



CONVERGENCE INTEGRATED SCHEDULE

Cinema Rex, Connie's Quantum Sandbox, Gaming, Harmonic CONvergence, MainStage, Programming (Garden Court, Panels, Readings, Signings, and some Performances), and Theatre Nippon.

THURSDAY AUGUST 5

<p>9:00am - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Volunteer Room <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Visit the Volunteer Room in the Lake Harriet room on the 4th floor! Redeem hours, learn about opportunities, and talk with a Head.</p>
<p>10:00am - 2:00am</p>	<p>Board Gaming <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1</p>
<p>10:00am - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Tabletop RPG <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C</p>

10:00am - 2:00am	Open Gaming <i>gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka
11:00am - 1:00pm	Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Disney Trivia <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!
1:00pm - 6:00pm	Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!
2:00pm - 3:00pm	20 Years Later: The Films of 2000 <i>movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Joins us as we look back at the year that ushered cinema into the new millennium with films like X-Men, Virgin Suicides, Gladiator, Billy Elliott, Pitch Black, and even Dungeons & Dragons and Battlefield Earth. <i>Niles Schwartz, Noel Thingvall</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Connecting to Your Audience <i>art, business</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Creators discuss engaging their audience: online, in person, or through the art itself. How do you respond to fans and cultivate audience? Come share skills, tips, techniques, & anecdotes in this guided conversation about the artist/audience connection. <i>Bambi Amy Wendt</i>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Non-Traditional Pets <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Are you neither a dog nor a cat person? Let's chat about others pets such as lizards/reptiles, hedgehogs, amphibians, and rodents. Are you a fan? Or just trying to decide what pet to get? Let's chat about our love for the non-traditional pets. <i>Jim Soos, Kathryn Ann Sullivan (mod), Kelly Jo Fredrickson</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Ancient Legends and the Bible <i>classic, myth, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 What folktales or real events may have inspired the stories in the Bible? <i>Boris Leonidovich Smelov, Rachel Poleke (mod), Tim Lieder</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Viking Oil Lamp Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Mud! Glorious, useful mud! Make an ancient clay oil lamp that you can actually use outdoors. We will fire it in a kiln on Friday and you will be able to pick it up Sunday morning in the Sandbox or at a later date at Dock 6 Pottery in Minneapolis. <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Starfinder: Live Exploration Extreme! <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 2 A Starfinder Society Scenario designed for levels 1-4. Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>2:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Sword of Air (D&D 3.5) <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>2:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>

3:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Dominion (all expansions) <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
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3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #1 - 102m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Avoiding Cultural Appropriation in World Building <i>GoH, gaming, inclusivity, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A</p> <p>Whether designing a game or writing a story, it's important to avoid appropriating cultures and perpetuating stereotypes of real-world peoples. We will examine common pitfalls, and discuss how to create truly original and authentic fictional worlds.</p> <p><i>Elsa Sjunneson, Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Laura Anne Gilman, Rob Callahan, Victor Jason Raymond</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>You've Been Fact-Checked <i>STEM, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>In an age of too much information, it is important to be critical of your sources. Let's discuss various sources of information and their "truthiness".</p> <p><i>Colleen Caldwell, Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Stephanie Zvan (mod)</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Hi Panel, It's Dad! <i>art, comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Come talk about that most divisive of art forms, the dad-joke.</p> <p><i>Art Allen, Elliot Besmann, Rae Traynham (mod)</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Costuming for a Cause <i>costuming, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>Love cosplay? Enjoy helping others? Then cosplaying for charity may be for you! Members from local non-profit Costumers for a Cause will share their favorite experiences and provide information on how you can get involved.</p> <p><i>Kris Heding, Laura Gough, Robert Becka (mod), Todd Murray</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Myths and Legends in Education <i>edu</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>A chance to talk about things we believe to be true in the field of education. Which myths have research shown to be confirmed and which have been busted?</p> <p><i>Amanda Alexander, Melanie Ann Reap, Nicole M. G. Brennan (mod), Renate Marie Fiora</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Ear to the Ground: InSight Mission to Mars <i>STEM</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>While not as sexy as rovers, stationary platforms can provide some data that rovers can't. Bridget Landry will talk about her work on the operations team for InSight, the challenges the mission faced and where it is headed.</p> <p><i>Bridget Landry (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Star Trek: The Oversaturation <i>GoH, Star Trek, TV, current</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>With all the new shows, is there such a thing as too much Trek?</p> <p><i>Art Allen (mod), Mikanhana, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Collecting for Fun but Not Profit <i>TV, book, comic, fan, movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ For many hobbies, the money's in keeping items "mint, in box", but where's the fun in that? Action figures are for action and comics are meant to be read! Come discuss your collections and how you interact with them for entertainment. <i>Mark McPherson, Rae Traynham (mod), Thomas Boguszewski</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>CANCELLED - Choose Your Authoring Weapon! <i>writing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Some writers prefer to compose with a fountain pen in longhand and transcribe their work. Others go directly to the word processing program. A lighthearted discussion about how and why a writers' preferred method works for them.</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Rivers of London Fan Panel <i>British, book, comic, fan, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Celebration of all things Fey and Furious. The world of Ben Aaronvitch's Rivers of London series of novels, novellas, comics, and soon TV! <i>Assad Khaishgi, Melanie Ann Reap (mod), Miss Shannan Paul, Victor Jason Raymond</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Solar System Pendant Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B The solar system has no anxiety about it's reputation." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson Join us as we create our representation of planets and stars in pendant form. <i>Angie Anderson, Sandy Darst</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #2 - 102m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

<p>6:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Big Fun Radio Funtime <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom</p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Sandman Fan Panel <i>comic, fan</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Discussion of Sandman and its adaptation from comic to other types of media. <i>Alexander R Seymour, Cassandra Phoenix, Mark Adam Golderg, Mark Lundberg, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony <i>GoH, con</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Elsa Sjunneson, Laura Anne Gilman, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Ask a Professor: A Q&A with Geeky Academics <i>social</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE What do you want to know about life in academia and what academics do and study? Bring your questions, and our panelists will their best to answer them! <i>Colleen Caldwell, Melanie Ann Reap, Nate Bird (mod)</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Neon Genesis Evangelion Fan Panel <i>anime, fan, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Nihilism, existentialism, heavy religious symbolism, and a deep investigation of the human psyche, Eva is one of the most influential anime series ever created. In this panel we explore its themes, characters, and bizarre/controversial ending. <i>James Christopher Horvath, Ka1iban, Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Lis Ann Morton</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Astrisoni <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Astrisoni is a filk duo whose songs explore complex topics via sci-fi and fantasy. Expect vengeful unicorns, D&D metaphors, tragic robots, ghost pirates, and songs to hunt Bigfoot to. Their music can be found at https://astrisoni.bandcamp.com/ <i>Heather Estelme, Nate Wulver</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p>
7:00pm - Midnight	<p>Forbidden Stars <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>Marrying Mr. Darcy <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Funniest Japanese Commercials <i>TV, anime, comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 What does a Pepsi superhero, Twin Peaks, and ramen have in common? They are part of the most entertaining commercials from Japan! Come see a curated hour of comedic commercials! <i>Viga</i></p>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>The Quiet Year <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #3 - 116m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Black Widow Movie <i>comic, current, fan, movie, superhero</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE One of the original Avengers finally got her own solo film! How does the film fit into the Marvel Cinematic Universe? Did the story live up to the reputation of this fan favorite character? Join us as we discuss the film and the titular character. <i>Gabi (Gabrielle) Poor, James Kakalios, John Michael Seavey, Mikanhana, Robert Becka (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Ghost Stories That Haunt Us <i>horror</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Panelists discuss the scary stories they heard as kids that still stick with them as adults. What is it about these stories that gets under our skin and stays there? How do childhood ghost stories and urban legends travel? <i>Kristina Winn (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Art Show 101 <i>art, con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B What's a quick sale? How do you bid? What the heck is the auction? What makes the Art Show different from Artist's Alley? Can I be in the Art Show? Come to us with your questions as a buyer or artist and hear about how this part of CONvergence works. <i>Cynthia Porter</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Raceface: Cosplay and Cultural Competency <i>GoH, costuming, inclusivity</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Desire for realism is high in the cosplay community - when does it go too far? Is it okay to change skin tone to emulate characters of other races? What's the difference between emulating race and a species? <i>Gregory Parks (mod), Lathan Murrell, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>True Crime and Serial Killers <i>social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 We all love a real-life murder story, but why? What draws us towards true crime investigations and the monstrous acts they reveal? At what point does our interest become romanticization? <i>Alexandra Howes (mod), Erica Fair, Kris Heding, Skazka 9000</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Water Bottle Sling Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Groovy baby! No longer just hanging around the fringes of the craft world, it is time to bring back classy knots. That's right, we are making a macrame water bottle holder. It's gonna be fab! Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online. <i>Amanda Kelly</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Cultural Imperialism in the 23rd Century: A Klingon Tale <i>Star Trek, comedy</i> Hyatt 6 Studio The unfiltered true story, exposing the treachery and deceit of the Federation! <i>Bill Hedrick</i></p>
<p>9:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Tanya Brody <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Tanya Brody is a harper-singer-songwriter who plays everything from traditional Celtic music to amusing original pieces. Alternating between harp and guitar, Tanya's performance will stir your heart and tickle your funny bone. www.tanyabrody.com <i>Tanya Brody</i></p>

