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Gaming Head: Bill Korsak
Staff: Mike Bodie, Erika Rosenberger

Hucksters Room: Richard Tucholka
Art Show: Dean Stahl
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Greetings from the Conchair

Hello! Welcome to Cryptic ConFusion. Whether you come every year or this is your very first ConFusion, I hope you find many moments of fun and happiness throughout the weekend.

I often describe ConFusion to people as a sort of three-ring circus. With 24-hour gaming, 24-hour ConSuite full of drinks and foodstuffs, day and night-time panels on all kinds of SF-related topics including wonderful filk music concerts (and this year a live radio play!), KidFusion, the Art Show, the Huckster's room, the Masquerade costume contest Saturday, B-Movie and anime rooms upstairs, dances Friday and Saturday night, and an all-convention Cryptic Game, there's a lot going on. What did I leave out? Parties! There will also be parties Friday and Saturday night, including DDR and Rock Band parties hosted by ConFusion itself upstairs, and then Sunday night there's a "Dead Dog" party in the ConSuite, for those who just aren't ready to let the convention end.

It's that much fun, and then in addition there's all the magic and fun you yourself bring to the convention. Which is key, really, because the main reason people come to conventions is to find the wonderful friends they've never met before, and connect with them. Talk, dance, dress in silly or gorgeous obsessively detailed costumes if you like (or don't), and let the real you see and be seen. If you need help getting oriented, attend "So This is Your First Convention" and ask questions!

Do come to opening ceremonies on Friday at 8 pm and then the reception next door at 9 so you can see who our GoHs are and meet them in person. We have a lot of Guests of Honor this year, and they are all fabulous. Read all about them right here in the program book. There are other important things in the program book, like a map, schedule, rules we ask you to follow, and a list of the concom who made this possible - which reminds me, please do consider volunteering. You can win prizes, gain the adoring appreciation of your peers, and next year that could be you on that concom list. Honestly, that is not a threat.

I wouldn't do this if it were not rewarding, and the best reward for me is to stroll around this beautiful hotel watching moments of fun, silliness, creativity and connection pervade the halls.

So have fun. For me. Oh, and could you carry this flat of pop up to the ConSuite?

;))

--Anne

ConFusion Policies:

We ask that you wear your con badge at all times. Please remember that a con badge will be required for entry to all convention functions, to include the consuite, dealer's room, and all panels. A badge is only recognized if it has a number and is registered to you. Please do not lend your badge to anyone, as it will result in both the lender and the borrower being ejected from the convention. If you lose your badge Badge replacement: If you lose your badge, come to Ops and beg, prettily, with a show of photo ID and some green stuff, and we might give you a new one. Further disciplinary action to be determined by the head of Ops might involve Vaseline. In other words: Don't lose your badge.

Please notify us in Operations if you have any problems or concerns. We can only fix what we are told is broken, and the Operations desk (the coatroom across from the ballrooms on the main floor) is staffed 24 hours to take care of your needs. Additionally, you will be able to call INSERT NUMBER HERE to reach Ops.

The ConFusion Convention Committee reserves the right to expel any attendee without a refund should they forget the common sense rules of respect, tolerance, and peaceful conditions for others attending the convention. Should you wish to contest your unreasonable expulsion, you can do so by sending your complaint, in writing, to AASFA, P.O. Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 to plead your case. All attendees are invited to attend the "What Did We Do Right, and What Can We Do Better" session on Sunday to tell us what you liked and did not like. The panel is typically at 3PM in Dennison I/II, but please check your schedule book for the most up-to-date information.

Most importantly, have fun. Please enjoy your time and do what you can to make the time that others spend at your con more enjoyable. With that in mind, here are a few less-than-obvious (and in some cases all-too-obvious) rules:

Alcohol:

Michigan's minimum drinking age is 21. This is not a guideline, but a law, so please don't expect to be made an exception and please recognize that we will ask to see ID before serving. We also reserve the right to stop serving anyone who appears to have overindulged. It is our job to help provide fun, but it is our job to help provide safety too; we appreciate your help in doing both.

If you are sharing your personal stash of alcoholic beverages, whether at a room party or while wandering about, please ensure that all recipients are of age. Anybody (or party) found allowing minors to consume alcoholic beverages will be immediately shut down. No warnings, no exceptions.

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If you do consume, please do not drive. Michigan has very strict laws and a .08 BAC limit. If you have been drinking, and you need to be someplace, please contact Operations and they will do whatever is in their power to ensure that you do not have to drive while intoxicated. If you need to get someplace within 5 miles of the hotel, the hotel shuttle service can also take you there, and will do so at no charge. Please, please, do not drink and drive.

Because the hotel has a liquor license that applies to the first floor hospitality areas, all alcohol served by the convention or its party hosts must stay on or above the 2nd floor at all times. If we fail to do this, the whole convention could be canceled (no, we are not shitting you) according to our contract with the hotel. If you are drinking alcohol, keep all those nice free drinks up on the party floors and do NOT attempt to take them with you to the dance or other programming on the ground floor. If you carry your drink down to the 1st floor it will be taken away from you and your convention badge may be taken away as well.

Controlled and Illegal Substances:

Regardless of your personal views, drugs are illegal in Michigan. Medicinal marijuana notwithstanding, you know what could get you busted. So do we. So do the authorities. Please do us all a favor and just don't partake.

Weapons and Replica Weapons:

Officially, if it looks like a real firearm, it is a real firearm, so real or realistic firearms are NOT permitted at the con, regardless of status. Peacebonding, disassembly, or lack of functionality do not change this. Absolutely no real or realistic firearms. All other weapons should be brought to Operations to get a red yarn mark indicating that your weapon is peacebonded—that you will not draw or wield your weapon. No weapons—sword, staff, martial arts device, or whatever—should be used in any fighting, mock or otherwise, or brandished in any way short of posing for a photograph. Violators of this policy will be asked to get rid of their weapon or be ejected from the convention.

Confusion Policies: (cont.)

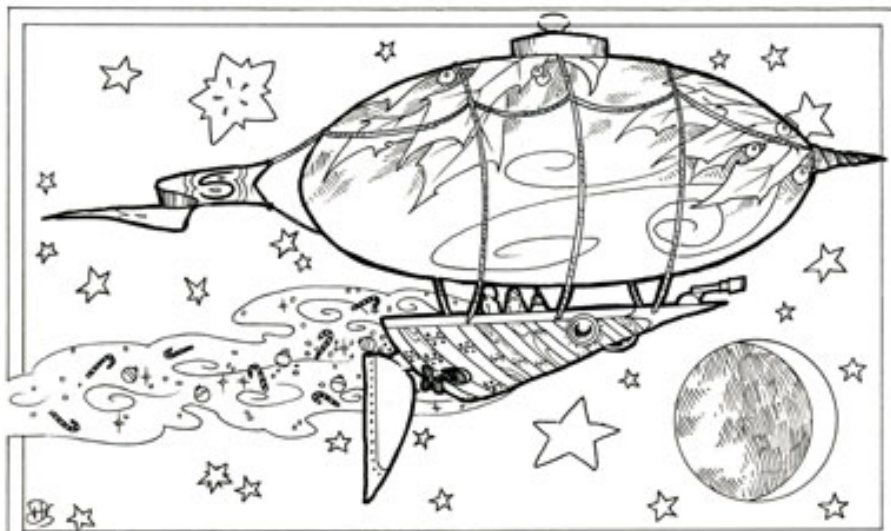
BDSM & Public “Lewdness”:

Many fans enjoy this opportunity to flaunt their leather, lace, PVC, duct-tape, and other costuming choices, often with very skin-presenting results. Please keep in mind, though, that “Safe, Sane, and Consensual” includes bystanders and other convention members. Please adhere to the legal regulations covering nudity and cover the essential “bits” while in the public areas. Also, no BDSM equipment should be demonstrated in those public areas, so we ask that you get your whips, floggers, cats ‘o nine-tails, crops and other implements of BDSM fun peacebonded with purple yarn. What you do with them in your own room is your own business, but please be aware that other con-goers did not consent to see you flogging your partner in the hallway.

Please also be aware that the age of consent is 16. We all know what 15 will get you...

Appropriate Footwear for the Lobby

We all need to support the restaurant that is open to and contiguous with the hotel lobby by observing health regulations: Always wear shoes in the lobby, no matter how sparse the rest of your costume may be. Masquerade contestants for whom it is part of their costume to have bare feet can do so in the muster room and on stage but are requested to don appropriate footwear for the trip to the masquerade area as well as for any parading about in the lobby afterwards.



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Guests of Honor

Author Guest: Spider Robinson

-- Callahan's Crosstime Saloon

Media Guest: Wil Wheaton

-- Star Trek: TNG, Linux Geek, Author

Gaming Guest: Jane McConigal

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CAT RAMBO Pro Guest of Honor

Not every good writer is also a nice person with the coolest name ever. In fact, only one person, in my opinion, epitomizes all three of these qualities: Cat Rambo. Engaged in the genre community, the feminist community, and helping out with Clarion West, I think Cat would exemplify the definition of “proactive” even if she wasn’t also a first-rate fiction writer and editor.

I’ve seen all aspects of Cat’s personality while working with her on the novelette *The Surgeon’s Tale*, the most fun I’ve ever had in collaboration. She’s a strong, confident writer with a healthy sense of humor wedded to the kind of discipline and endurance it takes to make it in this business.. In a very short time she’s gone from being just another promising newcomer to someone with credits like *Weird Tales*, *Asimov’s SF Magazine*, and *Strange Horizons*. Her fiction is often lyrical but tough-minded, unabashedly mixing traditional tropes with unconventional approaches. You get a sense in her work of someone who has actually lived a life and experienced a lot. That’s something you can’t really fake in fiction.

In addition to her writing, Cat has recently received kudos as fiction editor at *Fantasy Magazine*, with Sean Wallace, and in a very short time has left her very positive stamp on that publication. I know that Cat is hard at work discovering the next generation of fantasists, and that more than one writer is going to come up to her at a convention in the future—maybe even this one—and tell her just how much her comments meant to them. Cat really understands the meaning of paying it forward.

Another thing I love about Cat is that she has a healthy sense of curiosity, she cares about other people, she’s open to new adventures, and, well, as I might have mentioned she has the coolest name ever (which she freely admits is in no small part due to her husband, Wayne Rambo).

Although she’s primarily known in genre circles, Cat’s experience is far wider than that. She is a graduate of the John Hopkins Writing Seminars and studied with the legendary John Barth. She is also one of the people behind Armageddon MUD, one of the oldest interactive text-based role-playing games on the Internet; she continues to be involved with the gaming industry to this day. In addition, Cat currently serves as the chair of the Copyright Committee of SFWA.

You’re very lucky to have Cat as a guest at your convention, and knowing her like I do, I’m sure she’s looking forward to meeting all of you. – Jeff VanderMeer

It would be impossible to list everything Cat has done over her career so we have chosen a selection from 2008 – present; she is one busy woman!

