

The Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Friday Dec 17 PM

Sat AM Program Changes

Sat 10:00 AM: The Nuts and Bolts of Chapters, Blue Room - Alex Acks dropped.

Sat 10:00 AM: Readings - Emma Johanna Puranen, Capitol - Pan Morigan added. Note change of title

Sat 10:00 AM: Culture of the Unconquered Empire - Kate Johnston added as moderator.

Sat 10:00 AM: They Flubbed the Landing, Diplomat Ballroom - Perrienne Lurie dropped. David Levine & Eddie Louise added.

Sat 10:00 AM: DisCon III Feedback -- Saturday Forum Room, Mary Robinette Kowal added. New item

Sat 10:00 AM: Story Structures Besides the Hero's Journey, Older - Mazi Nwonwu, Lily Yu dropped off. Nikhil Singh added

Sat 10:00 AM: Decentering the U.S. in SFF Publishing, Thomas (Virtual) - Regina Kanyu Wang dropped off.

Sat 10:00 AM: What do we look for in a fanzine? Harris - Moved to virtual.

Sat 10:00 AM: Kaffeeklatsch with Rebecca Kuang cancelled.

Sat 11:30 AM: Video Game Writing as a Discipline, Congressional - Claudia Fusco dropped off.

Sat 11:30 AM: Short Fiction, Expanded, Diplomat Ballroom - Dana L. Little, Sarah Pinsker dropped. Mary Turzillo, Howard A Jones added.

Sat 11:30 AM: The Resurrection of Psychological Horror, Empire Ballroom - Catherynne Valente, Snezana Kanachki dropped. Jim McGeehin, Sara Megibow added.

Sat 11:30 AM: The Tiffany Problem - Harris (Virtual) - Paul B. Sturtevant dropped.

Sat 11:30 AM: Decolonizing Secondary World Fantasy - Rebecca Kuang dropped.

Sat 11:30 AM: The Tiffany Problem in Historical Fantasy, Harris (Virtual) - Andrea Hairston dropped.

Musical Notes

Carla Ulbrich and Joe Giaciao's performance scheduled from 4 p.m. today moved to virtual in the Thomas Channel from 10 to 11 p.m. tonight.

Ardamus, who performed at DisCon III yesterday, will also be hosting a CD release party at the DC9 night club in Washington, D.C. from 10 p.m. to 2.

Folks who are interested in performing a quiet acoustic hall concert on Friday or Saturday afternoon can sign up for a 30- or 60-minute slot in Cabinet from 11:30 to 2, or in Empire from 2:30 to 8 today and tomorrow. This is limited to single or duo performers. The hall concert space is in the corner of the Room of Unwanted Furniture (the hallway outside Capitol), behind the yellow tape, marked "FILK STAGE". Listeners should maintain social distance by standing or sitting outside the tape, but please try not to obstruct traffic.

Folks with experience in moderating a song circle can sign up to host and run a one-hour themed song circle from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday or Saturday. Sign up (and name the theme) in Cabinet from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or in Empire from 2:30 to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow. Tonight at 8:30 in Cabinet, will be a circle with the theme "Space Exploration" hosted by Marc Grossman.

Parties

640 8 PM till we say so, Concellation.

730 9 PM to late, Balticon and BSFS.

852 9 PM to midnight, Chicon 8.

353 11:30 PM to 2 am Wee Hours Tea, Type, and Chocolate.

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Harkness Signing

Falstaff Press will be holding a signing for John Harkness at Tall Stories by Alley, Saturday, Dec 18, 1-2 p.m.

Virtual Party

Virtual Glasgow Party:

When: Today at 3-6 PM EST (8 - 11 pm GMT/UTC)

Where: DisCon 3 Virtual consuite

All members are invited to join us.

Lost & Found

Found after the Gamers' Symphony Concert - a leather and metal bracelet. Please go to the Senate Room (Con Ops) to retrieve. Other things in lost and found include a book, DC driver's license, a whisky glass, credit cards, Covid cloth mask in packaging, and a signed art piece.



Support the Fan Funds!

The Fan Funds Auction will be Saturday afternoon at 1pm in the Diplomat Ballroom (same level as Exhibits/Dealers). Pre-Bidding for auction items has been going on in the Exhibit Hall at the Fan Funds tables since Wednesday. Pre-auction bidding closes at 12 noon on Saturday.

Items in the Fan Funds Auction include: DC IN 2021 long-sleeved twill shirt, Pueblo Cat print, Star Trek Fisher Space pen, Robbie the Robot printed cards, Capclave Dodo stuffed animal, Trees original art by Ulrika O'Brien and the Star Wars Pez set. Items not displayed at the Fan Funds table that will be available for auction include a hand-knit, beaded shawl from Esther MacCallum-Stewart, select beverages from Tree House, and other surprises. Stop by the Fan Funds table after 1pm to see whether any items you have bid on are in the auction or if you won the item on the second bid.

Proceeds benefit TAFF (Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund), DUFF (Down Under Fan Fund), GUFF (Get Up and Over Fan Fund), and the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund.

No Eating in Halls

People have been spotting eating in the hallways and program rooms. This is not allowed. There is a Covid crisis going on and we don't want people infected. People must only eat in your hotel room, the Ambassador room on the lower level IB, and outside. Don't eat in the con suite/staff den except on the balcony.

Overheard

Overheard in the hallway, "I thought science fiction was just rocket stuff. But it's all kinds of stuff."

Lost Empire Found!

The Empire Ballroom is hard to find. It is actually underneath Palladian but not connected to the other lower levels. From the main lobby go down the first set of stairs toward Robert's Restaurant and make a right past the piano down more stairs.

More on Museums

If you have time and a relaxed budget, I recommend the Spy Museum, a short walk off the Metro, near L'Enfant Plaza. Interactive, beautifully curated, and fun, it's a great way to spend a few hours. - Deb Kinnard

The Smithsonian Arts & Industries Museum is hosting a really cool interactive exhibit called Futures. Among other things, they have Octavia Butler's typewriter, costumes from Marvel's Eternals, pieces that combine high tech with indigenous practices, and AR and VR installations. It's fairly small, only took about an hour to get through all of it. Admission is free. Accessible via Metro (red line to blue/orange/silver).—Brittany Constable

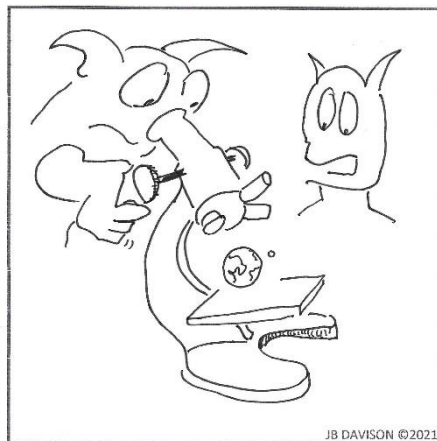
Trader Joe's Long Walk

For the fit and energetic con-goers, there's a Trader Joe's on the other side of the Naval Observatory. It's about 1+1/4 miles for walkers who are able and willing to go through the parks.

Unfortunately, the Whole Foods (which was a few blocks further) is now closed.

Registration Information

Registration reports that, as of Friday, there are approximately 2,000 warm bodies on site.



WANNA HAVE FUN TURN ON THE LIGHT AND SAY BOO!

Submit news. Panel reports, restaurant reviews, recommendations, things overheard etc. Email to newsletter@discon3.org