hugh Morrison*

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

### Dave Schrader and Michael Merriam Singing

Dave Schrader, host of Paranormal Radio and author of *The Other Side: A Teens Guide to Ghost Hunting and the Paranormal* will be available to sign books. Also available will be Michael Merriam, author of *A Hot Cup at the Last Station*.  
*Dave Schrader, Michael Merriam*

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

### Is Roller Derby the Ultimate Geek Sport?

Rollergirls are super awesome and if you haven't noticed, a whole lot of 'em hang out at CONvergence. So do their fans. Geeks aren't stereotypically into traditional sports - what is it about roller derby that appeals to us?  
*Jeremy Stomberg (mod), Eve L Hazard, Caly McMorro, Amy Ronning*

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

### The Amazing World of Quantum Mechanics

We were promised jetpacks and flying cars but we have cell phones and laptops instead! What did Science Fiction and comic books miss? Simply put, they expected a revolution in energy and we have a revolution in information, enabled by quantum mechanics.  
*Jim Kakalios (mod)*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### Science Inquiry

You can't do science without questions!! Asking questions is, in fact, the heart of science and science ideas! Come learn about science and its nature - it'll be like high school again, except without the acne. (Continues until 6:00pm)  
*Matthew D. Bannerman*

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

### Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading

Members of Broad Universe will read their short fiction. Broad Universe is an international organization with the primary goal of promoting science fiction, fantasy, and horror written by women.  
*Kathy Sullivan, Catherine Schaff-Stump*

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

### Not in My Game!

Things that you won't allow in your games as a GameMaster.  
*James Turnbull, Ed Eastman, Margaret Eastman*

Gaming/Atrium 3

### Give Those Villainous Nymphs Some Evil Hooters

I'm not bad... I'm just drawn that way. The ideas of villainy and sexualization - do they go hand in hand?  
*Jen Manna (mod), Laura Thurston, Alexandra Howes, Mariah Fryer, Christofo Pasquarette*

Art/Atrium 2

### Supernatural Chick Lit

Paranormal Chick Lit. Why regular guys haven't got a chance. The works of L.A. Banks, Laurel K. Hamilton, Mary Janice Davidson, Sherilynn Kenyon and other chick lit writers.  
*L.A. Banks, Tangee Harrison, Jody Wurl, Tish Cassidy, Dayna Jean Volter*

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

### Bulls\*\*t Detection Kit: Why Pseudo-Science Doesn't Deliver

Exploring pseudo science and why it is highly improbable. It is called pseudo science for a reason.  
*Ted Meissner, David Walbridge, Greg Laden, Steve Thoms, Bug Girl, Stephanie Zvan, Lois Schadewald*

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

**The Dharma Initiative: Lost Wrap Up**

Television/Edina Rm.

After the explosive series finale, discuss any remaining dangling plot threads and characters you loved or hated

*Laura Graves, Derek Mahr, Jason Shapiro, Michael Lee*

**Counter-Strike: Source**

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

*Counter-Strike: Source* is a first-person shooter that pits a team of terrorists against a team of counter-terrorists. Game types include Hostage Rescue, Bomb Defusal, VIP Escort, and Elimination.

(Continues until 5:00pm)

**The Year in Review**

Movies/Plaza 1

Talk about all the movies that have been in theatres since we last met.

*C. Robert Cargill, Tim Lieder, Romeo Azar, Melissa Kaercher, M. K. Melin*

**4:00PM FRIDAY****24-Hour Song Writing Challenge Part 1**

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Ever want a songwriter to write a song about whatever you tell them to? Now's your chance! Come and your suggested song topic might be selected as the one. Challenge your panelists to maximum creativity!

(Continues until 4:45pm)

*Raymond Yates, Michael Matheny, Chad Dutton, Todd Madson, Tim Wick, Keith Spears*

**5:00PM FRIDAY****L.A. Banks Reading**

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

Guest of Honor L.A. Banks heads to the Dorian Gray Literary Lounge to read some of her work in this wonderful intimate setting.

*L.A. Banks*

**Ask a Podcaster Almost Anything!**

Science &amp; Technology/Atrium 7

Podcasters answer your questions on the who, what, when, where, why, and how of podcasting.

*Taylor Kent (mod), Cayenne Chris Conroy, Hugh Morrison, Pamela Gay, Sue Grandys*

**Minn-Spec Meeting and Meet-up**

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

Learn about this resource-sharing network for professional and aspiring speculative fiction writers and their reader friends.

*Michael Merriam (mod)*

**Beginning Gamemastering**

Gaming/Atrium 3

A team of experienced GMs will tell you everything you ever wanted to know about running your own game. This audience driven discussion will be geared towards people who have little or no experience running role-playing games.

*Beth Kinderman (mod), Eric Zawadzki, Stephen Miller, Rachel Kronick, Ross Watson*

**CONvergence 2020**

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Last year we spun Convergence Events, Inc off as a new and separate organization to give us greater focus. In this presentation and discussion, we will be discussing our vision for the next ten years of the convention and organization.

*Michael Lee (mod), Christopher Jones, Jon Olsen, Thomas Keeley, Laura Gerald, Windy Bowlsby, Ishmael Williams, Lex Larson*

**Jeannie Holmes and Joel Arnold signing**

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

Jeannie Holmes and Joel Arnold will be available to sign their work.

*Joel Arnold, Jeannie Holmes*

**Writing for Different Mediums**

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

You treat ideas differently depending on what format you are writing in. The same story will be written very differently for a comic than it would be for a novel. Learn the differences and the similarities.

*R. Scott McCoy, Rob Callahan, Jerry Stearns, Brian Price, Roy C. Booth*

**Many Characters, Two People**

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Wally and Chuck talk about their work as voice over actors. Learn about their favorite characters, coax them into performing a little bit or just sit back and enjoy their personalities. All of them.

*Wally Wingert, Chuck McCann, David Romm (mod)*

**Mask Making Tips and Tricks**

Art/Atrium 2

Create or improve your mysterious visage with tips learned from this panel. How to get started, what to use, and logistical considerations, like breathing and seeing.

*Todd Murray, Renee Petersen, Angeliue Montag*

**Genre Films Outside the U.S.**

Movies/Plaza 1

*City of Lost Children, Pan's Labyrinth, Let the Right One In, The Host* and other films that address genre topics with subtitles. Let's discuss foreign films that we should all be watching.

*Jen Manna, Paul Harmeyer, M. K. Melin, MontiLee Stormer, C. Robert Cargill*

**Team Fortress 2**

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

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**The Adventure is Yours!**

Side Dish/Atrium 8

An exploration of interactive fiction, including Choose Your Own Adventure novels, text adventures, RPGs, theatrical work, and new media forms. A CONvergence panel in which YOU are the hero!

*Melissa Kaercher, Pat Harrigan, Joseph Scrimshaw, Jerry Belich*

## 5:00PM FRIDAY CONTINUED

### The Doctor Dances: Examining Relationships in Dr. Who

Television/Edina Rm.

The new continuation of *Doctor Who* has introduced a romantic element that wasn't present in the original series - or was it? How has the Doctor's relationships with his companions and their families evolved over time?

*Paul Cornell, Michael Scott Shappe, Lynne Thomas, Kathy Sullivan, Christa Dickson*

Riverfolk

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: 5:00pm – 5:45pm.

## 6:00PM FRIDAY

### The Long Straight Forever

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

Celtic Rock. So you're all going to love this...

Damian Sheridan

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: 6:00pm – 6:45pm.

*Damian Sheridan*

## 7:00PM FRIDAY

### Chinese Martial Arts Cinema

Movies/Plaza 1

Come and talk about your favorite examples of martial arts films from China and other parts of Asia.

*Jose Figueroa*

### GPS/MISFITS - All You Need to Know

Side Dish/Atrium 2

Learn about the transition from MISFITS to GPS and the clubs and events they sponsor throughout the year.

*Dave Benhart, Peter Verrant, Charles Piehl*

### Writing Contest Reception

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Meet the winners of the GPS writing contest to talk about the contest and their work.

*Hilary Moon Murphy, Charlotte Nickerson, Jodie Gustafson, Kelly McCullough*

### What would that Mac-Guy Do?

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

You think you have what it takes to be an evil genius? Come prove it! We have the materials for our own Evil Triathlon, that only an evil Mac(Copyright infringement avoided)-guy could triumph over. Bring it, evil overlords. (Continues until 9:00pm)

*Rob Withoff*

### Poetry Slam

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

Don't know what a Poetry Slam is? Come find out. (Continues until 9:00pm)

*Matthew Rucker*

### Does Evil Exist?

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Psychologically speaking is anyone or anything truly "evil?" How do we define evil and does that definition shift so much as to make it meaningless?

*Jay Curry, John Shea, Chris Stenzel, Christoforo Pasquarette, Derek Mahr*

### Steampunk on the Page

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Wind up your quill pen and get ready to go! What makes a story Steampunk and what are some of the best examples?

*Roy C. Booth, Michael Merriam, Rob Jensen, Michael Levy, Nick Valentino*

### Campaign CONvergence Presents "Evil Presidential Debates"

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Come and listen to evil presidential candidates blast, browbeat and backstab each other in a no-holds barred "debate!" Pledge your fealty to your future leader. Brought to you by the Campaign CONvergence Party room.

*Tonya Wershow, Ming the Merciless, Genevieve Woodward, Captain Hook, The Wicked Witch of the West*

### StarCraft Tournament

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

Our *StarCraft* Tournament this year will be very similar to previous years. A complete Free-For-All with victory going to the last gamer standing! (Continues until 8:30pm)

### The Big Bang Theory

Television/Edina Rm.

Geeks are in vogue in the mainstream because of this show. Discuss favorite characters, plot lines, and where you'd like to see Sheldon and the gang go next.

*Stephan Stomberg, Jenni Klumpp, Tish Cassidy, Dave Margosian, Tony Artym*

### Bad Boys Are Cuter!

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Why are we attracted to the bad ones? Batman, Darth Vader, Dracula, Wolverine. Good guys or bad guys, why are the dark brooding ones so damn sexy?

*Amada Marquez, Tracie Peters, Jeannie Holmes, L.A. Banks, James Turnbull*

### Console Wars IV: The Quest for Peace

Gaming/Atrium 3

Join us for our fourth annual examination of the current-generation console systems and portable products. Is there anything new on the horizon? What about 3D gaming? Which console is right for you?

