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The Story So Far...

"The story so far: In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move."

— Douglas Adams, *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*

If you've heard this before, bear with us. We want to repeat it for any newcomers because we are always trying to expand our audience and bring more people into the fold.

CONvergence is a convention for fans of science fiction and fantasy coming to the Radisson Hotel South in Bloomington, Minnesota, July 2-4, 1999.

CONvergence will feature panels and programming on science fiction and fantasy in several programming tracks. We also feature national and local guests, an art show and auction, a dealers' room, a film room (*Cinema Rex*), a 24-hour Anime room, open gaming, collectible card tournaments, LARPs, a free coffee shop, room parties, live music, and the *Masquerade*.

At press time we have just over 750 pre-registrations and anticipate an attendance of more than 1,000. That's *astounding* for a first-year fan-run convention, and we couldn't do it without your help and support.

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There is only a short time left to pre-register for CONvergence at our \$25 rate. Pre-registration ends on **May 31st**, leaving only at-the-door registration at \$40. Supporting memberships are \$10, with an additional \$15 payable at the door. This saves you \$15 over the at-the-door rate!

If you want to know how to **pre-register** or **reserve a hotel room**, check out the forms at the back of this Progress Report. Currently, there is still space available in our overflow hotel, the **Wyndham Gardens**.

If you are interested in volunteering before or at the convention, several departments are requesting volunteers. Contact them directly or e-mail Charles Piehl at underhill@spacestar.net.

For information on almost any other aspect of the convention, read on! It's probably in here. If you don't find what you're looking for, just ask! Contact us through any of the channels listed at the top of the page.

"Listen, strange women lyin' in ponds distributin' swords is no basis for a system of government! Supreme executive power derives from a mandate from the masses, not from some farcical aquatic ceremony!"

— Dennis, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

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Hello there! Connie here.
Inside this Progress Report
we've got news on our Guests,
Art Show, Parties, Dealers'
Room, Musical Guests, and even
a Gadgeteers' Petting Zoo!
Hmmm... I hope no one gets any
bright ideas...



Guests of Honor / Featured Guests

"Guests being stalked by zombies stay at Best Western..."

— Tom Servo, *Mystery Science Theater 3000*



Forrest J. Ackerman – Guest of Honor

Hugo Award Winner, Sci-Fi Editor/Collector/Historian/Legend

A legend of Science Fiction and Fantasy, the man who coined the term Sci-Fi: The one and only Forrest J. Ackerman is our first CONvergence Guest of Honor.

Forry is a man of many firsts, including being the winner of the very first Hugo Award (and five more since!). Forry founded *Famous Monsters of Filmland* in 1958 (which he would continue to write and edit for over 30 years), and has written and edited countless Sci-Fi-related articles and books.

Gary Russell – Guest of Honor

Doctor Who author/editor, producer of Big Finish Productions' Dr. Who audio series

Gary Russell is a writer and editor who has enjoyed a long association with *Doctor Who*. His and partner Jason Haigh-Ellery's Big Finish Productions has been granted the license to produce original audio adventures of *Doctor Who*.

Stephen Cole, consulting editor of the BBC *Doctor Who* books, will act as Executive Producer for the audio series, which will be considered part of the official *Doctor Who* canon by the BBC.

Peter Davison, Colin Baker, and Sylvester McCoy have been confirmed to reprise their roles as the fifth, sixth, and seventh Doctors in the first release from this new series, *The Sirens of Time*, by Nicholas Briggs. *Sirens* will be released in the late

Forry has called himself "A sci-fi sponge that should be squeezed for information and anecdotes as long as I'm here." Toward that end, CONvergence is pleased to announce that Forry plans to offer the following panels and readings:

- ♦ *I Remember Karion Torgosi: Filmonster Actors I Have Known*
- ♦ *From Scientifiction to Sci-Fi: Asimov to Wells, with Burroughs, Bradbury, Heinlein, et al in between*
- ♦ *Letter to an Angel: The Lon Chaney Story*

During the weekend Forry will sit down for an intimate chat with 13 lucky fans for an informal discussion of all things Sci-Fi. This is an amazing opportunity to get to know this monumental figure from the last 60+ years of Sci-Fi and fandom. The lucky thirteen will be chosen by a random drawing.

spring or early summer, hopefully in time to be available at CONvergence.

Big Finish Productions already produces audio adventures featuring Benny Summerfield of Virgin's *New Adventures* book series, a spin-off of the *Doctor Who* novels.

Gary Russell is also the author of several *Doctor Who* novels, a contributor to the *Short Trips* anthologies, and writer of the novelization of the 1996 *Doctor Who* TV movie shown in America on the Fox Network. He has been the editor of *Doctor Who Magazine*, and produced 20 issues of his fanzine *Shada* from 1979 to 1995.

CONvergence looks forward to having Gary talk about these productions as well as his new non-fiction *Doctor Who* book *Regenerations*, a look at the production of the 1996 *Doctor Who* TV movie co-written with TV movie producer Philip Segal.

For more information on Gary Russell and Big Finish Productions, check out Gary's web site at <http://www.gary.dircon.co.uk/>.

CONvergence would like to thank the Minnesota Doctor Who Viewing Society (MNDWVS) for sponsoring Gary Russell as a Guest of Honor, and for making it possible

for us to have him at CONvergence 1999. For more information on the MNDWVS check out their web site at www.execpc.com/~michaell/mndwvs/.

Harry Knowles – Guest of Honor

Creator of Ain't-It-Cool-News, Spymaster and Hollywood Guru



If you're not familiar with <http://www.aint-it-cool-news.com> you're missing out on one of the best resources on the web for news about the hottest projects coming out of Hollywood.

Harry Knowles created *Ain't-It-Cool-News* just a few years ago (the name is a nod to John Travolta's catch phrase in *Broken Arrow*). Since then, he has built it into a resource not just for reviews of the best and worst TV and film have to offer, but for reports on some of Hollywood's best (un)kept secrets. Harry receives reports from a network of spies who feed him insider info on TV and film projects, often to the chagrin of Hollywood executives.

AICN has also become the resource on the net for information about Peter Jackson's upcoming live-action *Lord of the Rings*

Featured Guests

Pamela Keesey – Author / Editor

Pam Keesey is enjoying a growing reputation as an authority on women's roles and themes in modern fiction. In 1998 Pam released *Vamps: An Illustrated History of the Femme Fatale*. This book traces the Vamp figure from silent film to modern movies such as *The Hunger* and even *Basic Instinct*. For more information on Pam Keesey and her works, check out her web site at <http://www1.minn.net/~pkeesey/>.

Gordon Purcell – Comics Artist

Comic book penciller Gordon Purcell has a long list of credits to his name, and has found particular success in the area of comics licensed from movies and TV. His work includes *Star Trek*, *X-Files*, *Xena*, *Lost In Space*, *Godzilla*, *Young Indiana Jones*, *Barb Wire*, *Terminator*, and others, plus illustrations for *Star Trek* young people's novels from Pocket Books and *Star Trek*

film trilogy, soon to start shooting in New Zealand. Harry has been orchestrating question-and-answer sessions between anxious fans and the films' director, who has candidly discussed his plans for the trilogy.

