

PHILCON 2006

NOVEMBER 17th-19th

AT THE SHERATON PHILADELPHIA CITY CENTER HOTEL

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19103

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER: CHARLES STROSS

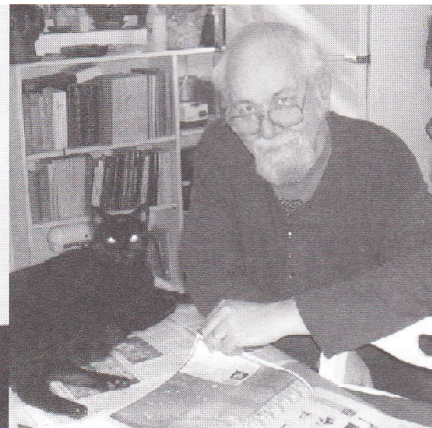
HUGO AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

GUEST ARTIST: KARL KOFOED

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST: TOM SMITH



CHARLES STROSS



KARL KOFOED



TOM SMITH

FEATURING MANY ROOMS AND EVENTS INCLUDING:

MASQUERADE • FILM ROOM • ANIME ROOM

ART SHOW • DEALERS ROOM • AND A 24-HOUR GAMING ROOM

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MASQUERADE

Once again, the Philcon Masquerade will be held on Saturday evening in the Sheraton City Center, with judging according to International Costumers' Guild guidelines. 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, Cosplayers are welcome 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 Novice to Master. Masquerade pre-registration is available by going to the GDVCG web site at <http://DVCg.bravehost.com>. 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:

masquerade2006@philcon.org

LUNATIC PHRYNGE

The Lunatic Phrynge is the Philadelphia Area (Greater Delaware Valley) chapter of the International Costumers' 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.**

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.

consuite2006@philcon.org

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 postcard will be sent 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 the Art Show Director, 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 artshow2006@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"

asfaliaison2006@philcon.org

WRITING WORKSHOP

Here is a chance for beginning writers to get their work critiqued by professionals. Four or five professional writers and editors will make up our panel of experts, and will evaluate stories submitted to the workshop. Anyone who is a paid member of Philcon may participate. There is no additional fee. Send ten copies of your story (word limit 6000; about 20 manuscript pages) to Darrell Schweitzer, 6644 Rutland St., Philadelphia PA 19149-2128. Manuscripts must be received two weeks before the convention.

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

Philcon is once again sponsoring Student Writer Contests for Philadelphia area students and for Philcon members in grades 5-8 and grades 9-12. For a set of the rules and a contest application, click on "Story Contest" on the Philcon web site.

lwoolkoff@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. Open 24 hours a day!

gaming2006@philcon.org

BABYSITTING

Babysitting will again be offered this year to all members of the conference. Parents and children must be pre-registered by October 15, 2006. 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 when 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 volunteer table at Philcon. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated. You can donate time when you like, doing what you like. Those who sign up first will be given the choicest assignments. Best reward: a free Philcon next year! Just work a total of ten hours. 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 just on Sunday load-out? Great! That's triple time!

Before someone under 18 years of age can work as a volunteer, his or her parent or natural guardian will have to sign a permission and release form.

volunteer2006@philcon.org

LEGO® RELATED EVENTS

Visit an exhibit of SF-themed models created by experienced AFOLs (Adult Fans Of LEGO), bring your own MOCs (My Own Creations) to share, or build at the con with a copious supply of loaned bricks. Learn advanced construction techniques to aid with your own mecha, moonbases, micro-models or more, and explore other modular building systems. Play a round of BrikWars, or drop by the festival of stop-motion films in which mini-figs and monkeys rule.