*Matt Everhart (mod), Clay Lamkin, Andrew Davies*

### The Idisi

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: 7:00pm – 7:45pm.

## 7:30PM FRIDAY

### Macbeth: The Video Game Remix

Shakespeare's classic tale of treachery and bloody destiny, warped into a world of group raids, power ups and multiplayer side-quests. The tale of a noob destined to be king... if he can ever make it out of first level. Scotland is pwnd. (Continues until 7:30pm)

*Tim Uren, Bill Stiteler*

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

## 8:00PM FRIDAY

### The Grand Scheme

Performance: 8:00pm – 8:45pm

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 8:30PM FRIDAY

### Torchwood: Inside the Hub

Discuss the monumental events of *Children of Earth* and pontificate about the possibility of a US version of Torchwood.

*Amanda Hofman-Frethem, Charlie Paulsen, Melanie Allickson, Steve Manfred, Lynne Thomas*

Television/Edina Rm.

### Tales of the Unanticipated Party

Hang out with the staff of and contributors to this long-running (since 1986) speculative fiction magazine-anthology. (Continues until 3:00am)

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

### Creating the Klingon

A demonstration of making a Klingon headpiece from start to finish along with a discussion of the art of Klingon costuming.

*Bill Hedrick, Holly Luckes, Rae Lundquist*

Art/Atrium 2

### Relax and Unwind! Group Hypnosis Session

The Induction Demo and group hypnosis sessions give you a chance to experience hypnosis for yourself! To participate, please be 18+ for legal consent reasons but anyone can watch.

*Dee Bitner*

Hot Dish/Plaza 1

### Physics or Fantasy?

Perpetual motion machines, cold fusion, free energy and other fake science stories. Where do they come from and what does physics really allow?

*Jennifer Ouellette, Pamela Gay, Stephanie Zvan, Lois Schadowald*

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

### Friday Teen Meet-Up

Hey, are you a teenager? Looking for an alternative to the adult party scene? Come to this gathering and meet some geeks your own age.

*Tabitha Anderson, Brigitte Honaker*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

### Open LAN Gaming

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LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### Social Contracts in Gaming

Every gaming group has rules it plays by. Who brings the Cheetos? Are laptops OK? Will Monty Python quotes get my character summarily executed? These rules are a social contract. We'll talk about the tricky social negotiations in gaming.

*Rachel Kronick (mod), Beth Kinderman, Aaron VanderGiessen, Eric Zawadzki, Ross Watson*

Gaming/Atrium 3

### Drinking with Geeks

Experienced drinking geeks will spend the first half of the panel discussing and imbibing sophisticated alcoholic beverages. The second half of the panel they'll just shout things like, I love you, man! And damn, this panel was a bad idea.

*Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw, Bill Stiteler, Melissa Kaercher, Laurie Richardson*

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

### 2010 Midwest Sci-fi Short Film Festival

Our second annual short film festival featuring as many locally produced short films as we can fit into two and a half hours. (Continues until Midnight)

*Troy LaFaye*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### Thee Bluebeard Show

Come see Thee Bluebeard Show! It's a late-night talk comedy show with YOU as the guest! Your host, Thee Bluebeard, will randomly grab audience members and interview them. A few scheduled interviews, improv comedy, giveaways and a giant llama to boot.

*Brian Miskelly*

Hot Dish/Bloomington Rm.

## 9:00PM FRIDAY

### Shakespeare's Love Child

Performance: 9:00pm – 9:45pm.

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

### Sci-Fi Cabaret

The infamous Space Lounge Cabaret returns: *Naked! With a Unicorn: The MUSICAL!* IN 3D! (All ages welcome). (Continues until 11:00pm)

Space Lounge/Verandas 1-5

## 10:00PM FRIDAY

### Advanced Zombie Survival

So you got past the first wave? There are more coming and you need to know how to handle the long haul. How to deal with zombies and, more importantly, how to make sure that your human allies don't turn into liabilities.

*Michael Spaulding (mod), Ted Meissner, Mariah Fryer, Mark Stegbauer, Dustin Guest*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

### Geek Dating 101

Ever wondered what the best way to pick up that hot geek/nerd boy/girl was? Well, look no further. Come join Anime Nebraska's Kid Dynamite in a hilarious, yet informative guide on how to find the geek/nerd love of your life.

*Cay Combs*

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

### Jeannie Holmes Reading

Jeannie Holmes reads from her newly released novel *Blood Law* and other works.

*Jeannie Holmes*

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

### Sci-Fi Made Me Gay and Other Influences

From the panelists who brought you "Saturday Morning Cartoons Made Me Gay" here comes another round of fun...

*Brett Thompson, Rebecca Marjesdatter, Don Kaiser, Paul Harmeyer*

Hot Dish/Atrium 3

### Iron Man 2

We know you saw it. What did you think?

*Romeo Azar, Tom Hogan*

Movies/Plaza 1

### Adding You on Facebook Doesn't Make You My Friend

What is the current climate of social networking like? Facebook, LiveJournal, MySpace, Twitter, and more!

*Jen Manna, Tracie Peters, Christa Dickson, Melissa Kaercher, Marie Hulslander*

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

### Drifters, Forgers, and Thieves: The Appeal of the Con

Discuss the appeal of genre shows like *Hustle*, *Leverage*, and *White Collar* that examine vigilante justice in the board room.

*Heather Johnson, Jo Thomsen, Theora Hildebrand, Matt Weinberg, Alea Ellingsberg*

Television/Edina Rm.

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LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### Friday Night Friends of Bill W.

This meeting space has been set aside for a Friends of Bill W. meeting.

Side Dish/Atrium 2

### You Can't Go Back to Pern

Books you read in your youth that now kinda suck. Please note the panel title was suggested by someone else. Don't throw rocks at us.

*Tim Lieder, Kara Redding, Naomi Kritzer, Michael Levy, Kath Dimmich*

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

### Tongue in Geek Comedy II

Comedy from Amy Burge (10:00pm), Corey Adam (10:15 PM), and Bill Young (10:30)

*Amy Burge, Bill Young, Corey Adam*

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 10:30PM FRIDAY

### Vilification Tennis

The show that violated fire codes in Harmonic CONvergence is back and they brought their ASL interpreters with them! Enjoy their offensive insults in fabulous sign-o-rama (TM) and learn why they should never, ever, be given microphones.

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

## 11:00PM FRIDAY

### Voluntary Nightmare

Performance 11:00pm – 11:45pm.

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 11:30PM FRIDAY

### How to be an Evil Overlord

So you have some minions and a diabolical plan. In today's busy evil overlord marketplace, you need a lot more. Learn about the pitfalls and the rewards of this challenging career path.

*Chris Stenzel, Christoforo Pasquarette*

Hot Dish/Bloomington Rm.

### 48-Hour Film Projects

With the rising popularity of 48-hour film projects, let's talk about how to make a movie quickly and maintain quality. Guerilla filmmaking at its core.

*Stephan Stomberg, David Potter, Derek Mahr*

Movies/Plaza 1

### Late Night Music Circle - Friday

An open opportunity for anyone to come and sing/play/listen to music. Anyone is welcome no matter what your musical ability.

*Becca Leathers (mod)*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

### Ghost Hunting: The Paranormal on Television

What are your favorite paranormal shows currently airing? *Ghost Hunters*, *Ghost Adventures*, or others?

Learn about recommendations from the past like *In Search Of...*

*Holly Spotts, Romeo Azar, Dave Schrader*

Television/Edina Rm.

### Why Sex is Fun: The Evolutionary Biology of Sex

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Explore the details of the evolution of biology. Why is the game of the sexes so intricate and interesting?  
*Craig A. Finseth, Rachel Maccabee, Jennifer Menken, M. K. Melin*

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LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

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### Well-Behaved Women Never Kick Butt

Side Dish/Atrium 3

But we love it when they do. Storm Fools Storytellers will share stories about favorite kick-butt women (like Buffy and Wonder Woman), then open the floor to your 5-minute or less kick-butt stories or poems.  
*Britt Aamodt*

### Monty Python Quote-Along

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

You hear it all weekend long. Now's here your chance to escape it by avoiding the people in this room. We give you an hour of solace knowing that the Monty Python quoters are all in this room together.  
*Tony Artym, Ed Eastman, Ben Ellis*

### History of Comic Book Villains

Comics/Atrium 2

Discussion of the history of the super villain in comic books. Where did the bad guys start and what have they become?

*Daniel Wallace, Jonathan Palmer*

## MIDNIGHT FRIDAY

### Ionosphere Casting Shadows

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: Midnight – 12:45am.

## SATURDAY

### 1:00AM SATURDAY

#### Snidely's Ball

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

Our retro-inspired dance night will give you a taste of evil through the decades. From mean-a-delic disco, to the maligned 80's, into the sneaky 90's and mischievous aughts, we'll even bring you retro music from the future! (Continues until 4:00am)

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#### Late Night Local Feature

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

*Dawning*, Dir. by Gregg Holtgrewe. A family is about to spend a weekend at their lake cabin, when a stranger, potentially under the spell of some un-seen presence, appears in the cabin and tells the family that he has come to save them... but from what? (Continues until 3:00am)

*Troy LaFaye (mod)*

### 9:30AM SATURDAY

#### Martial Arts Demo

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Hands on demo with convention favorite Jose Figueroa.  
*Jose Figueroa*

#### "I can't harm \*what\*?"

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

What is harm? Does it matter if one harms a robot? How aware does something have to be before harming it is morally unacceptable? What robotic characteristics bring about human empathy?

*Michael Walsh, G. David Nordley, Craig A. Finseth*

#### Is Copyright Useful in a Digital Age?

Side Dish/Atrium 8

This panel will focus on the philosophical question of whether or not copyright is a useful concept.

*Eric Hopper, Meredith Gillies, Rebecca Marjesdatter, Terry Faust, Stephen Miller*

#### Family-Friendly Evil Mask Making

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

Every good villain has a mask!

*Angie Anderson*

#### MN Speculative Fiction Writers Group Reading

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

Come learn about this local resource for working SF/F/H writers, and hear members read from their work.  
*Michael Merriam*

#### Costuming Different Eras

Art/Atrium 2

The minutiae of historical costuming. Short cuts to making something look period even if it isn't.

*Bridget Landry, Tish Cassidy, Kath Dimmich*

#### Variety Morning Kid Shows

Television/Edina Rm.