<p>9:30pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Beowulf: Live Performance by John Heimbuch <i>misc</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior Twin Cities theatrical favorite John Heimbuch performs Charlie Bethel's fierce one-person retelling of Beowulf. This faithful adaptation of the classic poem about a warrior king and some famous monsters, modernizes the wit, vigor, and meaty language of the original Anglo-Saxon epic. <i>John Heimbuch</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Oeuvre of Robert Altman <i>movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE With a wide & varied career as a director, it's time to look back on this idiosyncratic filmmaker. A director who gave us a war movie with only one shot fired, a live action comic character, and everything in between. Let's discuss our faves and missteps. <i>Garrick Dietze, Ka1iban (mod), Niles Schwartz</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Who Watches the Watchmen? <i>GoH, TV, comic, current, superhero</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH The recent HBO series has done the impossible - created a live action sequel to one of the greatest graphic novels of all time, but also adding additional commentary with regards to race and gender. How does this compare to other Watchmen interpretations? <i>Jonathan Palmer, Mark McPherson, Michael Lee (mod), Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Pick Our Brains! <i>DIY, art</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B Do you have a project you're looking to start, a prop you are looking to build, a material you are curious about? Come ask us! This panel will feature a variety of artists, crafters, and cosplayers with decades of experience.</p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Black Vampyre <i>book, classic, horror, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>The first American vampire tale was an obscure, convoluted anti-slavery novella penned by a mysterious writer in 1819. We will discuss the importance of the first-ever American vampire (and second-ever vampire fiction) also being the first POC vampire. <i>Brian Forrest (mod), Gregory Parks, Lathan Murrell</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Outer Contact Cast of Pod <i>comedy, podcast</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Studio</p> <p>A live intergalactic podcast performance to bring all species together. Featuring stories of un-earthly holidays, interviews with aliens, and sponsorship from products that are out of this world, followed by some adults-only geeky burlesque! <i>Catherine Hansen, Kjer Whiting, Michelle Makie-Olsen, Mickaylee Shaughnessy</i></p>
<p>10:30pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #4 - 115m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>11:00pm - Midnight</p>	<p>Loreweavers <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Loreweavers, Bards of the Modern Age, bring tavern and fantasy soundtracks to life. Inspired by the music of The Witcher and Skyrim, traditional Irish tunes, & sea shanties, Loreweavers immerse their audience in a world of wonder and adventure. <i>Alfonso Loreweaver, Br♦mfort the Brave, Edwyn of Greymist, Mal'Grub, Randolph the Drunk, The Great Borotan</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>activity, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C</p> <p>A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>

FRIDAY AUGUST 6

1:00am - 3:30am	Cinema Rex Film #5 - 132m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
9:00am - 2:00am	Board Gaming <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1
9:00am - 11:00pm	Tabletop RPG <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C
9:00am - 8:00pm	Volunteer Room <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Visit the Volunteer Room in the Lake Harriet room on the 4th floor! Redeem hours, learn about opportunities, and talk with a Head.
9:00am - 2:00am	Open Gaming <i>gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka
9:30am - 10:30am	Avoiding Publishing Landmines <i>business, writing</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Learn to recognize the red flags for dealing with unsavory editors, publishers, and agents in the publishing industry. Learn your publishing rights and why they are so important to keep track of and maintain. <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Kathryn Ann Sullivan</i>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Legends and Lore of the Fae <i>classic, myth, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH The Fae feature prominently in many fantasy stories. Want to learn more behind the legends and lore of the Fae? What are the origins of these ancient creatures? Do you believe they're real or myth? Join us as we breakdown lore and history. <i>Bambi Amy Wendt, Renate Marie Fiora</i></p>
<p>9:30am - Noon</p>	<p>U of M Raptor Center <i>GPS, STEM</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B <i>Ann Roubik</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Martin Scorsese Fan Panel <i>fan, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D In the fifth decade of his career, his movies are coming less frequently, but Wolf of Wall Street, Silence, and The Irishman are some of the best films of both his career and the decade. What strengths and weakness he has exhibited across his career? <i>Brian Forrest, Niles Schwartz, Skazka 9000, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Con Strategies <i>fan</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 This is a big con and it's easy to get overwhelmed. We want you to enjoy yourself! What are some strategies for dealing with so much to do, remembering to take care of yourself for the long run, and contributing some of your skills to keep it all going? <i>Jeanne M. Mealy, Rae Traynham (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00am</p>	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>