The exhibit and open build are located beyond the Children's Room and are open to all Philcon members; adult supervision of young children is encouraged. Bonus events are subject to availability of program space.

kids2006@philcon.org

DEALERS ROOM

Here you will find the unusual, the hard-to-locate, and the wonderful! Our dealers offer new books (hot off the press!), old, collectable, and rare books, inexpensive used books, costumes, DVDs, jewelry, swords, tee-shirts, toys, models, and figurines, anime stuff... You don't know you want it until you see it! Come and browse and shop.

Dealers: If you have sold at any of the last three Philcons, you will automatically be mailed the forms. If you are new to our merry band, contact Devra, head of the Philcon Dealers Room, for forms, at

dealers2006@philcon.org or devra@aol.com

VIDEO ROOM

We believe that if you are coming to a con to watch a movie or short, it should not be something that you can just rent at your neighborhood video store. We will continue our tradition of showing the odd, the rare, the thought-provoking, and the disturbing, from the US, and from around the world. Also look for discussions following some of our showings. Movies are meant to be seen and enjoyed with others. So come enjoy them with us. Questions? Comments? Ideas? Please contact us at

film2006@philcon.org

FAN FILM CONTEST

Do you believe that you are the next George Lucas? Can you outwit the majesty that is Revenge of the Sith? I'm sure you can! And here is your chance to do it!

We are looking for science fiction fan films for Philcon's 2006 Film Program!

To be considered, please send the following:

1. Your film. Accepted films must have the following criteria:
 - Films will be limited to 20 minutes or less.
 - Submitted films must be in the following formats:
VHS NTSC or DVD NTSC

Please remember to burn your DVD on a DVD-R disc. Make sure the tabs are pulled off your VHS tapes. Do not send originals! Materials will NOT be returned to you. Test all of your copies. If we cannot see it, we cannot program it.

2. Your contact information. Contact information must include: Name, address, e-mail, and daytime phone number.
3. A list of all cast and crew. Please list each crew position with the crew member.
4. A two-sentence synopsis of your film. This is for publication purposes. Make sure it's short, sweet, and to the point.
5. If your film is currently posted on a website, or has a website affiliated with it, please include all necessary information with your submission.

Animation or Live Action, we entertain all forms of filmmaking! Submit as many as you want! We'll watch them all. We've got nothing to do accept watch Dr. Who reruns. While we do enjoy daring and shocking content, please be sure to submit content that is PG-13-friendly.

We accept submissions through October 1st. Winners will be notified via e-mail and phone by October 31st.

Submissions can be mailed to:

Philcon FFC2006
3552 Witte St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19134

The film festival will run mid-day Saturday of Philcon. Our audience will vote on their favorite films at the festival.

Now's the time, young Skywalker. Share your fan film with an audience who will actually get the jokes and laugh with you, not at you! Good Luck!

REGISTRATION

Registration guidelines for Philcon 2006 are as follows:

- Youth rate is \$25 for those age 25 and under as of Nov 17, 2006.
- 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 permissible, 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: 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.
registration2006@philcon.org

PARTY REGISTRATION

If your group intends to run an open hospitality party at Philcon 2006, please contact the Party Czar, Gary Feldbaum, at party2006@philcon.org in advance of Philcon. The hosts of any party at Philcon must be members of Philcon. Please note that alcohol may not be served at open parties. Any party that does serve alcohol must be a closed/invitation only party, and the hosts will be solely responsible for checking the ages of attendees. Please remember that the legal drinking age in Pennsylvania is 21, and that service of alcohol to minors is forbidden in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to hold your party in a suite, please contact us at party2006@philcon.org. Any suite reservation must be made through Philcon. We have a limited number of suites. We will let you know as soon as possible if we can allocate a suite to you. In the meantime, we ask that you make a regular reservation in the hospitality block. 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

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

exhibits2006@philcon.org

HOTEL INFORMATION

SHERATON PHILADELPHIA CITY CENTER HOTEL

17th & Race Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103
1-888-625-5144

ROOM RATES

\$87/Night (Plus Tax): Single/Double Occupancy

\$107/Night (Plus Tax): Triple/Quad Occupancy

You may request a king-size bed when you make your reservation, but it will not be guaranteed until you check in.

