

NA MELE O NA HOKU
(The Songs of the Stars)
Newsletter of the Hawaii Filksinging Society
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Well, BayFilk V is just around the corner. It will be held March 3 through 5, 1989, at the Oakland Airport Hyatt Hotel. Advance memberships are \$25.00 until 3/1/89. Thereafter, memberships at the door are \$35.00. The Guest of Honor is Joe Haldeman, and Special Guests will be Buck and Juanita Coulson. Be there, and bring all your friends! California is practically "right next door," gang! The address is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

DAG Productions has begun publishing a newsletter for members of the ConChord convention. The newsletter is called "Notes of Interest," and Eric Gerds of DAG is on the lookout for filk news and brief articles on subjects of interest to other filkers. DAG's address can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another new filking newsletter, available to anyone for just \$4.00 per year, is "Loose Notes," and it's published by Rick Weiss. If you'd like to subscribe, Rick's address is: 13261 Donegal Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92644-2304.

The New England Science Fiction Association (NESFA) holds an annual filksong contest, and the best songs are published in the NESFA HYMNAL. For more information on these contests and the hymnal, write to:

NESFA

Box G, MIT Branch Post Office
Cambridge, MA 021319-0910

Mercedes Lackey's latest novel *OATHBOUND: BOOK I: VOWS AND HONOR, a Tarma and Kethry story, is on the shelves in local bookstores now. Be on the lookout for it in local stores. The sequel to this novel, OATHBREAKER, is tentatively scheduled for release in early 1989. Misty's first Vanyel book, in the Herald's world, is entitled MAGIC'S PAWN. The sequel to this book, MAGIC'S PROMISE, has just been completed, as well, and the third book in this series, MAGIC'S PRICE, will follow hard on its heels. Misty is also working on a horror novel with TOR books, entitled CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT, which is a vampire novel. This is her second horror novel -- the first being BURNING WATER -- due out in February from Tor. Another project she is working on is a book entitled EXIT, WEARING A MASK, a science fiction thriller about a futuristic Shakespearean troupe on tour. She's also working on a book for Baen Books, entitled REAP THE WHIRLWIND, the plot being essentially the Mongol Horde gets Science. This book is the third book in a trilogy. Leslie Fish is writing the first book, and Nancy Asire is writing the second book. This trilogy is edited by author C. J. Cherryh, who also edited the MEROVINGEN NIGHTS series, in which all 3 writers have published stories. Speaking of the MEROVINGEN NIGHTS anthologies, look for the books FESTIVAL MOON and FEVER SEASON, and the just-released TROUBLED WATERS to add to your collection. The original book in this series, ANGEL WITH A SWORD, was a novel by C. J. Cherryh. Misty's short stories also regularly appear in Marion Zimmer Bradley's SWORD AND SORCERESS series, and she has a new Darkover story coming out in MZB's forthcoming anthology, as well as 2 stories in the just-released anthology SPELL SINGERS.

BONUS SONG OF THE MONTH:

THE PIONEER
(A Tribute to Women Astronauts)
By D. F. Sanders

Raised in the the vast heartland, she dreamed as a child
Of flying to places as yet undefiled.
A look of great wonder would light up her face
While watching the rockets that soared into space.
Her friends would all mock; they did not understand
That she could hold time in the palm of her hand.
Her loneliness drove her to strive and succeed,
For love of adventure had planted its seed. CHORUS

CHORUS:
Soar to the sky ...
No dream is too great
If you only will try!

How great were the longings she felt to explore.
The fires of the cosmos had made her want more.
She never could tell where such longings would start:
The soul of a dreamer's a thing set apart.
And sometimes, in darkness, she heard the sweet song
Of dreams that the wind came to hurry along.
The bright, yearning call of the geese in the sky
Gave her heart the strength and the courage to fly! CHORUS

And when she was called, she did not hesitate.
She trusted her dreams and her visions to fate.
With equal parts wonder and gladness and awe,
She broke through the shackles of gravity's law.
And so, in a glory of thunder, she rose
Above the Earth's majesty, way beyond those
Who doubted she ever could make it that far.
She'd reached for a daydream and captured a star! CHORUS



UPCOMING FILK (AND OTHER) CONVENTIONS

BAY FILK V, March 3-5, 1989, Oakland Airport Hilton, Advance Memberships \$25, \$35 at the door, c/o P. O. Box 453, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

MARCON XXIV, April 28-30, 1989. Write to: Box 211101, Columbus, OH 43220.

ARCHON 13, July 21-23, 1989, Henry VII Inn, St. Louis, MO. Write to: P. O. Box 50125, Clayton, MO 63015.