10:00am - 11:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Film #6 - 75m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Star Trek: Discovery Fan Panel <i>Star Trek, TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>Star Trek: Discovery has polarized a segment of the fan base, with a different feel from the previous TV series, as well as a different tone in the first two seasons. Is this polarization justified? How does Season 3 compare?</p> <p><i>Assad Khaishgi, Gabriela Santiago, Gregory Parks (mod), John Michael Seavey</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Year in Film <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ</p> <p>This panel covers all geeky movies released since the past CONvergence. What was great? What wasn't? What were the underappreciated gems?</p> <p><i>Mark McPherson, Niles Schwartz</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Candles Enough <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>We are an eclectic mix of filk, pop, and parodies. We believe there is light at the end of any tunnel, and sometimes that light is giggling. Also, we play MadLibs the music edition with our audience. Find us at: facebook.com/candlesenough</p> <p><i>Kelly Reich, Sarah Ravelly</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Schitt's Creek Fan Panel <i>TV, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C</p> <p>Let's discuss our favorite family in our favorite little town.</p> <p><i>Catherine Schaff-Stump, Deborah Jane Frethem, Elizabeth Ess, Heather Jeanne Rand-McKay (mod)</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Building Your Community Instead of Finding It <i>DIY, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Everyone wants a place to fit in, but what if you can't find one? Build one yourself! Come hear ideas on how to start and strengthen a new social community from the ground up. <i>John Heimbuch (mod), Nate Bird, Stephanie Zvan</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Duck Boats Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Ever look at a Sandbox activity and think you should leave it for the younger kids to attend? Not this year. This time it is just for you. Release your inner child and come build boats with us.Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online. <i>Lisa Wallin</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Folktales for Adults <i>horror, myth</i> Hyatt 6 Studio Ghost stories, grizzly characters, hard lessons, and hot princes. Folktales aren't just for kids! Join us for this deep dive into folktales in all their glory. <i>Allison Broeren</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #7 - 93m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Audiobooks Fan Panel <i>audio, book, fan</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A With the rise of podcasts and companies like Audible, we're listening to audiobooks like never before. What are some of your favorites? What influence can a narrator have on the way we understand and enjoy our favorite stories? <i>Cassandra Phoenix, Erica Fair (mod), Gabi (Gabrielle) Poor, Renate Marie Fiora</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Performing and Performers in the Geek Community <i>art, business</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Introverts, neurodivergent, awkward and all - a lot of us still like to get on stage and perform. Opportunities abound, but there's also a plethora of things to consider before you take the stage. Learn more about what question to ask as your star rises. <i>Art Allen, Heather Jeanne Rand-McKay (mod), SlytherPuff -</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Everything is a Cliche, Including this Panel <i>TV, book, movie, writing</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Cliches are everywhere. Why is everything always the same? <i>Marguerite Krause (mod), Mikanhana, Peg Kerr Ihinger, Scott Jamison</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Cyborgs and Disability <i>GoH, STEM, inclusivity</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Sci-fi stories are full of cyborgs and our communities are full of people using assistive technologies. What's fiction, what's reality, and when do we wish one was more like the other? <i>Elliott Kios Dean, Elsa Sjunneson, Lee Brontide (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Anthony L. Anderson the Great <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room A combination of anime cartoony culture combined with hip hop music in a musical fun performance. <i>Anthony L. Anderson</i></p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Danith McPherson/Deborah Fretham <i>signing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A</p> <p><i>Danith McPherson, Deborah Jane Frethem</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Body Positivity in Cosplay <i>GoH, costuming, inclusivity</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>When humans come in all shapes and sizes and fictional characters don't, it can be difficult to find confidence to cosplay. This panel covers the challenges and rewards of accepting your body and becoming the characters you love.</p> <p><i>Becca Ohm, Kris Heding, Peregrin Winkle Lorimer (mod), Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Actually Scary Stories <i>book, horror, movie, web</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Lots of stories get labeled "scary," but are they really? What makes something truly scary? Come talk about your fears and how to best manifest them in song and story.</p> <p><i>Charlene Holm, Mark Adam Golderg, Mark McPherson, Skazka 9000, phillip andrew bennett low (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>The Prophetic Visions of William Blake: A Discussion <i>myth</i> Hyatt 6 Studio</p> <p>Learn a little bit about the visionary poet William Blake: politics, theology, aesthetics, and the New Jerusalem.</p> <p><i>Alexandra Howes, Pat Harrigan</i></p>
1:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Star Wars Rebellion <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 3</p> <p>Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
1:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1</p> <p>Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>

<p>1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #8 - 73m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Picard Fan Panel <i>GoH, Star Trek, TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE After 26 years, Jean-Luc Picard has returned to the bridge of a starship. Come join us to talk about the latest Star Trek series on CBS, a sequel of sorts to StarTrek: The Next Generation. <i>Assad Khaishgi, Miss Shannan Paul (mod), Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Your Favorite RPG (that Isn't D&D) <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ D&D may be the godfather of RPGs, but it's not the end-all, be-all of the genre. Come discuss other worlds and systems worthy of your time. <i>Becca Ohm, John Michael Seavey, Scott Jamison, Victor Jason Raymond, William Schar (mod)</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Versatile Fluff <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Want to hear gender-neutral love songs that can span multiverses or survive the zombie apocalypse? Songs based on internet memes? New takes on Star Trek themes and video game music? Do you just love harmonica and folk-punk guitar? Come listen! <i>Grenevic Sharladanel Stremski, Reverend Rebecca Nathaniel Elfprincess</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Laura Anne Gilman/Amanda Meuwissen <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A <i>Amanda Meuwissen, Laura Anne Gilman</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Creativity for Everyone! <i>art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Yes, creativity can be taught, and you can get better at it. Come and learn from experts how to be more imaginative, funnier, and successful in your creative life. <i>Bambi Amy Wendt, Lauren Addy, Rowan Elizabeth Benhart</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Adult-Friendly Shows for Kids <i>TV, kid</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 As an adult, watching your kids' favorite programs with them can be trying. What programs don't drive you up the wall? What makes them palatable? <i>Elizabeth Merritt, Jeanne M. Mealy, Rae Traynham (mod), Viga</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Heron's Fountain</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Bring history, magic and science together with a hydraulic machine invented by the 1st century AD inventor, mathematician, and physicist Heron of Alexandria (also known as Hero of Alexandria). Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast on CVG-TV. <i>Erik McInroy, Kate MacEachern</i></p>
2:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Starfinder: The Withering World <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 2 A series of five Starfinder Quests designed for levels 1-4. Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
2:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>Sword of Air (D&D 3.5) <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>The Prophetic Visions of William Blake: A Performance <i>myth, reading</i> Hyatt 6 Studio Come hear - and see! - some of William Blake's most powerful prophetic poems. <i>Alexandra Howes, Pat Harrigan, Tim Uren</i></p>
<p>3:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Dominion (all expansions) <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>3:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Dominion (all expansions) <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 2 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>3:00pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #9 - 124m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Universal Monster Madness <i>classic, movie</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Frankenstein. Dracula. The Mummy. What is the legacy of these classic films? Where did the launch of the Dark Universe in 2017 go wrong? <i>Brian Forrest, Bryon David Stump, Hazen B. Markoe, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Juno: Revisiting Jupiter <i>STEM</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Juno has been in orbit around Jupiter since 2016 and has been sending down interesting science and jaw-dropping photos ever since. Come hear a former member of the operations team describe the mission, it's discoveries, and what lies ahead. <i>Bridget Landry (mod)</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Mandalorian Fan Panel <i>Star Wars, TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p><i>Cassandra Phoenix, Kristina Winn, Mikanhana (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Lee Brontide/Patrick Marsh <i>signing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A</p> <p><i>Lee Brontide, Patrick William Marsh</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Cosplay on a Budget <i>GoH, art, costuming</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>Costuming can be a costly endeavor but you can still make a quality costume on the cheap. Our experts will offer you tricks they use to make a budget go further than you imagined possible.</p> <p><i>Gabi (Gabrielle) Poor, Peregrin Winkle Lorimer (mod), Stace Feldmann, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Folklore of Holidays <i>myth, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p> <p>Holiday celebrations are often rooted in deep narratives and characters, real and imagined: the Easter Bunny, Krampus, Punxsutawney Phil, Jack O' Lanterns. Where do they come from? What do they mean? And how are we using them to enrich our annual life?</p> <p><i>Bambi Amy Wendt, John Heimbuch (mod), Renate Marie Fiora, Thomas Boguszewski</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>The Good Place Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>A look back at the series run as a whole and what the series finale meant to fans of the show.</p> <p><i>Alison Anderson, Amanda Marquez Simula, Cetius d'Raven, Charlene Holm (mod), Mark Adam Golderg</i></p>

