

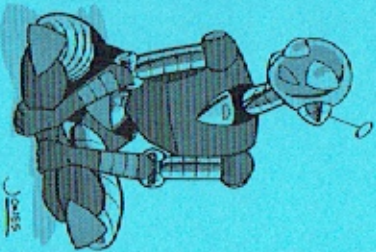


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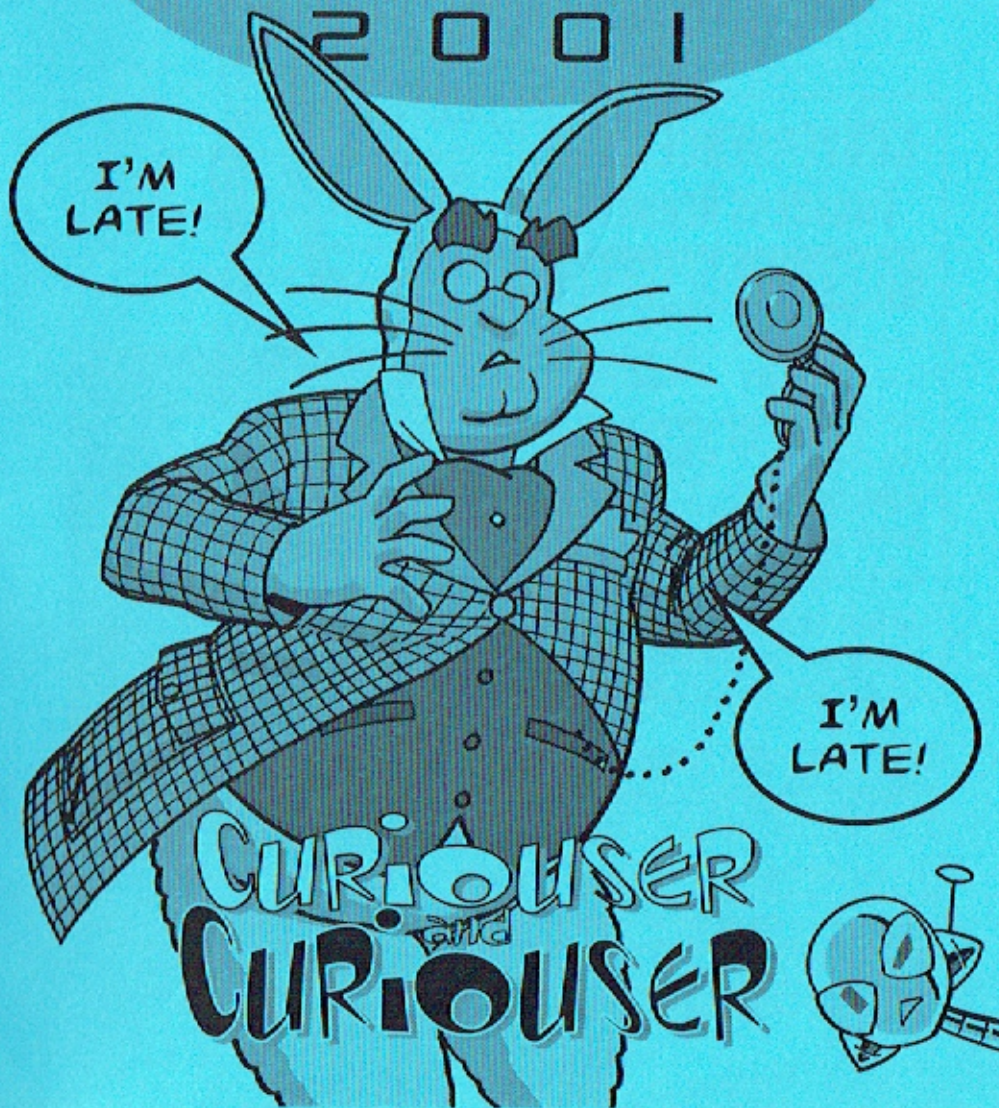
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Say, that looked like the Professor in that White Rabbit outfit. Don't often see HIM in costume. I think I sense an *Alice in Wonderland* convention theme coming on. Better get suited up...