If you have allergies, are diabetic and need a refrigerator, or have other special needs, make a regular reservation, then send your reservation number and a description of your needs to:

hotel2006@philcon.org

BY PHONE

Call the hotel directly at 1-888-625-5144. Be sure to reference "Philcon" when making your reservation.

ONLINE

Online Booking will be available shortly. Please check <http://www.philcon.org> for details.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

The Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel is conveniently located near public transportation and parking. The local public transit and regional rail have stations within walking distance of the hotel. Amtrak and Greyhound stations are a few blocks away, and rail and shuttle service are available from the Philadelphia International Airport.

ADVERTISING

Interested in advertising your group, business, or convention in the Philcon program book or the pocket program? Then contact Lew Wolkoff at

ads2006@philcon.org

CORRESPONDENCE

Please address all correspondence to

Philcon 2006
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General information can be obtained via our toll-free number, 1-877-744-2315

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

FEATURED PROGRAMMING

LITERARY

Our literary programming track presents panels structured on the literature of the imagination, whether science fiction, fantasy, horror or a combination of those genres. This track is also responsible for presenting the Principal Speaker, the other Guests of Honor and certain special programs such as the SF Quiz Show and other items of interest. A couple of years removed from the program David Gerrold called "the best SF program ever put on at a con," and that Connie Willis said was "well run and excellent," the Literary Programming committee seeks to keep the momentum going. Please see our topics in the Philcon website. For further info, Please contact Oz Fontecchio at

literaryprog2006@philcon.org

ART

Art programming will include panels on topics such as horror art, pin-up art, space art, and how to turn everyday objects into magical items. We also will feature a guided tour of the art show and art demonstrations led by some of the East Coast's leading artists. The demos are hands-on and Philcon members are encouraged to bring sketch pads, pens, pencils, or other tools to these events.

artprogram2006@philcon.org

SCIENCE

There is no science fiction without science. Philcon 2006 will offer a view of cutting edge science, including participation by research scientists on a wide variety of topics.

You may contact us with suggestions at
science2006@philcon.org

COSTUMING

Costume programming is designed to provide programs of interest for all levels, from the person who has never made or worn a costume to seasoned Masquerade entrants, for Cosplayers, LARPerS and re-enactors. New ideas and offers to present are always welcome, although we may not be able to use all of your ideas immediately. You can contact us at

costuming2006@philcon.org

MEDIA

This is a year for anniversaries: The 40th of Star Trek, the 10th of Stargate SG-1, as well as Philcon's 70th! We will be offering an eclectic mix of panels and discussions on a variety of topics, not just about what is on the tube, but also what is going on behind the scenes, and what is coming down the wire. How are the worlds of television, film, comics, and the Web combining? What gems are waiting in the wings, and what untimely deaths are we mourning? We will be bringing back some old favorites such as "The Best Films You Have Never Heard Of" and the continuation of "Filmmakers 101". Expect the serious, the sad, and the silly. Have something you'd like to see, some topic you like to see explored? Please contact us at

media2006@philcon.org

GAMING

As always, we will be complementing our gaming room with a range of program items which explore the creativity, innovation and depth of gaming. Join us in our panel discussions about the nature of games, how they are developed, why we play them and what we learn from them. If you are a game developer, or have a subject you think would be interesting, please contact us at

gaming2006@philcon.org

ANIME

Philcon 2006 will be presenting a broad and expansive look at Japanese Animation, also known as anime, for your intellectual and viewing pleasure. Our panel discussions are geared to appeal to any and all, from the interested beginner to the casual watcher and even the veteran know-it-all. And, as always, the Anime Room will show the best Sci-Fi and Fantasy Japan has to offer.

anime2006@philcon.org

CHILDREN

The Philcon Children's Program: its three-day mission: to encourage interest in science fiction and related topics among proto-fans; to provide activities suited to the younger set's energy, attention span and interests; and to provide the complementary set (i.e., parents) some unencumbered time to indulge their interests separately.