Looking back at the classic Saturday morning kid shows that pre-dated Saturday morning cartoons:

*Howdy Doody, Soupy Sales and **Chuck McCann!***

*Chuck McCann*

#### Young Adult Literature (w/Suggestions from Teens)

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Young people tell their peers what books they are reading and which ones they recommend to others.

*Tabitha Anderson, Aiyana Deal, Brigitte Honaker*



## 9:30AM SATURDAY CONTINUED

### Voices in Space

What makes Daleks sound evil and good guys sound good? Why do we know and what makes us tell them apart? How does sound help create character and not just caricature? We explore the technical, psychological and stylistic answers to these questions.

*Cayenne Chris Conroy, Jeff Adams, Jerry Stearns, Brian Price*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### Beginning Filmmaking - Basic Lighting

A workshop on basic lighting techniques. Learn about different types of lights and how to use them for basic film/video shoots.

*Rob Withoff, Derek Mahr*

Movies/Plaza 1

## 11:00AM SATURDAY

### Chicks Dig Time Lords and Stephen Miller signing

Editors and contributors for *Chicks Dig Time Lords* will be available to sign and discuss the book. Also present will be Stephen Miller, Co-author of *Gaslight: A Victorian Fantasy Campaign Setting*.

*Lynne Thomas, Stephen Miller, Christa Dickson, Kathy Sullivan*

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

### Writing Fiction in Multiple Genres

L.A. Banks considers herself a shape shifter, having written vampire huntress, crime and suspense and women's fiction. She and other authors talk about the challenges and benefits of writing fiction in multiple genres.

*L.A. Banks, Roy C. Booth, Eleanor Arnason, Eric Heideman (mod)*

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

### Lois McMaster Bujold Reading

Former CONvergence Guest of Honor Lois McMaster Bujold presents a reading of her work.

*Lois McMaster Bujold*

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

### Sarah Connor Chronicles: What You Missed

Discussion of the finer details of the late, lamented series. Minor story arcs, subtle character development and behind the scenes information that sheds light on the broader concept of the show and its characters.

*Theora Hildebrand, Charlotte Nickerson, Jo Thomsen*

Television/Edina Rm.

### Indie Gaming: 3D Modeling and Level Editing

Dig your teeth into the technical development side of indie game developing.

*Doug Thorpe, Dave Haas, Tony Bruno*

Gaming/Atrium 3

### Hannys Voorwerp II

Hanny finds the Voorwerp and goes to wise astronomers to seek knowledge, but is told she has found something new and magical, and has to discover the true nature of the object. Join our band of writers and illustrators as we chronicle Hannys journey.

*Kelly McCullough, Pamela Gay*

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

### Creating Mini People

From Asian Ball-Joint Dolls to Cabbage Patch Kids to VooDoo Dolls, talk about the type of dolls that are out there, how to start your collection, and how to convince your friends they are that creepy.

*Holly Spotts, Rebecca Marjesdatter, Lori Fischer*

Art/Atrium 2

### One on One with Wally Wingert

Get to know our Guest of Honor in a moderated Q & A session that will be filmed for inclusion on the CONvergence 2010 DVD. Be the star of your own souvenir!

*Video Team, Wally Wingert*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

### How to Create a Good Villain

What makes a villain stand out from all the others? How do you write a villain like Dracula or Marissa Coulter and not one like any number of villains we can't remember to use as an example.

*R. Scott McCoy, Christoforo Pasqualette, Andre Guirard, Jeannie Holmes*

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

### Do Ghosts Really Exist?

The science of paranormal investigation. Is it possible that ghosts really exist and how can we prove it?

*Stephan Stomberg, Dave Schrader, Rich Shepardson*

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

### Losing My Religion

Losing your religion without losing your family and friends.

*Jen Manna, Ted Meissner, David Walbridge, Maria Walters, PZ Myers, Carrie Iwan, Debbie Goddard, Jennifer Ouellette, Lyra Lynx, Bug Girl*

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

### Old Time Radio

What are some of your favorite shows from days gone by? What are your best options for acquiring old time shows that are in the public domain?

*Taylor Kent, Jeff Adams, Scott Jamison*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### Up Up and Away!

Justice League anyone? Superman 3.0? The Avengers? Super hero movies are hot and getting hotter. What is next and what do we want to see?

*Derek Mahr, Doug Trumble, Romeo Azar, Daniel Wallace*

Movies/Plaza 1

### Mark Time Awards Gold; The Rookie

Written by Julie Hoverson of Seattle, WA

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## NOON SATURDAY

### Songs I Wish I Wrote

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Our panelists share some favorite songs they wished they had actually authored. Join them as they wax poetic about how much greater it would have been if THEY had written "Stairway to Heaven".

(Continues until 12:45pm)

*Raymond Yates, Adam Stemple, Becca Leathers, Gabriel Hilmar, Michael Matheny*

## 12:30PM SATURDAY

### Lois McMaster Bujold and Kelly McCullough Signing

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

Former Guests of Honor Lois McMaster Bujold and Kelly McCullough will be available to sign their work.

*Kelly McCullough, Lois McMaster Bujold*

### Poetry Workshop

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

A workshop focused on creating fantastic images, using humor and poetry form and models hosted by poet Sandra Lindow. Written critiques will be available for those who pre-submitted their works but the workshop is open to anyone. (Continues until 2:00pm)

*Sandra Lindow*

### How Do I Do That: Balloon Animals

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

Michael McDole and John Warland will be running simultaneous classes on beginning and intermediate Balloon Sculpting. Come join in the fun. Squeak, squeak, POP!!! Allergy Warning: Latex & Loud Noises!

*John Warland, Michael McDole*

### Profanity as a Fraking Function of Language

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

What is it about profanity that is so bloody satisfying? Why and how do people use profanity? A look at the life cycle of and cultural differences in profanity. Also a discussion of the manifestation and application in sci-fi and fantasy.

*Kelly Murphy (mod), M. K. Melin, Hilary Moon Murphy, Rebecca Marjesdatter*

### Geeking the Fringe

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

If you aren't experiencing the Minnesota Fringe Festival, you are missing out on great geek culture. Where do you think shows like *Thac0* got their start? Learn about geeks in the Fringe, their shows, and how you can get involved.

*Damian Sheridan, Joseph Scrimshaw, Bill Stiteler, Tim Wick (mod)*

### Working on the New Who

Television/Edina Rm.

Guest of Honor Paul Cornell has written three episodes of the New series for two different Doctors. He introduced Rose's father and turned the Doctor into a human. He will talk about working with the production team on the popular new series.

*Paul Cornell*

### Science and the Media

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Ways in which scientific findings are reported and distorted by the media.

*Bridget Landry, Rachel Maccabee, Stephanie Zvan, Greg Laden*

### One on One with Chuck McCann

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Get to know our guest of honor in a moderated Q & A session that will be filmed for the CONvergence 2010 DVD. We'll ask the questions you didn't know you wanted to ask! This event will be moderated by another GoH, Wally Wingert!

*Chuck McCann, Video Team, Wally Wingert (mod)*

### Warcraft III

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

*WarCraft III* is a real-time strategy game that allows you to play as humans, night-elves, orcs, or undead. In a RTS, you construct buildings which in turn allow you to create units. The goal of the game is to completely decimate your opponent's forces. (Continues until 2:00pm)

### You Got Monsters in My Jane Austin!

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

The new genre of inserting monsters into public domain works. Is it a passing fad or is it here to stay? Is any of it any good?

*Jody Wurl, MontiLee Stormer*

### Alice(s) in Wonderland(s)

Movies/Plaza 1

Compare Tim Burton's latest film effort with the recent Syfy version, the Disney animated classic, and every other adaptation of Lewis Carroll's 19th century masterpiece.

*Tracie Peters, Amada Marquez, Craig A. Finseth, Ruth Berman*

### Comics that Kids can Enjoy

Comics/Atrium 2

Sometimes comics are for kids! Come and share your favorite age-appropriate comic books.

*Jen Manna, Mark Stegbauer, Cynthia Booth, Dave Margosian*

### Dusting Off the Shelves

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

Classic books of any genre that are still relevant to the modern reader. What are your favorites and what makes them a classic?

*R. Scott McCoy, David Oppegaard, Kathy Sullivan, Tim Lieder, Matthew Davis*

### I'm not the Token Wench: Strategies for Girls in Gaming Groups

Gaming/Atrium 3

How to have fun and hold your own when you are "out-manned."

*Beth Kinderman, Angelique Montag, Tangee Harrison (mod), Heather Johnson, Jules Mohr*

## 1:00PM SATURDAY

### Space Craft: Black Light Ball Prep & Dance Instruction

Come make crafty projects to wear to the black light ball later in the evening. Craft a glowy boutonniere or neon crown and learn how to dance a spacey minuet! (Continues until 4:00pm)

**Adam Stemple**

Performance: 1:00pm – 1:45pm.

Space Lounge/Verandas 1-5

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 2:00PM SATURDAY

### L.A. Banks Signing

Guest of Honor L.A. Banks will be on hand to sign her work for convention attendees.

**L.A. Banks**

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

### Rivendell Group Discussion: Narnia

Join this discussion of the novel *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* from C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. Sponsored by the Rivendell group, a Twin Cities fantasy book discussion group that has met regularly since late 1973 or early 1974.

*David Lenander*

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

### Raptor Center

GPS Raptor Center Presentation (Continues until 5:00pm)

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

### Shirt Modification: What, this old Thing?

Come learn how much fun an old t-shirt can be! Learn how to turn your old t-shirts into new designs, fun accessories, even household goods. Bring a shirt, and by the end you'll have something brand new to wear. What did you do to that t-shirt? (Continues until 4:30pm)

*Electra Vincent, Leora Effinger-Weintraub, Eli Effinger-Weintraub*

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

### Know Your Meme

Can't tell a LOL cat from LOL rus? Did you accidentally the whole convention? No idea what we are talking about? Fail! Come to the panel.

*Matt Weinberg, Jessi Silver, Laura Graves, Lori Fischer, Jo Thomsen, Holly Spotts*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### Women as Skeptical Activists

*Maria Walters, Carrie Iwan, Pamela Gay, Jennifer Newport, Debbie Goddard*

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

### Cool, Quirky, & Creepy: The Villains of Joss Whedon

Dr. Horrible, Angelus, Spike, and Adelai Nishka are among the many villains featured in Joss Whedon's shows. What makes them, and others, so appealing?

