

MASQUERADE

Once again, the Philcon Masquerade will be held on Saturday evening in the Franklin Hall, with judging according to International Costumer’s Guild guidelines. The Masquerade Director this year is Sandy Swank, president of the local ICG chapter, the Lunatic Phrynge.

There will be workmanship judging in the Masquerade Green Room for costumers who want the fine detail work to be examined up-close-and-personal, as well as the performance judging by a panel of Expert Judges.

Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Historical entries are encouraged, but please remember that there is no open mike; music, dialogue, voice over, etc. must be on tape, or clearly written for the MC to read during the performance. Performance duration may be no longer than one (1) minute, unless special permission is obtained in advance from the Masquerade Director.

Philcon encourages the wearing of hall costumes (street legal and conforming to weapons policy, please!) and will have several roaming judges handing out award ribbons in the public areas of the conference. We will also feature costuming programming covering topics of interest for all levels of costumers, from Nov-ice to Master.

Masquerade registration will be open on Friday from 6PM to 9PM, and on Saturday from 10AM to 4PM. All contestants must submit their registration forms by 4PM in order to participate.

For more information, contact:
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Philadelphia PA 19119
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LUNATIC PHRYNGE

The Lunatic Phrynge is the Philadelphia Area (Greater Delaware Valley) chapter of the International Costumer’s Guild. For more information, please pick up a flyer or see one of our members at the Masquerade Registration Table.

WEAPONS POLICY

No Weapons: i.e. guns, gun replicas, swords, knives, lasers, model lasers or anything that could be perceived as a weapon by the public will be permitted at Philcon. The Philcon Committee has the final say on what constitutes a weapon. Unfortunately, we must reserve the right to revoke the membership, without refund, of anyone who refuses to comply with this policy. The only partial exception is for registered participants of the Masquerade, who may wear a weapon, excepting guns and operational lasers, from one-half hour before to one-half hour after the Masquerade. All Masquerade weapons must be affixed to the costume. Participants may use (draw, brandish, gesticulate with or otherwise waggle about) weapons as part of their performance onstage, but at no other time.

REGARDLESS OF ANYTHING ELSE, YOU MUST COMPLY WITH ALL LAWS.

ART SHOW

The Philcon Art Show is one of the largest East Coast SF&F Art Shows. An artist may display and sell any original artwork whose subject is science fiction, fantasy or fannish. Items that receive three written bids will be auctioned in the voice auction on Sunday afternoon. There is also a Print Shop for photoprints and multiple copy items. Come see the art, vote for your favorite, and buy something you like!

An invitational mailing will be sent in July/August to artists whose addresses are known by the Director. The Art Show rules and registration form will be posted on the Philcon. org website. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact me, and include your complete mailing address, what kind of art you create, and whether your art would best be displayed on a table or panel.

Assignment of display space is ranked by postmark of request. Unclaimed spaces, if any will be recycled to the artists’ waiting list at 11AM on Saturday at Philcon.

Joni Dashoff, Philcon Art Show
830 Barlow St.
Philadelphia, PA 19116
or email to artshow2005@philcon.org

ASFA CHARITY AUCTION

Philcon is hosting a charity auction for ASFA (Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Authors), to be held after the regular Art Show Auction on Sunday Afternoon. Half of the proceeds will be donated to ASFA; half will be returned to the donating artist/owners. If you would like to donate artwork in any medium, please send a note to the Philcon Art Show mailing address with the subject “ASFA Auction”
asfaliaison2005@philcon.org

LEGO RELATED EVENTS

LEGO bricks aren’t just for kids! Discover new and exciting building themes invented by adult fans. Bring your SF-themed original model to the exhibit of MOCs (My Own Creations), contribute a module to the Micro Moonbase layout, or just play with a big pile of bricks. Watch a slide show of spectacular starships and robots, and learn the techniques behind their construction, then laugh at the tiny plastic antics of the stop-motion film festival. Finally, participate in a variety of simulation games -- games in which damage to the miniatures is the whole point.
kids2005@philcon.org

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Philcon Student Writers Contest is open to all Philcon members in grades 5-12. There are separate competitions for grades 5-8 and 9-12. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each competition. A copy of the rules and the application form can be obtained from the contest coordinator at
lwolkoff@prodigy.net.