Books:

- * EYES LIKE SMOKE, AND COAL, AND MOONLIGHT AND OTHER STORIES. (working title) Paper Golem Press

Stories:

- * REALMS OF FANTASY, forthcoming. Narrative of a Beast's Life
- * CLARKESWORLD, forthcoming. The Mermaids Singing Each to Each
- * HATTER BONES, forthcoming. Things Spoken in the Rain
- * HELIOTROPE, forthcoming. Whose Face This Is I Do Not Know
- * ABYSS & APEX, October, 2008. Angry Rose's Lament
- * FARRAGO'S WAINSCOT, October, 2008. The Fisherman's Child
- * CLARKESWORLD, October, 2008. The Worm Within
- * BEHIND THE WAINSCOT, August, 2008. The Magician
- * CLOCKWORK PHOENIX, 2008. The Dew Drop Coffee Lounge
- * POSTCARDS FROM..., March, 2008. Up the Chimney
- * WEIRD TALES, March, 2008. Events at Fort Plentitude
- * ASIMOV'S, March, 2008. Kallakak's Cousins
- * SERPENTARIUS, February, 2008. RealFur
- * THE NEW WEIRD, edited by Ann and Jeff VanderMeer, 2008. Cornflowers Beside the Unuttered
- * PAPER CITIES, 2008. The Bumblety's Marble

Poetry:

- * Big Tex[T], forthcoming. Bugs Steals History

Game Articles

- * SETTLERS OF THE NEW VIRTUAL WORLDS, forthcoming. From God to Customer Service. Essay.
- * THE ESCAPIST, January 28, 2008. Hey Kids, Let's Make a Movie: Machinima. Essay.



Cory Doctorow Cryptic Guest of Honor

Cory Doctorow is a science fiction novelist, blogger and technology activist. He is the co-editor of the popular weblog Boing Boing, and a contributor to *Wired*, *Popular Science*, *Make*, the *New York Times*, and many other publications and websites. He was formerly Director of European Affairs for the Electronic Frontier Foundation. His novels are published by Tor Books and simultaneously on the Internet under Creative Commons licenses, encouraging their re-use and sharing. He has won the Locus and Sunburst Awards, and been nominated for the Hugo, Nebula and British Science Fiction Awards.

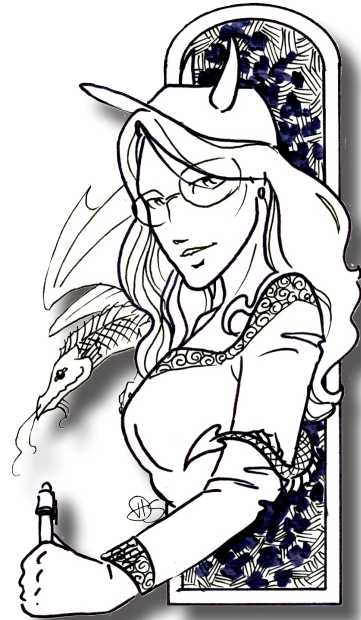
Cory's latest novel, *Little Brother*, was published in May, and his latest short story collection is *Overclocked: Stories of the Future Present*. A collection of his essays, called *Content: Selected Essays on Technology, Creativity, Copyright and the Future of the Future* will be published later this year by Tachyon Books. Also due in 2008 is a collection of comic books inspired by his short fiction, coming from IDW, called *Cory Doctorow's Futuristic Tales of the Here and Now*. He is presently working on a new young adult novel, *For The Win* (about union organizing in video games). On February 3, 2008, he became a father. The little girl is called Poesy Emmeline Fibonacci Nautilus Taylor Doctorow, and is a marvel that puts all the works of technology and artifice to shame.

Diana Harlan Stein

Artist Guest of Honor

So You Think You Can't Draw?

When I first met Diana, 30 years ago this past October, she could not draw. I won't say she couldn't draw a straight line, cause she could. Great at straight lines and curves and circles. Very exact. All her art was very graphic, boxy, symmetrical. Even her people and her creatures. They looked like they'd come off a draftsman's table. Big "Frying Pan" eyes, paddle like hands and hidden feet. While her talent for design and layout already shown through, she wasn't going to be on in the inside of Analog any time soon.



But she WANTED to be an artist, more than anything. So she dedicated herself to being one. Line after line, drawing after drawing, sketchbook after sketchbook. Chuck Jones, the great animator, said that his instructor had taught them that every artist has 1,000 bad drawings in them. And the sooner they got them out of the way, the sooner they could get down to the good stuff. And that's how Diana taught herself to draw, by drawing. Hundreds and hundreds of drawings. Pages of hands, of noses, of wolves and dragons. Hours with her nose buried in collection books by her art heroes, Michael Whelan and Alphonse Mucha and the Hilderbrant Brothers and great Fan artists like Tim Kirk and Leah Dowling and Alicia Austin and more. Studying them, learning from them.

Diana cut her teeth drawing illos for fan zines, fanfic. The Pern based Fanfic club, Fort Weyr, the Elfquest club, Timberlake Holt were excellent training grounds for assignments and deadlines and feedback.

Now, all these years later, she's been nominated for three Hugo Awards as Best Fan Artist. She makes her living selling art at cons from her dealer's table, some via art shows and a commission list that has upwards of a year to bubble to the top of. She does great business on the Furry Con circuit and had become one of the movers and shaker artists of the fandom. She also makes a great showing at the comic and gaming cons too.

You'll find no one more willing to discuss art than Diana. About the business, the fun and ins and outs of it.

Oh and yes, she did get to do an illo inside Analog.



Elizabeth Turtle Scientist Guest of Honor

Elizabeth Turtle is a planetary scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL). She received a B.S. in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1989 and a Ph.D. in Planetary Sciences from the Univ. of Arizona in 1998. She studies impact cratering and other geological processes on the terrestrial planets and the satellites of the outer planets through a combination of remote sensing observations and numerical modeling. She has worked with the imaging teams of the Galileo and Cassini missions, planning and analyzing observations the satellites of Jupiter and Saturn, respectively. She is also a co-investigator on the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera, planned for launch to the Moon in Fall 2008, and a member of Science Definition Teams convened by NASA to investigate possible future missions to the outer Solar System.



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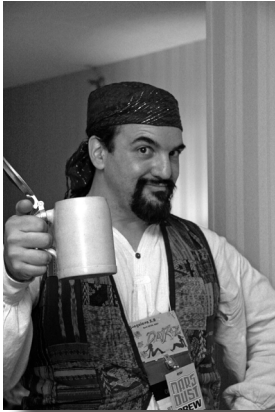
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Ralph D. Lorenz

Scientist Guest of Honor



Ralph Lorenz has a B.Eng. in Aerospace Systems Engineering from the University of Southampton in the UK and a Ph.D. in Physics in 1994 from the University of Kent at Canterbury. He worked 1990-1991 for the European Space Agency on the design of the Huygens probe and during his PhD research designed and built its penetrometer instrument that 12 years later measured the mechanical properties of Titan's surface when Huygens landed in January 2005. From 1994-2006 he worked as a planetary scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, University of Arizona with particular interests in Titan, Mars, planetary climate, nonequilibrium thermodynamics, aerospace vehicles and radar. He continues to work on those topics at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD. He is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Astrobiology and is author or co-author of several books including *Lifting Titan's Veil*, *Spinning Flight*, and *Space Systems Failures* as well as over 140 publications in refereed journals.



David "Davroz" Rozian Raconteur Guest of Honor

David Rozian grew up in the suburban Detroit community of Plymouth, MI, son of an engineer and a social studies teacher. This predisposed him at an early age to a fascination with science and history, and creative use of language (ie, bad puns). As a child, he immersed himself in space technology and astronomy, following the exploits of NASA's Apollo program, the Viking landers, Pioneer and Voyager probes and the Space Shuttle. At age 12, he won an Optimists Club Speech Contest as an outspoken proponent of nuclear energy (since then, he has seldom been out-spoken!).

In October 1982, he was privileged to wait in the parking lot of a Romulus hotel while his dad made a emergency delivery to his sister, who was attending a convention of some kind. But for his woeful ignorance of such things, Conclave 7 might have been his first con. That distinction instead belongs to ConFusion 101, in January, 1983. David has not missed a ConFusion in the following 26 years!

David studied at the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan, specializing in Remote Sensing, pursuing his longstanding interest in imaging science. While at U of M, he became a member of the Stilyagi Air Corps and formed his lasting association with the fannish community. He was also a member of the British SciFi fanclub, TARDA^2, where he learned of Dr Who and the evil scientist Davros, creator of the cyborg race, the Daleks. By coincidence, he saw that in combining the first three letters of his own first and last names, he could adopt the nickname by which fandom has now come to know him... DavRoz.

Fascinated with photography since he was 10, David has made picture taking a mainstay for many years. Over a quarter-century, he has amassed an archive of thousands of photographs of Michigan conventions, including the big three, ConFusion, ConClave, and Penguicon, as well as ConTraption, Youmacon, U-Con, Bacchanal, ConVersation and ConVocation, and dating as far back as Ground Zero and Nova. He has worked in such diverse fields as forensic and evidentiary photography, portraiture, graduations, automotive crash-testing, fashion and movies. He has taught seminars on photographic techniques for costumers at Conclave and Penguicon and will host a workshop Saturday afternoon.

Well known for both bad puns and garish clothing, David has also earned a reputation in fandom for bold costumes and excessive behavior. Along with a longstanding love of music, and known for playing two recorders simultaneously (/dialos/), he created a costume in order to better emulate his favorite mythical character, Pan the Piper, complete with cloven hooves and horns. Recently, at Penguicon, he joined the cast of Buffy the Musical as Sweet, the Dancing Demon. He has also handcrafted Renaissance festival garb. Find him leading late night drum circles or carousing at the Elven Toast.

Michael "Freon" Andaluz Fan Guest of Honor



Michael Andaluz is an author. He's the fan known as Freon. But, first and foremost, Michael Andaluz is an alien. But he's the type of alien that gives you hope for the future of first contact.

Michael Andaluz is the Fantoon Dynasty author guy. (Go forth and read his stuff!) But before that, he was Freon, the guy everyone in fandom knew. His first convention, when told he could put any name he wanted on his badge, he chose a newly banned car refrigerant, and has used it ever since. I know this is important, even if I can't quite explain why. When he brought *his* friends, they all named themselves after Bart Giamatti, thus creating the Bart Brigade. At conventions, he has occasionally slept under the table in consuite. Other years, he hasn't slept at all.

From cars to computers to random medical equipment to the con-dog machine, Freon is a mechanical genius with a mad scientist bent. The things he fixes always work, but inspection often reveals stunningly robust mechanisms which involve duct tape.

He is the Radio Free Fandom guy, freely providing all fen access to a microphone, airtime, and total creative license. He is the Pinata Riders guy, inspiring costuming creativity both by his own inspired projects (remember the huge Coke versus Pepsi Vending Machine Face-off?) and, also by getting a bunch of creative people drunk, giving them glue guns, and then badgering them to take the results out in public. Freon has shared bourbon, weird stories, and laughter into the small hours of the morning with more folks than I can count, and never cared if he'd known the person 15 years, or 15 minutes. He's started several fannish karaoke things, leading many hapless fans to acts of lyrical and musical mayhem. He had a man in a dog suit as part of his wedding.

Freon talks to people. And he makes fun and thought-provoking sh*t up. And then he talks to people about the shit he makes up, and they either go along with it, or go forth and make up stuff of their own. The man's a creativity breeder reactor. As an added bonus, has a heart of gold. He's been helping people out, making people comfortable, getting folks to laugh their faces off, and encouraging people to get off their asses, create things, and share that creativity with each other, pretty much since he walked through fandom's doors. If you get a chance to say hi, say thank you, or hang out with him, you should go do it.