<p>4:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Beth Kinderman & the Player Characters <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room We make geeky progressive folk-rock music about myth, transformation, and video game characters who won't sleep with you. Come hear music from our upcoming record "Sisyphus," a quarantine album of ten songs about hope. www.bethkinderman.com <i>Beth Kinderman, Dave Stagner, Justin Hartley</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Star Wars Love <i>book, fan, movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE We all have opinions about Star Wars. Welcome to a panel that will invite you to love what you love about Star Wars. You don't have to love everything about Star Wars to attend. But we aren't interested in what you hate. <i>Gregory Parks, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Leveling Up Your Cosplay <i>DIY, costuming</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Interested in taking your cosplay from beginning to intermediate, intermediate to advanced, or from advanced to god-tier? Join us as we share and discuss our tips, tricks, and goals for raising our cosplays to the next level! <i>Becca Ohm, Emily A Borka, Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Kevin Doheny (mod), Stace Feldmann</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>What Makes a Good Story? <i>GoH, art, book, comic, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C We all know the experience of a good story, but we cannot always put words to what makes the story good. Come join the conversation as we find commonality in what makes good plot, conflict, character, setting, tone, and theme. <i>Gabriela Santiago, John Heimbuch, Peg Kerr Ihinger, Reid Ronnander (mod), Taylor A Cisco</i></p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Horror Resurgence <i>current, horror</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p> <p>There has been a recent resurgence of horror both in publishing and in media. Shows like "Sabrina" and books like "Hex" are examples of this. Let's talk about our favorites and why horror is back again.</p> <p><i>Lindsey Marie Bushnell, Patrick William Marsh (mod), phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>CONvergence Events Open Meeting <i>con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Get an update on the latest with the organization that runs CONvergence with members of the Convergence Events Board of Directors.</p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Origami</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B</p> <p>Welcome to the Wonderful World of Paper Folding! This time our adventure will include a mini book and 3 space vessels. Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online.</p> <p><i>Curt Lund</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Artificial: A Play of Dawning Intelligence <i>reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Studio</p> <p>Can artificial intelligence fix policing? Athena was built to be the perfect cop, free of human error. But what will her creator do when, in order to save the project, the robot learns to lie?</p> <p><i>Brad Krieger, Grant Hooyer, Jonathan Fondell, Kali McMillian, Kelly Ann Danger, Laila Sahir, Matthew Stoffel</i></p>
<p>5:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #10 - 140m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Clothes Make the Character <i>costuming, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A</p> <p>How do you dress characters for success in your fictional world? What can clothes tell you about the characters and the world they live in?</p> <p><i>CJ Mantel, Danith McPherson (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Doctor Who: 13 Returns <i>British, Dr Who, GoH, TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>Season 12 of "Doctor Who" is a wrap, featuring the return of the 13th Doctor to the TARDIS! What did we think? What were we surprised by? What did we love? Let's dig deep into the season.</p> <p><i>Alexander R Seymour (mod), Assad Khaishgi, Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Comedy Changes and that's OK <i>TV, art, movie, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>From the Marx Brothers to Lucille Ball to Steve Martin to today's latest comic, what counts as funny changes over the years. Some of the things we laughed at as kids somehow aren't funny anymore. Let's discuss what's changed and why.</p> <p><i>Art Allen, Gregory Parks, Miss Shannan Paul (mod), Tim Wick</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Hothouse Weeds <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Hothouse Weeds are a female-fronted trio who rock out trippy originals as well as danceable covers from movies such as Willy Wonka, Lord of the Rings, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, The Wizard of Oz and more.</p> <p><i>Connor Keunnen, Michele Harris, Riley Kragness</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W <i>misc</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p>

<p>7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Surviving Neurodivergent Relationships <i>STEM, inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Join panelists who have learned to thrive in committed relationships where both partners have autism/Asperger's, dyslexia, dyscalculia, epilepsy, hyperlexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, OCD, sensory processing issues, and/or Tourette's. <i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Elliott Kios Dean, Peregrin Winkle Lorimer</i></p>
<p>7:00pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>The Tremor Train (D&D 5e) <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>The CONvergence Poetry Slam <i>misc</i> Hyatt 6 Studio Vogon poetry. Bilbo's Walking Song. Nevermore. The CONvergence Poetry Slam is here to celebrate words and nerds in an exciting competitive format! Show up, sign up, and if the lottery gods are kind, you may be drawn to read two three-minute poems. <i>Allison Broeren, Dan Marlow</i></p>
<p>8:00pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #11 - 129m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>MCU Retrospective <i>comic, current, movie, superhero</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Spanning over two dozen films and several TV series, the MCU has become a media power house. Let's take a look back at the highlights and disappointments within the MCU. What can the comics tell us about what might be next? <i>Charlene Holm, Gabi (Gabrielle) Poor, John Michael Seavey, Mikanhana, Robert Becka (mod)</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Shining 41st Anniversary <i>classic, fan, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ</p> <p>Join in the discussion on how Kubrick's <i>Shining</i> influenced (and terrified) a generation.</p> <p><i>Brian Forrest, Niles Schwartz, Tim Lieder (mod)</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Learn About Geeky ASL with Guest of Honor Elsa Sjunneson <i>GoH, con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C</p> <p>A discussion of ASL interpreting at Conventions and the growth of geeky ASL.</p> <p><i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Elsa Sjunneson</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Chilling Tales of Sabrina Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p> <p><i>Amenda Marquez Simula, Catherine Schaff-Stump</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Pet Toys</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B</p> <p>Do you have or know someone with a cat or a dog? Does that cat or dog love to play and would enjoy a new toy? If so, lucky you! We will be making a wand style cat toy and a fleece dog pull toy. Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online.</p> <p><i>Angie Anderson, Ruth Petersen</i></p>
<p>9:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Crafting Circle <i>DIY, art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p> <p>Come join us, bring a project to work on, or just come to chat. Learn about other arts and crafts and talk with others who enjoy making.</p> <p><i>Cynthia Porter, Holley van Susteren</i></p>

<p>9:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Nemesissy <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Nemesissy plays a unique blend of punk, post-punk and surf, with a geeky slant. Hailing from St Paul, MN, Earth, Nemesissy may appear sinister but is more likely to bake you brownies than blast you with a disintegration ray. Probably. <i>Abby Engen, Eric Larson, Nichole Cassavant, Perry Kennedy</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Growth of Queer Fiction <i>inclusivity, writing</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Queer fiction authors and stories are prevalent in today's industry. Why? How can we find each other and support each other to share more queer stories? How can you best get involved in the movement? <i>Amanda Meuwissen, Emily Hainsworth, Gabriela Santiago (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Hentai Game Show Panel Takes CONvergence <i>activity, comedy</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE This successful game show panel is perfect for all you dirty-minded aliens and humans! Volunteers will play out of this galaxy adult-themed games to win silly prizes! Come for the laughs and create lasting memories! 18+ <i>Dustin Patrick Ellringer, Kevin Doheny, Khori Vaerconum (mod), Peregrin Winkle Lorimer, Viga</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Tricksters in Mythology <i>myth, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Eris, Loki, Anansi, Puck, and Coyote are memorable, but who are some other tricksters in mythology? What are the common traits of trickster gods and monsters and why are they so common across cultures? <i>Hazen B. Markoe, Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Rachel Poleke, Ty Blauersouth (mod)</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Enterprising Individuals Live!: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier <i>Star Trek, fan, podcast</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>When Star Trek is good, it's very good, and when it's bad it's...fascinating. Join us for a live taping of the Enterprising Individuals podcast where we'll share our pain with you about the "2020" of Star Trek movies: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier!</p> <p><i>Art Allen, Assad Khaishgi, Ka1iban (mod), Mark McPherson, Noel Thingvall</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Boozy Baking: Connie vs. MK2 battle! <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2</p> <p>Watch ?bakers? construct cakes to look like our beloved mascots while doing crazy challenges selected by our audience! Who will win? Connie or Mark2?!?!?</p> <p><i>Angela Fox, Christopher Jones, Dave Rand-McKay, Dawn Krosnowski, Heather Jeanne Rand-McKay, Lauren Addy, Megan M Slawson, Tim Uren</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Stargate Fan Panel <i>TV, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Let's discuss all things Stargate: SG1, Atlantis, Universe and more. What do we think about the show looking back today? What makes SG1 or Atlantis a rewatch must? How do we feel about representation and diversity within the series?</p> <p><i>Boris Leonidovich Smelov, Lis Ann Morton, Renate Marie Fiora (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Saved!: Digging Through a Digital Reservoir to Find the Real You <i>comedy</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Studio</p> <p>This interactive event kicks off with the host sharing her own backlog of unexplored bookmarks, watch later, and to-read lists with commentary and personal insights. Guests and audience are invited to do the same. We'll explore how these items define us.</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Ess</i></p>

