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The Seventh Annual British Filk Convention  
held at  
The Royal Cambridge Hotel, Cambridge  
on  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February 1995

Guests of Honour:

**Joey Shoji**

**Philip Allcock**

# Information

**Breakfast:** is 8 – 10 in the Royal Cambridge Hotel, and 7:30 – 9 in the Lensfield Hotel.

**Restaurants:** are listed in the Programme Book, due to lack of space in the Read Me. So read it.

**Checkout:** please could you check out of the hotel by 11am on the morning of your departure. Luggage can be left in the Porter's room; ask at hotel reception.

**Programme:** The Prior Room has been set aside for spontaneous filk circles and the like. It is on the same floor as hotel reception, off to the left as you look at the stairs down to the Choir.

**Dealers:** the forces of Mammon are arrayed in the (K)nave, to one side of the Choir and in full view of the main programme. The opening hours will be posted when available on the boards upstairs.

**Information:** general info, maps and the like will be in the hotel lobby. Sign-up sheets for the concerts, request slips, rates and so forth will be held on the registration desk.

**Taping:** as ever, please try to be unobtrusive when taping performances, and please respect a performer's wishes if they ask you not to record them for any reason.

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## Friday

5pm	<i>Registration opens</i>
7pm	Opening Ceremony
7.30	Swann Song
8.30	Requests Concert
9.30	<i>Registration closes</i>

**7:00** **Opening Ceremony.** In which the committee try to appear innocent and introduce Guests of Honour Joey Shoji and Philip Allcock.

**7:30** **Swann Song.** Early last year Donald Swann died. This impromptu concert is a celebration of his life and work. All singers are welcome; Rhodri James will be at the piano to provide accompaniment.

**8.30** **Requests Concert.** Mike, Kathy, Peter and Karen Westhead preside over the traditional concert where you ask for the filks that you want to hear. Request slips are available from the registration desk, please fill in as many as you like.

**later** Random filking will doubtless take over at some point.

# Saturday

11am	Rated PG
Noon	Bidding Session
12.30	Filk Fund Business Meeting
1pm	Concert: Comics
2	Why I Write Filks
3	Main Concert
6	Setup
7	Phoenix
8	
8.30	GoH: Joey Shoji
later	Late night filk circles

**11:00 Rated PG.** Peter and Gwen take charge of the usual collection of silly games. Team captains Lissa Allcock and Hitch provide the victims.

**12:00 Bidding Session.** Vote for the location of the next filk con.

**12:30 Filk Fund Business Meeting.** Robert Maughan will report on the state of the Flying Filk Fund.

**1:00 Concert: Comics.** Valerie Housden is running this theme concert; sign up with her or at registration.

**2:00 Why I Write Filks.** Mike Whitaker discusses with Phil Allcock, Joey Shoji, Lawrence Dean and Minstrel the odd things that spark a filk into life.

**3:00 Main Concert.** The big one. MCs Rhodri James and Mike Whitaker will attempt to keep the concert running on time, and make sure you all get a chance to perform. Please sign up at registration, or see Mike or Rhodri.

**6:00 Setup.** Go eat or something.

**7:00 Phoenix.** GoH Phil Allcock wanted a chance to do some of his rock numbers, so here he is with the rest of Phoenix doing just that.

**8:30 GoH: Joey Shoji.** Our US Guest does his own inimitable thing. What more can we say, other than come and listen!

**later** When Joey finishes, the Choir will become available for the usual late night filking.

# Sunday

11am	Concert: Church
Noon	Filk Fund Auction
1pm	Desert Asteroid Filks
2	GoH: Phil Allcock
3	Gripe Session & Auction Overflow
4	Concert: Computers
5	Concert: Critters
6	Closing Ceremony

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**11:00 Concert: Church.** Filks of hymns or about religion (any religion) will start our Sunday morning worship. Hitch will control the order of service; sign up with him or at registration.

**12:00 Filk Fund Auction.** Roger Robinson attempts to part you from your money, all in aid of bringing filkers across the Atlantic.

**1:00 Desert Asteroid Filks.** Sue Mason invites Robert Maughan to pick the filk songs that he would want if he was marooned on Asteroid M.

**2:00 GoH: Phil Allcock.** An hour of parodies and pathos from our home-grown Guest.

**3:00 Gripe Session.** The committee enter the confessional to seek absolution for their many sins. Just as long as you tell us what they are.

**4:00 Concert: Computers.** Steve Davies will be taking bookings for slots in this theme concert. See him or sign up at registration.

**5:00 Concert: Critters.** Trust a vet to want Little Fuzzy Animals. See Anne Whitaker or sign up at registration to get yourself a slot in this theme concert.

**6:00 Closing Ceremony.** In which the committee thanks the guests and promises not to do it again, whatever it was.

**later** I doubt we could stop you...