Harry will be updating his site live from CONvergence and will be sharing anecdotes about his adventures with *Ain't-It-Cool-News* as well as news on next year's Sci-Fi and Fantasy offerings from tinseltown.

CONvergence weekend is also opening weekend for the new film version of *Wild Wild West* with Will Smith, Kevin Kline, and Kenneth Branagh. Harry wanted to be sure to see *WWW* opening weekend, and we get to raffle off the chance to see it with him (probably Friday night)! There will be two winners, each winner can bring one guest. Tickets are \$1. The drawing will be held at our final Open Meeting before CONvergence '99 on June 6. You need not be present to win. Find us at one of our open meetings, convention appearances or fundraisers to enter, and see *WWW* w/ Harry Knowles!

coloring books. Gordon has also pencilled traditional super hero fare for DC, Marvel, and Image Comics.

CONvergence is very happy to welcome Gordon to our inaugural year, and we look forward to sharing Gordon's unique perspective not only on comics but on dealing with some of the hottest properties in Science Fiction and Fantasy today.

Father Geek – Ain't It Cool News

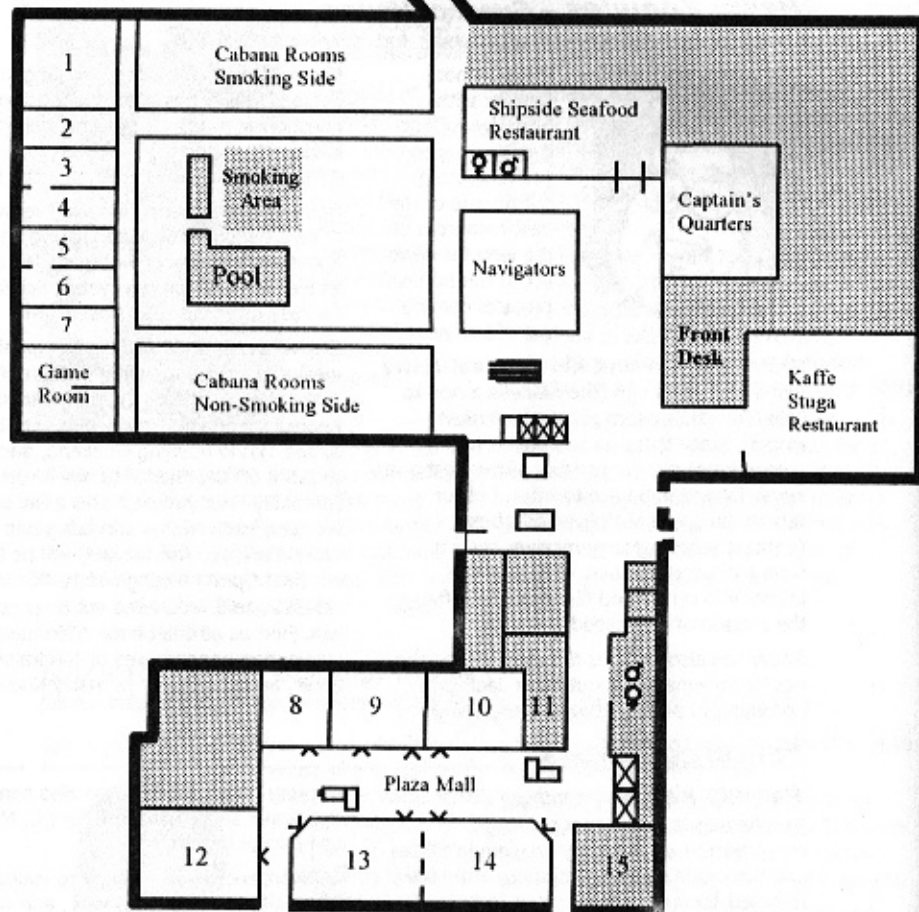
"Father Geek" is the on-line moniker for the father of Harry Knowles, CONvergence Guest of Honor and creator of the *Ain't-It-Cool-News* web site, one of the best resources on the web for news and rumors about the hottest projects coming out of Hollywood. Father Geek contributes to the site regularly with stories and reviews, and will be joining Harry at CONvergence, helping him field questions from eager fans.

Maps

"I have an existential map. It has 'You Are Here' written all over it."

— Steven Wright

First Floor



Key To First Floor Map

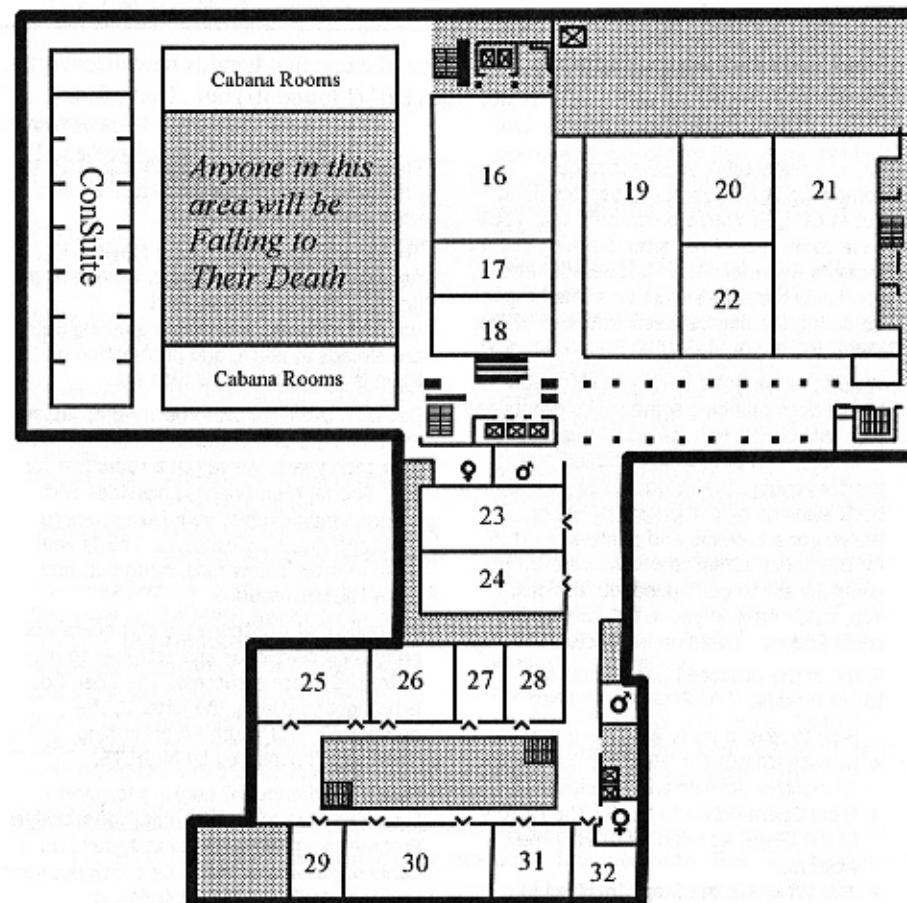
- 1 Fitness Center
- 2 "Renewal" LARP HQ
- 3 Ain't It Cool News
- 4 Harry Knowles / Father Geek
- 5 COF₂E₂
- 6 "Unplugged" Music
- 7 "Plugged" Music
- 8 Anime Room
- 9 Comics Prog.
- 10 Art/Artists Prog.
- 11 Gift Shop
- 12 Cinema Rex Movie Room
- 13 Movie Programming
- 14 Television Programming
- 15 Java Plaza