*Miriam Krause, Mark Goldberg, Nick Larson, Chris Stenzel, Marguerite Krause*

Television/Edina Rm.

### Gunsmoke and Bloodshed: Dark Heroes of the Pulp

The Shadow, The Spider, The Whisperer and many other pulp heroes didn't hesitate to use lethal methods to dispose of criminals. When is it appropriate to pay evil unto evil? Review and discuss classic pulp novels of the early 20th century.

*Scott Jamison, Michael Levy, Michael Merriam, R. Scott McCoy*

Literature/Atrium 2

### Open LAN Gaming

Open LAN Gaming is exactly how it sounds. You can choose to play *Counter-Strike: Source*, *StarCraft*, *Team Fortress 2*, or *WarCraft III*. (Continues until 3:30pm)

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### Evolution of Common Themes

How do you reinvent something that has been done to death in a way that is interesting without seeming forced? Vampires, werewolves, androids, zombies and sentient computers that want to rule the world.

*MontiLee Stormer, Michael D. Thomas, Matthew Davis, Kelly McCullough*

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

### Avatar - The Return of James Cameron

The biggest, bluest panel at the convention that isn't about Smurfs. Because that would be the smallest, bluest panel at the convention.

*C. Robert Cargill, Romeo Azar, M. K. Melin*

Movies/Plaza 1

### The Return of Game Night: Socialization and Gaming

Has the economic down-turn sparked a resurgence of periodic gaming gatherings? What games do you play with your friends and what are some recommendations for games to transition casual play into a regular event?

*Andrew Davies, John Debnam, Don Kaiser, Jacob Gulliver, Tony Bruno*

Gaming/Atrium 3

### British and American Science Fiction

The differences between how Science Fiction is approached in the US and the UK.

*Paul Cornell, Kelly Strait, Christa Dickson, Lars Pearson, Hal Bichel*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

## 2:30PM SATURDAY

### Beth Kinderman & The Player Characters

Performance: 2:30pm – 3:15pm.

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 3:30PM SATURDAY

### Jeremy Bulloch, Roy and Cynthia Booth Signing

Guest of Honor Jeremy Bulloch will be available for autographs. Also available will be Roy and Cynthia Booth.

*Jeremy Bulloch, Cynthia Booth, Roy C. Booth*

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

### **Offensive Humor - Being Tasteless Tastefully**

**Side Dish/Atrium 8**

Local comedians discuss offensive humor, what makes it work, and what pitfalls to avoid.

*Tim Wick (mod), James Turnbull, Joseph Scrimshaw*

### **Games Tied to Other Licenses**

**Gaming/Atrium 3**

How are the RPGs based on other sources? There are Firefly, Farscape, Doctor Who, and Girl Genius RPG's among others. How do they hold up to classic d20 games?

*Heather Johnson, Stephen Miller, Ross Watson, Kevin Horner*

### **What's New on Saturn & Beyond: Cassini Update**

**Audio Visual/Atrium 6**

Learn about what is new in space exploration from someone who is actually looking at the data for a living! Exciting slides and anecdotes will be provided free of charge!

*Bridget Landry*

### **Evolution Mythbusters**

**Science & Technology/Atrium 7**

We'll take a look at the common misconceptions of evolutionary theory. The panel will discuss why those misconceptions are wrong and how you can prove it.

*Ted Meissner, PZ Myers, Bug Girl, Greg Laden*

### **Geronimo! The 11th Doctor: Year One**

**Television/Edina Rm.**

Steven Moffat and Matt Smith's inaugural year aboard the TARDIS is well underway. This panel will discuss impressions about the most recent season and will include spoilers, so beware.

*Rob Callahan, Michael D. Thomas, Steve Manfred, Lynne Thomas, Lars Pearson*

### **Possible Oscar**

**HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage**

Performance: 3:30pm – 4:15pm.

### **Team Fortress 2**

**LAN Gaming/Vista 2205**

*Team Fortress 2* is a team-based First Person Shooter. There are also nine distinct classes with their own types of weaponry and other stats like speed or hit points. Game modes vary from Capture The Flag, Control Points, and Team Deathmatch. (Continues until 5:00pm)

### **One on One with L.A. Banks**

**Krushenkos/Cabana 118**

Get to know our Guest of Honor in a moderated session that will be filmed for inclusion on the CONvergence 2010 DVD. Make sure to wave so your parents see you.

*L.A. Banks, Jody Wurl, Video Team*

### **Esoteric Faith Systems**

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

Using unconventional faith systems as a basis for spirituality in your writing.

*John Shea, MontiLee Stormer, Veronica Cummer*

### **World Building - Dystopias**

**Literature/Bloomington Rm.**

It is not enough to have a world gone bad, you need to know how it got that way. Even dystopias must be consistent.

*R. Scott McCoy, David Oppegaard, Naomi Kritzer, Doug Texer, Christoforo Pasqualette*

### **Obligatory Web Comics Panel**

**Comics/Atrium 2**

What web comics are worth reading?

*Jen Manna, Abby Lehrke, Geoffrey Hoffman-Frethem, Daniel Mohr*

### **Apocalypse Now!**

**Movies/Plaza 1**

Do you believe the world will end in 2012? Can we have your stuff? Discuss ways Hollywood thinks the world will end. What are your favorites? Will Apple save the world?

*Taylor Kent, Joel Arnold, Romeo Azar, Gordon Smuder, Dave Schrader*

## **4:30PM SATURDAY**

### **Feng Shui Ninjas**

**HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage**

Performance: 4:30pm – 5:15pm.

## **5:00PM SATURDAY**

### **Paul Cornell Signing 2**

**Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.**

Guest of Honor Paul Cornell will be available to sign his work.

*Paul Cornell*

### **SF Writing Groups: The 2010 Scene**

**Krushenkos/Cabana 118**

The annual (since 1986) get-together lets speculative fiction groups link with writers who are looking for a critique group.

*Eric Heideman (mod)*

### **Storytelling Slam**

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

Open to all interested storytellers - come and share your short stories in CONvergence's Storyteller Slam up in the Lit Lounge.

*Rob Callahan (mod)*

### **Crafty Geek**

**Art/Atrium 2**

Whatever kind of craft projects interest you, Crafty Geek can provide you with a group of like minded individuals. Bring whatever you are working on to this panel and discover a new way to enjoy your favorite hobby.

### **Advanced GameMastering & Storytelling**

**Gaming/Atrium 3**

Just because you've got the D&D rule book memorized and can run a combat doesn't mean that being a GM is easy. This panel is meant for experienced game masters who've got the basics of running games down, but want to focus more on worldbuilding and so on.

*Beth Kinderman (mod), Ross Watson, Terry O'Brien, Eric Zawadzki, Rachel Kronick*

## 5:00PM SATURDAY CONTINUED

### Steampunk

What is Steampunk and why is it so popular? Talk about this popular sub-genre, and your favorite examples from it.

*Gordon Smuder, Nick Valentino, Jennifer Menken*

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

### Pipecleaner Dragons

Soft Sculpture Artist, Julie Bowman will be teaching all ages how to make their own simple pipe cleaner dragon. Modifications are also shown, and it can get crazy from there.

*Julie Bowman*

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

### Boba Fett Did Other Stuff

Jeremy Bulloch discusses his body of work that - believe it or not - has nothing to do with *Star Wars*.

*Jeremy Bulloch*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### Wonder Twin Science

The combined powers of Bridget and Jim will summon Captain Science. Maybe Jim will bring his Emmy and show it off. That's right, you heard us, his Emmy. Hey Bridget - do YOU have an Emmy?

*Jim Kakalios, Bridget Landry*

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

### ASL 101

Come and learn some basic American Sign Language.

*Kelly Murphy, Craig A. Finseth, Becca Justiniano*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

### Minorities as Villains

The bad guy isn't always a middle aged white male but it usually is. How do the movies tackle minority villains in ways that avoid racial stereotyping. When have they succeeded and when have they failed? Fu Manchu anyone?

*Christoforo Pasquarette, L.A. Banks, Jason D. Wittman, Christopher Jones*

Movies/Plaza 1

### Young Adult Literature (w/Suggestions from Adults)

What's new in Young adult literature. Adults with their finger on the pulse of the genre tell you what is coming and what is worth your time.

*Meredith Gillies, Jenni Klumpp, Michael Levy, Jody Wurl, Kathy Sullivan*

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

### Team Fortress 2 Tournament

Our first TF2 Tournament! We will create a single-elimination bracket. The size of the teams and the number of brackets will depend on participation. Stop by Vista 2205 before 2:00pm on Saturday to register your team. (Continues until 7:00pm)

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### Supernatural

Where do we go from an ongoing apocalypse featuring Angels, Demons, and a kick ass '67 Impala? Is a sixth season on the horizon? Or will Supernatural continue in another way...

*Matt Weinberg, Veronica Cummer, Jo Thomsen, Heather Johnson, Holly Spotts*

Television/Edina Rm.

## 5:15PM SATURDAY

### Mark Time Awards Silver: Henry Current, Space DJ

Written by Tom Hogan & Hamish Sinclair of New South Wales, Australia. (Continues until 6:00pm)

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 6:00PM SATURDAY

### 24-Hour Song Writing Challenge Part 2

Ever want a songwriter to write a song about whatever you tell them to? Now's your chance! Come to the 24-hour songwriting challenge and your suggested song topic might be selected as the one. Come and challenge your panelists to maximum creativity! (Continues until 6:45pm)

*Keith Spears, Tim Wick, Chad Dutton, Michael Matheny, Todd Madson, Raymond Yates*

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 6:30PM SATURDAY

### Open Craft/ Building Session

We have stuff. You have Creativity. Together, we have an hour of fun. In addition, Andre will be teaching some origami basics and Angie will be showing some fun things to do with plastic grocery bags.

*Angie Anderson, Andre Guirard*

Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3

### The Mega Panel

Join us for another super-sized double-length alternative to the Masquerade. Now in our third year, we'll talk movies, TV, comics, games, and much more! (Continues until 9:30pm)

*Romeo Azar (mod), Derek Mahr, Gordon Smuder, Daniel Wallace, C. Robert Cargill*

Hot Dish/Edina Rm.