Art Show - Athens
 Dealers' Room - Ballrooms A-D
 Anime Room - 1507
 B-Movie Room - 1508
 KidFusion - 1412
 ConSuite - 1512
 Ops - Coat Room
 Mediterranean - Gaming
 Concierge - 12th Floor

Art Show
 Fri. 6 PM - 10 PM
 Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM
 Sun. 10 AM - 3 PM

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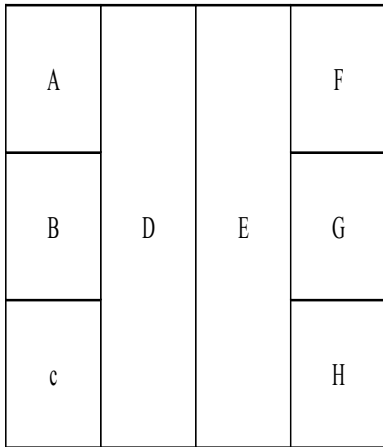
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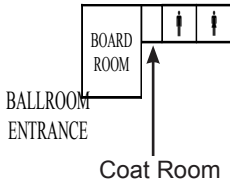
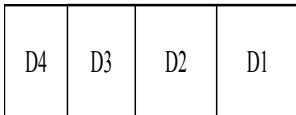
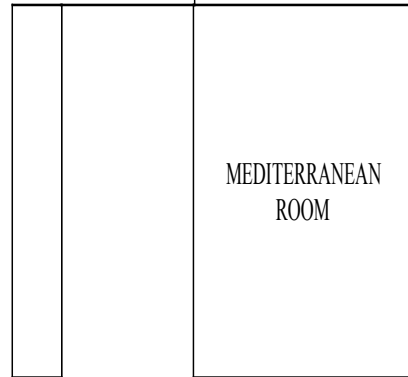
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Dealers' Room

Fri 3 PM - 9 PM
 Sat 10 AM - 6 PM
 Sun 11 AM - 3 PM

FRONT DESK

Late Check out upon request

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- ◆ Card Games
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- ◆ Open Gaming
- ◆ Mindbridge Board Game Library
- ◆ Game Auction
- ◆ Dealers' Room

Guest of Honor: Brian Wood, Hyperion Games

Hyperion publishes board and card games for the hobby games industry, including the Dilbert Board Game, which won the Games Magazine Top 100 Games award in 2008. Brian has written d20 supplements, designed card and board games, and helped develop CCGs. For more information about Hyperion Games, check out www.hyperion-games.com.

Get More Info and Pre-Register at:

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ICON – An annual sci-fi convention, held October 23rd - 25th
AnimeIowa – An annual Japanese animation convention, held mid-August

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Schedule of Events - Friday Jan. 23

Friday, January 23

5:00 PM

4:00 PM

Mediterranean GAMING – Paint – n – Take (3 hrs.)

You may have seen the pictures in the game stores or in the magazines and wondered how anyone could paint the detail on such tiny figures. Wonder no more. At this FREE Paint and Take event you will learn basic techniques for painting a miniature. If you already know the basics, advanced techniques can be taught. You get to you're your miniature!

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Mediterranean GAMING – DEMO “Collateral Damage” (4 hrs.)

In Collateral Damage, you take the role of a gang boss trying to take over Neo Japan. You command a group of typical characters from romantic comedy anime. You can direct them to battle it out in a city, but watch out! Characters can fall in love, and may then ignore your orders and instead follow their love across the board, battling it out for their love's affection. he first player to control a majority of Neo Japan, despite the complexities of love, wins!

Collateral Damage: The Anime Board Game is an exciting new board game for 2-6 players ages 13 and up. A game runs about 2 hours, and knowledge of anime is not necessary to play.

Mediterranean GAMING – SLOT CAR RACING (ALL WEEKEND)

Ever wanted to be a race car driver? Ever wanted to challenge your buddy to a race? Well now you have all weekend for slot car racing. Come in anytime, bring friends or make new ones, feel free to challenge anyone, anytime.

6:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – BEADazzeled (1 hr.)

Cory Doctorow

Come decorate your badge holders or make necklaces, bracelets and anklets. Cory Doctorow will be a special guest!

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Exploring Titan with Cassini/Huygens (1 hr.)

Ralph Lorenz

Hear an insider talk about the ongoing Cassini/Huygens robotic space mission, Cassini's flyby of Titan, and Huygens' descent to another world.

Dennison III MEDIA – Mecha in Anime(1hr.)

Anthony Wendel

An illustrated review of giant robots in Anime and the different ones that have come throughout the years.

Salon G COSTUME – Belly Dance Costume Making – Made Easy

Shetan Noir

7:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION - Cryptic Cartoons (1 hr.)

Kurt Erichson

Cartooning for/with Kids with cartoonist, Kurt Erichson

**** Note: Filk is happening in the Niles rooms! See schedule posted by registration desk and on door of filk room and check InFusion for the latest updates ****

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7:00 PM (Cont.)

Dennison I/II ART - Gaming Art (1 hr.)

Diana Harlan Stein

It's what our Artist Guest of Honor does. How much art can leak into a game? Does it distract or add to a role playing session? Come see all the strange gaming art Diana has to show and hear about working in the industry.

Dennison III FANNISH - Is This Your First Convention? (1 hr.)

Matt Arnold, Karen Wasielewski, David Rozian, Jean Prior

How to get the best out of ConFusion or any science fiction convention. There's a lot going on and many ways to approach it. What you can do if you feel uncomfortable or bored – or overwhelmed by possibilities! Stories from experienced congoers and Q&A from the audience.

Salon H ART - Airbrush Body Painter Demonstration

Russ Van Ness

Russ Van Ness will talk about hand painting and airbrushing, latex and the application there of, and the ups and downs of different materials. Russ's demonstration will be an overview of the basic process and materials with a practical demonstration on volunteers.

Salon G LITERARY - Cryptic Guest of Honor Cory Doctorow reads from MAKERS (1 hr.)

Cory Doctorow

I'll read from MAKERS, my forthcoming (Oct 2009) novel about garage-band entrepreneurs who hack their way free of a massive economic depression with soda-pop-can analog logic-gates and suspicious Russian anti-obesity drugs.

Salon F MEDIA - Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror & Crossover Movies of 2008 (1 hr.)

Diane Frkan

Loved it, Hated it, or Waited for the DVD.

8:00 PM

Concierge Lounge FANNISH - Bad Kitty's Kissing School (1 hr.)

12th Floor *Annamarie Moore*

Have you ever been kissed? Do you want to be kissed again at some point? Do you know the difference between a sensual kiss, a loving kiss, and a sexual kiss? Do you want hints and techniques to try out on your prospective kissing partner? If so, join the infamous BadKitty for BadKitty's Kissing School. Bring your own chapstick!

1410 Dance Dance Revolution (4 hrs.)

Come play DDR with us! It's a wildy fun and entertaining way to test out your dance moves! Any skill level welcome.

1412 KIDFUSION - Face Painting & Scavenger Hunt (1 hr.)

Russ Van Ness

Come hunt for fannish things around the con and see who can be the first to find them all! Before heading out to explore the convention, kids will have the option to get faces and arms painted by artist Russ Van Ness.

Mediterranean GAMING - A Force To Be Reckoned With (3 hrs.)

Over the years, scientific adventurer Bruce Force and his uniquely gifted family have-kept Paradigm City safe from mad scientists, invaders from the eighth dimension, cybernetic Nazi gorillas, and assorted other villains. Now the fate of the world hangs in the balance. Is Paradigm City's fantastic first family strong enough to save Earth from annihilation? www.hexgames.com

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8:00 PM (cont.)

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Salon E Opening Ceremonies and Speeches by our Guests of Honor

9:00 PM

Concierge Lounge FANNISH - Pirate Grog Tasting (2 hr.)

Arr! Navy and Pirate ships alike ran on Grog! That's watered rum for you landlubbers. Come taste an assortment of rums in the pirate tradition. Space is limited: advance signup at Ops is required – contribution of a bottle of rum or \$5 per person is requested. Age 21 and older only – be prepared to show ID to come aboard.

9:00 PM (cont.)

Dennison III LITERARY - Writers and Artists of the Future (1 hr.)

Jim Hines [M], Al Bogdan and Philip Edward Kaldon

Participants talk about the experience, was it a good thing or irrelevant to their career? What are Scientologists really like up close?

Mediterranean GAMING – Wha' happen' (3 hrs.)

Its 2008 the USA just elected its first black president, Thailand is in a social uproar, India is reeling from terrorists attacks and genocide is rife in Africa. What is a small group of UN Relief workers to do? Well help of course. But what you didn't know about the problems in these areas you're soon to find out and you will wish you had. -- Pre-made characters provided, first come first pick.

Mediterranean GAMING – Dragon Storm (2hrs.)

Dragon Storm is a role-playing game about shape shifters: Human werewolves, dwarven gargoyles, human dragons and elven unicorns. These characters live in an area known as the Stormlands. They use supernatural powers to battle powerful enemies, and to save the world from Dragon Storms. Most Stormlanders live like peasants of the European Middle Ages. They are ruled by nobles, who spend their time fighting for control of Stormland city-states. These struggles mean little to most people, who live in isolated villages scattered throughout the land. Magic is more important to stormlanders. They respect Od, the force of pure magic, used by wizards, witches and shamans to heal and protect. They fear Warp, corrupt magic used by necromancers to debase and destroy. Warp can blight a land, poisoning water and tainting the soil. It twists living things into warpspawn and plague beasts, insane monsters that kill for pleasure.

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9:00 PM (cont.)

Mediterranean GAMING – Red Dwarf (3 hrs.)
Three Million years, Infinite Dimensions & Unlimited Possibilities. Staggering drunkenly from the long running BBC sci-fi comedy series, RED DWARF - the role-playing game brings all the fun, creativity and personal abuse of the TV show to the game table.

Salon E MEDIA – Radio Free ConFusion

Clif Flynt, Freon, Radio Free Fandom
(michiganfandom.org)

Members of Radio Free Fandom, a group that was born right here at ConFusion in 2000, perform selections from the RadioFreeFandom albums. Veteran OTR webcaster John BRICK Matthews, local filker Clif Flynt and Fan Guest of Honor FREON kick off the weekend with an evening of skits, mock commercials, a bit of dementia from authors like Nick Pollotta and Eric Schulman, and Clif's own rollicking live musical.

SALON H, G, F Dessert Reception with the Guests of Honor (1 hr.)

This is a great place to walk right up to your particular favorite author or panelist for a quick chat or just to meet someone new. People and food and drink will be on hand.

10:00 PM

Dennison I/II LITERARY - The experience of Clarion and other intensive workshops. (1 hr.)
Cory Doctorow, Cat Rambo, Al Bogdan, Tobias Buckell [M] and Melody Barker

10:00 PM (cont.)

Dennison III LITERARY - Smut and Nothing but Smut (1 hr.)

David Rozian, Kelley Armstrong, Anne Harris, Merrie Haskell, and Violette Malan

A discussion of sex scenes in genre fiction and whether they have any redeeming literary value or are they just inserted for prurient interest to sell the book.

Mediterranean GAMING - Who Wants to be a Redneck? (2 hrs.)