Key to Second Floor Map

- 16 Masq. Green Room/ Collectible Card Tournament Space
- 17 Gadgeteers' Petting Zoo
- 18 Engineering
- 19 Mainstage
- 20 Musicians' Storage Space
- 21 Dealers' Room
- 22 Registration / Volunteers / Information Services
- 23 unCONventional/ Anime Prog. Bloomington Room
- 24 Literature Programming Edna Room
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- 26 Gaming Programming
- 27 Youth Programming
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- 30 Art Show
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- 32 Phule's Club

These maps reflect current plans and are subject to change

Second Floor



Radisson Hotel South

(CONvergence Convention Hotel)

7800 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN

To the Radisson South from the East:

- ♦ Take I-494 WEST/MN-5 WEST
- ♦ Take I-494 to MN-Hwy 100
- ♦ Take the MN-Hwy 100 exit, exit #7A.
- ♦ Merge onto NORMANDEALE BLVD
- ♦ Take the INDUSTRIAL BLVD exit
- ♦ Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp
- ♦ Turn LEFT onto NORMANDEALE BLVD
- ♦ Radisson Hotel is on the right

To the Radisson South From the West:

- ♦ I-494 EAST to INDUSTRIAL BLVD
- ♦ Take INDUSTRIAL BLVD exit; turn RIGHT onto INDUSTRIAL BLVD
- ♦ Turn LEFT onto NORMANDEALE BLVD.
- ♦ Radisson Hotel is on the RIGHT.

Wyndham Gardens Hotel

(Overflow Hotel for CONvergence)

4460 W. 78th St. Circle, Bloomington, MN

To the Wyndham from the East:

- ♦ Take I-494 WEST/MN-5 WEST
- ♦ Take the FRANCE AVE exit, exit #6B.
- ♦ Keep RIGHT onto FRANCE AVE S.
- ♦ Turn LEFT onto MINNESOTA DR. which becomes JOHNSON AVE S.
- ♦ JOHNSON then becomes W 78TH ST.
- ♦ Turn RIGHT onto W 78TH ST CIR.

To the Wyndham from the West:

- ♦ Take I-494 EAST to FRANCE AVE
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Programming

"The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not 'Eureka!' (I found it!) but 'That's funny...'"

— Isaac Asimov

So, you really think you want to do something at CONvergence besides hang out at COF₂E₂. You're pretty sure that you'll have some spare time after checking out the Dealer's Room and the Masquerade. And you know that there must be something to do during the day between volunteer shifts. What should you do? What *should* you do?

Well, have we got a snazzy deal for you. We've been planning some spiffy events and way cool panels to keep you amused, educated, and otherwise occupied during the convention. We've got readings and book signings by our Guests of Honor. We've got art events and neat-to-keen stuff for the under-12 set to do. We've even got some honest-to-gosh panel discussions. Yep, that's right, if you're not careful you could find yourself in an intellectual debate!

Some of the proposed panel ideas and topics include:

- ♦ How to Host a Party at CONvergence
- ♦ Science is Bad! (or "How Popular Media Demonizes Science and Scientists")
- ♦ From Scientification to Sci-Fi: The History of the Genre As Seen By GOH Forrest Ackerman
- ♦ Just What Are the Steps Involved in Getting a Book Published?
- ♦ How I Took Down a Star Trek LISTSERV

Programming runs from 3:00pm to 1:30am Friday, 9:00am to 1:30am Saturday, and noon to 3:00pm Sunday.

The programming tracks are Movies, TV, Art/Artists, Literature, Anime, Comics, Hard Science, Youth, Gaming, and unCONventional. Some programming items are already in place, and information on them is available on our web site.

But wait, there's more! That's right, just for the members of the viewing audience in their teen years, we've got a room just for you! Special teen-oriented activities and programming events, your own space to chat, and much, much more! This is your room to meet fellow fans, hang out, and enjoy the convention.

We hope that our teenaged con-goers will bring their own ideas and activities to help make this space a success. The Teen Room is brought to you by the letter Z, the number 42, and Youth Programming, and is generously sponsored by MISFITS.

Haven't had enough? Looking for more? E-mail us at idiot_nun@hotmail.com and let Programming know you'd like to help on a panel discussion or three. Or check out your Program Book and Pocket Guide at CONvergence. We'll keep you hopping!

Art Show & Auction

"Gentlemen, let's broaden our minds."

— The Joker, *Batman* (1989)

WHERE: Atrium 6 (2nd Floor)

Thursday:
6pm–10pm Art Show set-up & walk-in
Artist check-in

Friday:
10am–7pm Walk-in Artist check-in
2pm–7pm Art Show & Print Shop open

Saturday:
10am–11am Walk-in Artist check-in
(if space is available)

10am–6pm Art Show & Print Shop open
9pm–11pm Voice Auction

Sunday:
10am–3pm Art pick-up, Artist checkout
Print Shop open
3pm–6pm Mail-in artwork taken down & packed, Art Show taken down

The three sections of the CONvergence Art Show will be the **Main Section** (for most artwork), the **Adults-Only Section** (at the discretion of the artist or Art Show Head), and the **Print Shop**. Artwork may be offered for sale or displayed as "Not for Sale." Works receiving more than five bids will be entered into the Art Auction.

Artwork will be displayed on 4'x6' **pegboard panels** for flat art, on **table space** for 3-dimensional pieces, and in a **display case** for small sculptures and jewelry.

Hanging/Display Space is \$5 per half-panel or half-table. \$10 per whole-panel or whole-table. No hanging fees are charged for Print Shop items. The **maximum space** allowed is a combination of two whole-panels/tables of space covering no more than 50 square feet. The charge for placing small items in the display case is 50 cents per piece. CONvergence receives a 10% commission on all art sold through the Art Show and Print Shop.

Security will be provided by CONvergence while the Art Show is in session. The Art Show space will be locked at night. This is not a guarantee of safety but an honest attempt to be secure.

For more information on the CONvergence Art show check our web site or contact **Donna Cunningham** c/o CONvergence or e-mail her at ForevrArt@aol.com.

Dealers' Room

"Let us be thankful we have commerce. Buy more. Buy more now. Buy. And be happy."