## 7:00PM SATURDAY

### Masquerade

Our annual pageant returns with beautiful costumes and fabulous performances. This year, the half-time show is based upon the classic BBC Radio 4 gameshow *Just a Minute!* and will be hosted by GoH **Paul Cornell**. It promises to be a laugh-filled riot! (Continues until 9:00pm)

*Paul Cornell*

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

### Tweet Mystery of Life

A panel held entirely in cyberspace. Only 144 characters or less. Don't look for a room, you won't find one. Follow @tweetconpanel on Twitter by the start of the panel for instructions!

Science & Technology/Radisson St. Paul

### StarCraft

*StarCraft* is a Real-Time Strategy game that allows you to play as the humanoid Terrans, the psionic powered Protoss, or the insectoid Zerg. Each faction is unique and provides a different play style. (Continues until 8:30pm)

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

**Rob Callahan Reading**

Immediately following the Story Slam, Rob will read from his own work. The reading may start earlier than the scheduled time depending on how long the Storytelling slam goes.

*Rob Callahan*

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

**7:30PM SATURDAY****"The Day Luftberry Won it All" premiere**

**Krushenkos/Cabana 118**

"The Day Luftberry Won it All" (20 mins), produced by Frosty Moon Productions; based on a story by R. Thomas, dealing with the question, what does the Devil do after the apocalypse? Discussion to follow the film. (Continues until 8:15pm)

*Roy C. Booth, R. Thomas Riley, Cynthia Booth*

**8:00PM SATURDAY****Beaded Bugs and Bad Guys**

**Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3**

Come learn to make glass and plastic beaded familiars and minions to take with you everywhere you go.

*Angie Anderson, Mary Reining*

**8:30PM SATURDAY****Roy C. Booth reading**

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

Author and playwright Roy Booth will read from his recent work.

*Roy C. Booth*

**Open LAN Gaming**

**LAN Gaming/Vista 2205**

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**9:00PM SATURDAY****Art Auction**

**Hot Dish/Atrium 4**

Come bid on the most sought after art from this year's art show or just watch the fun!

(Continues until Midnight)

*Charles Piehl, Melissa Kaercher*

**Rockstar Storytellers**

**HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage**

Performance: 9:00pm – 9:45pm.

**10:00PM SATURDAY****Paul Cornell Explains Cricket to Americans**

**Hot Dish/Atrium 3**

So you think Cricket doesn't make any sense? Paul Cornell disagrees and he's going to tell you just how sensible the game really is. If you pay attention, you might even be able to play someday.

*Paul Cornell*

**Up With Chuck!**

**Television/Edina Rm.**

*Chuck* has been on the air for three seasons now. Talk about this geek-as-spy TV show. What are your favorite moments?

*Matt Weinberg, Doug Trumble, Tony Artym*

**Saturday Night Friends of Bill W.**

**Side Dish/Atrium 2**

This meeting space has been set aside for a Friends of Bill W. meeting.

**Gabriel Hilmar**

**HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage**

Performance: 10:00pm – 10:45pm.

**Saturday Teen Meet-Up**

**Side Dish/Atrium 8**

Hey, are you a teenager? Looking for an alternative to the adult party scene? Come to this gathering and meet some geeks your own age.

*Tabitha Anderson, Brigitte Honaker*

**Counter-Strike: Source (18+)**

**LAN Gaming/Vista 2205**

*Counter-Strike: Source* is a First Person Shooter that pits a team of Terrorists against a team of Counter-Terrorists. Game types include Hostage Rescue, Bomb Defusal, VIP Escort, and Elimination. (The LAN Gaming room is 18+ only after 10:00pm. Event continues until 11:30pm.)

**Top Ten Movie Villains**

**Movies/Plaza 1**

The panel and audience will come up with their ten favorite villains from film and the results will be published on the CONvergence website following the convention.

*Derek Mahr, Steven Erickson, Chris Stenzel, George Richard*

**Low Budget Success Stories**

**Movies/Bloomington Rm.**

*Paranormal Activity*, *District 9*, and *The Blair Witch Project* worked on the cheap. What made them work and what made other low budget films fall flat?

*C. Robert Cargill, Troy LaFaye, Jason D. Wittman, Romeo Azar*

**Black Light Ball**

**Space Lounge/Verandas 1-5**

Space Lounge will be hosting its first ever Black Light Ball. Show off your fanciest glowy duds while you take a promenade and then dance a spacey minuet (instructors included!) (Continues until 2:00am)

**The Shuffling Hoarde**

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

Slow zombies, fast zombies, viruses and walking corpses. The world of zombie fiction.

*R. Scott McCoy, Thomas Riley, Roy C. Booth*



## 10:00PM SATURDAY CONTINUED

### Sci-Fi & Fantasy Improv

The return of the *Whose Line is it Anyway* type-game with science fiction and fantasy characters. Audience participation is welcome! Brought to you by MAS Productions.  
*Holly Spotts, Teresa Kramer, Jo Thomsen, Lori Fischer*

Hot Dish/Atrium 7

## 11:00PM SATURDAY

### The DJ Masterplan

We'll start with our traditional hour of strobe-free science-fiction inspired music before luring you into our ultimate trap: an assault of several of the best djs we could collect in one gathering of evil geniuses. You will forever be in our power. (Continues until 3:00am)

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East

### Triple Depresso Reunion

Performance: 11:00pm – 11:45pm.

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## 11:30PM SATURDAY

### The Video Store Chronicles

Before there was Netflix, there were these places called video stores. Come and hear tales from people who used to work at such places.

*Mark McPherson, Dave Margosian, C. Robert Cargill*

Movies/Plaza 1

### Hypnosis After Dark

Yes, people actually use hypnosis to improve their, er, relationships. The mind and body can work together to make things more fun! Find out how here. This panel is for 18+ attendees only

*Dee Bitner*

Hot Dish/Atrium 7

### Late Night Music Circle - Saturday

An open opportunity for anyone to come and sing/play/listen to music. Anyone is welcome no matter what your musical ability.

*Becca Leathers (mod)*

Side Dish/Atrium 8

### The Horror at Cold Springs Release Party

The author of *Shimmers and Shadow* will celebrate his just released Steampunk/Weird West Novella, *The Horror at Cold Springs*. Come celebrate this new release and listen to the author read from his work.

*Michael Merriam*

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

### The Pun-El

Join Ed Eastman and friends for their annual laugh-a-minute riot of puns.

*Margaret Eastman, Ed Eastman*

Hot Dish/Bloomington Rm.

### Warcraft III (18+)

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LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### The Dollhouse: Closed for Business?

Discuss *Dollhouse*: where it went wrong and what made it worth watching. Will it have the same sort of after-life as other Joss Whedon properties?

*Chris Stenzel, Kara Redding, Greg Riedesel*

Television/Edina Rm.

### Killer B's Spectacular Improv Movie Show

What happens when you combine live music and improv riffs directed at classic movies? Come find out!

*Melissa Kaercher, Joseph Scrimshaw, Tim Uren, Jerry Belich, Nels Lennes, Aric McKeown, Amanda Schuckman, Wally Wingert, Chuck McCann, Kelvin Hatle*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

## MIDNIGHT SATURDAY

### The Dregs

Performance: Midnight -12:45am.

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## SUNDAY

## 1:00AM SUNDAY

### Open LAN Gaming (18+)

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LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

### Late Night Local Feature

*Planetfall*. Directed by Gianni Mezzonotte. When a military transport crash lands on a war-torn planet, competing factions seek the last, lost stockpile of the illicit psychic-power enhancing drug Psyleneol.

(Continues until 3:00am)

*Troy LaFaye (mod)*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

## 9:00AM SUNDAY

### Breakfast with Bridget

Join Guest of Honor Bridget Landry for breakfast in ConSuite! Talk costumes, talk science, talk geek, and have some eats!

*Bridget Landry*

Hot Dish/ConSuite

### **Crayon's Corner**

KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengeek ) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple. (Continues until 10:30am)  
*Caryn Lengeek*

### **Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3**

## **9:30AM SUNDAY**

### **Shadow Lords**

A discussion of the locally produced fantasy/action film, *Shadow Lords*.  
*Jose Figueroa*

**Audio Visual/Atrium 6**

### **Producing Audio Theatre in a Nutshell**

The basic information you need to produce your own Audio drama. What technology you need. What technology you don't need.  
*Taylor Kent (mod), Jeff Adams, Cayenne Chris Conroy*

**Science & Technology/Atrium 3**

### **Right Brain/Left Brain**

A discussion of the different functions of brain hemispheres in fandom.  
*Joel Nye, Bill Hedrick*

**Science & Technology/Atrium 7**

### **Joel Arnold Reading**

Joel Arnold, author of several short stories including "Seller's Market," "October Blizzard," and "Some Things Don't Wash Off" reads from his work.  
*Joel Arnold*

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

### **Propaganda Art**

Art with a political agenda . What are some of your favorite pieces and artists?  
*Eric Clark, Christoforo Pasquarette*

**Art/Atrium 2**

### **Beware the Visitors: V(1983) vs. V (2009)**

ABC has remade *V*, taking the nearly 3-decade old series and re-imagining it in a post 9/11 world. How has this new adaptation fared and what missteps have occurred? What elements of the original series should have been retained?

**Television/Edina Rm.**

*Matt Savelkoul (mod), Dave Margosian, Chris Stenzel*

### **Saturday Morning Sinister**

The bad guys that freaked us out as kids.  
*Gordon Smuder, Jennifer Menken, Paul Harmeyer*

**Television/Atrium 8**

### **Anthologies**

The best way to learn about new authors without committing yourself to a magnum opus. Discuss some of the best anthology publications of the 21st century.  
*R. Scott McCoy, Kelly Strait, Doug Texter, Michael Levy, David Schwartz*

**Literature/Bloomington Rm.**

### **Beginning Screenwriting - Character**

A workshop on basic character structure/development. Learn how to make a properly developed character.  
*David Walbridge, Roy C. Booth*

**Movies/Plaza 1**

## **11:00AM SUNDAY**

### **Anna Waltz Reading**

Anna will be reading from her new, not-yet-published SF action-adventure novel, *Allie Indigo and the Flashforce Pilots*.  
*Anna Waltz*

**Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

### **What's up with the Space Program in the Obama Years?**

The Obama administration has proposed changes in the space program, in and out of NASA. Will these changes sail through congress? How do they affect the long-term future of space exploration?  
*Eric Heideman (mod), Michael Kauper, David Buth*

**Krushenkos/Cabana 118**

### **Chuck and Wally Signing**

Chuck McCann and Wally Wingert will be available to sign autographs.

**Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.**

*Wally Wingert, Chuck McCann*

### **GPS Charity Auction**

Join us for another charity auction benefiting the Geek Partnership Society. (Continues until 1:00pm)  
*Charlotte Nickerson, Peter Verrant*

**Hot Dish/Atrium 4**

### **Hannys Voorwerp III**

Hanny finds the Voorwerp and goes to wise astronomers to seek knowledge, but is told she has found something new and magical, and is sent to discover the true nature of the object. Join our band of writers and illustrators as we chronicle Hannys journey.  
*Kelly McCullough, Pamela Gay*

**Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3**

### **Running and Playing Table Top Games through the Interweb Toobs**

Sure it stinks when a member of your gaming group moves but in a digital age, you may not have to break up the group. A discussion of digital tools that makes gaming possible for geographically dispersed gaming groups.  
*Greg Riedesel, Aaron VanderGiessen*

**Gaming/Atrium 3**

## 11:00AM SUNDAY CONTINUED

### One on One with Jeremy Bulloch

Movies/Plaza 1

Get to know our Guest of Honor in a moderated session that will be filmed for inclusion on the CONvergence 2010 DVD. Most likely the session will be available on the internet within ten minutes of its completion.

*Video Team, Jeremy Bulloch*

### Behind the Sofa: Villains of Doctor Who

Television/Edina Rm.

The Master, Davros, Omega, Rassilon, The Rani. Are they really villains or are they just misunderstood? Talk about your favorite bad guys that went mano a mano with The Doctor.

*Michael Scott Shappe, Rob Callahan, Steve Manfred, Michael D. Thomas, Lars Pearson*

### At Con Post-Mortem

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Come and give your immediate feedback from this year's convention to the board of directors in person.

*Michael Lee, Christopher Jones, Windy Bowlsby, Lex Larson, Laura Gerald, Thomas Keeley, Ishmael Williams, Jon Olsen*

### New Discoveries in Evolution

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Our panel will discuss the latest exciting discoveries in the field of biology and what those discoveries are telling us about Evolution.

*PZ Myers, Greg Laden*

### Genre Fiction by Women and Minorities

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

Personal experiences from those working in the field. Hopefully you will leave with some new ideas for authors to discover.

*Sandra Lindow, Dana Baird, MontiLee Stormer*

### Top Ten Comics

Comics/Atrium 2

Top ten comic stories you should read before you die. Will our panel and audience be able to come up with a definitive list? If so, the list will be published on the CONvergence website following the convention.

*Mark Goldberg, David Schwartz, Abby Lehrke, Kevin Horner*

### The Evolution of Female Characters on Television

Television/Atrium 6

We go beyond Uhura, Wonder Woman, and Xena and look at how Mary Tyler Moore, Maude, Dana Scully, Rose Tyler, and many other characters shaped how women have been characterized and portrayed on television.

*Joan Marie Verba, Brett Thompson, Bridget Landry, Kara Redding, Kathy Sullivan, Dayna Jean Wolter*

### OGLE Awards Silver: "The Thing on the Ice"

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

## NOON SUNDAY

### I Wrote This Song Because...

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Panelist share Behind the Scenes stories that lead them to write sappy love songs, bitter ballads, happy-go-lucky ditties, and ridiculous songs about aliens and the undead.

*Keith Spears, Michael Matheny, Raymond Yates, Michael Borchert, Gabriel Hilmar, John Heimbuch*

## 12:30PM SUNDAY

### Jeremy Bulloch Signing Sunday

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

Guest of Honor Jeremy Bulloch will be available to sign his work.

*Jeremy Bulloch*

### How to Play MMOs & Still Have a Life

Gaming/Atrium 3

Want to start playing MMORPG like *World of Warcraft* or *Everquest* but afraid you will never be heard from again? Striking the right game/life balance.

*Taylor Kent, Clay Lamkin, Mariah Fryer, Tony Bruno*

### Can't-Put-It-Down Pacing

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

What distinguishes the book you can't put down from an interesting character story or a stylistic triumph? Is it the same for everyone?

*David Oppegaard, Hilary Moon Murphy, Matthew Davis, Kelly McCullough*

### I Miss You Cupcake

Side Dish/Atrium 8

*Invader Zim* is gone but not forgotten. Wally Wingert is here with fellow fans and will share his memories from the show and at some point the whole thing will degenerate into a series of Gir quotes.

*Lori Fischer, Wally Wingert*

### I Heart Spy-Fi

Television/Edina Rm.

Let's discuss our current favorite spy-fi series on air, like *Burn Notice*, *Chuck*, and others and lament the passing of other spy genre shows.

*Matt Weinberg, Jody Wurl, Tangee Harrison*

### Smart vs. Intelligent

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

You don't have to be a genius to think critically.

*Ted Meissner, Maria Walters, Stephanie Zvan, Amy Davis Roth, Debbie Goddard, Pamela Gay*

### Iron Artist

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

Five artists enter, one artist leaves! Join us for an artistic battle royal as we follow in the footsteps of Iron Chef. We give artists of different media (from pencil to music) one hour to create a representation of secret ingredient.

*Christopher Jones, Perrin Klumpp, Louis Frank, Kelvin Hatle, The Dregs, Melissa Kaercher*

**The Death of the Magazine****Krushenkos/Cabana 118**

The internet age is killing the media we love. Can we save it? Can we move it online? What happens to the writers when these publications go away? The bathwater is gone, can we still save the baby?

*R. Scott McCoy, Michael D. Thomas, Joshua Lynsen, Michael Merriam, MontiLee Stormer*

**The Last Airbender****Movies/Plaza 1**

Will this movie save M. Night Shyamalan's career? How does this live-action adaptation compare to the Nickelodeon TV series? Even though the movie was just released, we'll be talking about spoilers for both the TV series & movie franchise, so be warned!

*Matt Everhart, Teresa Kramer, Matt Savelkoul (mod)*

**Ohh Shiny! Making Jewelry****Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3**

In this session we will learn some basic jewelry making techniques and learn how to make a really cool pendant.

*Sandy Stelzig Darst*

**Open LAN Gaming****LAN Gaming/Vista 2205**

Open LAN Gaming is exactly how it sounds. You can choose to play *Counter-Strike: Source*, *StarCraft*, *Team Fortress 2*, or *WarCraft III*. (Continues until 2:00pm)

**Hot Dish Yum!****Side Dish/Atrium 2**

Join us, in the afternoon this time, for a hot dish and casserole recipe swap. Who knows, we might even have some delicious samples for everyone to nom on.

*Tish Cassidy*

**Carl Jung's Archetypes of the Subconscious****Literature/Bloomington Rm.**

Exploring Jung's work as a basis for Character and story development.

*John Shea (mod), David Schwartz, Terry Faust*

**1:00PM SUNDAY****Dissociate****HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage**

Performance: 1:00pm – 1:45pm.

**2:00PM SUNDAY****Minnesota Speculative Fiction Writers Signing****Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.**

Several members of the Minnesota Speculative Fiction Writers group will be available to sign and talk about their work.

*Michael Merriam, Roy C. Booth, Terry Faust, Dana Baird*

**RakeHell Skit****Hot Dish/Plaza 1**

The crew of the IKV RakeHell presents their latest theatrical triumph.

*Bill Hedrick, George Richard, Laura Thurston, Hal Bichel, Patrick Fisher*

**Sherlock's Other Adversaries****Krushenkos/Cabana 118**

In addition to creating Prof. M, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle gave Sherlock Holmes many other adversaries from sympathetic (Irene Adler) to sinister (Sebastian Moran, Grimesby Roylott) to fiendish (the Hound and its master).

*Anthony Tollin, Eric M. Heideman(mod)*

**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Dungeon...****Gaming/Atrium 3**

Come share your stories about amusing gaming moments.

*Beth Kinderman (mod), Terry O'Brien, Rachel Kronick, Ross Watson*

**Evil Knitting****Connie's Quantum Sandbox/Plaza 3**

It's Horrifying! It's Terrifying! It's Evil! Well... it's actually a potholder. To someone who doesn't know how to knit, it is all of the rest as well. We have the right people to teach you to vanquish Yarn and join in with the "Click Clacking". (Continues until 4:00pm)

*Doreen Neil, Chrys VanDerKamp*

**Ghosts, Angels & Otherworldly Visitors****Audio Visual/Atrium 6**

A discussion of visitations from the other side. What are the differences and similarities in ghost, angel and alien encounters? Presented by Dave Schrader, host of *Paranormal Radio*.

*Dave Schrader*

**Open Mic Poetry Reading****Lit Lounge/Vista 2201**

Come and share your poetry in this open forum. Everyone is welcome - be this your first public reading or your hundredth.

*Sandra Lindow (mod)*

**My Life as Oliver Hardy****Side Dish/Atrium 8**

Chuck McCann has another life as an Oliver Hardy impersonator. Hear him talk about Laurel and Hardy and his life as a member of the late, great comic duo.

**Chuck McCann**

**Steampunk Costuming****Art/Atrium 2**

Separate yourself from the pack and learn how to avoid the typical trappings of this popular genre.

*Nick Valentino, Clay Lamkin, Mariah Fryer*

**Super Sparkly Fangalicious Necromatic Notions!****Literature/Bloomington Rm.**

No it's not on Broadway yet. The evolution of the vampire in modern fiction from sexual liberator to fuzzy love bunny. Fang bangers unite!

*Tangee Harrison, Jeannie Holmes, Nick Larson, Dayna Jean Wolter*

## 2:00PM SUNDAY CONTINUED

### eBook Readers Overview

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Explore and evaluate the Kindle, the Nook, Netbooks, and other eBook readers...

*Jay Curry, John Debnam, Kathy Sullivan, Greg Riedesel, MontiLee Stormer*

### Open LAN Gaming

LAN Gaming/Vista 2205

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### Anime Detour: What Are They Doing Over There?

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

Come meet your wacky fandom neighbors. Learn about what they do at an anime con, how it's different from your traditional sci-fi con, and what Anime Twin Cities is up to.

*Holly Spotts, Lori Fischer, Malcom Peterson, Anna Waltz, Jo Thomsen*

### TV Shows on DVD & Blu-Ray: Season Nine

Television/Edina Rm.

Join us for an intrepid and record-breaking 9th year of the panel that examines the previous year of television released on our favorite shiny discs. Also learn what's on the horizon in the coming months!