Photo by Lexi Erwin-MacDonald

**CONVERGENCE 2000
PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS**

Before we launch into next year's con, we have one final piece of CONvergence 2000 business to take care of. We would like to congratulate the winners of our first annual CONvergence photo contest.

The winning photographs were selected from the many submitted by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Society for Interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy (MISFITS).

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos this year, and we hope you enter again next year with photos of CONvergence 2001. The winning photos appear on the following page.

An Honorable Mention goes to **Lexi Erwin-MacDonald** for her photo with NeoRex (at left). Want to see the winning photos in color? Visit our web site at <http://www.convergence-con.org>.

1 Psychopop performing on Mainstage

Photo by Dan Dockery



Photo by Nicole Lucke

2 "Austin Powers" has is mojo working

Photo by J. Garth Wilcox



CONVERGENCE 2000 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

- Photo 1 *Events* **Dan Dockery**
- Photo 2 *Nightlife* **Nicole Lucke**
- Photo 3 *Guests* **J. Garth Wilcox**
- Photo 4 *CVG'00* **John Grams**

3 Keith Topping discos to Waterloo

Photo by John Grams



4 Rex is tired and calls it a day

INTRODUCTION TO CONVERGENCE 2001

"Where shall I begin, please your Majesty?" he asked.
 "Begin at the beginning," the King said, very gravely,
 "And go on till you come to the end: then stop."

— *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll

And so we begin to gear up for the third year of CONvergence. Time flies when you're having fun, eh? It may have occurred to you by now that our theme for 2001, "Curiouser and Curiouser," is a reference to *Alice in Wonderland*. We have fun with our themes, so expect lots of *Alice*-themed images and quotations sprinkled throughout everything we do this year.

Why are we here?

The purpose of this publication is to give a general overview of our plans for CONvergence 2001 and to make you aware of important deadlines coming up for pre-registration, hotel room reservation, reserving table space in our Dealers' Room, or even hosting a poolside party.

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration rates for CONvergence 2001 are **currently only \$25**, but will go up to **\$35 on January 1, 2001**. Please refer to the pre-Registration Form at the back of this booklet for more details. We want to see you at CONvergence 2001, so pre-register early and save!

Contact Information

Since we started taking pre-registrations for the first CONvergence more than a year before it was held, our database is now more than three years old. If you have moved in the last few years or are otherwise not getting these Progress Reports mailed to you, please let us know so we can update your record in our database. If you want to be receiving e-mail reminders of MISFITS events including our monthly **Sci-Fi Movie Nights** and aren't getting them, please make sure we have your current e-mail address.

There. This ought to fit the bill. Bring it on!



CONVERGENCE 2001 GUESTS

"But I don't want to go among mad people," Alice remarked.

"Oh, you can't help that," said the Cat: "We're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad."

"How do you know I'm mad?" said Alice.

"You must be," said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here".

— *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll

As we've said before, we're very particular about our guests. We don't just want someone who is going to

show up, do a required panel or two and then hide out in their hotel room. We want CONvergence guests to be real participants in the convention, available to fans over the con weekend.

We also hope to have our guests reflect the diversity of media and subject matter in the spectrum of Science Fiction and Fantasy that is the focus of CONvergence. Neil Gaiman, Forrest J Ackerman, Gary Russell, Ruth Thompson, and Regina Pancake (to name but a few) have certainly fit the bill, and we think we've got some winners in store for 2001!



MICHAEL SHEARD

MICHAEL SHEARD

CONvergence Guest of Honor

- He played **Admiral Ozzel** in *The Empire Strikes Back*.
- He played arch-villain **Adolf Hitler** in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.
- He's appeared on *Doctor Who* several times, working with every actor to have played the Doctor.
- He's guest-starred on *Space: 1999*, *Blake's Seven*, *The Tomorrow People*, and a host of other British series, too numerous to mention here.

Who is he? He's British actor **Michael Sheard**. Michael loves fans and conventions, and he's sure to be a lot of fun, with stories to tell about working with George Lucas, Steven Spielberg, and all the stars of *Doctor Who*. For more about Michael Sheard and his work, visit the CONvergence web site at <http://www.convergence-con.org>.