In 2005, Kids Prog's 20 hours included an SF&F Theme Song Sing-Along; drawing activities based on dinosaurs, dragons, hieroglyphs and surrealism; a reading by a new children's fantasy author, plus oral storytelling; origami; LEGO®-based games; and that surprise hit, the Theremin Hands-On Demo. Likely items for 2006 include role-playing games, movement-based activities, a quiz show, and DIY animation.

Kids Prog overlaps other programming themes, and we encourage families to scrutinize the schedule for activities in other tracks that may appeal to progeny, and to consider which Kids Prog items would be fun for the family. We also invite anyone who's "young at heart" to visit and participate (space permitting). Be advised that the related LEGO Display & Open Build are located separately.

Activities are designed for ages 7-12, and younger participants will require the assistance of parents or guardians; please consider the separate Babysitting function for that age group. The Kids Room closes periodically to permit depressurization and to promote family togetherness at meals. Philcon strongly advises that the under-12 set not roam the convention unattended. Finally, parents who volunteer to help are the most wonderful beings ever; please see the Volunteer Desk.

kids2006@philcon.com

FILK

Filk is the folk music of SF fandom, and this year, Philcon's filk program is proud to feature the extremely talented Tom Smith! But that's not all -- look for concerts by other wonderful musicians, a sing-along, and (of course) singing together late into the night. You can bring a song of your own, or just a pair of ears.

filk2006@philcon.org



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- New address? Is this your first Philcon?
 Email address on badge instead of city/state?

Memberships at the following rates must be *postmarked* by the dates shown to be accepted. Prices are for the entire conference unless otherwise noted.

Membership Rates

	How many	Until 9/30/06	Until 10/31/06	Total
Adults		\$40	\$45	
Adults (group rate)		\$30	\$35	
Youth Rate (under 25 w/ ID)		\$25	\$25	
Children (ages 7 to 12)		\$20	\$20	
Babies & Toddlers (ages 6 and under)		Free w/ Paying Adult		
Babysitting (ages 6 and under)		\$50	\$50	
Total Memberships				

At the door: Adults \$50, Children \$25. Day rates will also be available. Group Rate is valid when 10 or more registrations are sent together.

- Check (payable to the "Philadelphia Science Fiction Society")
 VISA MasterCard

(I hereby authorize this charge to be made on my account)

SIGNATURE: _____ CARD EXPIRES: ____/____/____

Please include the names of all children under the age of 16 as of Nov. 17, 2006. Please list any additional names, along with addresses (if different than the main address). If a "Badge Name" is desired, list that next to the name. Check off each child for whom babysitting is requested.

Babysitting?	Name (Badge Name, if different)	Child's Age
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Volunteer to help at Philcon!

Would you like to help with Philcon? If so, please indicate which department(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show/Print Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting	<input type="checkbox"/> Con Suite	<input type="checkbox"/> General
<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Logistics	<input type="checkbox"/> Masquerade	<input type="checkbox"/> Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> Programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Your Phone #: _____

Philcon is run by fans for fans. Every year we rely on people like you to keep things running smoothly. If you are unable to offer help in advance, we greatly appreciate any time you can give us at the con. Stop by the Volunteers table at Philcon to find out how you can help!

NOTE: No children under the age of 16 will be admitted except in the company of their parent or adult guardian. A waiver of the conference's responsibility will be required of the parent or legal adult guardian.
Proper ID will be required to register at Philcon!

Please Mail this form to:

Philcon Registration

PO Box 8303

30th Street Station

Philadelphia, PA 19101-8303

Email: registration2006@philcon.org

(Email is for inquiries only, no email registrations will be accepted)

Online Registration is also available at

www.philcon.org

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