10:30pm - 12:30am	Cinema Rex Film #12 - 92m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
11:00pm - Midnight	Coyote Kid <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Coyote Kid brings a unique blend of spaghetti-western inspired Gothic Americana, and a dynamic high energy live show. For fans of Murder By Death, My Chemical Romance, and Gogol Bordello with a Tarantino twist. <i>Austin Durry, Austin Wilder, Cassandra Valentine, John Baumgartner</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Late Night Music Circle <i>activity, music</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.

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12:30am - 2:30am	Cinema Rex Film #13 - 121m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior
8:00am - 9:00am	Masquerade Performer Orientation <i>activity, costuming</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom
9:00am - 4:00pm	Masquerade Technical Rehearsal <i>activity, costuming</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Performers will be assigned a 15 minutes slot during this time.
9:00am - 2:00am	Board Gaming <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1

<p>9:00am - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Tabletop RPG <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C</p>
<p>9:00am - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Volunteer Room <i>Hours</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Visit the Volunteer Room in the Lake Harriet room on the 4th floor! Redeem hours, learn about opportunities, and talk with a Head.</p>
<p>9:00am - 2:00am</p>	<p>Open Gaming <i>gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka</p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Batman Movies Face Off! <i>fan, movie, superhero</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Let's chat about the best and worst of Batman movies! <i>Hazen B. Markoe (mod), Mark McPherson, Mikanhana, Robert Becka</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Parenting Strong-Willed Children <i>social</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Let's chat about parenting strong willed kids. How to discipline without crushing their spirit, overcoming obstacles, suggested reading, and other tools. Words of wisdom and amusing stories welcome. <i>Art Allen, Deborah Jane Frethem, Rae Traynham (mod)</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Realities of Writing <i>GoH, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C A difference exists between writing for pleasure and writing for livelihood. Come discuss the world of professional writing with a panel of published authors. Deadlines? Painful edits? The dreaded outright rejection? It's all up for discussion. <i>Becca Justiniano (mod), Elsa Sjunneson, John Heimbuch, Laura Anne Gilman, Naomi Kritzer</i></p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>From Captain Cook to Captain Kirk: Exploration in History <i>TV, fan</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 How have historical voyages and explorers influenced our modern adventure and sci-fi stories? What compels us to seek out new life and new civilizations in fiction, and what lessons can history teach about the realities of expeditions? <i>Cassandra Phoenix, Erica Fair (mod), Skazka 9000</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Mansions of Madness <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 2 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>10:00am - 1:00am</p>	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i> Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>
<p>10:00am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #14 - 85m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>10:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Ancient Greek Tragedy <i>book, classic, myth</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE What little we know of Greek tragedy comes almost entirely from the work of three 5th-c. BCE playwrights: Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. But they represent only a fraction of what once existed. Come learn about some of what we've lost! <i>Alexandra Howes, Jimmy LeDuc, John Heimbuch, Pat Harrigan (mod), Windy Bowlsby</i></p>

11:00am - Noon	<p>Geek: The Next Generation <i>social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Sharing your passion with a geekling, particularly of child age, can be wonderfully rewarding. It can also backfire or succeed in a monkey's paw way. Hear the stories, tell the tales, and discuss what lessons have been learned along the way. <i>Art Allen (mod), Cassandra Phoenix, Elizabeth Merritt, Peregrin Winkle Lorimer, Rae Traynham</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Ravenscroft Musicke Guild <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room Listen to some selections of your favorite movie, video game, and TV music, arranged for string quartet plus harp and recorder (and drum and mandolin and dulcimer and more!). Come for the music, stay for the pirate jokes! <i>Chris Mortika, Eve Zabronsky, Kathleen O'Laughlin, Kerry Teckla Peterson, Rin Kilde, Stephanie Claussen</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Meet Geek Partnership Society <i>GPS</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D The local nonprofit GPS exists to support our local fan community. Find out how they can connect you to your fandoms and grow partnerships. Learn about their events and activities. <i>Kathye Coyle, Seth Chmelik</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Great British Bake-Off Fan Panel <i>British, TV, cooking, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Let's get together to discuss what we love about this show! <i>Kristina Winn, Mikanhana (mod), Renee Petersen</i></p>