— OM, *THX-1138*

Dealers confirmed and paid at this time are:

- ♦ **Anime Kingdom**
- ♦ **Ann's Woodland Expressions** herbs, oils, sachets, jewelry
- ♦ **Arrow Comics Group** comics publisher
- ♦ **Artifacts by J. Henderson** historic reproductions, jewelry, artwork
- ♦ **Bronze Age Enterprises** jewelry in silver and gold
- ♦ **Captive Elements** jewelry and T-shirts
- ♦ **Costumes For Your Eyes**
- ♦ **DreamHaven Books & Comics**
- ♦ **Dreamscape Designs** sterling & gemstone jewelry
- ♦ **Gothic Designs** stained

- glass and statuary
- ♦ **Ingar Raymond**
- ♦ **Kyriil's Cavern** stuffed critters—dragons, gryphons, etc.
- ♦ **Maiden Mongolia**
- ♦ **Mere Dragons** art prints, swords, daggers, bumper stickers
- ♦ **Mirkwood Coffee, Comics and Games** gaming merchandise
- ♦ **Mo's Designs** crystals, meteorites, ancient artifacts, jewelry
- ♦ **MoonShadow's Landing** jewelry, stones, crystals
- ♦ **Odalisque** fantasy historical costumes, jewelry, toys
- ♦ **Painted Unicorn** T-shirts, sweatshirts, buttons, cards, cloaks

- ♦ **Re-Action Figures**
- ♦ **Something Different** used paperbacks, pewter, jewelry, SF collectibles
- ♦ **StarFire Swords Ltd** cutlery
- ♦ **Starstone's Jewelry** jewelry, pouches, soap
- ♦ **The Realm of Imagination** RPG products
- ♦ **Teamsters**
- ♦ **Treasures and Trinkets** pewter, ceramic figurines, spun glass
- ♦ **Trust No One Comics, Cards and Collectibles**
- ♦ **Wayne McCloud**



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The Masquerade

"The world is what you make of it, my friend. If it doesn't fit, you make alterations."

— Stella (proprietor of the Midnight Star), *Silverado*

WHERE: Grand Ballroom East (Mainstage)
WHEN: 7pm Saturday



Produced by Kat Pepmiller, this promises to be a fantastic show and an opportunity for regional costumers to compete and display their abilities in costuming and presentation.

Forms

All Masquerade registration forms are available on our web site, except the Liability Form, which needs to be filled out and signed at the convention. We encourage everyone planning to participate in the Masquerade to register prior to the convention so we can better plan volunteer needs.

Green Room

We would like to thank Sherry Roth, who has agreed to act as our Green Room manager. The Green Room will use Verandas 7-10.

Costume Display Area

Costumers, how many costumes do you have hiding in the back of your closet? We have an opportunity for you this year to display your past creations.

CONvergence will feature a Costume Display Area; a secure, badged room where we can safely display these items. You will need to provide your own mannequins or display apparatus. If you are interested please contact Kat Pepmiller

Volunteers

We are still looking for interested parties for some key positions: Qualified Judges, Masquerade Registration, Bean Counters, Den Parents, Lead Wrangler.

Music

As always, we encourage you to bring your own music for your presentations. Music on cassette is best, but not required. Please check the presentation rules on the web site if you have further questions.

Lighting

We expect lighting to be very basic this year. If you feel you have special lighting needs, you must let us know as soon as possible. If we are unable to meet your needs, we will contact you.

Masquerade Hours / Timeline

Friday

11am – 7pm Masquerade Registration.

Saturday

9am–11am Masquerade Registration.
9am–11am Rehearsals. (Number of entrants will determine the length of rehearsal times)
11am–Noon Masquerade Orientation
Noon–5pm Rehearsals continue
6pm Green Room opens
7pm Showtime

c/o Converge99@aol.com. Space is limited, so please reserve your space ASAP. An information card with title, costumer, source, and any applicable details should accompany all costumes.

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Gadgeteer's Petting Zoo

"Yeah, I got a wife and kids too, but you don't see me stealing Imperial droids, now do ya?"

— Imperial Stormtrooper, *Troops*

WHERE: Veranda Ballroom 3-4 (2nd Floor)

WHEN: Friday: 1pm–9pm
Saturday: 1pm–7pm
Sunday: 1pm–5pm



The Gadgetmaster wants YOU! ...or at least your Gadgets! Yet another of the many fine attractions at CONvergence is The Gadgeteer's Petting Zoo. Here you will be able to experience many interesting techno-toys.

The only problem Gadgetmaster **Richard Caylor** has is that he has only so many gadgets he can bring by himself. That's where YOU come in! If you have an entertaining gadget of *any* sort that you

Fan Faire

WHERE: Poolside (1st Floor)
WHEN: Noon–2pm Saturday

The first ever **CONvergence Fan Faire** will be held Saturday afternoon by the poolside. Fan groups, clubs, and organizations from all over the Twin Cities and beyond will be there, looking for new members and friends.

All fan-related organizations are **invited to participate** in the CONvergence Fan Faire. Interested parties should contact Kelvin Hatle at kelvin_hatle@adc.com, or (612) 879-9695, to reserve table space. Come find other left-handed cross-dressing Albanians who are into *Space: 1999*

would be willing to share, or if you would be willing to take a two-hour shift watching over the gadgets during the con, please contact Richard immediately. We have lots of space available to us, and a *very* loose definition of "Gadget!"

Reluctant Gadget owners please note the following:

- ◆ You needn't permit any actual "petting" of your Gadget. Richard plans to build a display case for one of his more potentially hazardous gadgets!
- ◆ The Gadgeteer's Petting Zoo will be held in a secure room right next to the Con's operational center—just about the safest place at the Radisson!
- ◆ Gadgets registered early enough can be covered under the Con's insurance policy.
- ◆ If insurance won't make you feel any better, you are encouraged to make whatever security arrangements you feel are required, including just dropping by with your gadget and taking it with you when you leave. (We'd still like to know in advance, if possible!)
- ◆ If your gadget is too fragile, too expensive, too dangerous, or too unwieldy to bring to the Con, then we'd like to videotape it for display in the Zoo!

So assert your technological superiority! Contact Gadgetmaster Richard Caylor at richardc@transition.com (or c/o CONvergence).

Parties

One of the areas in which we have received the strongest response from the fan community was in the outpouring of interest in holding parties at CONvergence. At this time all the **poolside cabana rooms** are full, but if you are interested in hosting a party at CONvergence, please contact us. Parties can be held in other rooms in the

hotel, and the Parties Department wants to work with you to make your party as successful as possible.

Here are the parties registered with CONvergence at this time. For more detailed descriptions of the parties, visit our web site.

First Floor

Cabana 102 – MISFITS Chocolate Room Primary Contact: TJ Starbuck
Meet the MISFITS crew as they host this Willy Wonka-inspired party.

Cabana 103 – Space: 1999 Primary Contact: Yuk Ki Lau
Join us as we celebrate the solution to the atomic waste problem of the 20th century.

Cabana 104 – Valdamar Embassy Ball Primary Contact: Liz Burke-Scovill
You are hereby invited to an Embassy Costume Ball in honor of Mercedes Lackey's Valdamar.

Cabana 105 – Sock Party Primary Contact: Paula Merns
Highlights include a sock hop and sock-puppet theater. Bring your unmated socks for the sock mating pit. Sock it to me!

Cabana 106 – Temple Of the Jell-O Twister Primary Contact: Michelle Layland
The basic game of twister but with Jell-O as the colors (swimsuits required).

Cabana 107 – Cow Party Primary Contact: Sunshine Katz
Come in and graze at our delicious buffet, under strings of lit up cow lights. Udderly awesome.

Cabana 108 – Talon's Portal Tavern Primary Contact: Gino Marinaro
A phantasy tavern run by Talon the Dragon.