HARRY KNOWLES AND JAY "FATHER GEEK" KNOWLES

CONvergence Guest of Honor and Featured Guest

We were lucky enough to have **Harry Knowles** and **Jay "Father Geek" Knowles** of the *Aint-It-Cool-News* web site at CONvergence 1999. They had a blast and INSISTED on coming back. Who are we to argue?

After several guest appearances on *Roger Ebert at the Movies*, Harry's star continues to be on the rise, with TV and book deals in the works. We look forward to hearing what inside information he'll have on upcoming film projects such as the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy.

In addition to sitting several panels and discussions throughout the weekend, Harry and Jay will again be holding court from their poolside cabana suite, talking with fans until the wee hours of the morning about movies and all things Geek.



HARRY KNOWLES



CRIST BALAS

CONvergence Featured Guest

Crist Balas has been working professionally in the field of Special Make-up and Effects since 1982. In addition to his long association with the locally produced *Mystery Science Theater 3000* series, Crist has worked on feature films such as *End of Days*, *A Simple Plan*, *The 13th Warrior*, *Mallrats*, *Jingle All the Way*, and yes, *Batman and Robin*. His studio "Metamorphosis" specializes in "designing and implementing natural, corrective and character make-ups. On the automated side, mechanical masks, creatures and puppets, with cable and/or radio controlled mechanisms." We look forward to having Crist join us as a guest next year so he can discuss his fascinating work.

We're still looking for additional **Guest Liaisons** for 2001. Being a guest's liaison means being the main point of contact between the guest and the convention, making sure they are taken care of and get where they need to go. Contact us for more information if you might be interested.

CONVERGENCE 2001 FEATURES

The major features of CONvergence 2001 are listed below in alphabetical order. If you would like more information on any aspect of CONvergence or would like to become involved, please contact us through any of the channels listed on the inside front cover of this booklet.

ART SHOW AND ART AUCTION

CONvergence invites all Science Fiction and Fantasy artists to enter artwork in the CONvergence 2001 Art Show. If you are interested in buying art at the CONvergence Art Show or in submitting artwork for sale or display, you can visit our web site for more information or send e-mail to mjbyrne1@uswest.net.

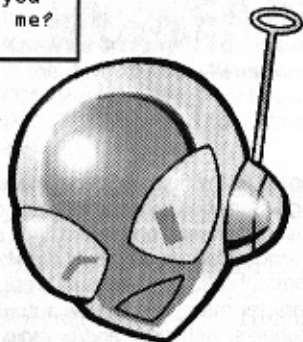
CINEMA REX MOVIE ROOM

Cinema Rex will be returning for its third record-smashing year! The best movie room anywhere (no, we don't know for sure, but it sounds good) will return with a varied selection of current and classic science fiction and fantasy films. Don't worry, the fresh popcorn and comfy chairs will return as well. You haven't seen a movie until you've seen it at Cinema Rex.

CONNIE CONTEST

Do you draw, sculpt, or costume? We're looking for depictions (in any medium) of the CONvergence mascot **Connie**. There will be two separate categories, for depictions of Connie in or out of costume (you KNOW how Connie likes to play dress-up). Entries can be in the form of a drawing or a photograph of a depiction in any other medium. Submitted works **will not be returned**, so please do NOT send any original artwork. Send only photocopies, photo prints or JPEGs of any artwork.

Can you draw me?



There will be prizes given for the best images submitted in each category, and the winning images will be printed in our Souvenir Program Book. More details on the contest and prizes will be included in Progress Report 2. All submitted depictions of Connie become the property of CONvergence and MISFITS and may be used in CONvergence publications.

All physical submissions should be sent to the CONvergence PO Box (see inside front cover of this booklet), and electronic submissions should be sent to publications@convergence-con.org. All contest submissions must be received by May 15, 2001.

DEALERS' ROOM

It's becoming a mantra: "There will be more tables next year." Our Dealers' Room will be expanding again in our continuing effort to improve the quality and variety of merchandise every year. We'll have some returning dealers, and some new ones.