<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Mermaids, Tails Down</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Deep Dive into peg doll crafting and create your own mermaid! Learn many techniques to make fun mermaids and can be applied to other peg doll creations. This activity will run 1.5 hours. Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online. <i>Nikita Dragonrose</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>The Morning Reboot <i>reading</i></p> <p>Hyatt 6 Studio Had too much fun the previous night? Still in your pajamas? Grab a cup of coffee at the downstairs cafe, and mosey on up to Wordslingers Way to reboot with this sampler of stories and poems from curated CON talent! <i>Damian Sheridan, Matthew Gress, Tom Cassidy, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>11:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #15 - 93m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>Noon - 1:30pm</p>	<p>In and Out of an Aussie Indie <i>art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Northstar B Come, sit, listen, question, and be regaled by Jessie and his journey as an artist. Jesse is a self-taught illustrator who recently worked for Australia-based Defiant Development on the "Hand of Fate" series of video and board games.</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Care and Feeding of Your Pet Unicorn <i>GoH, myth, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE What would it take to have a mythological creature as a pet? What do dragons actually eat anyways? <i>Bambi Amy Wendt, Kelly Jo Fredrickson, Laura Anne Gilman, Morgan Strickland, Peregrin Winkle Lorimer (mod)</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Inspiration Strikes! <i>art, writing</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Where do we find inspiration? How can an idea pass from one person to another? <i>Danith McPherson, Lauren Addy, Lee Brontide (mod), Peg Kerr Ihinger, Viga</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Stephanie Claussen <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room Influenced by her love of fairy tales, Tolkien, and the world music section at her local library, harpist Stephanie Claussen performs a unique mix of Scottish tunes, J.S. Bach, and epic movie soundtracks. www.stephanieclaussen.com <i>Stephanie Claussen</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Elsa Sjunneson/Naomi Kritzer <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A <i>Elsa Sjunneson, Naomi Kritzer</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Write Your Own Show! <i>DIY, comedy, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Playwrights talk about how they created original shows. Where do the ideas come from? How do you finish a script? What are some unique aspects in writing for yourself? <i>Kelvin Alexander Hatle, Thomas Boguszewski, Tim Uren (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Mental Illness in Media <i>TV, art, comic, movie, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Portrayals of mental health in the media sometimes get it right, but often it's still very wrong. Why do these false fact tropes continue to be played for drama or laughs? How can we hold creators accountable? <i>Heather Jeanne Rand-McKay, Mark McPherson, Mikanhana (mod), Skazka 9000</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>The Not-So-Silent Planet: A Speculative Open-Mic <i>misc</i> Hyatt 6 Studio Have you ever imagined a world whose laws of physics differ from our own? Welcome to the country's ONLY recurring open-mic dedicated to speculative fiction! Sign up for 5-7 minutes, and tell us about a place of which we've never dreamt. <i>Jeff Henry, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>1:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Mansions of Madness <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 2 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>1:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Marrying Mr. Darcy <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>1:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #16 - 97m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Roving Mars <i>STEM</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE From Sojourner to Perseverance, rovers have been indispensable in Martian exploration. Listen to a former member of several of the operations teams tell about each mission in context, their successes and failures, and where we go from here. <i>Bridget Landry (mod)</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>BIPOC Geeks and Nerds Unite <i>GoH, inclusivity, social</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>The geeky and nerdy universe is small, the BIPOC group is smaller yet. The purpose of this panel is to discuss "being the only BIPOC geek/nerd growing up" and learning to embrace and be empowered by your geekiness and nerdiness.</p> <p><i>Amenda Marquez Simula, Charlene Holm, Miss Shannan Paul (mod), Morgan Strickland, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Apollo 15 and the Sculpture on the Moon <i>*new, STEM, art</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ</p> <p>50 years ago, the final Apollo flights headed to Earth's moon. Left behind was a scandal that embroiled the space race, the art world, and international diplomacy simultaneously. It was, and remains, the only sculpture on the moon. A crazy, true story.</p> <p><i>Brian Forrest</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Fuzzy Machete <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room</p> <p>Fuzzy Machete has been singing songs inspired by LEGOs, sci-fi movies, and physics, all over the Twin Cities, for over a decade now. They have played HarmCon several times before and are very excited to return to CONvergence after a few years.</p> <p><i>Krissandra Anfinson, Robbin Lundahl, Tara Grimmer</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Signing - Laura Anne Gilman/Danith McPherson <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A</p> <p><i>Danith McPherson, Laura Anne Gilman</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Cultural Barriers to Addressing Climate Change <i>STEM, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D What's the most important thing holding us back from rapid action? Culture: acknowledging climate change, embracing the technology to solve the problem, and being motivated to take rapid action are not yet normalized, not part of our day to day culture. <i>Elliott Kios Dean (mod), Jessica Wyn Miller, Kelly Jo Fredrickson</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Writing Non-Fiction <i>GoH, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Some of the greatest stories ever told are true. Whether you want to write books, essays, memoirs, or newsletters, what matters most in writing compelling non-fiction? <i>Deborah Jane Frethem (mod), Elsa Sjunneson, Erica Fair</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Parenting Gender Non-Conforming Kids/Children <i>inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 How do we support our children and try to keep them safe in a world that is not necessarily welcoming to difference? How do we advocate for them in the wider world as they mature into their authentic selves? <i>Cassandra Phoenix (mod), Peregrin Winkle Lorimer</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Light Bending Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Do you possess the power to bend light? Construct a machine to test your talent to bend light around corners. Can you bend light to your will? Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online. <i>Dierdre Schultz</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Starfinder: Live Adventure Extreme! <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 2 A Starfinder Society Scenario designed for levels 5-8. Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>

<p>2:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>Sword of Air (D&D 3.5) <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Legendary Performances <i>myth, theme</i> Hyatt 6 Studio Pat Harrigan joins Guest of Honor Matt Kessen for a double bill of legendary spoken-word performances! <i>Matthew Kessen, Pat Harrigan</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Bad Films We Love <i>movie</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE It ain't easy being cheesy! A discussion of movies that are both bad and so bad that they're good. <i>Allyson Cygan, Bridget Landry, Ka1iban (mod), Mark McPherson, Miss Shannan Paul</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>When Can You Monetize Your Hobby? <i>art, business</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Hobbies are for fun, right? Maybe yes, maybe no. At what point does it makes sense to start monetizing it? <i>Lauren Addy, Thomas Boguszewski (mod)</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Art: Impossible <i>art</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B Watch as talented artists are given impossible challenges! Could you create a CONvergence-themed amusement park in thirty minutes? How about design a new Doctor Who costume in five minutes? These artists create the impossible! <i>Christopher Jones, Danielle Pebbles, Louis Frank, Tim Wick (mod), Windy Bowlsby</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Taylor Cisco/Amanda Meuwissen <i>GoH, signing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A <i>Amanda Meuwissen, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Arthurian Legend in Popular Culture <i>British, book, myth, theme</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C From blockbuster movies to pop music, comic books to video games, the BBC to Saturday morning cartoons, the Knights of the Table Round seem to be everywhere. <i>Hazen B. Markoe, Scott Jamison (mod), Phillip Andrew Bennett Low</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Disney Trivia <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Animal Crossing: New Horizons Fan Panel <i>current, fan, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 This new installment to the franchise hit the street in March of 2020. What do we think? How did the COVID crisis affect your relationship with the game? <i>Amy Fischer, Kris Heding, Rae Traynham (mod), Viga</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Old Legends, New Worlds <i>GoH, myth, theme, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 How do writers use myth and legends in world building and plotting their work? <i>Kathryn Ann Sullivan (mod), Laura Anne Gilman, Tim Lieder</i></p>

<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Rev. Matt's Monster Science: Original Kaiju and Fightin' Skeletons <i>misc</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior Reverend Matt does a deep dive into the films of Ray Harryhausen! From the film that inspired ?Godzilla? to his extraordinary fantasy work to what may be the best cowboys-and-dinosaurs film of all time, and much more besides! (recorded)</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Pundamonium <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 6 Studio One by one, contestants make puns based on prompts they have received ahead of time; the finalists go head to head in a pun-off! <i>Art Allen</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Meet the CONvergence Directors <i>con</i> Hyatt 1 Fireplace Lobby Meet and greet with the CONvergence Board of Directors. <i>Amy Mills, Ansley Grams, Jonathan Palmer, Luis Beltran, Michael Scott Shappe, Nadim Khalidi</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Fistful of Datas <i>music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room We're a Minneapolis band that happens to play songs written by other bands between 1990 and 1999, and yes, our name is a Star Trek TNG episode. facebook.com/fistfulofdatas/ <i>Keith Lodermeier, Liz Lodermeier, Mackenzie Lahren, Maya Burroughs, Reynold Kissling</i></p>
<p>4:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #17 - 104m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Wonder Woman Vs. Wonder Woman <i>classic, comic, current, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>With the mighty amazon premiering her second movie, we examine the rich history of the character through the ages, and weigh in on the new film.</p> <p><i>Amenda Marquez Simula (mod), Janelle Marie Kloth, Mark Lundberg, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Technology in Worldbuilding <i>GoH, STEM, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ</p> <p>How do you write advances in tech into your stories? How does that tech change the worlds in which we live? Panelists will discuss the ways technology can change your worlds in subtle and significant ways.</p> <p><i>Danith McPherson, Elsa Sjunneson, Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Lee Brontide (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Dark Crystal Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>This will focus mainly on the Netflix series, but the movie will come into it somehow...</p> <p><i>Renate Marie Fiora, Rita Walaszek, William Schar (mod)</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>What We Do in the Shadows Fan Panel <i>TV, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>We discuss our favorite dark comedy, What We Do in the Shadows.</p> <p><i>Allyson Cygan (mod), Jeanne M. Mealy, Kristina Winn</i></p>
<p>5:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>DIY Bag of Holding</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B</p> <p>For the busy grocery-shopping-Hobbit-about-town, you're going to need a spiffy bag for carting all of your fresh veg, cheese, and sausages! Look no further than your wardrobe, no sewing involved. Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online.</p> <p><i>Renee Petersen</i></p>

5:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Masquerade <i>activity, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom House opens.</p>
6:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Masquerade <i>activity, costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom Performance.</p>
6:30pm - 10:00pm	<p>Cinema Rex Film #18 - 196m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Hammer Films <i>classic, horror, movie, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Super-saturated color, classy British actors, and a Gothic aesthetic made Hammer Films a worthy successor to the Universal monster universe. We'll discuss Frankenstein, Dracula, the Mummy, and so much more. <i>Brian Forrest (mod), Bryon David Stump, Hazen B. Markoe, Tim Lieder</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Feminism and Privilege in Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries <i>TV, book</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ We all love Phryne Fisher: the clothes, the confidence, the smoldering between her and Jack Robinson. But she is a product of her time and privilege that opens many doors for her. A look at what we love about Phryne and what we find problematic. <i>Cassandra Phoenix (mod), Meredith Jeanne Gillies</i></p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>TheToader <i>music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Regency Room TheToader is a video game music musician who plays Classical Guitar, Accordion, Bass Guitar, Mandolin, Ukulele, and Percussion. Listen to video game music from The Legend of Zelda, Xenoblade Chronicles, and other Nintendo games. <i>TheToader</i></p>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Friends of Bill W <i>misc</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C</p>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	<p>Monty Python - What's All This Then? <i>British, inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Monty Python is one of the most influential comedy series ever and geeks love it. Can you acknowledge and even enjoy the show given the homophobic, transphobic, misogynistic, racist, and other jokes that are just plain wrong? <i>Gregory Parks, Jonathan Palmer, Melissa Sue Kaercher, Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<p>The Fey Fayre (D&D 5e) <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
8:00pm - 9:00pm	<p>Masquerade Halftime Show <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom</p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Supernatural Fan Panel <i>GoH, TV, current, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH The longest running genre show in North American TV history has ended after 15 seasons. Lets's discuss the history of the Winchesters and the legacy they leave. <i>Alexandra Howes (mod), Catherine Schaff-Stump, Laura Anne Gilman</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Terror on the Air <i>audio, classic, horror</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D A discussion of the classic horror series of the Golden Age of Radio, including Lights Out, Suspense, and Quiet Please <i>Skazka 9000, Tim Uren (mod)</i></p>

<p>8:30pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Red Dragon Inn <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>8:30pm - 10:30pm</p>	<p>Red Dragon Inn <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 2 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Wow, Lynch, Wow <i>TV, movie</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Panelists will discuss major themes found throughout the filmography of auteur David Lynch, from Eraserhead all the way through to Twin Peaks: The Return. <i>Garrick Dietze, Ka1iban (mod), Lis Ann Morton, Niles Schwartz</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>The Art of Book Folding Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Join us to transform a regular hardcover book into a work of legendary-themed art! A beginners activity, so it will be folds-only, no cutting. No math involved, but accurate measuring is required. Sandbox Live! This activity will be broadcast online. <i>Jenny McElroy</i></p>
<p>8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Gilgamesh <i>horror, myth, theme</i> Hyatt 6 Studio The ancient Sumerian epic about the adventures of King Gilgamesh, his friendship with a hairy wildman Enkidu, the battle with the Bull of Heaven, the Tale of the Great Flood, and a quest for immortality! Written by Charlie Bethel. <i>John Heimbuch</i></p>
<p>9:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Art Auction <i>art, buy</i> Hyatt 2 Northstar B</p>

<p>9:00pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>SlytherPuff <i>comedy, music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room SlytherPuff is a comedic musical duo based in the Twin Cities. Their primary fandom is Harry Potter, and other fandoms sung about include Marvel, DC, Doctor Who, and more! <i>Maren Aalgaard, Morgan Strickland</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Tony Stark Fan Panel <i>comic, fan, movie, superhero</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Fans discuss the character and Robert Downey Jr's portrayal and progression. <i>Charlene Holm (mod), Hazen B. Markoe, John Michael Seavey</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>The Pun-el <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Once again, the English language (and a few others) gets pun-ched, pun-ked, and pun-ji'd without fear of flying fruit! The Pun-El returns. Speech class was never like this! <i>Brian LaBounty, Edward Eastman, Margaret Eastman</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Is Television Winning? <i>TV, movie, social</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ Is TV taking over for film with bingeing, arcs, and serialized story telling? Do we still need movies? <i>Janelle Marie Kloth, Niles Schwartz</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Bojack Horseman Fan Panel <i>TV, animation, current, fan</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C <i>John Heimbuch (mod), Tim Lieder, Viga</i></p>

<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Lupin the 3rd Fan Panel <i>anime, classic, fan</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Between his 50th anniversary in animated format, and the release of a new CGI film, it's been a good year for anime's favorite thief. Join us to discuss Lupin the 3rd, his history, our favorite episodes, and what we hope to see in the future. <i>Deborah Bojar, Elliot Besmann, James Christopher Horvath, Peregrin Winkle Lorimer (mod)</i></p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Trailer Park <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior See what the future holds as Rex dishes out trailers for hot upcoming releases, and maybe a little other fun stuff.</p>
<p>10:00pm - 11:00pm</p>	<p>Joey Hamburger: Live at CONvergence! <i>comedy</i> Hyatt 6 Studio Comedian and playwright of Sheep Theater (Best Theater Troupe, City Pages, Best of 2018). Storytelling, spec fiction, and comedy into chaos during chaos from chaos. <i>Joey Hamburger</i></p>
<p>11:00pm - Midnight</p>	<p>The Dregs <i>comedy, music</i> Hyatt 2 Regency Room The Dregs return to HarmCon! Come enjoy their weird mix of original tunes, traditional pub favorites, and maybe, if you are very lucky, Virgin Sturgeon. Sometimes beautiful, sometimes funny, sometimes just plain weird. <i>Molly Zupon, Paul Score, Susanne Becker, Tim Wick, Trevor Hartman</i></p>
<p>11:00pm - 1:00am</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #19 - 93m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

11:30pm - 12:30am	<p>Late Night Music Circle <i>activity, music</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>
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1:00am - 2:30am	<p>Cinema Rex Film #20 - 86m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
9:00am - 5:00pm	<p>Board Gaming <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1</p>
9:00am - 5:00pm	<p>Tabletop RPG <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C</p>
9:00am - 2:00pm	<p>Starfinder: Colossus Heist <i>RPG, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 2 A Starfinder Society Scenario designed for levels 7?11. Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
9:00am - 5:00pm	<p>Volunteer Room <i>Hours</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Harriet Visit the Volunteer Room in the Lake Harriet room on the 4th floor! Redeem hours, learn about opportunities, and talk with a Head.</p>
9:00am - 5:00pm	<p>Open Gaming <i>gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Minnetonka</p>

<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Old Ones and Young Ones: Star Wars Generations <i>Star Wars, fan</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE A panel in which young fans and old fans share their perspectives on Star Wars, from the end of the saga to our unique approaches to the universe to straight joy sharing. <i>Bridget Landry, Janelle Marie Kloth</i></p>
<p>9:30am - Noon</p>	<p>GPS Live Auction <i>GPS, activity, buy</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway IJ All silent auction items that went to voice auction will be sold at this charity auction benefiting the Geek Partnership Society. <i>Melissa Sue Kaercher</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Keeping the Creative Juices Flowing <i>writing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Writers always say we love to write. Why then do we spend so much time procrastinating? Why do so many things get in our way? What are some strategies to overcome obstacles and inertia? <i>Danith McPherson (mod), Gabriela Santiago, Meg Elison, Patrick William Marsh</i></p>
<p>9:30am - 10:30am</p>	<p>Fictional Aces <i>inclusivity, social</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Let's talk about asexuality. We'll discuss both confirmed characters on the asexual spectrum and speculative aces. We'll go over the b-ace-ics and common misconceptions about this queer identity <i>Allyson Cygan, Elliott Kios Dean, Katrina Linde-Moriarty (mod), Nate Wulver, Peg Kerr Ihinger</i></p>
<p>10:00am - 11:30am</p>	<p>Disney Trivia <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>