Come try Red Neck Life and Trailer Park Wars. Costumes are not expected but encouraged

SALON E The Friday Night Dance (4 hrs.)

SALON H ART - Face and Body Painting (2 hrs.)

Russ Van Ness

Airbrush Body Painter Russ Van Ness is available for makeup and bodypainting for costumes for a reasonable fee (negotiable depending on the complexity of the desired makeup). Russ uses a water based body makeup for easy removal that is also easy on the skin.

11:00 PM

Niles I/II FILK - Open Filk Circle

Dennison III FILK - Quiet Open Filk

For those who prefer a less boisterous musical environment

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Saturday, January 24

***Parents, please make sure you register and pay for the KIDFUSION Pajama and Pizza Party by 3:00 PM in room 1412. The party is from 7 PM – 1 AM.*

9:00 AM

Mediterranean GAMING - Who Wants to be a Munchkin? (3 hrs.)

You know the routine, Knock down the door, kill the monster...BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...but the game ends at level 10 or 20. What if there was not a cap on levels? This 3 hour event lets you play and get the highest level for the bragging rights

Mediterranean GAMING – What is in the Game Room? (1 hr.)

This one hour seminar will give you an over view of what is happening in the game room and time permitting we may even get to play a game.

Mediterranean GAMING – Dragon Storm (2 hrs.)

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10:00 AM

1412 KIDFUSION – Stickers, Stamps, and Scraps (1 hr.)

Make your own stamp and decorate a memory poster to help you remember the fun you had this weekend.

Board Room COSTUMING - Make-up Basics (1 hr.) *Geralyn Eadie*

Demo - Tips and tricks for looking your best day or night

Dennison I/II SCIENCE – Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter

Elizabeth Turtle

A scientist takes you inside America's next great moon mission, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, launching soon with a mission to pave the way for a possible permanent human presence on our nearest heavenly neighbor.

Dennison III ART - How to Draw Furrries (1 hr.) *Diana Harlan Stein*

How can you put those animal heads on human figures? Where does the fur go, and how far? Realistic or cartoon? It's easy. Come and play.

Mediterranean GAMING – Introduction to QAGS (3 hrs.)

Do you want to play a game? Like right now?! Well, let us tell you all about QAGS, a dynamic, easy system guaranteed to have you playing within 15 minutes of coming up with your character concept. Better yet, let us show you! If you've ever thought you'd love to role-play but don't have the patience for lots of math and record-keeping, this is the system for you.
www.hexgames.com

Mediterranean GAMING – Witch Hunter: Dark Providence: Age of Innocence **By: Tim Chandler** (4 hrs.)

In the city of Philadelphia, you can cut the tension with a sword. The colonists and the local Indian tribes are on the brink of war. With one wrong word from either side, the powder keg will explode. Is this the inevitable result of a clash of cultures, or is the Adversary pulling the strings and manipulating events to a more sinister end? A Witch Hunter: Dark Providence event for 3-6 players, Tier 1 (low level). Further information about the campaign is available at:
www.darkprovidence.net

Mediterranean GAMING – DEMO “Collateral Damage” (4 hrs.)

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10:00 AM (cont.)

Salon E LITERARY - Playing with Genre Conventions (1 hr.)

Tobias Buckell, Jim Hines, Karl Schroeder, Doselle Young and Jim Frenkel [M]
How can we take the mundane and shopworn conventions of science fiction, fantasy and horror and reinvent them?

Salon H LITERARY - Plot: What turns great ideas into short stories or novels? (1 hr.)

Kelley Armstrong, Violette Malan [M], Paul Melko, Catherine Shaffer and Sandee Rodriguez
We all know where ideas come from, don't we? But what are we supposed to do with them after that? How do we translate those ideas into successful stories and novels? Come and find out!

Salon F MEDIA – Sci-Fi Season (1 hr.)

Diane Frkan [M], Joanna Lowenstein, Candra Gill, splash_the_cat
It's another round of network programming! Will Heroes Save the Day? Will the network terminate Sarah? Fringe confused? And will Life on Mars be a vacation? - A discussion panel on the new TV shows and returning TV shows that fall under the sci-fi, supernatural and other cross-over genre.

11:00 AM

1412 KIDFUSION – Puzzelmania (1 hr.)

Create works of art and jewelry using puzzle pieces while others try to master various puzzle challenges

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Bill Higgins Interviews Ralph Lorenz and Elizabeth Turtle (1 hr.)

Bill Higgins, Ralph Lorenz, Elizabeth Turtle
Scientists unite to tackle the serious issues of 21st century space exploration, including the

Moon, Mars, Casini/Huygens, Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, Titan, and Europa.

Mediterranean GAMING – Nuclear Monopoly (3 hrs.)

Have you ever wanted to buy Boardwalk, only to have someone buy it before you have the chance? Well now if some one does it before you...you got your own nuke to make it worthless and glowing in the dark. 4 - 6 players

Salon E LITERARY - Did Captain Kirk own a wallet? (1 hr.)

Cory Doctorow, Tobias Buckell [M], Philip Edward Kaldon, Paul Melko and Matthew Stewart-Fulton
Economics and SF how has science fiction has portrayed economics of the future over the years how have things changed, what are some of the enduring themes?

Salon H LITERARY - Fanfiction 101: what is it and how to write it better (1 hr.)

Anne Harris [M], Mary Lou Klecha and "splash_the_cat"

Salon G COSTUMING - Yeah, that's Steampunk. (1 hr.)

Limey Zrnich, Melanie Brooks, Cathy Raymond
So what is this thing called Steampunk, and how does it relate to fashion, costuming, and art? Steampunk can incorporate many mash-ups of fashion styles from Victorian and other historical periods, military and uniforms form the past and present, punk and goth elements, and futuristic and fantasy motifs. Join us to discuss some of the trends that we have seen as object, fashion, and art styles and gather ideas about how to incorporate a little steam into your wardrobe and life.



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Salon F MEDIA – 20 Animes YOU should be Watching! (1 hr.)

Anthony Wendel

A presentation of 20 recent titles for fans that are new to the aspect of Anime and are unsure of what to watch.

Noon

1412 KIDFUSION – Cranium Craziiness (1 hr.)

Come play various Cranium games with your friends.

Board Room LITERARY - A reading with Dr. Philip Edward Kaldon physicist and science fiction writer (1 hr.)

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - How Antimatter Became a Plaything of Science Fiction

Bill Higgins

Antimatter, a bizarre family of particles first discovered by physicists in the 1930s, eventually became commonplace in Science fiction stories. Bill Higgins traces the path from Science to fiction, which passes through astronomy and the study of meteorites before arriving at John Campbell, Robert Heinlein, and Jack Williamson.

Dennison III ART - Life drawing, Illustration (1 hr.)

Carl Lundgren, Jane Irwin, Benjamin Rodriguez
Classic" art class tutorial.

Salon E LITERARY - The Short Story (1 hr.)

Cat Rambo, William Jones, Merrie Haskell, Jim Hines [M], and Steve Buchheit

The best of these are an art form unto themselves. Where can we find them? How has the electronic age affected them? Selling short stories -- aimed at telling people how to submit short stories, how to get started and keep it up.

Salon H LITERARY - Setting: Haven't I been here before? (1 hr.)

Violette Malan [M], Karl Schroeder, Catherine Shaffer, Doselle Young and Jim Frenkel

How important is setting to a reader's understanding and enjoyment of the story? Is setting the real difference between S and SF? Are we overusing the settings we have, and are there any new ones?

Salon F MEDIA – What's Your Personal Shark Point? (1 hr.)

Joanna Lowenstein, Candra Gill, splash_the_cat

When do you give up on a show? What kind of things are deal breakers for you? And is there anything a show can do to get you back? Or do you keep watching for the train wreck factor? Also up for discussion: movie sequels.

1:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – will be CLOSED during this hour and parents are responsible for retrieving their children for lunch.

Board Room LITERARY - Reading by Campbell award nominee and science fiction writer Tobias Buckell

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Future Missions to the Outer Solar System

Ralph Lorenz

We've only just begun to explore our solar neighbors. Future missions will be faster, smarter, and longer. Learn what's in store from a NASA insider.

Dennison III ART - Artistic Reference: Getting into New Positions (1 hr.)

Diana Harlan Stein, Jane Irwin, Kurt Ericksen

How to use photo reference to your advantage as an artist. Ever find yourself using the same poses over and over again? Ever think about using a pose-able action figure? Grow your art

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by using real life references.

1:00 PM (cont.)

Mediterranean GAMING – Paint – n – Take (4hrs.)

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Mediterranean GAMING – Dragon Storm (2 hrs.)

(See Friday, Jan 23. 9:00 PM Description)

Salon E LITERARY - Meet the New Boss: Young adult SF

Cory Doctorow, Kelley Armstrong, Anne Harris [M], Jim Frenkel, Doselle Young, Steven Harper Piziks

How it is the same and different from adult SF and how it has evolved over the years and where it is going. Will it overtake Paranormal Romance and become the next big thing?

Salon H LITERARY - The work of Stanley Kubrick including but not limited to "Dr. Strangelove" and "2001" (1 hr.)

Freon, David Rozian, Alexander Bouchard

Salon F Intro to the Masquerade *Sheryl Bradakis, Limey Zrnich*

All the information you need for being in the Masquerade.

2:00 PM

Pool KIDFUSION – Pool Party (1 hr.)
POOL TIME ends at 3 p.m. SHARP if you

want your child to be able to swim longer, then please be at the pool before 3 to take over the monitoring of them. Thank you for your consideration.

Board Room LITERARY - A reading with fantasy author Violette Malan (1 hr.)

Concierge Lounge FANNISH - Rock Band (4 hrs.)

Come try your hand at Rock Band! Any skill level welcome.

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Exploring Enceladus and Saturn's Other Moons with Cassini (1 hr.)

Elizabeth Turtle

When Cassini flew by the moons of Saturn, the astronomy books were rewritten, thanks to the work of scientist Elizabeth Turtle and others. Hear her tell how it was done.

Dennison III ART - Glass Fusing: How to Blow Even More Money on Your Art

Tomak Baksik

So you made a Dichroic pendant, now what? We'll look at multistep fusing and casting processes, reducing and iridizing, Tiffany and Steuben, and a variety of color effect samples. With handy tools like gravity and heat, beautiful custom glass is easy. Well, maybe not easy. Possible.

Mediterranean GAMING – Fairy Tale Noir (3 hrs.)

The ads make it all look so slick. "Bored with your humdrum existence in Fairytale land? Then come experience the wonder of Happilyeverafter--and remember. What happens in Happilyeverafter stays in Happilyeverafter." Notice how they don't mention the seedier side of this pixie-dust paradise? That's where you come in, 'cause Happilyeverafter is your beat.
www.hexgames.com

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2:00 PM (cont.)

Salon E LITERARY - Superhero fiction - what is it and where's it going? (1 hr.)

Cat Rambo [M], Anne Harris, Matthew Stewart-Fulton, Steven Harper Piziks, and Doselle Young

Salon H LITERARY - Old Technology for the Historical SF writer (1 hr.)

Freon, David Rozian, Alexander Bouchard and Dave Klecha

Freon lays out everything from a car phone to a carburetor to a Kodak land camera to the care and feeding of a Boeing B-17. Brief discussion on fading technology that writers CANNOT ignore.