Cabana 109 – MISFITS Teen Room Primary Contact: Mat Brener
A party room and programming room for teen-oriented activities and panels.

Cabana 110 – Club Adventure Speakeasy Primary Contact: Kathleen Rustad
Come join us at the Speakeasy where the gin is dry and the guest list is... colorful.

Cabana 123 – Club Neo-Tokyo Primary Contact: Andrei
A futuristic multimedia nightclub featuring DJ Andrei.

Cabana 124 – Minnesota Dr. Who Viewing Society: Men Behaving Badly
Primary Contact: Greg Bakun. Inspired by the British comedy series. Bring your own lager!

Cabana 125 – Sons of Thunder Beach Party Primary Contact: Anne Totusek
A beach party / clam bake.

Cabana 126 – Forry Ackerman Festival Primary Contact: Brad Kittleson
Celebrating bad movies and the film appearances of GOH Forrest J. Ackerman.

Cabana 127 – Tarnis: Freighter's End Bar Primary Contact: Kelly Pope
Unusual drinks at a bar set in the Star Trek universe. 'Nuff said.

Cabana 128 – Teamsters: Death, Duct Tape, and Destruction
Primary Contacts: Bryan Eckstrom and Matt Brogmus

Cabanas 129 & 130 –

Trans-Galactic Inter-Dimensional Gourmand Society / RakeHell
Primary Contacts: George Richard / Sarah Richard. These groups have adjoining cabanas and plan to have two large parties overlapping into the adjoining cabana on opposite nights: *The Time/Space Coordinate Return Point Party* and *The Restaurant At the End Of the Empire*.

Cabana 131 – R.O.G. Primary Contact: Mike Teff
Togas required. Saying anything else would spoil the surprise.

Second Floor

Room TBD – Krushenko's: Still Accustomed to Serving Alien Guests!

Primary Contact: Eric Heideman (Sponsored by SF-Minnesota)

Room TBD – Nokomis Holodeck Party Primary Contact: Blair Keith
The Nokomis is hosting a Holodeck Party, but which program will be selected?

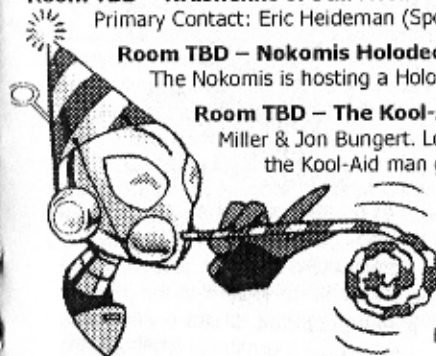
Room TBD – The Kool-Aid Kult Punch Party Primary Contacts: Jim Miller & Jon Bungert. Lots of fun planned. Looking for an Atari 7800 with the Kool-Aid man game. Anybody got one? Please contact us.

Room TBD – The Realm of Imagination

Primary Contact: Ross Sinclair

The Realm of Imagination invites you to join us in a celebration of fantasy role-playing.

Room TBD – Celestial Affiliation of Time Lords (CAOTL) Primary Contact: Tim Abell



Gaming Events

"Wait a minute, what if, like, none of this really is happening and we're inside someone else's head and they're just making us up?"

— Joxer The Mighty, *Nena: Warrior Princess*

WHERE: 22nd Floor (Gaming Suite)

In addition to a programming track filled with panels and discussions on various kinds of gaming, our 8-room **Gaming Suite** will occupy the entire 22nd floor of the Radisson South. At least eight events are planned, two of which are regional first-run events. We are looking to have as many different gaming systems represented as possible. Systems we are looking at include AD&D™, Shadowrun™, Earthdawn™, Boot Hill™, Paranoia™ and Rolemaster™. Board games such as Civilization™ and Empire Builder™ will be played in these rooms as well.

Live Action Role-Playing (LARPs)

Renewal

Presented by Darrell Hardy

A live action role-playing game will be running throughout the hotel for the entire weekend starting Friday at 7:00pm. *Renewal* is free to play, and props and costumes will be provided. If you want to get involved, check in at *Renewal's* HQ near poolside when you arrive at the convention.

Society in Shadows

Presented by Wyrld Images

Society in Shadows is a live-action role-playing game of mystery and intrigue. In this game, players take on the roles of supernatural beings in a modern world. This game features a new, innovative game system, and an all-original world background with its own unique twists and

history. There will be a **\$10 fee** paid to Wyrld Images to play in this game. For more information, go to <http://www.wiie.com>, or simply stop by Society Headquarters at the convention and talk to one of the user-friendly Game Officials.

RPGA Living City Scenarios

CONvergence will be offering three RPGA "living city" scenarios at our convention. For those who have never participated in one of these events, it is easy and fun to get involved. The events are run in an AD&D environment and allow you to develop a character throughout several campaigns. Your character's accomplishments and prestige are carried into the next scenario you choose to participate in. The Twin Cities Role Playing Society (TWIRP) runs several of these events in our area, so if you get hooked at the con, you will have many opportunities to continue playing in this unique and popular environment. The scenarios will be run out of the gaming suite, but times will not be announced until closer to the convention.

We are currently looking for judges to fill the scheduled event slots. If you are interested in running any type of game (published or unpublished), please contact us at Converge99@aol.com or through any of our other channels. Inexperienced judges are welcome and we will be offering training sessions for those that need it.

Collectible Card Tournaments

CONvergence will also feature at least three sanctioned collectible card tournaments, two of which will be **FREE**:

Star Wars™

Decipher Swiss Format

WHERE: Atriums 5,6,7,8

WHEN:

Friday, July 2nd 8-midnight

This game is **FREE** with CONvergence Registration.

In a "Decipher Swiss" tournament, players bring their own decks constructed from the cards they own and face a random opponent for the first round, then are paired with opponents with the same win-record for a set number of rounds.

Babylon 5™ Constructed

WHERE: Atriums 5,6,7,8

WHEN: Friday, July 2nd 8pm-midnight

This game is **FREE** with CONvergence Registration. Players bring their own decks constructed from the cards they own.

Live Music

"The Children of the Night. What music they make."

Count Dracula. *Dracula*

"Children of the Night. shut up!"

— Count Dracula. *Love at First Bite*

CONvergence will feature live music both as Main Stage acts and in our COF₂E₂ venue. If you are a musician/group and are interested in playing COF₂E₂, contact Dayna Wolter ASAP. She can be reached at dwolter@experiononline.com.

Featured acts confirmed at this time include:

Lojo Russo and Funks Grove

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Magic: The Gathering™

Urza's Cycle Sealed

WHERE: Atriums 5,6,7,8

WHEN:

Saturday, July 3rd 10am-3pm

Cost: \$16 Players receive:

- 1 Urza's Saga Tournament Pack
- 1 Urza's Legacy Booster
- 1 Urza's Destiny Booster

A new expansion, *Urza's Destiny*, will become tournament legal on July 1st, just in time for use at CONvergence! The charge for this tournament includes the cost of the **Tournament Pack** and two **Booster Packs**, and is less expensive than most Pro Tour qualifiers and other tournaments.