*Matt Savelkoul (mod), Lars Pearson, Dave Margosian, Wally Wingert*

### Bad September

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: 2:00pm – 2:45pm.

## 3:00PM SUNDAY

### Don't Eat the Pope!

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

Performance: 3:00pm – 3:45pm.

## 3:30PM SUNDAY

### Worms in Fact, Folklore, Fiction & Film

Krushenkos/Cabana 118

Our annual bio-horror panel on the scary side of nature (past entries have included bats, ants, reptiles & amphibians. This year's entry is the worm. Sometimes humble, sometimes (*Dune*) really big.

*Melissa Kaercher (mod), Eric Heideman (mod)*

### Dana Baird Reading

Lit Lounge/Vista 2201

The author reads from her own work.

*Dana Baird*

### Mythbusting Hypnosis

Side Dish/Atrium 8

Hypnosis is an amazingly interesting phenomenon, but when it's seen in the media they almost always get it wrong! Come find out the realities behind the stories.

*Dee Bitner*

### Sandra Lindow, Dave Schrader, & R. Thomas Riley Signing

Autograph Table/Outside Bloom.

Dave Schrader, author of *The Other Side: A Teens Guide to Ghost Hunting and the Paranormal* will be available to sign books. Also available will be R. Thomas Riley, author of *The Monster Within Idea*, and Sandra Lindow, an acclaimed poet.

*R. Thomas Riley, Dave Schrader, Sandra Lindow*

### Starting Out as a Fan: Writing Your Way Into the Pros

Literature/Bloomington Rm.

So you are a fan but you want to be something more? How do experiences as a fan fiction writer help and hinder an aspiring professional?

*Paul Cornell, Joan Marie Verba, Kathy Sullivan, Anna Waltz*

### The Business of Voice Acting

Hot Dish/Atrium 4

It is fun to hear Chuck and Wally do voices but what does it take to make a living doing what they are doing? What are the realities of the business? How do you get your voices heard and what do you do in the lean times?

*Chuck McCann, Wally Wingert*

### Herding Cats: Large Group Costuming

Art/Atrium 2

Making one costume is easy compared to three or five or ten. How do you take a really big project and break it down into manageable pieces? How do you keep everyone involved motivated and on task?

*Deborah Jones, Bridget Landry*

### Conflict Without Villains: The Story of Babylon 5

Television/Edina Rm.

*Babylon 5* introduced a world painted in shades of grey, with characters rife with moral ambiguity. How has this influenced sci-fi series since and what sort of legacy was left behind?

*Beth Kinderman, Dave Margosian, Daniel Mohr, Michael Scott Shappe*

### Ultimate Home Theatre

Science & Technology/Atrium 7

Learn how to pimp out your living room, den, or subterranean lair with the latest and greatest in home entertainment technology.

*Drew Youngdahl, Tom Harty*

### Walking the Line: Choosing Your Ethical Alignment in Video Games

Gaming/Atrium 3

Games like *Heavy Rain*, *Mass Effect*, *Knights of the Old Republic*, *GTA 4*, *Fable 2*, and *Fallout 3* let you to choose your path - good or bad - and allow for multiple play-throughs of the game with different endings. Which path do you choose and why?

*Matt Everhart, Laura Graves, Mariah Fryer, Alee Ellingsberg*

### From Book to Movie: The Good & The Bad

Movies/Plaza 1

What books have made good movies and which ones don't work at all? What can you cut from the source material without losing the essence of the story?

*Chris Stenzel, Tim Lieder, Christa Dickson, Ruth Berman, Jason D. Wittman*

### Beginning Filmmaking - Basic Editing

A workshop on basic editing techniques, theories and practices including a brief tutorial on non-linear editing software.

*Chris McWethy*

Audio Visual/Atrium 6

### 4:00PM SUNDAY

#### W.O.R.D. -When Ordinary Reality Disappears

Performance: 4:00pm – 4:45pm.

HarmCON/Stevie Ray's Stage

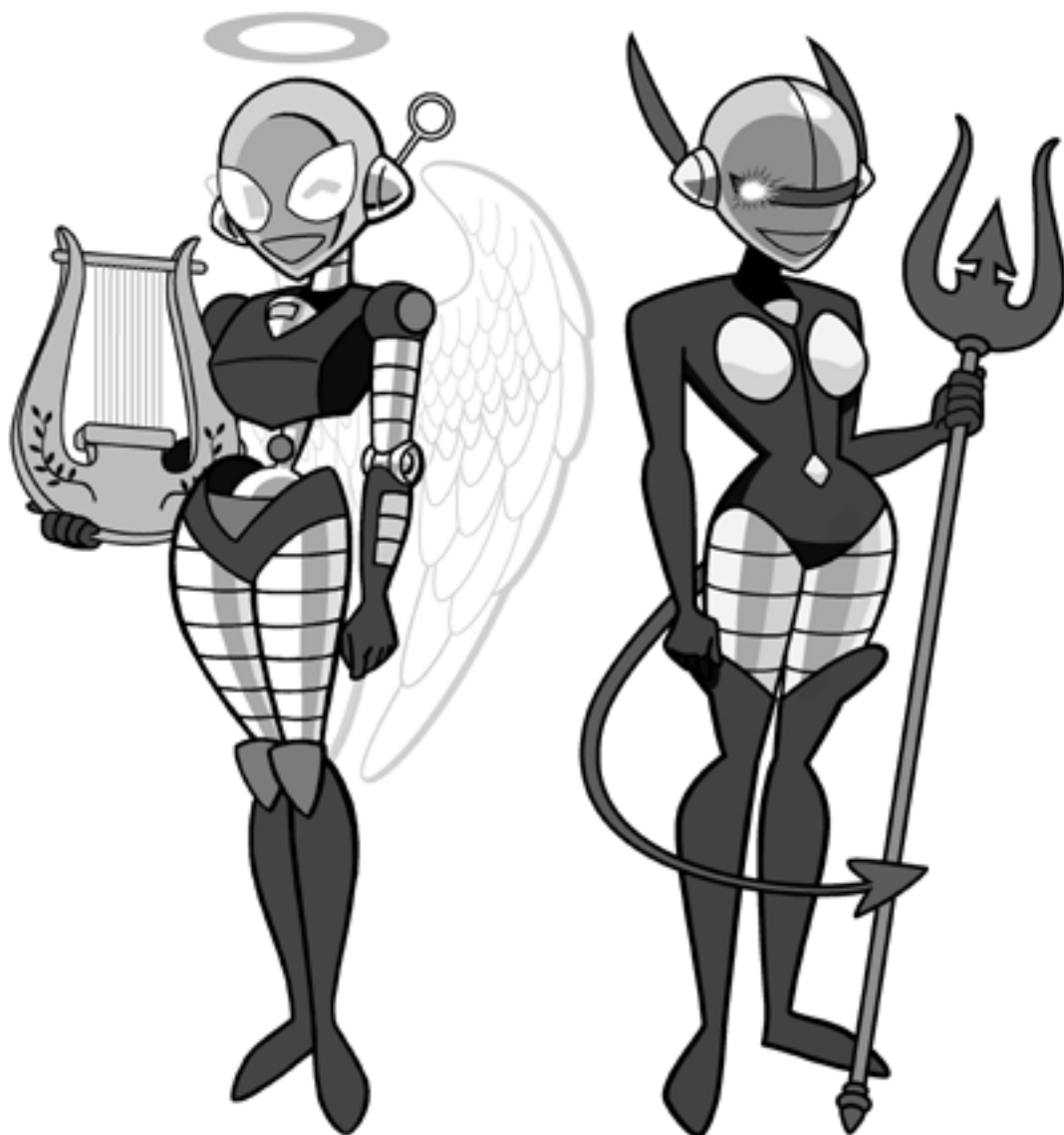
### 5:00PM SUNDAY

#### Closing Ceremonies

Closing Ceremonies for our 2010 convention. Will Connie Mark I return and defeat her evil younger sister Connie Mark II or is all hope lost forever? (This event may run over one hour)

**Chuck McCann, Paul Cornell, L.A. Banks, Jeremy Bulloch, Wally Wingert, Bridget Landry, Ishmael Williams, Windy Bowlsby, Michael Lee, Laura Gerald, Thomas Keeley, Jon Olsen, Lex Larson, Christopher Jones**

MainStage/Grand Ballroom East





# CONVERGENCE 2010 MAPS

## 1ST FLOOR PLAZA ROOMS

- Plaza 1 Movies Programming
- Plaza 2 Theater Nippon Anime Room
- Plaza 3 Connie's Quantum Sandbox
- Plaza 4 Cinema Rex Movie Room
- Plazas 5-6 Art Show

## 1ST FLOOR CABANAS

- Cabana 115-116 CoF2E2 Free Coffee Shop
- Cabana 118-119 Krushenko's

## 2ND FLOOR ATRIUM ROOMS

- Atrium 1 Silent Auction
- Atrium 2 Arts & Comics Programming
- Atrium 3 Gaming Programming
- Atrium 4 SF Hot Dish Prog./Art Auction
- Atrium 5 Programming Ops
- Atrium 6 A/V Programming Room
- Atrium 7 Science & Tech. Programming
- Atrium 8 SF Side Dish Programming



## 2ND FLOOR CABANAS

Cabanas 214-219  
Cabana 222

ConSuite  
Volunteers Den

## BETWEEN NORTH & SOUTH TOWERS

Edina Room  
Bloomington Rm.