Salon G SCIENCE - How to Tell if the Internet will Swallow Your Medium

Cory Doctorow

"What are the criteria for a medium that is a) mass, b) commercially viable and c) not destined to be eaten alive by the net? Does the \$300 million movie have a constitutional right to exist as a mass medium, or will it become a patronage-driven latter-day opera, leaving behind a void that's filled by 9-minute youtubes? You may love books to death, but does that mean you'll still be able to buy them in 50 years?"

Salon F COSTUMING - No-Sew Costuming (1 hr.)

Limey Zrnich, Sheryl Bradakis

Ideas and materials for those without sewing skills or a machine. Make costumes with fusible web, hot glue, and a number of other short-cuts.

3:00 PM

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Propulsion and the Future of Space Flight (1 hr.)

Ralph Lorenz, Jim Beyer, Bill Higgins

Will we always get into orbit aboard massive

firecrackers, or is there a more graceful way upstairs? Once in space, will we sail on the solar wind, push ourselves via ionized particles, or just go straight for the nuclear option? Come join those in the know.

Dennison III ART – Self Publishing and the Single Artist (1 hr.)

Diana Stein, Carl Lundgren, Jane Irwin, Benjamin Rodriguez, William Kuehl

All you want to know about prints, bookmarks, and collection books.

Mediterranean GAMING – Dungeons & Dragons 4 (5 hrs.)

Play & Learn D&D 4th edition is different from other versions, that doesn't make it a bad game does it? Uhm there is a dungeon and a dragon what are you expecting anyway? -- Pre-made characters provided, first come first pick.

Niles MEDIA – Radio Free Confusion – Dark Matter Live

John BRICK Matthews, FREON, Radio Free Fandom (michiganfandom.org)

Radio Free Fandom celebrates seventy years since the original airing of HG Welles' THE WAR OF THE WORLDS, by performing the teleplay word for word for your enjoyment. Live performance for the SCIENCE Fiction Oral History Association.

Salon E LITERARY - Big Brother is Watching You! (1 hr.)

Cory Doctorow, David Rozian, Steve Buchheit, Karl Schroeder [M], Catherine Shaffer

Personal privacy in the electronic age we now have or will have chips on everything we own including pets, where is this all going? Is it a good thing or a bad thing?

Salon H LITERARY - Paranormal Romance (1 hr.)

Kelley Armstrong, Melody Barker, Merrie Haskell [M], Steven Harper Piziks

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3:00PM (Cont.)

Meet the New Boss about love, vampires and werewolves is the new economic engine of the genre. Where did it come from? Who writes it? Who reads it?

Salon G LITERARY - Jim Frenkel reads from Vernor Vinge's next book in the "Fire Upon the Deep" series (1 hr.)

4:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – SciFi/Fantasy Pictionary (1 hr.)
Play this picture drawing game with subjects based on Sci Fi and Fantasy TV, movies and books.

Board Room LITERARY - A reading with science fiction writer Paul Melko (1 hr.)

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - ET Panel: Is there Life Out There? The Search for Life in the Solar System and Beyond

Ralph Lorenz, Elizabeth Turtle, Jim Beyer - MI Mars Society

Each day, we hear new evidence for life on other planets. Encouraged by the discovery of strange organisms in exotic locales here on Earth, scientists now believe that finding life elsewhere in our solar system is possible. How are we searching for life out there, what do we expect to find, and what does it mean for us?

Salon E LITERARY - Meet the New Medium (1 hr.)

Cat Rambo, Tobias Buckell [M], Karl Schroeder and Dave Klecha

Games are as much a part of the younger generations entertainment mix as books writing for/about games.

Salon H COSTUMING - How to make a Sucky Costume

Limey Zrnich, Melanie Brooks, Jennifer Dye, Cathy Raymond, Kendra Duane

Costuming is a lot of fun because it encourages doing it yourself and creativity. But DIY and being creative shouldn't equal sucky. This panel will help you learn some of the very basic do's and don'ts when it comes to making and assembling your costume's look. In our many years of masquerades, fandom, and costuming, we have all seen many bad examples of costumes gone wrong... let's share our observations to help you prevent massive costume fail!

Salon G LITERARY - Introducing Book View Café (1 hr.)

Sarah Zettel [M], Jessica Freely and Anne Harris
I'm pleased to invite you to check out a new website where more than twenty professional authors are experimenting with new publishing paradigms and taking advantage of the internet's many resources in order to bring our work directly to readers online.

Salon F MEDIA – Michigan Filmmaking (1 hr.)

Alexander Bouchard, Diane Frkan, William Kuehl, Freon

Pro and Fannish filmmaking has been on the upswing in Michigan lately. Come find out about Michigan Filmmaking opportunities and past and future projects.

5:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – Apples to Apples (1 hr.)
Come play the best word game in the world!

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - So You Have Received a Message from Another Star

Ron Wilson

Our scientists have just decoded a message

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from intelligent aliens. You have been appointed to an international committee to review the message and decide on a course of action. Bring your thinking caps for this interactive moderated discussion.

Dennison III Fan Guest of Honor Introduction and Induction Ceremony
Featuring all our past Fan Guests of Honor and Freon!

Mediterranean GAMING – Fellowship of the White Star (4 hrs.)

The Rock by: *David Nadolny*

A series of unexplained deaths on Gibraltar has been brought to the attention of the Fellowship. With the Queen of England visiting soon, you are tasked with investigation the deaths and seeing if there is any danger for the Queen. A D20 event designed for any-level characters set in the Fellowship of the White Star campaign of Earth, 1905. Number of players: 3-6
Further information about the campaign is available at www.fellowshipwhitestar.com

Salon E MASS AUTHOR AUTOGRAPH SESSION

After a little bit of set-up Cryptic ConFusion's authors will be lined up to sign your books.

Salon H ART - Face and Body Painting by Russ Van Ness (2 hrs.)

Russ Van Ness

Airbrush Body Painter Russ Van Ness is available for makeup and bodypainting for the masquerade for a reasonable fee (negotiable depending on the complexity of the desired makeup). He does bodypainting and facepainting, concentrating on the use of airbrush to create highlighting and shadowing effects as well as using airbrush masking techniques for special effects. Russ uses a water based body makeup for easy removal that is also easy on the skin. He uses hand painted techniques to enhance the airbrush effects that he lays down

on the skin.

6:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – CLOSING – *Children MUST be picked up by 6:00!*

Dennison III COSTUMING - Piece Together a Costume (aka Junk Pile Wars)

Kendra Duane, Cathy Raymond

A special category for the Masquerade. Come and spend an hour constructing a costume using all recycled and reclaimed materials. We provide the hot glue guns and the materials, you bring the creativity and imagination.

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7:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – Pizza and Pajama Party (6 hrs.)

***Parents, please make sure you register and pay for the KIDFUSION Pajama and Pizza Party by 3:00 PM in room 1412.*

Mediterranean GAMING – Nuclear Monopoly (3 hrs.)

Have you ever wanted to buy Boardwalk, only to have someone buy it before you have the chance? Well now if some one does it before you...you got your own nuke to make it worthless and glowing in the dark. 4 - 6 players

Salons G & F Masquerade Muster (Salon F) & Photography (Salon G)

Sheryl Bradakis, Limey Zrnich, Melanie Brooks

All Masquerade contestants are requested to muster, have their costume photographed, and get ready for the Masquerade.

8:00 PM

1410 Dance Dance Revolution (4 hrs)

Come play DDR with us! It's a wildly fun and entertaining way to test out your dance moves! Any skill level welcome.

Mediterranean GAMING – Player's Choice QAGS (3 hrs.)

It will be a QAGS game in the Hex universe. Anything beyond that will be entirely negotiable. Come expecting zaniness! Kids welcome, and if we get any, I'll keep the players to safer situations. If no kids within earshot, anything goes. Assuming that doesn't get us thrown out, at least, heh. www.hexgames.com

Salon E Masquerade

MC-ed by Raconteur of Honor, David Rozian
Back by popular demand (or at least by popular

stern request) is ConFusion's very own Masquerade, and this year we travel to an alternate history full of ray guns, dirigibles, and Victorian clothing. This year's steampunk theme opens up a special category of prizes, Best Steampunk Costume. In addition to the new category, we have some great new prizes to include free admission to ConFusion 2010 for the best costume.

If you would like to participate in the main event, you should pick up a registration form at the Registration Desk or at Operations and drop off at Operations no later than Saturday, January 24th at 5 pm. Muster is at 7 pm. Masquerade at 8 pm. There is a panel earlier in the day called "Intro to the Masquerade" that you should also plan to attend.

If you don't have time to make a costume in advance, join us at the "Piece Together a Costume" panel where you will be given one hour to make a costume with our materials for competition in a special category. Even if you don't want to compete, you can join us at muster at 7 PM and show off your costume during the masquerade.

Salon H ART - Face and Body Painting (4 hrs.)

Russ Van Ness

Airbrush Body Painter Russ Van Ness is available for makeup and bodypainting for costumes for a reasonable fee (negotiable depending on the complexity of the desired makeup). Russ uses a water based body makeup for easy removal that is also easy on the skin.

Salon G Costume Photography

We'd love to have a photograph of your hall costume! Drop by Salon G to have your picture taken! Kevin Nickerson

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9:00 PM

Concierge Lounge Chocolate Ritual

12th Floor *Lady Sarah, John Guest*
Join us in worship of the most sacred substance in the known world... Chocolate.

Dennison III FANNISH - Gothic Belly Dance

Shetan Noir
Learning to add drama and alternative music to your dance. All levels welcome.

10:00 PM

Concierge Lounge Have a Drink with Cory Doctorow

12th Floor *Cory Doctorow*
Join Cryptic GoH Cory Doctorow for a casual hang-out with a select group of fans who are clever enough to go to Ops and sign up in advance.

SALON E The Saturday Night Dance (4 hrs.)

Niles I/II FILK - Open Filk Circle

Dennison III FILK - Quiet Open Filk

For those who prefer a less boisterous musical environment

Sunday, January 25

9:00 AM

Mediterranean GAMING – Dragon Storm (2 hrs.)

(See Friday, Jan 23. 9:00 PM Description)

10:00 AM

Board Room Kaffeeklasch with Cat Rambo

Cat Rambo
Your chance to chat one-on-one with author/ editor Cat Rambo over coffee and donuts. Space is limited: sign up at Ops.

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Unconventional Nuclear Reactors (1 hr.)

Russ Cage
When it comes to power without CO2 emissions, Nuclear is the proven leader. Russ Cage will help you to understand a new breed of nuclear reactors that may be powering your future very soon.

Dennison III ART - The Business of Art (1 hr.)

Diana Stein, Carl Lundgren, Benjamin Rodriguez, Kurt Erichsen, William Kuehl
How to break into, succeed in, and manage an artistic career. Can it be done in this economy?

Mediterranean KIDFUSION – Game with the “Big Kids” (2 hrs.)

Game demos, play old games, and learn new games

Mediterranean GAMING – Jody’s Random Game (2 hrs.)

Jody’s Random Game will be just that, random. I will hit the dealer’s room Friday and Saturday, buy a game, and break it out on Sunday! It will either be a board game or a self contained card game (no purchase necessary, no need to bring anything but yourself). ENTIRELY KID FRIENDLY!! www.hexgames.com

Mediterranean GAMING – Witch Hunter: Dark Providence (4 hrs.)