Even with the extra tables, space is still limited, so if you would like space in the CONvergence 2001 Dealers' Room, send us a form or contact us for more information prior to **January 31, 2001**. We will be assigning table space based on requests we have received at that time.

If you are interested in receiving an application for the Dealers' Room and are not on our current mailing list, please e-mail us at marketing@convergence-con.org or write us at the main CONvergence address at the front of this booklet.

FAN FAIRE

Fan Faire returns to CONvergence this year. It's a chance for local fan groups to gather and introduce themselves to the public. If you're in a group, let us know if you'd like a table to tell people about what you do.

GADGETEER'S PETTING ZOO

The Gadgeteer's Petting Zoo/Science Display Area is returning and needs your gadgets more than ever! We hope to have the usual assortment of gadgets, widgets and doo-dads, and maybe even some robot battles, but we need contributions. If you or someone you know has something to contribute, contact **Gadgetmaster Richard Caylor** directly at richardc@transition.com.

HOTEL

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where—" said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

"—so long as I get SOMEWHERE," Alice added as an explanation.

"Oh, you're sure to do that," said the Cat, "if you only walk long enough."

— *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll

CONvergence happily returns to the **Radisson Hotel South** in Bloomington, Minnesota this year, where we plan to stay for many years to come. As always, it's important to get your hotel room requests in early, so please use the form provided at the back of this booklet.

Oops. Should have seen that coming. I guess I'd better watch myself at ConSuite this year.



Smoking Policy

CONvergence is committed to providing a friendly and enjoyable environment to smokers and non-smokers alike. We have fielded many complaints regarding the smoke level in the poolside party area for the last two years and were forced to pay thousands in restitution for vandalism in the **Smoking ConSuite** last year. At the same time, we think it is important to provide areas where smokers can enjoy a cigarette.

Our 2001 smoking policy is an attempt to balance these two issues. We must state up front that this policy is a test. Should it be abused, we will be forced to eliminate the Smoking ConSuite entirely.

There will be a smoking ConSuite, and air scrubbers will be provided. Smoking will be confined to the rooms themselves to allow for the health concerns of those members with asthma and other lung conditions. Additionally, the hotel does provide several smoking areas that will be available for smokers.

Should we be forced to deal with vandalism again, we will have to shut down the smoking ConSuite. We deeply regret that the insensitive behavior of a few people has resulted in an inconvenience for many.

THE MARK TIME AWARDS

New to CONvergence in 2001 will be the **Mark Time Awards**, given each year by **The American Society For Science Fiction Audio (ASFSFA)** to honor the Best Science Fiction Audio Production on the Planet. The awards ceremony also includes the presentation of the Ogle Award for Best Fantasy Audio, recognizing audio productions featuring magical "high" fantasy, swords and sorcery, horror, modern urban fantasy, and other things that don't fall under the criteria of Science Fiction.

Sponsored by MISFITS, the 2001 Mark Time Awards ceremony will be held at CONvergence and will feature not only the presentation of the awards but a live radio-style audio production.

Productions winning the Mark Time or Ogle awards will join the already elected programs in the Mark Time SF Audio Hall of Fame. Productions are judged on the following criteria:

- The degree to which the Production fits the subjective description "science fiction," as distinguished from "horror" or "fantasy"
- Use of Medium—sound design, location recording, and "audio art" (Not a "reading")
- Writing, storyline, characterizations, dialogue
- Performances
- Direction
- Technical production

For more information on entering the Mark Time Awards competition, past winners, or the awards in general, you can visit the Mark Time Awards web site at <http://www.mtn.org/~jstearns/MarkTime.html>.

MISFITS welcomes the Mark Time Awards to the fold and looks forward to the awards ceremony becoming an annual highlight of CONvergence!



Alice felt even more indignant at this suggestion. "I mean," she said, "that one can't help growing older."

"One can't perhaps," said Humpty Dumpty; "But two can. With proper assistance, you might have left off at seven."