Television Programming  
Literature Programming

## VERANDAS

Verandas 1-5  
Verandas 6, 8

Connie's Space Lounge  
Operations Bridge

## CONVERGENCE CENTRAL

Artist Alley, Merchandise Table,  
Volunteers Table/Information Services

## GRAND BALLROOMS

Ballroom West & Center Front

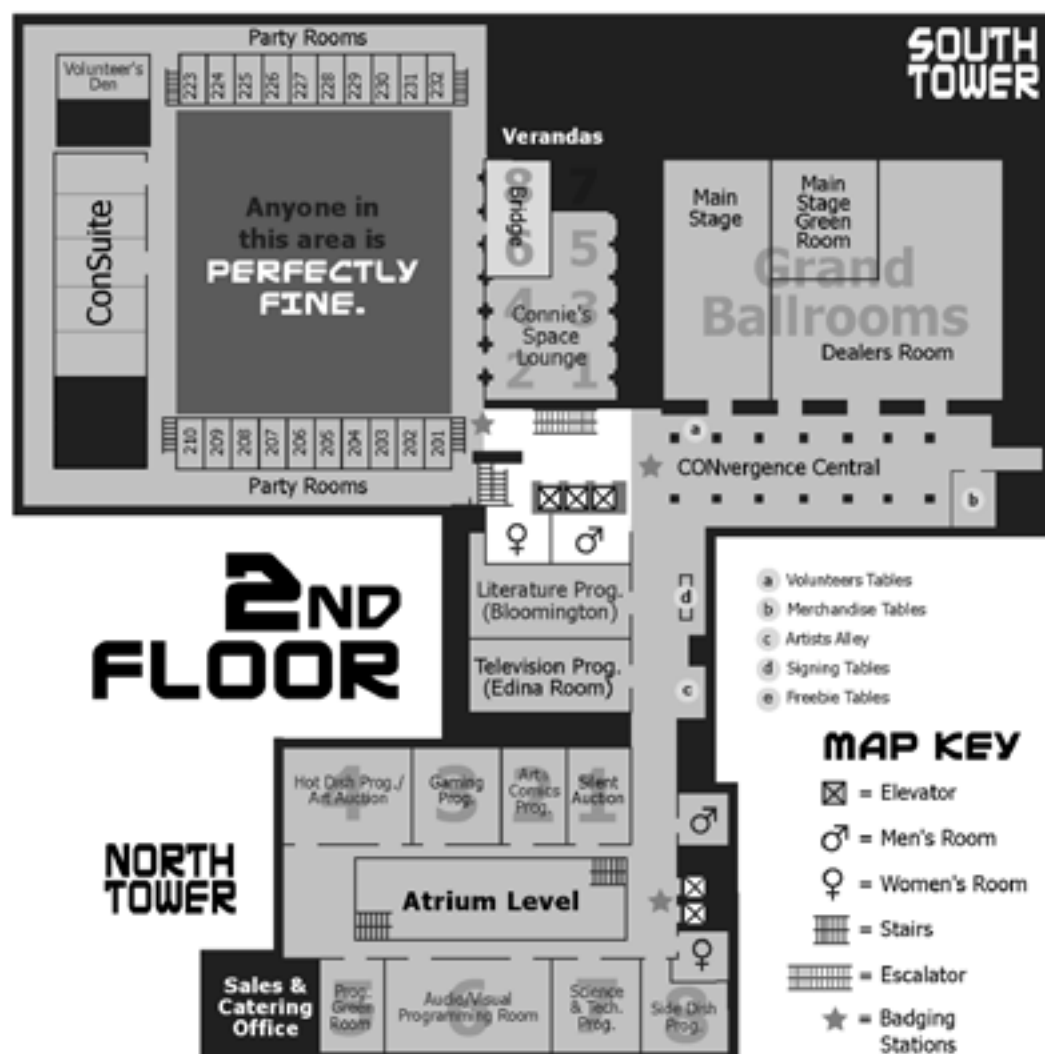
Rear Center  
Ballroom East

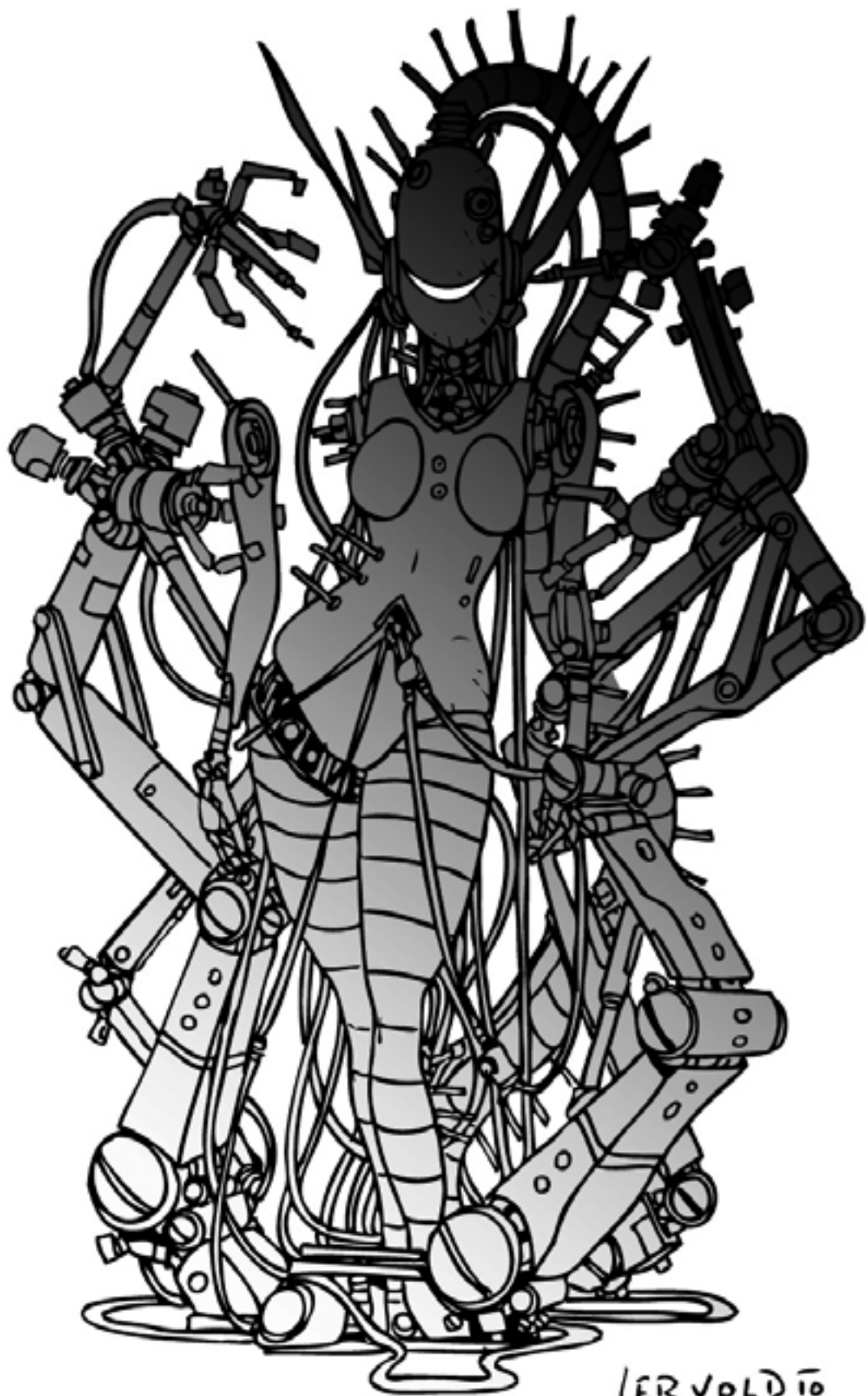
Dealers Room  
Green Room  
Main Stage

## SOUTH TOWER UPPER FLOORS (NOT PICTURED)

4th Floor  
Room 2201

Satellite Party Floor  
Dorian Gray Memorial  
Literary Lounge  
Rooms 2203, 2204, 2206 and 2207  
Gaming Suites

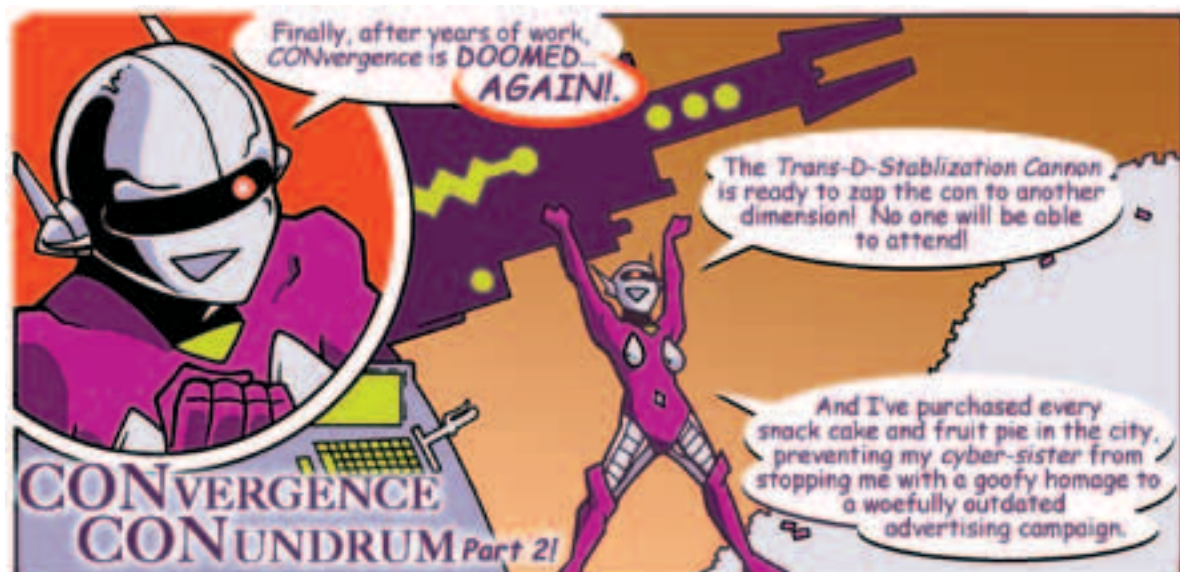




Lervold 10

Art by Erik Lervold





Finally, after years of work,  
CONvergence is **DOOMED...  
AGAIN!**

The Trans-D-Stabilization Cannon  
is ready to zap the con to another  
dimension! No one will be able  
to attend!

And I've purchased every  
snack cake and fruit pie in the city,  
preventing my cyber-sister from  
stopping me with a goofy homage to  
a woefully outdated  
advertising campaign.

## CONVERGENCE CONUNDRUM Part 2!



Nothing can stop  
me this time!

Funny.

I said...  
**NOTHING CAN  
STOP ME!**

Connie usually  
comes crashing  
in to stop me by  
now.



This  
Changes

**EVERYTHING!**

Guess I should have built  
a working T-D-S instead of  
just a cardboard cutout.

I mean, why  
spend billions on a  
doomsday device,

when it's  
just going to be  
destroyed?

And what am I going to do  
with 14 metric tons of cakey,  
sugary snacks?

Now THAT  
is a conundrum.  
There, I worked it in.  
Happy now!

Maybe  
CONvergence will  
take them?

-L.Frank 4/2010