Mirkwood Coffee, Comics & Games will be hosting these Collectible

Card Tournaments, providing prizes, judges, and sanctioning. Booster packs will be awarded to tournament winners.

For more information on Mirkwood, e-mail them at Mirkwoodcc@aol.com or check their web site at <http://www.rpg.net/mirkwood>.

Passages

Passages is a 6-member group that is more than a band, it is a musical "experience." With instrumentation that includes lush and layered guitar work sprinkled with the soothing tones of hammered dulcimer played by Joel Hanson, one will find lead singer Christian Erickson's voice gliding along the poetic lyrics of guitarist Aaron Keshner. Along with drummer Craig Grossman, bassist Tim Ritter, and vocalist Diana Vaicius, *Passages* takes you on a languid, not-in-a-hurry-to-do-anything-but-bathe-in-the-sounds journey that is sure to please many.

Their 1998 debut album *Wellspring* has gotten off to a nice start here on the local scene. Keep an eye out in the local press for their name if you wish to see them before CONvergence. They play often around the Twin Cities.

Passages will be playing at CONvergence Friday, July 2 in the Great Hall preceding *Lojo Russo & Funks Grove*.

COF₂E₂

WHERE: Poolside Cabana (1st Floor)

WHEN: 7pm Friday – 11am Saturday, 7pm Saturday – 11am Sunday

CONvergence is currently the only Minnesota SF convention to offer a full service Espresso bar this year. However, we need your help to do it!

The rental environment has changed and we have found it necessary to *purchase* an espresso machine. In the long run, this will be a huge advantage, and will save a lot of money. In the short term, however, our expenses just doubled but our budget didn't. Eek!

So if you plan on worshipping at the caffeine shrine, why not consider an offering? We have several ways you can help sponsor the cost of the Espresso machine.

- 1) Consider one of our lovely **COF₂E₂ Muse** buttons. A bargain at \$5 and part of a limited edition of only 100 buttons.
- 2) Become a **COF₂E₂ Lover** by donating \$20. All **COF₂E₂ Lovers** will be honored at the shrine to caffeine.

Windsinger

Windsinger has existed as a Gardnerian Coven for ten years, and as a singing choir for six. They perform Pagan-oriented music, from light and lively to moving and reverent, and everything in between—plus the occasional off-center piece (like "The Spooky Mulder Blues", or their Country and Western parody, "Red Fuzzies"). Mostly acoustic, utilizing 12-string guitar, tambourine, penny whistle, drum, and violin, with a touch of keyboard, *Windsinger* concentrates on vocals and unique melodies. *Windsinger* has frequently drawn appreciative crowds at Minicon, and has marched in the Heart of the Beast Mayday parade. The members of *Windsinger* perform under the names Akasha, Eran, Coriander, Zil, Athena, Azhatar, Elora, Annona, Newt, Artos, Wyldr, and Janus, with special guests Fenris and Gypsy. (You'll also find many of these folks associated with *Pagan Ink*, the Twin Cities' independent Pagan magazine.)

"What ever you do, don't fall asleep!"

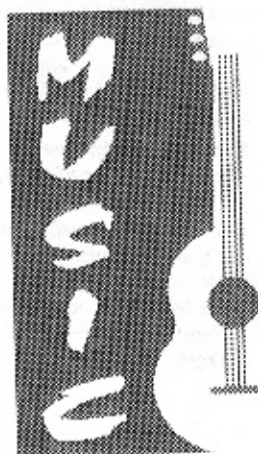
— Nancy, *A Nightmare on Elm Street*

- 3) Become a **COF₂E₂ Acolyte** by donating \$50. We will sing your praises with a drink named after you (or by you, if you prefer).
- 4) Become a **COF₂E₂ Addict** (some of you are there already) by donating \$100. At this level not only will we name a drink after you, but we will extend to you the singular honor of designing the drink.

If you don't have any money, but you do have some time, we will be working several events at the Target center to raise the money we need. If you would like to devote your life to COF₂E₂, you simply need to let us know.

Contact us at Converge99@aol.com if you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering for the COF₂E₂ espresso machine.

Honestly, there was a muse of COF₂E₂ (How do you think the other muses stayed up to get anything done?). They just forgot to write down her name.



Engineering (the Department formerly known as Operations)

Why "Engineering"? We were looking for a name that best fit what we do. We are not military nor security. The **CONvergence Engineering** department helps the convention work smoothly by acting as the **nerve center** for the convention. It aids in **communication** between all departments, and serves as the main contact between YOU the convention member and CONvergence. We have a location that anyone at the convention can come to or simply call for information... a clearing house, if you will. You can contact us for any type of info and if we don't have it, we know who does (well, we can dream, can't we?).

We also have a group of people that roam the convention helping convention members, solving problems, and answering questions. We have designated this group as our **Waldos** (no they are not redshirts, so don't get any ideas!). They are our conventions public service people. You can find them and ask questions or get help of any kind. We also have a **First Aid** department which will be available on-call to the convention membership.


Now you wonder where all this is going? As one of the largest departments at

Wanted: Your photographs and videos

CONvergence is working with **Rob Withoff** and **Magic Marmot Studios** to put together a video of CONvergence 1999. We're looking for contributions of photographs and video tapes of the convention to use in the video. If you would like to submit your photos and videos after the convention

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"If the apocalypse comes, beep me."

— Buffy Summers, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*

CONvergence, that logically translates into **WE NEED HELP!!** Our department relies on volunteers to do the work of keeping the convention running. If you enjoy a fast-paced environment, and knowing the inner-workings of a convention, this is the department for you. We need **Waldos, Information Desk help, Dispatchers, and Life Support** personnel.

In order for all of us to have a good time at the convention, we wanted to pass along a couple of our policies to you ahead of time:

WEAPONS POLICY:

- ♦ No projectile weapons. If it projects a solid, liquid, gas or energy with enough force to annoy, it is considered a projectile weapon.
- ♦ All weapons must be carried in a sheath or sling.
- ♦ Peace-bonding is required on all weapons.
- ♦ No real or "real-looking" weapons.

PETS:

- ♦ Pets are not allowed at the convention. Only animals that are working, such as guide dogs will be welcome.

If you want to know more about Engineering, volunteer positions, or policies, contact **Laura Lochen** at lochens@cwix.com.

please contact Magic Marmot Studios at (612)823-2141. After the convention you can send materials to:

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Please include your name and contact information, a description of what the materials are of, and a brief note giving us permission to use the materials. A sample release form will be available on the MMS web site <http://www.magic-marmot.com>.

If you would like your materials returned to you, please include return postage.

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Fundraising

"You still don't know what you're dealing with, do you? Perfect organism. Its structural perfection is matched only by its hostility. I admire its purity, a survivor; unclouded by conscience, remorse or delusions of morality."

— Ash, *Alien*, 1979

You may or may not know this, but all of the food and drink stands at the **Target Center** are staffed by **non-profit organizations** that get a percentage of the sales that they make. At the NHL exhibition game, CONvergence earned about \$300. We have also staffed stands for various events from Garth Brooks concerts to WCW Wrestling events. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help us with these excellent fundraisers.