Cargo by Matt Domville. Witch Hunter: Dark Providence Event for 3-6 players, Tier 1 or Tier 2

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Mediterranean GAMING – DEMO “Collateral Damage” (4 hrs.)

(See Friday, Jan. 23 4:00 PM Description)

Salon F FANNISH - Devil of a Belly Dance Workout

Shetan Noir

Teach your muscles a lesson that they'll never forget, learn to isolate your muscles and produce movement.

A discussion of the King of the Monsters and the greatest films out of his library one must see to get a real taste of this rubber suit monster from the land of the rising sun.

Salon G LITERARY - Wuffies? Total meltdown? Libertarianism? (1 hr.)

Cory Doctorow, Paul Melko [M], Karl Schroeder and Mathew Stewart-Fulton

The actual future of economics what are some current ideas on where the world economy is headed.

11:00 AM

Board Room A reading by horror author William Jones

Dennison I/II FANNISH - Journey Back Through ConFusion with the Raconteur of Honor (1 hr.)

David Rozian

Davroz will expound about his 27 years of attending ConFusion and show photos from various years.

Mediterranean GAMING – Red Dwarf (4 hrs.)

Three Million years, Infinite Dimensions & Unlimited Possibilities. Staggering drunkenly from the long running BBC sci-fi comedy series, RED DWARF - the role-playing game brings all the fun, creativity and personal abuse of the TV show to the game table

Salon E Book Launch for Jim Hines new novel “The Stepsister Scheme”

and announcement of the winner of the “Princess of ConFusion” contest.

Salon H MEDIA – Godzilla! (1 hr.)

Anthony Wendel, Jeff Moore, Richard & Dylan Herrell

Noon

1412 KIDFUSION – *will be CLOSED during this hour and parents are responsible for retrieving their children for lunch.*

Dennison I/II Literary - Gadgeteering

Cory Doctorow, David Rozian, Merrie Haskell, Philip Edward Kaldon and Freon

Creating gadgets in SCIENCE fiction

Mediterranean GAMING – Dragon Storm (2 hrs.)

(See Friday, Jan. 23 9:00 PM Description)

Salon E SCIENCE – The Singularity (1 hr.)

Eric Raymond, Bill Higgins, Richard Herell

Want to live forever, have unimaginable wealth, and never work again? Just be alive somewhere around 2023 to 2045, according to prognosticators such as Vernor Vinge and Ray Kurzweil. Are we just kidding ourselves? Come help us figure it out.

Salon H LITERARY - Podcasting -- the future of it (1 hr.)

Cat Rambo, Matthew Stewart-Fulton and Alexander Bouchard

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Salon G Art - Are Furrries Too Sexy? (1 hr.)
Diana Harlan Stein, Deirdre McDaniel, Urban-wulf Nick

Is the purpose of furry art only to be sexy?
There's a full range of art of both furrries and humans from pornographic to Disney-safe.
Where are the cultural references - and do they matter?

Salon F MEDIA - What's Up Doc?
Another Season – Another Dr. Who (1 hr.)
Diane Frkan, John Matthews, Mike Gardiner, Moonbeam Nance, Jean Prior

Discussion on the ever growing and widely popular series, Dr. Who, Along with Torchwood.

1:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – KookieKlatch (1 hr)
Come enjoy cookies and juice while listening to stories read by guest readers.

Board Room COSTUMING - How to make Dreadfalls
Limey Zrnich, Sheryl Bradakis
Demo - How to make fake dreadlocks

Dennison I/II SCIENCE - Copyright, Open Source, Piracy & Internet Law (1 hr.)
Cory Doctorow, Cathy Raymond, Bill Higgins
Being porous, global, and relatively cheap, the Internet amplifies the potential of human beings to share information, making it the ideal home for both crooks and charities. Naturally then, it is a legal battlefield like no other. Learn about the ongoing global clash of laws, rights, and customs in the legislatures and courtrooms worldwide from our panel of legal experts.

Mediterranean GAMING – Paint – n – Take (4 hrs.)
You may have seen the pictures in the game stores or in the magazines and wondered how

anyone could paint the detail on such tiny figures. Wonder no more. At this FREE Paint and Take event you will learn basic techniques for painting a miniature. If you already know the basics, advanced techniques can be taught. You get to you're your miniature!

Salon E FANNISH - Devil Bunny Needs a Ham - Live Action Devil Bunny Needs a Ham (1 hr.)
Matthew Duhan

Salon H LITERARY - Podcasting -- a how to panel (1 hr.)
Cat Rambo, Matthew Stewart-Fulton and Alexander Bouchard

2:00 PM

1412 KIDFUSION – Cryptic Crostics and Other Word Games (1 hr.)
Learn what a crostic is and make a few of your own and play some word games too!

Dennison I/II SCIENCE – Computer Security
Cory Doctorow, Alexander Ackley, David Klecha
Computer security is the art and SCIENCE of keeping the bad guys and gals out while keeping the good guys and gals in. Our panel of experts will help you understand where we are, where we are going, and what it means for you.

Dennison III COSTUMING - How to make a Duct-tape Dressform
Limey Zrnich, Sheryl Bradakis
Demo - A cheap and easy way to get an exact duplicate of your body for use as a dress form.

2:00 PM (Cont.)

Mediterranean GAMING – The Worst Case Scenario Survival Guide (2 hrs.)

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It's very much like trivial pursuit, in that you run around a board answering trivia questions. The main difference is that all the questions are about surviving bad situations.

3:00 PM

Dennison I/II Feedback Session

Please come and let us know what we did right and what needs to be worked on. Everyone is encouraged to come and comment. If you cannot stay this late leave a written comment with Ops. As many of the ConCom and hotel staff as we can gather will be there.

4:00 PM

ConSuite ConSuite Dead Dog Party (4 pm on into the night)

Come up to the 15th Floor and find out what the consuite has left over and hang with other people who are not yet ready to call it a weekend.

Anime Room Schedule

Friday

5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. **.hack//roots**

It was the year 2015, and for millions of gamers it was the year "The World" came to an end. Caught within a mysterious fire, all the datacenters containing the world's most popular game was destroyed, taking with it all the information about the game. Taking elements from what was to be a different game, "the World" is reborn as "The World R:2." However, as millions of players, both new and old flood the servers, they soon discover that this new version isn't as forgiving as its previous incarnation. Being one of these new players, Haseo finds himself not only the target of countless Player Killers, but of two rivaling guilds who

hope to use him in pursuit of their own agendas.

7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. **Bleach: Memories of Nobody**

After unidentified beings known as "Blanks" start popping up, they are soon followed by a Soul Reaper named Senna who makes them disappear. Puzzled by these unknown beings and by the even more mysterious girl, Ichigo and Rukia set out to learn more, but uncover an evil plot when a menacing clan tries to kidnap Senna. Banished from the Soul Society long ago, the clan's leader is sending the World of the Living and the Soul Society on a collision course, and Senna seems to be the key to his diabolical plot for revenge. Can Ichigo and his fellow Soul Reapers save the two worlds from annihilation?

8:30p.m.-10:30p.m. **Deathnote**

The first name Yagami Light is a brilliant college student who, one day, finds a notebook simply titled "Death Note." Inside of this book is a list of rules and details as for the use of the "Death Note." When he realizes the power he holds, he decides he's going to make over the world. He wants to make it into a better place by killing those who do others harm. He has been nicknamed by the police "Kira." L, a brilliant detective who lives in secrecy, rises from the shadows and puts his life on the line trying to capture Light. Both L and Light believe themselves on the side of Justice, and the two match wits trying to show exactly which of them is "good" and which of them is "evil."

10:30p.m.-12:00a.m. **Highlander: The Search for Vengeance**

Colin MacLeod, the immortal Scottish Highlander, travels with the wise-cracking ghost Amergan in search of the immortal despot Marcus Octavius, who killed Colin's lover on the Celtic plains centuries earlier. The once great city of New York is now submerged under water, with only one dominant fortress towering

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over the sea, the fortress of Marcus Octavius. MacLeod is torn between saving the survivors of New York and hunting down his nemesis.

Saturday

12:00 a.m.-2:00a.m. **Towards the Terra**

In the far future, humanity has left behind an environmentally destroyed Terra and began colonization in order to reproduce their home. Humanity, now ruled by a super computer that controls the birth of children, sees the emergence of a new race called the "Mu". The Mu, now hidden from the rest of humanity, have one dream, to return home, to Terra...

2:00a.m.-4:00a.m. **Witchblade**

The Witchblade is an ancient weapon bestowed only upon the women it forever scars. It's part armor, part sentient, and thirsts for battle. Masane Amaha discovers her fate and battles to keep possession of the Witchblade as two opposing forces risk all humanity for control of the ultimate weapon.

4:00a.m.-6:00 a.m. **School Rumble**

High school can be hard enough with just academics alone, but when love enters into the picture, it can unravel into a comedy of errors. Tenma has fallen for her oblivious classmate but hasn't worked up the courage to express her feelings to him. She continually tries unorthodox ploys to confess with a frustrating lack of success. Meanwhile, the class delinquent has fallen for Tenma and is making similar attempts. While this unlikely trio winds their way through the pitfalls of love and high school life, their friends and classmates become caught up in the chaos.

6:00a.m.-8:00a.m. **The Third: Girl with the blue eye**

In a devastated world overrun by monstrous bugs and ravaged by outlaws, there's only one

person to call when you really need a job done right: Honoka. With a sixth sense for danger, sword skills that are second to none, and a smart-aleck A.I. tank by the name of Bogie, she's ready to tackle any job and solve any problem for her clients. But while crossing the desert one night, she finds a young man alone in the wasteland. It's the first step of a journey that will challenge even Honoka's amazing skills to their very limit!

8:00a.m.-11:00a.m. **Kamen Rider Blade**

Ten thousand years ago, a massive battle known as the Battle Royal was fought by fifty-two Undead, each representing a species fighting for dominance over all others. The winner was the Human Undead, known as Category Two of Hearts, giving dominion of the Earth to humanity. In the present day, archaeologists discover the sealed Undead, and accidentally set them free. Thus, a new Battle Royal begins. Having developed the Rider System, based on the Joker's ability to copy sealed Undead, the organization BOARD equips two young men, who become Kamen Riders: Kazuma Kenzaki and Sakuya Tachibana fight together as Blade and Garren to protect humans from Undead and seal them. Also fighting Undead is the mysterious Chalice, a Kamen Rider whose purpose is unknown.

11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. **Mai-Otome**

They possess the powers of a lost era, serving as the peacekeepers and protectors of the numerous kingdoms on the planet Earl; they are the Otome. And for Arika Yumemiya, the dream of becoming a Meister Otome has brought her through the desert to the Wind-bloom Kingdom where she hopes to train at the prestigious Garderobe Academy. However, gaining admittance the Academy won't be as easy as she thinks it is. Not only will she find herself rescuing the soon-to-be-Queen of the Kingdom, fending off a giant mechanized warrior, and discovering her latent powers as an

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Otome, she'll also have to win a battle against an established Otome in order to be admitted. And even if she makes it in, how is she going to pay those school fees?