GAME ROOM

Philcon Gaming isn’t just a place to hide out when the rest of the con closes! We’re doing so much that you’ll want to move in and never leave! The Camarilla will be coming to play tabletop games and get people interested in the new World of Darkness. Never seen it? Come give it a try! Ad Astra games will be showing off the new Saganami Island Tactical Simulator based on the famous Honor Harrington novels by our Principal Speaker! You came to see David Weber, now come see the tactical game based on his books! In addition to those highlights, we’ll be having tournaments, game demos and open gaming.
gaming2005@philcon.org

LARP (LIVE ACTION ROLE PLAYING)

This year at Philcon we have two LARP groups for your costumed mayhem. The Camarilla, in addition to running tabletop gaming in our game room, will be hosting a weekend long LARP through the convention, giving us a chance to see The Requiem first hand, along with the political intrigues, simple backstabbing, and perhaps even a little diablerie. PST Productions will also be reaching their tentacled, other-worldly hands from their Non-Euclidean dimension (read: New Jersey) into ours. They will host two events, one of which is the debut of a Philcon exclusive storyline.

More details on these events will be provided on the Philcon website as they become available. A note to all our LARPing public: These events will be providing storylines that are for a mature audience: No one under 18 will be allowed to play in the Camarilla or PST events.
larp2005@philcon.org

FILK

“Filk” is the folk music of science fiction fandom. Filkers gather to share songs late into the night at many conventions, and Philcon is no exception. Come to share a song of your own (or anyone else’s), or just to listen. Philcon’s filk program also features concerts and a singalong. Further filk program details will appear on the website as they become available.
filk2005@philcon.org

CON SUITE

It’s the con party! You can stop on by for a breather, socialize, and meet new people. We provide the snacks, soda, and a place to sit. We will be closing for a few hours every night.
consuite2005@philcon.org

WRITING WORKSHOP

A chance to get your work read and critiqued by professional writers and editors. Submit one story, maximum 6000 words, 10 copies in standard manuscript format. Send stories to: Darrell Schweitzer, 6644 Rutland St., Philadelphia PA 19149-2128. Stories must be received 2 weeks before the convention. The workshop session will be held Saturday afternoon. It is open to any member of Philcon, at no additional cost.
writerworkshop2005@philcon.org

VIDEO ROOM

In our video room, we will also be continuing Philcon’s tradition of showing the odd, the unusual, and the thought-provoking. Several of the films will also feature a discussion group immediately following their presentation.

We also invite filmmakers to submit their films for presentation. If you have a film or short you’d like to share, feel free to contact us.

Have any questions? Comments? Ideas? Please contact us at
film2005@philcon.org

MINI FAN VIDEO FEST

Here’s a call for entries for the first ever Philcon Mini Fan Video Fest! All genres are invited to participate in our first Video Festival! Take clips of your favorite film, of any genre, and splice it together with your favorite song! Our top three choiceswill be given a featured showing on Saturday night!

The following formats are acceptable: QuickTime 6 or earlier, AVI, DVD, or VHS. The top ten videos will be shown throughout film programming at Philcon. All entries must be 5 minutes or less, and be roughly PG in content. Please send your entries to:

Philcon Video
3552 Witte St.
Philadelphia, PA 19149

by November 1st.
Festival Participants will be notified via phone and/or e-mail by November 15th.

BABYSITTING

Babysitting will again be offered this year to members of the conference. Availability may be limited. Parents and children must be pre-registered by November 30, 2005. Babysitting is for children ages three months to six years old. The fee is \$50 per child, and includes the cost of a regular child’s membership. Hours are: Friday 3:00 PM till 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM till midnight; Saturday 9:00 AM till 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM till midnight; Sunday 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM. You must pick up your child for the dinner hour on Friday and Saturday and you must feed your children all other meals. Juice and crackers will be available for snacks. Philcon reserves the right to refuse to provide babysitting services or end services for any child for any reason we feel it is appropriate.