We have actually had fun working at the Target Center and look forward to having you there. Additionally, if you have a **fan group** that needs to raise money (to host a party at CONvergence, for example), you can put a group together to work at the Target center *through CONvergence*. For more details, e-mail **Perrin Klumpp** at aardvark@skypoint.com, or call the CONvergence hotline at (612) 996-9224.

Advertising

At this time we are soliciting advertising for our **Program Book**; there are also advertising opportunities on our **web site**. CONvergence advertising rates are **affordable for anyone** from businesses to fan groups with an interest in reaching the CONvergence audience of SF/Fantasy Fans, Gamers, and Costumers.

Even a dealer already planning to have space at CONvergence would find it worthwhile to make sure every CONvergence attendee takes home an advertisement and contact information for their business.

CONvergence has both "Pro Rates" and "Fan Rates" for Program Book ads. Pro Rates are for businesses, publishers, and the like, while Fan Rates are for fan groups, clubs, and non-moneymaking organizations. The Publications Director has final authority on which rate structure applies.

PROGRAM BOOK (Distributed at the convention)—Ad deadline is June 4, 1999

Ad Size	Width	Height	Pro Rate	Fan Rate
Full Page	7.5"	10"	\$150	\$75
Half Page	7.5"	4.75"	\$80	\$40
Quarter Page	3.5"	4.75"	\$50	\$25
"Business Card"	3.5"	2"	\$15	\$10
Inside Back Cover	7.5"	10"	\$175	\$175 (first come, first served)
Back Cover	7.5"	10"	\$250	\$250 (first come, first served)



Ad graphics may be sent electronically to publications@CONvergence-con.org. Payment (checks made payable to **CONvergence**) and camera-ready art may be sent to:

CONvergence
Attn: Advertising Department
P.O. Box 13208 - Dinkytown Station
Minneapolis, MN 55414

CONvergence retains the right of refusal for any ad or advertiser. For format requirements or for any questions about advertising with CONvergence, please contact us through any of the communication channels listed above or e-mail Publications Director **Christopher Jones** directly at publications@CONvergence-con.org.

CONvergence News and Upcoming Events

"Why, you're the very model of sanity. Oh by the way, I pressed your tights and put away your exploding gas balls."

— Alfred (to Bruce Wayne), *Batman: Mask of the Phantasm*

MISFITS Movie Night

On April 16 and 17, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* was the premiere installment of the MISFITS Science Fiction Movie Night. In partnership with Nathan Block of the Plaza Maplewood Theater, MISFITS is proud to present this monthly showcase of Science Fiction and Fantasy classics on the big screen.

Movies will be shown on Friday and Saturday nights on the third weekend of each month. Ticket prices will be \$4 and showings will start between 11:00pm and midnight at the **Plaza Maplewood Theater**, 1847 East Larpenleur Ave. Maplewood. Schedules and exact show times for upcoming films will be announced soon.

MISFITS would like to thank **Nathan Block** for his partnership in this venture. Be sure to patronize the concessions stand while at the film, as that's how Nathan makes his money! All the box office proceeds go to benefit MISFITS.

If you need directions, call the Plaza Maplewood Theater at (651) 770-7969.

MISFITS Team Trivia Challenge

On May 15, MISFITS will host the first annual **MISFITS Team Trivia Challenge**. This competition will be open to eight teams of up to four members each who will compete in a game show-style format for prizes and the title of MISFITS Trivia Champions.

Questions will cover a broad range of Science Fiction and Fantasy in TV, film, literature, and other media. A diverse knowledge base is definitely a team asset! There is an entry fee of \$20 per team; the top two teams will receive a variety of prizes, and the champions will have their names inscribed in the first spot on the Champion's Plaque.

The fun begins at 5:30pm with the first of two 4-team elimination rounds that will reduce our competitors to the two teams that will face off in our final round. This event will be held at the Radisson Hotel South and is definitely a spectator sport. It's free to watch and there's a cash bar, so come join the fun! Space is limited, so register soon!

MISFITS Garage Sale

A garage sale will be held on the weekend of May 22-23, with the proceeds going to benefit MISFITS. Those who'd like to shop for bargains and support MISFITS and CONvergence at the same time are encouraged to attend.

The location is 1615 Finn St. (SW corner of Finn & Fairmont) in St. Paul, and the hours of operation will be 9am-4pm on Saturday, May 22, and 11am-4pm on Sunday, May 23.

If you'd like to benefit MISFITS by donating items to the sale, we'd like to hear from you. For additional information please contact CONvergence or MISFITS.

Volunteers

If you've already told us that you want to volunteer, thanks! You'll be hearing from us soon, if you haven't already. If you haven't yet offered to volunteer, you still can! Check out our web site or drop us a line and we'll pass your name on to the departments who can use you as you'd like to be used.

Being a first year convention, money is an interesting and unpredictable thing. Therefore, we are still working out the best way to express our thanks to all the volunteers who really make CONvergence happen. We currently have a number of ideas, but we welcome more suggestions!

When you show up, be sure to stop by the Volunteers desk in the Registration area so we can help you get set up with the departments that interest you. We look forward to seeing you!

Timeline

"So much time, so little to do. Wait. Strike that. Reverse it."

— Willie Wonka, *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*

Sun, May 8:	Open Meeting	Sun, July 25:	Advertising Deadline for Post-mortem Publication
Fri-Sun, May 14-15	MISFITS Movie Night	Mon, Aug 15:	CONvergence 1999 Post-mortem Publication
Sat, May 15:	Team Trivia Challenge	Sun, Sept 19:	Advertising Deadline for PR1
Sat-Sun, May 22-23:	MISFITS Garage Sale	Mon, Oct 11:	C2K (CONvergence 2000) PR1 Distributed
Sun, June 6:	Advertising Deadline for Program Book	Sun, Feb 27, 2000:	Advertising Deadline for PR2
Sun, June 6:	Open Meeting (Last Before CONvergence 1999)	Tues, Mar 28, 2000:	C2K (CONvergence 2000) PR2 Distributed
Fri-Sun, July 2-4:	CONvergence 1999	July 7-9, 2000:	CONvergence 2000
Sun, July 17:	MISFITS Meeting / CONvergence Review		

New events are being planned all the time. Check our web site or get on our e-mail announcement list for further news and information as it develops.

In Closing

"This is not the end. This is not the beginning of the end. It is the end of the beginning."

— Winston Churchill

Many thanks to everyone who helped bring together CONvergence's third and final Progress Report for our 1999 convention.

We thank you for taking the time to read PR3. Please share it with your friends and anyone who might be interested in becoming part of CONvergence. Your

comments and suggestions are always appreciated. See you at CONvergence!


Christopher Jones

Publications Director
CONvergence

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Men Behaving Badly


Room Party at CONvergence



Tony and Gary from Men Behaving Badly

CHEERS MATE, HAVE A LAGER!!! The Minnesota Doctor Who Viewing Society is hosting the Men Behaving Badly room party at CONvergence. Men Behaving Badly is a British comedy about two blokes (Gary and Tony) who like women, dancing and lager. We can at least promise the dancing with an incredible variety of 80's and British rock all under the theme of a British pub. As far as the other two items... well ya never know. This party will be B.Y.O.L. which is Bring your Own Lager or alcohol. Our main goal is to see how many people we can fit into our pub (hotel room) Saturday night to dance and drink in the Lager Zone!