1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. **Macross Frontier**

Macross Frontier marks the 25th anniversary of the Macross anime franchise. It is a direct sequel to the first Macross series and Macross 7 and follows the lives of Alto Saotome, Ranka Lee and a pop idol named Sheryl Nome on board the Macross Frontier colonization fleet. After the war against the Zentradi aliens, Humankind has spread across the universe in order to ensure its survival. The Macross Frontier fleet is part of an effort to spread and maintain the culture of humanity.

3:00p.m.-4:30p.m. **Emma: A Victorian Romance**

In 19th-century London, class lines are sharply drawn, and the social standing to which people are born dictates the path their lives will follow. Emma, an honest and hardworking young maid, never felt her place in life to be a burden. But then she met William, a member of the gentry and the eldest son of a wealthy family. His warm smile and earnest affection threaten to capture her heart... but can love truly conquer all?

4:30p.m.-6:00p.m. **Naruto Movie 2: The Legend of the Stone of Gelel**

Naruto, Shikamaru and Sakura are in the middle of returning a lost ferret to its owner - the easiest mission ever. Or so they think! When a young knight, Temujin, attacks them out of nowhere, they are drawn into a fierce struggle over a treasure harboring legendary power - the Stone of Gelel. Temujin's master wants to use the stone's power to create a utopia, while the last of the clan who once controlled the stone wants to keep it sealed away forever. Naruto and the others, along with help from Gaara and Kankuro, must protect the stone from those who want to misuse its power. When the dream of utopia becomes a nightmare, it'll take

a ninja to set things right!

6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. **Tytania**

After venturing into outer space, humanity has built many planetary cities. Most of these cities were affiliated to the Interstellar Federation, and it became the biggest force in the galaxy. Therefore, people believed that the Age of the Federation would last long. However, the situation changes when a clan called "Tytania" secedes from the Federation and receives the title of Lord from the Emperor of Vardhana. Tytania obtains a victory over the Federation, and they assert that the Empire cannot exist without them. Tytania puts most of the Federal Territories under its control, and they hold hegemony in the galaxy. Meanwhile, a war begins between Euria and Tytania over their respective rights and interest. From that moment on, the galaxy enters into a tempestuous period.

8:00p.m.-11:00p.m. **Gurren Lagann**

In his sky-less cavern of a village Simon toils daily, drilling holes to expand his stifling little world until one day he makes an extraordinary discovery: a small glowing drill-bit and the man-sized mecha it activates. Before he can give it a second thought Simon's dragged into a plot to break through to the surface by the local gang leader Kamina, only to have the ceiling come crashing down on top of them under the weight of a giant monster! It somehow falls onto the boisterous Kamina and the cowardly Simon to defend their village, but once they defeat the monster what awaits the duo on the surface world?

11:00p.m.-1:00a.m. **Guyver the bio-boostered Armor**

Lurking under the facade of everyday life lies a dark world of pain and destruction. The world is controlled by a sinister brotherhood that hides their fangs behind masks of humanity. They are the Chronos Corporation. While investigating a mysterious explosion near his school, Sho

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Fukamachi happens upon the Chronos Corporation's greatest weapon: a techno organic suit of bio armor known as the "Guyver." But Chronos is determined to conceal their secrets at any cost. Sho soon finds himself relentlessly pursued by an army of horrific bio-monsters. With nowhere to run, Sho is forced to call upon the fearsome power of the Guyver and rip his opponents limb from limb in a desperate struggle for survival.

Sunday

1:00a.m.-3:00a.m. **Shuffle**

Meet Rin, a normal high school guy who is the envy of every other man in town. You see, he's lucky enough to live with and be pampered by the sweet, beautiful Kaede. It's just a day like any other when two new transfer students show up in class: Sia, Princess of the Gods and Nerine, Princess of the Demons. Now Rin's luck is about to change, for he has been chosen to take one of their hands in marriage! Talk about envy! Whether down the hall, next door, or from another realm, girls seem to be everywhere... And they all want Rin for themselves!

3:00a.m-5:00a.m. **Zettai Karen Children**

In the future, people with ESP are becoming more widespread and with it, the necessity of constructively utilizing their unique capabilities. Unfortunately, there are also espers that abuse their powers and wield them to destructive ends. The Japanese government's solution of choice to both challenges is the establishment of the Base of Backing ESP Laboratory (B.A.B.E.L.) for the purpose of appraising, identifying, nurturing, and protecting espers (even if that means apprehending them as if they were criminals). Five decades later, B.A.B.E.L. locates a trio of natural Level 7 (the maximum esper potency designation) espers within Japan and assembles them into the special esper team known as "The Children" in

spite of all three having developed questionable attitudes and affinities because of the persecution and ostracization caused by the ignorant fear of their powers. Still, the question during B.A.B.E.L.'s stewardship of the past five years now becomes whether Kaoru Akashi, Shiho Sannomiya, and Aoi Nogami can be refined into young ladies.

5:00a.m.-7:00a.m. **ToLove-ru**

Rito Yuki, a high-school student cannot confess to the girl of his dreams, Haruna Sairenji. One day when coming home and sulking in the bathtub, a mysterious, nude girl appears out of nowhere. Her name is Lala and she comes from the planet Deviluke, where she is the heir to the throne. Her father wants her to return to her home planet so she can marry one of the husband candidates. But she decides that she wants to marry Rito in order to stay on Earth. Commander Zastin has been ordered to bring Lala back and has already battled Rito. He reports to the emperor that Rito would be suited to marry Lala, after hearing Rito, who was actually defending himself instead of Lala, says that marriage is impossible unless it is with the person you love. Lala truly falls in love with Rito and decides that she wants to marry Rito after hearing what he said. Her father decides that, if Rito is able to protect Lala from her fiancés, then he can marry her, but if Rito cannot protect Lala from her other fiancés and meet the king's expectations, Lala's father will kill Rito and destroy the Earth.

7:00a.m.-9:00a.m. **Hare + Guu**

Ten year old Hare enjoys a peaceful life of school, video games, and household chores until his mother adopts an orphan girl named Guu, a girl who's not exactly what she seems. The insidious Guu turns poor Hare's life inside out when she reveals that she's actually a pan-dimensional, mind-reading, magic-using monster with a sarcastic wit, an unlimited appetite, and a taste for driving Hare insane!

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9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. **Black Blood Brothers**

It's been a decade since the sacred war between humans and vampires. The rise of the Kowloon Bloodline, a new breed of monsters bearing an infectious bite, set the streets ablaze under the reign of their king. Humanity had never witnessed such pure, animalistic brutality. Today, Jiro travels with his younger brother Kotaro to the Special Zone, a place where vampires live freely in peace alongside humans, the troubles of the past long forgotten. But the brothers find themselves in the midst of a battle between human soldiers, vampiric refugees and the re-emergence of the Kowloon Children. Assisted by Mimiko, a negotiator between their species, Jiro will try to make sense of the chaos which surrounds them before they are caught up in it and destroyed. To protect those that he holds dear, the vampire will once more draw forth the Silver Blade.

11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. **Ouran High School Host Club**

Ouran High School. An institution of extravagance and prestige where learning is secondary to luxury. Bookish Haruhi can't afford to slack, being on a scholarship and out of place among the moneyed. No matter - the Host Club is now open! A group of handsome boys dedicated to selling their charms to their bored female classmates, Haruhi is suddenly in debt to the club after breaking an expensive vase in their lair. The only way to pay for the damage? Haruhi will work as a Host! The only problem? Haruhi is a she! Between the wildly inflated ego of the expert escorts and the potential calamities of constant cross dressing, Haruhi's freshman year looks like it will be one to remember.

1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. **Air Gear**

Itsuki "Ikki" Minami, is a student and a delinquent. Also known as the "Unbeatable Baby-face", Ikki is the leader of the youth gang by

the name of "East Side Gunz" (Hikatsuganzu). Upon his return home, after being humiliated by a Storm Rider team called the Skull Saders, Ikki discovers a secret hidden from him by his benefactors, the Noyamano sisters. The sisters belong to a group of Storm Riders who go by the team name of Sleeping Forest. In the anime, learning the sisters' secret angers him and he steals a pair of Air Trecks, abbreviated as "AT". (In the manga, the sisters give a pair of ATs to him and invite him to skate with them.) Ikki eventually settles his grudge with the Skull Saders, but in the process he receives more than the simple satisfaction of revenge. Determined to experience the sensation of "flight" for as long as he can, Ikki is quickly engaged in the mysterious, irresistible world of Air Trecks.

3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. **Slayers: Revolution**

Having lost the Sword of Light in the previous battle, Lina and Gourry continue their journey in search of a replacement weapon. On the way, the two of them meet up with Amelia and Zelgadis in the kingdom of Luvinagard while taunting some pirates. Lina is happy to reunite with her old friends, but appearing before her is Luvinagard's Inspector of the Special Investigative Unit; a man called Wizer. However, Lina is amazed at his unusual behavior...

(Descriptions: Wikipedia, Anime News Network, Rightstuf.com)

B-Movie Schedule

Fri, January 23, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

MST3K - #509 - Girl in Lover's Lane

Genre: 1950's Stalker Movie Trivia: Jack Elam, who plays the stalker, went on to have a successful and long career, appearing in everything from the original Zorro TV series in the 1950's to an episode of Home Improvement.

Quote: "Pa doesn't know very much about girls' clothes." - "There's so much you could say to that." - Carrie/Crow

Fri, January 23, 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Venture Bros - S03E01 - "Shadowman 9: In the Cradle of Destiny"

When Dr. Girlfriend tells The Monarch her secret, they are then taken hostage by The Guild Tribunal, there we learn the past of the two villains.

Fri, January 23, 8:00pm – 9:30pm

MST3K - #507 - I Accuse My Parents

With short: The Truck Farmer Genre: 1940's Teens gone wild (?) Trivia: Based on a prevalent WWII-era fear that children would go out of control in the absence of their fathers. *Quote: "Seventeen hundred lies later..." - Joel*

Fri, January 23, 9:30pm – 10:00pm

RiffTrax shorts: Drugs Are Like That, Good Eating Habits

Fri, January 23, 10:00pm – 11:30pm

MST3K - #604 - Zombie Nightmare

Genre: 1980's...disco revival...err...Zombie movie (of course) Trivia: First major starring role of Tia Carrere (of Wayne's World fame). Also stars Adam West. *Quote: "Ever since dad got murdered, things have been great" - Servo*

Fri, January 23, 11:30pm – Sat, January 24, 12:00am

Venture Bros - S03E02 - "The Doctor Is Sin"

When a deal with General Manhowers falls through, despite an elaborate production to

impress him, Dr. Venture faces the possibility of having to sell the Venture Compound. Fortunately, Dr. Henry Killinger shows up to turn the company into an efficient super-science machine.

Sat, January 24, 12:00am – 1:30am

MST3K - #407 - The Killer Shrews

Genre: 1950's Annoying-animals-as-blood-thirsty-killers Includes short: Junior Rodeo Daredevils Trivia: Coon dogs were used to play the killer shrews. *Quote: "Are the dogs and the shrews friends? Is that what's going on?" - Servo*

Sat, January 24, 2:00am – 3:30am

MST3K - #310 - Fugitive Alien

Genre: Poorly dubbed 60's made-for-TV Japanese Sci-Fi Trivia: It probably made about as much sense in Japanese as it does in English. *Random quote: "I'd rather share a needle with Keith Richards" - Servo as Ken*

Sat, January 24, 4:00am – 5:30am

MST3K - #318 - Star Force (Fugitive Alien 2)

Genre: See last entry Trivia: Somehow, this installment of Fugitive Alien has significantly more plot problems and inconsistencies than the first. *Random quote: "Now it looks like Lawrence of Arabia, except for the pink, shiny pleather suits" - Joel*

WhenSat, January 24, 5:30am – 6:00am

Venture Bros - S03E05 - "The Buddy System"

Dr. Venture sets up a day camp for his childhood 'fanbase'. The Monarch uses the murderous moppets to monitor Venture's activities.