10:00am - 6:00pm	<p>CVG Teen Room <i>Hours, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Lake Bemidji</p>
10:00am - Noon	<p>Cinema Rex Film #21 - 102m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Cosplay 101: Finding Resources <i>costuming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A</p> <p>Cosplay is becoming more and more widespread but how do you get started? Where do you find information about different and new materials and techniques? How do you break through a daunting pile of info? Join newer and experienced cosplayers for answers!</p> <p><i>Becca Ohm, Rae Lundquist, Stace Feldmann</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Improving First Drafts <i>writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE</p> <p>How to move forward from your - yes, it was that bad - first draft.</p> <p><i>Aimee Kuzenski, Gabriela Santiago, Lee Brontide (mod), Meg Elison, Peg Kerr Ihinger</i></p>
11:00am - Noon	<p>Vampires in Media <i>TV, book, comic, movie, myth, theme</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH</p> <p>Let's discuss the vampire in all its forms, from Dracula to V Wars.</p> <p><i>Brian Forrest, Robert Becka (mod), Scott Jamison</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Avoiding Tokenism in SciFi/Fantasy <i>GoH, inclusivity, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters D</p> <p>When writing a story, creating actual diversity requires a great effort to avoid unintentionally tokenizing your characters. We will examine common mistakes and discuss ways to create diverse characters without tokenizing them.</p> <p><i>Elliott Kios Dean, Kathryn Ann Sullivan (mod), Rob Callahan, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
<p>11:00am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 1</p> <p>Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>CONsole Room: Bringing Doctor Who Fandom Together <i>Dr Who, con</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3</p> <p>Now going into its 8th year, CONsole Room has been a gathering point for Minnesota Whovians of all ages to dive into the Whoniverse, meet DW creators, and celebrate fandom in the area. Learn more about this fan run, nonprofit con and how to get involved!</p> <p><i>Amber Raden, Cynthia Porter, Donald Kaiser, Jim Soos, Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>Nebula Galaxy Bottle Jewelry <i>Sandbox, activity, teen</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B</p> <p>Create your own sensory bottle in miniature that you can wear and take with you and/or a cool galaxy inspired nebula jar necklace.</p> <p><i>Nikita Dragonrose</i></p>

<p>11:00am - Noon</p>	<p>The Wordslinger Reading Hour <i>reading</i> Hyatt 6 Studio When's the last time you fell in love with a book? This is where your latest adventure begins: in an hour of readings and interviews with Invited Participants! It's like speed-dating with your new favorite author. <i>Danith McPherson, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>Noon - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Everdell <i>board, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 2 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>Noon - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Sword of Air (D&D 3.5) <i>RPG, gaming</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes C, Table 3 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
<p>Noon - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #22 - 93m <i>movie</i> Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Disney and Mythology <i>movie, myth, theme</i> Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Disney's interpretations of mythology. How good are they? How bad? <i>Hazen B. Markoe (mod), Lindsey Marie Bushnell, Rita Walaszek</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Signing - Meg Elison/Kathryn Sullivan <i>signing</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A <i>Kathryn Ann Sullivan, Meg Elison</i></p>

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Adam Ruins Everything <i>TV, social</i> Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C Let's talk about our favorite things that Adam has ruined. <i>Jeanne M. Mealy, Renate Marie Fiora (mod), Viga</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Traditional or Self-Publishing <i>GoH, business, writing</i> Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Which is best? When? Have a great idea for a novel but unsure how to go about getting published? Learn when and how to approach larger publishers, indie, or genre publishers, and when to simply go it on your own. <i>Amanda Meuwissen, Laura Anne Gilman, Taylor A Cisco (mod)</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Myth and Legend: The Golden Age <i>comic, myth, superhero, theme</i> Hyatt 6 Studio From the temples and tombs of ancient Egypt, Israel, and Mesopotamia, a new kind of hero emerges into the streets and subways of the forties. An all-star, full-cast reading of early superhero comics that drew their origins from ancient myth! <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Duck Washington, Joshua English Scrimshaw, Kelvin Alexander Hatle, phillip andrew bennett low</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Monster Hunting in Mythology <i>myth, theme</i> Hyatt 1 Lakeshore A Many of the more memorable myths are tales detailing the defeat of demons, dragons, demigods, and other monsters. What does it take to slay these great beasts? Can you go it alone or do you need the favor of the gods? <i>Hazen B. Markoe, Kenneth Joel Justiniano (mod), Rita Walaszek</i></p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>His Dark Materials <i>TV, book, current, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE How is this HBO series living up to our imaginings from the books? How does it compare to "The Golden Compass" film made a few years ago? Where do we hope to see it go from here? <i>Craig A. Finseth, Nat Morse-Noland (mod), Renate Marie Fiora</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Fan Fiction as Writing Training <i>GoH, writing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway FGH Over the years a number of excellent professional writers have written fanfic and pastiches. We'll discuss how this may help or hinder their craft. <i>Amanda Meuwissen, Cassandra Phoenix, Elliott Kios Dean, Laura Anne Gilman, Marguerite Krause (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Signing - Taylor Cisco/Patrick Marsh <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters A <i>Patrick William Marsh, Taylor A Cisco</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>Everdell <i>board, gaming</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A1, Table 2 Sign up at the Gaming Front Desk!</p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Whatever You DIY <i>DIY</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A3 Want to get into DIY? Join the discussion and learn about the things we do and teach us about what you do. DIY'ers from all areas welcome. <i>Bob DeMers (mod), Gabi (Gabrielle) Poor, Rob Callahan, Sarah Barsness</i></p>

<p>2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Introduction to Chain Mail - Byzantine Sample</p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes B Learn the basics of chain mail by creating a Byzantine weave sample. Byzantine is a complex looking chain pattern that is easy to make. Liz has taught chain mail in Boston for over 9 years, and is the author of the book, Introduction to Chain Mail. <i>Liz Cademy</i></p>
<p>2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #23 - 93m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Disney Live-Action Remakes <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 2 Greenway BCDE Do they add anything to the animated versions? Are they just another remake? What makes some more successful than others and which should never have happened? <i>Hazen B. Markoe (mod), Janelle Marie Kloth, Lindsey Marie Bushnell</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Twilight Forever <i>book, fan, movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Boundary Waters C We'll discuss the phenomena that was Twilight, as both book and movie franchises, and its standing in pop culture. <i>Brian Forrest, Heather Jeanne Rand-McKay (mod), Lis Ann Morton, Michelle D Farley</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Steven Universe Fan Panel <i>animation, fan</i></p> <p>Hyatt 4 Great Lakes A2 Come discuss the end of the original series and the newly released Steven Universe Future. <i>James Christopher Horvath, Nate Bird, Patrick William Marsh (mod)</i></p>
<p>4:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Cinema Rex Film #24 - 95m <i>movie</i></p> <p>Hyatt 5 Lake Superior</p>

5:00pm - 7:00pm	Closing Ceremony <i>GoH, con</i> Hyatt 1 Nicollet Ballroom <i>Dawn Krosnowski, Laura Anne Gilman, Taylor A Cisco</i>
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