For more info on our other events visit:
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CONVERGENCE

July 2, 3, 4, 1999

WHAT: A Celebration of Diverse Science Fiction and Fantasy
 WHEN: Friday July 2 - Sunday July 4, 1999
 WHERE: The Radisson South, Bloomington, Minnesota

preregistration form

Complete this form and send it (with check or money order, US funds only) to: CONvergence, P.O. Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Registration Rates

Until May 31, 1999	\$25
Until May 31, '99 Kids Ages 6-10	\$10
Supporting Membership (\$10 now plus \$15 at the door)	\$10/ \$15
At the Door July 2-4, 1999	\$40
Kids 5 & under	Free

I am a fan of:

(Check all that apply)

- SF/Fantasy Movies
- SF/Fantasy TV Series
- SF/Fantasy Literature
- Star Trek
- Star Wars
- Babylon 5
- X-Files / Millennium
- Highlander
- Xena / Hercules
- Stargate
- MST3K
- Role-playing
- Dr. Who/British SF
- NASA/Space Science
- Anime
- Animation
- Comics
- Filk

Thank you for your interest in and support of CONvergence, to be held July 2, 3, 4 1999 at the Radisson South in Bloomington, Minnesota.

If you provide us with an e-mail address, your registration confirmation will be sent to you via e-mail as soon as it is entered into our database. If we do not have your e-mail address, confirmation will be sent upon our next scheduled US Mailing cycle. Any confirmation given is pending the clearing of payment.

Please note that we keep our information private and will not share your personal information with anyone. If you have questions or need to contact us for any reason, please use the contact information below.

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E-Mail: converge99@aol.com

Web: www.convergence-con.org

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Required - These fields MUST be filled out for us to process your registration.

Full Name

Street Address

City, State, ZIP Code, Country (if not USA)

Phone (Home and/or Work) - at least one is required

Badge Name (if Different from Full Name)

Check One:

Adult Badge

(21 & over)

Non-Adult

Badge

(under 21)

You must specify Adult or Non-Adult status.

People wishing adult badges will be asked to show a picture ID showing that they are at least 21 years old at the time they pick up their badge.

That means that if you're not 21 now but will be by the time the convention is held, you can still request an adult badge.

An E-mail address is not required but will speed up the process of confirming your registration.

E-Mail Address

I would be interested in volunteering...

(check all that apply)

Before the Con

During the Con

I would be interested in volunteering for the following areas:

(check all that apply)

General

Operations

Registration

Art Show

Parties

Risk Management

Masquerade

Programming

(Security/First Aid)

Do you possess any other skills or resources that you would be willing to lend the use of to CONvergence? Please explain (use the back of this form if necessary):

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hotel reservation form

Complete this form and send it to: CONvergence, P.O. Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Please fill out the following contact info:

Full Name _____

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Important Hotel Information (Please Read):

- CONvergence assigns all rooms, cabanas, parlors, and other hospitality areas.
- If you want to host a room party (regardless of location), you must also fill out a Parties Request form.
- Please note CONvergence will only accept TWO CONvergence '99 room request forms from any one person.
- CONvergence will attempt to return unprocessed any form considered illegible or incomplete.
- Please inquire about exact check-in/check-out times when contacted to confirm your reservation.
- If you would like your room to be near a particular group, indicate name here: _____
- CONvergence will accommodate as many people as possible, but not all requests can be fulfilled.



See you there!

- Check-out time is 12 noon for all hotels unless otherwise specified.

For more general information on CONvergence, visit our web site or contact us through the channels listed below.

Direct all inquiries to the address below or email: hotel@convergence-con.org.



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Room Requirements:

Check One:	Check One:
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 King Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Double Beds	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Smoking
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Care

Check any requirements that apply:

Low Floor Rollaway Crib

Wheelchair Access

Number of People in Room: _____

Other Responsible Party: _____

Check-in Date: _____

Check-out Date: _____

JULY 4th WEEKEND 1999

WED JUNE 31	THUR JULY 01	FRI JULY 02	SAT JULY 03	SUN JULY 04
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Once received, your form will be processed and you will be assigned a room in the Radisson Hotel South, or Wyndham Gardens as they are available.

Please note, convention activities will be centered in the Radisson, but the majority of sleeping rooms will be in the Wyndham Gardens.

Room Rates: Radisson - \$99/night
Wyndham - \$84/night

A Word About MISFITS



The Minnesota Society for Interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy (MISFITS) is the non-profit parent organization of CONvergence. Our mission includes education, literacy, and community building. MISFITS is a forum and foundation for members of the fan community, a chance to celebrate our diversity and our common bonds, and an opportunity to promote the appreciation of and interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy within the greater community.

In addition to sponsoring CONvergence as both a fundraiser and community-building event, MISFITS sponsors many other events, clubs, and programs, including:

Read the Book / See the Movie Club

The MISFITS Read The Book/See The Movie Club is designed for people who wish to stretch their critical thinking muscles. We will be reading the source material for movies, or the novelizations of movies, and then watching the films together. By reading books that were inspired by movies and watching movies inspired by books we will explore the strengths and weaknesses of both mediums. We also hope to have a lot of fun.

Writer's Group and Writing Workshop

The MISFITS Writer's Block meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm. Writer's Block is a place where you can share your writing, receive feedback and constructive criticism of your work, interact with other writers and, hopefully, improve your writing.

The MISFITS Writing Workshop meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. Meetings are based on a review and discussion of a writing exercise assigned from the previous meeting. We use the workshop and the writing exercises as building blocks for improving our writing skills in a supportive environment. Past exercises have included identifying and writing from different points of view,

characterization and character development, and how to write a beginning that captures and holds the reader's interest.

Writing Contest

MISFITS is sponsoring its first annual Writing Contest. Entries must be unpublished works of science fiction, fantasy, horror, or supernatural fiction of less than 2,500 words. There are two divisions: Open (this division is open to writers of any age) and Youth (open to writers who are 16 years old or younger on the contest closing date).

The winning authors in both each division will receive prizes and have their stories published. See the MISFITS web site at <http://www.misfit.org> for more details.

Project Happy Holidays

MISFITS has started a yearly project called Happy Holidays. Each year we will choose a family in need from our community and try to make their holidays a little brighter. The Kliers, our family for 1998, send their warmest thanks and appreciation for your generosity. We were able to provide toys for the two children, videos and games for the adults, and various necessary items such as a Sit and Stand Stroller. This year we're looking forward to raising even more money for our new family.

Nominations for the next family will begin in October. A big thank you from MISFITS to everyone who participated. Your participation is what makes MISFITS' community service activities like Happy Holidays possible.

We want you to be a part of MISFITS and we need your input. If you have ideas for activities that you would like MISFITS to sponsor, if you would like to volunteer, or if you would like to help us with our special events and fundraising activities, please contact us. You can e-mail us at misfits@winternet.com, check out our web site at <http://www.misfit.org> or attend the next CONvergence open meeting.

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