— *Through the Looking Glass*, by Lewis Carroll

MUSIC: DJs AND LIVE BANDS

We had good feedback regarding the **live band performances** on Friday as well as the **DJ dance** on Saturday, so both will be back! **COF₂E₂**, our coffee house music location will be back as well. We don't have a lineup yet, but you can check the web site closer to the convention to find out who will be playing.

Although it is too early for us to have a main stage and COF₂E₂ music lineup, it is not too early for you to let us know you are interested in performing at CONvergence. If you have a band that can do an acoustic set or that would possibly be a consideration for a main stage spot, please contact us at events@convergence-con.org.

PARTIES

Much of the fun to be had at CONvergence is in the form of the fabulous poolside cabana room parties. We've always said that half of CONvergence is what the convention committee plans and prepares and the other half is what the membership brings. Nowhere is this more evident than at the parties.

While you can hold a party in any room of the hotel, the poolside cabana rooms are assigned at the discretion of CONvergence, to try and ensure the best mix of enjoyable parties at poolside. If you would like to host a party at CONvergence 2001 and want to be considered for one of the poolside cabana rooms, please be sure to fill out the Hotel/Parties form at the back of this booklet.

PROGRAMMING

Why, you may ask, do we have programming? Why do we start planning so early in the year for it? Why do we go to the effort to try to make it new and exciting every year?

Well... isn't programming at least *part* of what you go to conventions for? To talk to people about the bits of science fiction that really make you wag your tail like a puppy dog? Haven't you always wanted to know how they did that thing in the movies? Isn't there some burning question about your favorite TV series that keeps you awake nights? And who doesn't want to know more

You know, I'm for supporting the con theme and all, but this outfit just isn't my style.



about honing a craft like writing or visual art? You can get questions answered, maybe answer someone else's question, and find other people interested in the same topics that float your boat. All at programming events! Who could ask for more? In an effort to keep things simple in an all-too-chaotic world, we are continuing with the schedule of 60-minute panel/programming events with 30-minute breaks in between them. It makes you happy, it makes us happy.

The eight "tracks" for programming will also be coming back for a return engagement in 2001. The track topics are Literature, Movies, TV, Gaming, Art & Comics, Hard Science, Sci-Fi Hot Dish (which includes all the stuff that doesn't fit somewhere else), and Special Programming for Youth.

Got an idea you'd like to share with the programming staff? Interested in helping out with planning? Willing to sit on panels? Let the programming staff know! You can contact us at programming@convergence-con.org, or send us mail at the CONvergence PO Box.

Watch for updates to the programming page on the CONvergence web site. We'll be adding the panel ideas we gathered at our fall brainstorming session, as well as updating the page with additions to the list of programming ideas, Guest of Honor panels, and schedule information throughout the coming months. If you see something you're interested in helping out with, let us know!



THEATER NIPPON ANIME ROOM

For the third straight year, the good folks at the **Twin Cities Anime And Manga Society (TCAAMS)** are hosting and operating the CONvergence Anime Room. A listing of titles being shown at Theater Nippon will be made available closer to the convention, and you can see the great lineups of titles featured at CONvergence 1999 and 2000 by visiting our web site. For more information on TCAAMS, visit <http://people.mn.mediaone.net/deedle/index.html>

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said: "One can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

— *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll



VOLUNTEERS

Did you see those nifty volunteer T-shirts for CONvergence 2000 volunteers with Connie dressed as Morpheus from *The Matrix*? Those were given to volunteers who worked a certain number of hours at CONvergence 2000, and they were a hot commodity.

While we would never want to discourage anyone from volunteering at the convention, you can also rack up some hours in advance of the convention. We have mailing parties for publications and other events that count as convention volunteer hours.

And we can always use more sub-heads and other staff members on our convention committee, so why not contact us to find out what's coming and to make sure you're notified of pre-convention volunteer opportunities? You can reach us through our web site, e-mail, voice mail, or our PO Box.

"Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.

"I've had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone: "so I can't take more."

"You mean you can't take LESS," said the Hatter: "it's very easy to take MORE than nothing."