VOLUNTEERS

Did we mention rewards? We got ’em. Fill out the volunteer portion of the registration form, or go to the Volunteers table at Philcon. Any time you can give is great. We have a raffle of special gifts for only you, the volunteers! You can donate time when you like, doing what you like. Those who sign up first will be given the choicest of assignments. Best reward: a free Philcon next year! Just work ten hours total. Double time for work done before the con starts—work Thursday on Art Show load in or Friday on con set-up, then enjoy the rest of the con. Want to work on just Sunday load out? Great! That’s double time, too! Before someone under 18 years of age can work as a volunteer their parent or natural guardian will have to sign a permission and release form.

volunteer2005@philcon.org

REGISTRATION

Registration guidelines for Philcon 2005 are as follows:

•Youth rate is \$25 for those ages 25 and under as of Dec.9,2005.
•The Group Rate is available when 10 or more registrations are sent together.

•If you are sending in more than one membership at one time, please be sure to provide each individual’s name and address, if different, so that we can send confirmations and future notifications.

•“Badge” names are possible, provided we also have your real name. We reserve the right to reject a particular request for a badge name.

•No pre-registration forms postmarked after November 15 will be accepted.

•Children age six and younger are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The child must remain with the adult at all times.

•Babysitting is available for children ages three months through age six. (See Babysitting for more information.)

•At the door rates (effective 11/16/2005): Adults \$50, Youth \$25, Children \$25. Day rates will also be available.

•Remember that pre-registering allows you to avoid lines at the registration desk.

•Please make checks payable to “Philadelphia Science Fiction Society” and send to Philcon Registration, PO Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8303.
registration2005@philcon.org

PARTY REGISTRATION

If your group intends to run an open hospitality party at Philcon 2005, please contact the Party Czar, Gary Feldbaum at party2005@philcon.org in advance of Philcon. Philcon membership is required to host a party. Please note that alcohol may not be served at open parties. Any party that does serve alcohol must be closed/invitation only and the hosts will be responsible for checking the ages of attendees. Please write if you wish to hold your party in a suite. You will be notified of your suite assignment if we can oblige you. When you contact us, please be sure to include the following information:

1. Your name and the name of your group
2. The tentative day and time of your party
3. Whether you’d like to request a suite or not

DEALERS ROOM

Philcon features a large variety of dealers, including dealers specializing in books (both used and new), magazines, art, craftwork and much much more. Our dealers room is open Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday from morning unti early evening. A limited number of tables may still be available.
Contact dealers2005@philcon.org for more information.

EXHIBITION & FAN TABLES

A limited number of tables are available for the use of other conventions, fan groups and non-profit organizations to promote their activities. To be added to the exhibition table request list, please contact exhibits2005@philcon.org

HOTEL INFORMATION

PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN

1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-627-2900

Philcon once again returns to the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, situated in the heart of Center City Philadelphia, conveniently located near the Reading Terminal Market, Chinatown, and other historic sites. Pets may be accepted; contact the hotel for details. Hotel sleeping rooms feature high-speed Internet access (for a fee). The hotel has several restaurants, an onsite Kinko’s business center and an indoor pool.

A link to the hotel reservation page can be found on the Philcon website.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ROOM RATES

\$91/Night (Plus Tax): Single/Double Occupancy
\$111/Night (Plus Tax): Triple/Quad Occupancy
Rooms are available for booking now. Contact us at suites2005@philcon.org if you want to request a suite. All suite reservations must be made through the committee. Rollaways \$30/stay (quantity available may be limited). Total room taxes are currently 14%.

BY PHONE

Call the hotel directly at 215-625-2900. Be sure to reference “Philcon” when making your reservation. Or call toll-free 800-228-9290 and ask for the special rate for Philcon 2005 (using group code PSQPSQ for quiet rooms and PSNPSN for hospitality rooms.)

ONLINE

You may book your hotel room at the Marriott by using our customized page.
www.stayatmarriott.com/Philcon2005

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is conveniently located near public transportation and parking. The local public transit and regional rail have stations connected to the hotel. Amtrak and Greyhound stations are a few blocks away, and rail and shuttle service are available from the Philadelphia International Airport.

For guests of the hotel, valet parking is available for \$32 per day. There are many self-parking lots in the area, including a multi-level covered garage directly across the street from the hotel.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Philadelphia, PA 19101-8303

General information can be obtained via our toll-free number, 877-744-2315

Email addresses for each department, as well as a link to the Marriott Hotel, may be found at our website: www.philcon.org
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