Sat, January 24, 10:00am – 11:30am

MST3K - #508 - Operation Double 007

Genre: 1960's James Bond ripoff Trivia: Stuffed to the gill with James Bond alumni...but this is no James Bond movie. *Random quote: "Good god I'm ugly. Scared my own children out of the nursery today." - Crow as Alpha*

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Sat, January 24, 11:30am – 12:00pm

RiffTrax shorts: Safety: Harm Hides At Home

Sat, January 24, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

MST3K - #614 - San Francisco International

Genre: 1970's made-for-TV Airport movie Trivia: Lloyd Bridges really did replace Pernell Roberts when it went to series (for less than one season). *Random quote: "It's Pernell's elaborate trick to demonstrate the need for men's room phones!" - Crow*

Sat, January 24, 1:30pm – 2:00pm

RiffTrax shorts: Act Your Age, Each Child is Different

Sat, January 24, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

MST3K - #601 - Girls Town

Genre: 1950's teens-gone-wild drama Trivia: Paul Anka, Mel Torme, and Mamie Van Doren, together in one movie. Really. *Random quote: "Uh oh -- Romulans." - Mike*

Sat, January 24, 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Venture Bros - S03E06 - "Dr. Quymn, Medicine Woman"

While adventuring in the jungle, Dr. Venture is reunited with a childhood friend. Dean attempts to solve a monster mystery and Hank falls in love with a pair of twin sisters.

Sat, January 24, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

MST3K - #905 - The Deadly Bees

Genre: Dreary 1960's British horror Trivia: Where utterly terrible special effects fail, the hopelessness of the lives portrayed probably will fill you with horror. Well, horror, or depression. *Random quote: "Ah, has the hate gone out of our marriage?" - Crow as Mrs. Hargraves*

Sat, January 24, 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Venture Bros - S03E07 - "What Goes Down, Must Come Up"

An accident involving a giant drill sends Dr. Venture and Brock into the basement of the Venture Compound, where Jonas Venture Sr.'s

secrets have remained for thirty years.

Sat, January 24, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

MST3K - #814 - Riding With Death

Genre: 1970's TV series episodes clumsily stitched together to form a movie Trivia: This movie is actually 2 episodes of the 1970's TV series Gemini Man. Unfortunately, the changes made in the show between the two episodes put together results in an almost-nonsensical movie. *Random quote: "Winged bear? Oh My God it's the end times!" - Crow*

WhenSat, January 24, 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Venture Bros - S03E08 - "Tears of a Sea Cow"

The Monarch, bored with his new arch-enemy, breaks into the Venture Compound while Dr. Venture is away. Dermott and Hank try and start a band, and spot what they think to be a UFO over the Compound.

Sat, January 24, 8:00pm – 9:30pm

MST3K - #1001 - SoulTaker

Genre: Early 90's made-for-TV sci-fi Trivia: Frequently shown in its non-MST3K form on the early days of the Sci-Fi network. *Random Quote: "You're dead, Nancy Kerrigan!" - Crow as Natalie*

Sat, January 24, 9:30pm – 10:00pm

Venture Bros - S03E09 - "Now Museum, Now You Don't"

Jonas Jr. turns the former archvillain headquarters, Spider Skull Island, into a Museum devoted to his late father. Many villains and friends of the Ventures arrive, but things begin to go wrong after tensions between several of them arise, as well as when J.J. appears to try and take the glory away from Thaddeus Venture.

B-Movie Schedule (Cont.)

Sat, January 24, 10:00pm – 11:30pm

MST3K - #811 - Parts: The Clonus Horror

Genre: 1970's dystopia Trivia: *Random Quote: "Let's go film tampon commercials, everybody!"*
- Crow

Sat, January 24, 11:30pm – Sun, January 25, 12:00am

Venture Bros - S03E10 - "The Lepidopterists"

Jonas Venture, Jr., cowed with his new arch-enemy (The Monarch), calls in two 'amateur lepidopterists' and an 'exterminator' to rid him of The Monarch. 21 and 24 are sent on a mission with the new, perfect henchman, telling him throughout their adventure that he is sure to die.

Sun, January 25, 12:00am – 1:30am

MST3K - #1008 - Final Justice

Genre: 1980's Fat Sheriff Trivia: *Random Quote: "You've given me a lot to think about... like how can one man be so sweaty?"* - Servo as Maria

Sun, January 25, 1:30am – 2:00am

Venture Bros - S03E11 - "ORB"

With the help of Billy Quizboy, Pete White, Dr Orpheus, The Alchemist, and his sons, Dr. Venture goes on an old-fashioned adventure to find an object of unspeakable power. When Brock attempts to stop him, he learns the truth about the late Jonas Venture, The Guild of Calamitous Intent, and his nineteen-year old mission.

Sun, January 25, 2:00am – 3:30am

MST3K - #702 - The Brute Man

Genre: 1940's Deformed Man Horror With Short: The Chicken of Tomorrow Trivia: One of the oldest movies ever riffed on MST3K. *Random Quote: "I knew he was in some sort of trouble, but I didn't realise it was with the police." - "I thought he was pregnant." - Blind girl/Mike*

Sun, January 25, 3:30am – 5:00am

MST3K - #612 - The Starfighters

Genre: 1960's stock footage of military jets taking off, landing, and refueling. That's about it. Trivia: The lead actor in this flick is Bob Dornan, a former congressman from California. *Random Quote: "There's already too much flying in this movie"* - Mike

Sun, January 25, 10:00am – 11:30am

MST3K - #817 - Horror of Party Beach *With Davroz

Watch this episode with Raconteur GoH Davroz! Genre: 1960's teens at the beach movie. Trivia: *Random Quote: "Original soundtrack not available, you'll thank us"* - Crow

Sun, January 25, 11:30am – 12:00pm

Venture Bros - S03E12 - "The Family That Slays Together, Stays Together (Part I)"

Brock Samson is a marked man. Terminated from the O.S.I., stripped of his license to kill, and hunted by three of the world's deadliest assassins, Brock only has one thing left: The Venture family. And he wants them as far away from him as they can get but not even Molotov Cocktease, Hunter Gathers and a pair of ex-O.S.I. comrades can sever the ties that bind. And The Monarch and Sgt. Hatred aren't helping.

Sun, January 25, 12:00pm – 12:30pm

Venture Bros - S03E13 - "The Family That Slays Together, Stays Together (Part II)"

DescriptionHeads will fly as the explosive conclusion of the Venture Bros two-part season finale finds Brock and the Venture family on the run from the law, the Monarch, and the entire OSI! Only bald ingenuity and an unlikely ally can possibly save their necks from the deadly noose tightening around the Venture compound, but they stand to lose everything once they learn the hard way that you can't go home again.

B-Movie Schedule (Cont.) / DJ Schedule

Sun, January 25, 12:30pm – 2:30pm

MST3K The Movie: This Island Earth

Description Genre: 1950's Sci-Fi Trivia: *Random Quote: "You know what my kids would say..." - "You're not my real father?" - Joe/Servo*

he's available to satisfy their DJ needs (He does this for a living you know) <end shameless plug> will be spinning popular hits from the 50's to the present, and yes, once again, the Time Warp at Midnight! He'll once again be taking requests! Of course we'll be announcing the Masquerade winners as soon as we know them too!

DJ Schedule

It's DJ's times 3 at Cryptic ConFusion! We're offering three different musical "themes" for your listening and dancing delight this year! Read on to see what's on offer. This schedule will be posted outside Ballroom E, which is where all the action will be taking place.

Friday 10-11pm - Stilyagi's own Dennis Tabaczewski has lined up an hour of Ballroom & Swing tunes.

Friday 11pm-1am - DJ_Brick returns to ConFusion with his usual mix of aural excitement for your dancing pleasure. Brick is owner and operator of Brick House Disc Jockey Entertainment which serves Southeast Michigan. Brick will be spinning popular hits from the 50's to the present, and yes, the Time Warp at Midnight! He'll be taking requests too so bring yer boogie shoes!

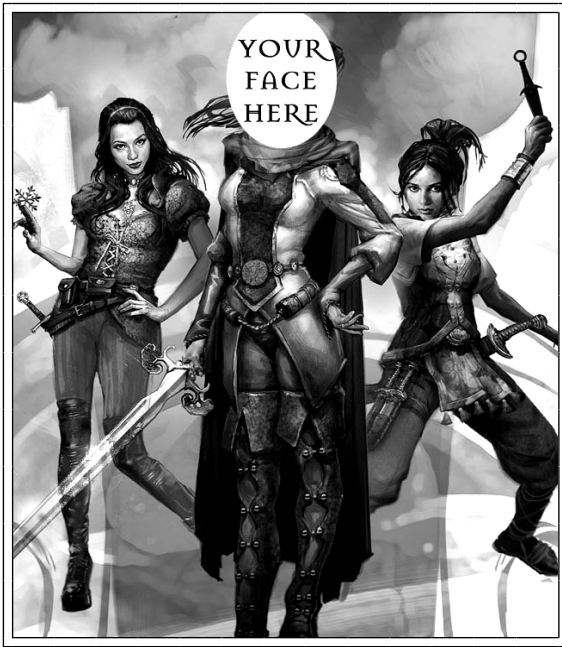
Friday (Early Saturday) 1am-??? - DJ Noise brings his extensive mixing talents back to ConFusion. Having held residencies in Minneapolis at First Avenue (the club where Prince's Purple Rain was shot), Ground Zero, and as DJ for the Minnesota Rollergirls, he'll be covering several musical areas such as Trance, Psychedelic Trance, Breakbeats, Industrial and even a little Anime & Videos mixed in!

Saturday 10pm-1am - DJ_Brick didn't get enough of you all last night so he's back with another mix of sonic delight for your dancing pleasure. Brick, who wants area fen to know

Saturday (early Sunday) 1am-??? - DJ Noise wants another shot at you too and so is back with more Trance, Breakbeats, Industrial and other surprises! From running the main stage at Minnesota's largest science-fiction convention, he's collected a lot of sci-fi related dance music to throw your way before finishing off the night with some deep and powerful grooves to keep you dancing late. He says he'll even be mixing some vinyl. You remember vinyl records right? Round, flat, black with a little hole in the middle and they went around and around while a little needle sat atop the little black grooves ... well look it up on Wikipedia then ;-)

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WHO WILL BE THE 2009 CONFUSION PRINCESS?

Vote for the hardest-working volunteer, the most famous pro, the biggest fan ... or just vote for that guy you want to see in a tiara!

*Jim C. Hines will announce the winner on Sunday at the book launch for **The Stepsister Scheme**. Everyone who votes will be eligible for great prizes. (You must be present to win.)*



*Cast your ballot at the registration desk.
Voting ends Saturday at 10:00 pm.*

“Do we look like we need rescuing?”