— *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll

PUBLICATIONS – ADVERTISING/SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES

If you want to advertise in our publications or submit content, our publication schedule is listed below. Business card size ads can be placed in our Souvenir Program Book for as little as \$30 for a business, \$15 for a fan group. It's a great way to get your message into the hands of fans during and after the convention.

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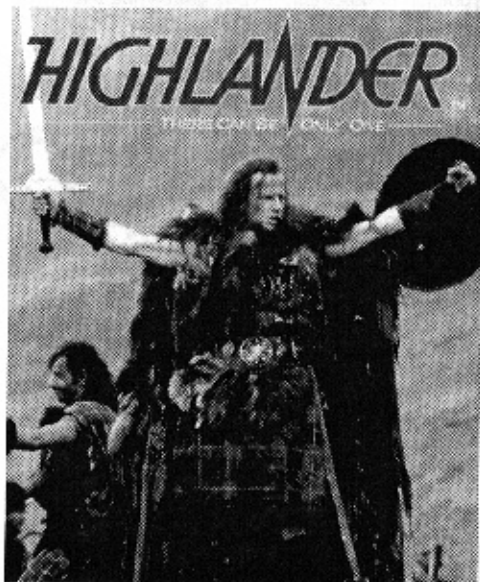
CONvergence 2001 Souvenir Program Book

May 15, 2001 Advertising / Submissions Deadline
July 6-8, 2001 Distributed at CONvergence 2001

CONvergence 2001 Post-Mortem Report

August 17, 2001 Advertising / Submissions Deadline
September 10, 2001 Distributed

See our web site or contact us for a complete listing of our rates and format requirements.



MISFITS

The Minnesota Society for Interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy (MISFITS) is the non-profit parent organization of CONvergence, with a mission that includes education, literacy and community building. In addition to sponsoring CONvergence as both a fundraiser and a community-building event, MISFITS has sponsored many other fun events, including Karaoke Nights and the annual Team Trivia Challenge. MISFITS also sponsors many ongoing clubs, events and programs, including:

MISFITS Sci-Fi Movie Night

For a year and a half, MISFITS has hosted this monthly movie showcase at the Plaza Maplewood Theater (1847 East Larpenteur Ave., Maplewood).

This monthly showcase of Science Fiction and Fantasy classics on the big screen is shown Friday and Saturday nights on the third weekend of each month. Tickets are \$4 and showings are at 11:30pm. Upcoming films include:

November 17-18	<i>Highlander</i>
December 15-16	<i>Edward Scissorhands</i>
January 19-20	<i>Labyrinth</i>
February 16-17	<i>Forbidden Planet</i>

If you need directions, call the Plaza Maplewood Theater at (651) 770-7969. To take a shortcut to the MISFITS Movie Night Menu, hit 4.

WRITERS' GROUP AND WRITING WORKSHOP

The MISFITS Writers' Block meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm. It 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.

MISFITS WRITING CONTEST

Entries for the MISFITS Writing Contest must be unpublished short works of science fiction, fantasy, horror, or supernatural fiction of less than 2,500 words. The winning authors in both the Open and Youth (16 and under) divisions will receive prizes and have their stories published. Entries will be accepted in the winter of 2001. Precise dates are to be announced soon. See the MISFITS web page at <http://www.misfit.org> for more details.

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.



PROJECT HAPPY HOLIDAYS

For the past two years our Happy Holidays program has gathered donations for a family in need from our community in hopes of making their holiday season a little brighter. This year, despite numerous attempts by our Community Outreach people we have been unable to find a family for the program to adopt.

Given this turn of events, we're switching to Plan "B": We will be donating videos to the Children's Oncology Ward of the U of M and Fairview Hospitals. To keep with our Science Fiction and Fantasy theme, the videos will be kid-friendly titles such as *The Never Ending Story*, *The Iron Giant*, and *Toy Story 1 & 2*, and whatever ELSE we can think of. It will be OK to donate multiple copies of each film.

We will also be donating "personal CD players" to the **Fairview Hospital's Hospice Ward**, to allow hospice patients (who are dying and can be any age) to listen to whatever CD's they want at their bedside.