CON-CHORD V, October 6-7, 1989, Los Angeles Airport Hilton, Full Advance Memberships now \$15.00 until 12/31/88, c/o 1810 14th St., #102, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

SOONERCON V, Cotober, 1989. Write to: P. O. Box 1701, Betham, OK 73008.

OHIO VALLEY FILK FEST V, October, 1989, write to P. O. Box 211101, Columbus, Ohio 43221

UPCOMING WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTIONS

NOREASCON THREE, August 31-September 4, 1989; Boston, Massachusetts; Guests of Honor: Andre Norton, Betty and Ian Ballantine, and The Stranger Club-Boston's first Science Fiction Club; Sheraton-Boston Hotel Supporting Memberships (includes voting privileges for the Hugo Awards)-\$20.00. Attending Memberships until Sept. 15, 1988 is currently \$60.00. If you have a supporting membership and want to convert to attending, just pay the difference between your \$20.00 supporting fee and the current attending membership. Write to: NOREASCON THREE, Box 46, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, Massachusetts 92139. NOTE: Guest of Honor Andre Norton will host a new annual award at this convention for "the best unpublished fantasy work by a woman writer new to the field." This award will be called The Gryphon. For details of the contest, send an S.A.S.E. to: Andre Norton, 1600 Spruce Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

CONFICTION, August 23-August 27, 1990*; The Hague, Holland; Guests of Honor: Joe Haldeman, Wolfgang Jeschke, Harry Harrison, Andrew Porter; Toastmistress: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro; the Netherlands Congress Center; Supporting Memberships-\$28.00. Attending Memberships until December 31, 1988-\$65.00. If you have a supporting membership and want to convert to attending, just pay the difference between your \$28.00 supporting fee and the current attending membership. Agents in the U. S. are: David Schlosser, 6620 Hazeltine Avenue 9, Van Nuys, CA 94105 and Marc S. Glasser, P. O. Box 1252, Bowling Green Station, New York, NY 10274. (*Note: every year that the World Con is held in a foreign country, there is always a U. S. national convention held over Labor Day Weekend for those fans unable to travel abroad. Hint: I always buy an early Attending Membership, because I never know 3 years in advance whether or not I will be able to attend, and the EARLIER you buy that membership, the CHEAPER the cost will be to you.)

CHICON V, August 29-September 2, 1991; The Hyatt Regency Chicago; Guests of Honor: Hal Clement, Richard Powers, Martin Harry Greenberg, and Jon and Joni Stopa. Surrpoting memberships \$20 until 12/31/88. Attending memberships \$50 until 12/31/88 and \$75 during 1989. For information, write CHICON V, P. O. Box A3120, Chicago, ILL 60690. To register, write CHICON V, P. O. Box 218121, Upper Arlinton, OH 43221.

ORDER FILK TAPE CATALOGUES FROM

FIREBIRD ARTS AND MUSIC INC., P. O. Box 453, El Cerrito, CA 94530, (large selection of studio and convention filk tapes, song books, maps, books, artwork, and other items.)

DAG PRODUCTIONS, 1810 14th St., #102, Santa Monica CA 90404, (specializes in convention filk tapes.)

PEGASUS PUBLISHING, P. O. Box 9394, Ft. Worth, TX 76107, (retails large selection of filk tapes, and many hard to find folk records, tapes and song books)

THOR RECORDS, P. O. Box 40312, Downey, CA 90241, (a new company, dealing in filk tapes and some "crossover" or mainstream material.) Write for a price list.

WAIL SONGS, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604, (large catalogue of convention and studio filk tapes from a variety of sources and lots of folk music.) Write for the catalogue.

THE ANDRE NORTON COLLECTION, Andre Norton, Ltd., P. O. Box 747, Winter Park, Florida 32789, (Beautiful fantasy jewelry and gift items, mostly based on Andre Norton's Witch World series -- a definite must!) Write for a catalogue.

Lobby to put filk tapes in your local record and book stores. Ask the store managers if they carry filk tapes. Let them know there's a demand for original music! Let them know where they can order our music! Let bookstore owners know what certain types of filk tapes can do to help boost sales of science fiction and fantasy books!

NEXT HAWAIIAN FILK SONG MEET: Saturday, January 28, 12:00 Noon till Whenever, Thomas Square by Blaisdell Center. If you're traveling by bus, transfer to the #1 or #2 bus downtown and get out by Blaisdell Center. There is a McDonald's and a Burger King nearby if you want snacks or cold drinks.

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