Donations are welcome and can be brought to our Holiday Party December 2 at the Radisson Hotel South, or contact us through our web site or by e-mailing MISFITS President **Erin Lorenz** at Erin.G.Lorenz-1@tc.umn.edu. You can also leave a voicemail on the CONvergence hotline at (952) 996-9224, and the message will get back to MISFITS.

For more information on Project Happy Holidays and previous years' efforts, visit the MISFITS web site at <http://www.misfit.org>.

MISFITS HOLIDAY PARTY

Everyone is welcome at the MISFITS Holiday Party this December. The evening's festivities include a "Pot Luck" dinner (everyone can bring whatever they want). Drinks (of the non-alcoholic variety) will be available, and we'll provide the paper plates and cups and silverware.

There will also be a very brief meeting to officially elect the MISFITS board of directors. At this point it looks to be a simple ratification if no one actually runs against the people who are up for re-election. You need to be a voting member of MISFITS to vote in the board election, which means having volunteered at MISFITS events. Where is it? When is it? We're nailing down the details as PR1 goes to press, so visit the MISFITS web site for more information on the party or the election. What's the MISFITS web site URL? *What a great segue!*

HTTP://WWW.MISFIT.ORG

For more information on these and other events, check out the fabulous MISFITS web site, which also features book and movie reviews, events calendars, articles, SF resource links, and more!

CONTACT MISFITS



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 through the channels listed below or attend a MISFITS open meeting.

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IN CLOSING

More information on CONvergence 2001 will appear in Progress Report 2 when it comes out in late March. If you want to know more about the convention or anything we do, please contact us. We'll be happy to hear from you. Don't forget to pre-register at the \$25 rate and save before the rate goes up to \$35 on January 1, 2001. You can use the form at the back of this booklet. We hope to see you in 2001 at our *third* CONvergence. Things are definitely getting *Curiouser and Curiouser!*

please print clearly • one reservation request per form • please feel free to make photocopy duplicates of this form

A convention for fans of Science Fiction and Fantasy in all media.
At the Radisson Hotel South in Bloomington, MN

Hotel Room/Room Party REQUEST FORM

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This form is for reservation purposes only. **SEND NO MONEY** with this form. Payment for your room is arranged between you and the hotel.

Please fill out the following contact info:

↑ Full Name _____

↑ Street Address _____

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

↑ Home Phone Number _____ ↑ Work Phone Number _____

↑ E-mail address _____

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 room requirements that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Rollaway	<input type="checkbox"/> Crib
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Floor	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Access

Number of People in Room: _____

Other Responsible Party: _____

Check-in Date: _____

Check-out Date: _____

CONVERGENCE WEEKEND 2001

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Once received, your form will be processed and you will be assigned a room in the Radisson Hotel South as they are available.

Room Rates:

Standard Room (\$99 per night)
 Cabana Room (\$119 per night)*

Cabana Rooms are only available to individuals hosting room parties. See the Parties section below.

Room Party Request:

Do you plan to hold a room party?
 Yes No

If yes, please complete the section below.

Please check one: 1st Floor Cabana
 2nd Floor Cabana
 Standard Room

Do you want a: Smoking Room?
 Non-Smoking Room?

Will you be serving alcohol? Yes No

Hours of Operation (please indicate AM/PM):
Friday: _____ to _____
Saturday: _____ to _____
Sunday: _____ to _____

Please attach a brief description of your party and its theme that makes clear its connection to Science Fiction and Fantasy.

Important Hotel Information (Please Read):

- CONvergence assigns all rooms, cabanas, and other hospitality areas.
- If you want to host a room party (regardless of location), you must also fill out a the Room Party Request information in the lower right-hand corner of this form.
- Please note that we will only accept TWO CONvergence 2001 room request forms from any one person. A separate form must be submitted for each room requested.
- CONvergence will return unprocessed any form considered illegible or incomplete.
- Please inquire about exact check-in/check-out times when confirming your reservation.
- If you would like your room to be near a particular group or person, indicate name here: _____
- We will accommodate as many people as possible, but not all requests can be fulfilled. CONvergence and the convention hotel reserve the right to make last minute changes.
- Check-out time is 12 noon 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 send E-mail directly to hotel@convergence-con.org.

CONvergence Contact Information

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Programming Form

To volunteer or suggest ideas

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Required Information

We cannot guarantee that your programming suggestion will be used, but providing us with your contact information helps keep your ideas in consideration.

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

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

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

Email Address _____

I'm willing to do at least _____ items, but no more than _____.

I have experience or interest in the following SF/F-related areas:

- Movies Television Gaming Youth
 Comics & Art Hard Sci. / Mil. Literature Misc. (Any)

What kinds of items would you feel most comfortable participating in? (Check all that apply)

- Seminars (One speaker, audience listens)
 Panels (3-5 Experts, audience asks questions)
 Workshops (Participants take something home, tangible or otherwise)
 Roundtables (Moderator leads discussion, everyone contributes)
 Readings (Author reading from works)
 Autographing (Author or artist autographing works)
 Show / Demo (Group show or demonstration, i.e. Stage Combat)
 OTHER (if you have another type of event, let us know)

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Programming Idea

Please describe a programming item you'd like to see at CONvergence. Please note which programming track you think your idea might fit into, if any. (Write on the back of this form or attach another sheet if needed.)

What kind of item is your suggestion?
(Choose from types listed in bottom left box below)

- I would be willing to (mark where appropriate below):
- ... help plan the event. Yes No Only with help
- ... recruit other panelists. Yes No Only with help
- ... moderate this event. Yes No Only with help

- I would like to help in Programming Ops. Yes
- I would like to be part of the Ace Programming Team! Contact me! Yes

What times are you available to be on Programming Items? (Check all that apply)

(Note: The times below reflect our system of 1-hour program blocks with half-hour breaks in-between.)

- Friday:**
- 3:00-4:00pm 5:00-7:00pm 9:00-10:00pm
- 4:30-5:30pm 7:30-8:30pm
- Saturday:**
- 9:00-10:00am 1:30-2:30pm 6:00-7:00pm
- 10:30-11:30am 3:00-4:00pm 7:30-8:30pm
- 12:00-1:00pm 4:30-5:30pm 9:00-10:00pm
- Sunday:**
- 12:00-1:00pm 1:30-2:30pm

I'd rather not be scheduled AGAINST the following items: (Check all that apply)

- Opening Ceremonies Closing Ceremonies
 Friday Night Live Music Events Saturday Night The Masquerade

NOTE: Programming will attempt to follow these preferences, but cannot guarantee that participants

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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 _____

NOT Required - An e-mail address is NOT required but will speed up the process of confirming your registration and providing you with information about the convention. Badge names are also not required.

E-mail address _____

Badge Name (if different from Full Name) _____

Registration Rates for CONvergence 2001

July 10 until December 31, 2000	\$25
January 1 until May 15, 2001	\$35
Supporting Membership until May 15, 2001 (\$15 now plus \$20 at the door)	\$15 / \$20
Kids Age 6-12 (Pre-reg ends May 15, 2001)	\$15
At the Door July 5, 7, 8, 2001	\$50
Kids 5 & under	Free

Make checks or money orders payable to CONvergence.

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.

I would be interested in information on: (check all that apply)

- Dealers' Room Tables
 Masquerade Entry
 Art Show / Auction
 Advertising
 Programming
 Working with MISFITS

I would be interested in volunteering in the following areas: (check all that apply)

- Phule's Club Badgers/Gophers ConSuite
 Publications Registration COF/E2
 Engineering Art Show Staff
 Mainstage Programming Staff
 Masquerade Programming Panelist
 Put me wherever I am needed (our favorite kind).

I would be interested in volunteering... (check all that apply)

- During the year
 For convention set-up
 During the convention
 For convention tear-down

You may like to know that I am a professional in the field of:

Do you have any other ideas, skills or resources that you would like to lend the use of to CONvergence? If so, please explain on the back of this form.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE CON!



Thank you for your interest in and support of CONvergence, brought to you by the Minnesota Society for Interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy (MISFITS).

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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