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Dragon*Con 2007

The Daily Dragon

We Want Your Blood by Geoff Termorshuizen

After two major operations and multiple blood transfusions, Robert Heinlein started his convention blood drives in 1976 at WorldCon in Kansas City. He would only talk to or sign autographs for people who had donated blood. Since that start in '76, it has become a tradition at many sci-fi conventions.

Dragon*Con has an auspicious blood donating history. Last year, about 280 people were accepted out of 350 for donations. In contrast, other conventions average 80-150 units, with WorldCon managing 200, as did the Robert Heinlein Centennial celebration held earlier this year in Kansas, MO. Dragon*Con's tar-

get this year is 400 to 500 units.

PLEASE HELP!

This year's givers will each receive

- A unique t-shirt
- A plastic sword
- A pin designed by Heinlein himself
- A memorial Joe Murphy ribbon.

And the satisfaction of having saved four or five lives.

Convention-goers can choose to donate whole blood or plasma.

A person can donate plasma once a week and whole blood every six weeks. ALL blood types are needed, but negative types are needed the most urgently. If you have A-, B-, or AB-,

please make a special effort to come by.

LifeSouth will once again be our hosts, Magnolia (Marriott).

Donate now. If you don't, there may not be any to receive.

Blood Drive Hours

Fri	12PM - 6PM
Sat	9AM - 6PM
Sun	9AM - 6PM
Mon	10AM - 6PM



Got Books?

The SF/F Lit, Tolkien, YA lit, & Wheel of Time tracks are sponsoring a Book Swap.

- 1 paperback = 1 paperback
- 1 hardback = 2 paperback

Bring your books: Sat 1PM, Fairlie; Sat 10PM, Clayton (Hil); or Sun 5:30PM, Kennesaw.

Star Wars Costume Contest

Star Wars Costume Contest and Royal Court Deadline for the Costume Contest is Sun 1PM. We have room for 70 contestants, so reserve your place now. Escorts, sign up before Sun morning in Dunwoody. Children (0.X-12) are welcome to be part of the Royal Court if they are in Star Wars costume. Royal Court, contestants, and escorts meet **no later than Sun 5PM**, Hyatt pool level for line-up, photo shoot, and procession.

Animation, Horror, and Parodies

The Dragon*Con Independent Film Festival opens each day at 9AM in the Learning Center and runs late, late to 4AM, finishing with an hour of short films.

A taste of what we'll be showing:

- Animation blocks, Fri at 2:30PM and Sat at 5:30PM, featuring the newest work from Don

Hertzfeldt ("Billy's Balloon" and Academy Award-nominated "Rejection").

- Horror, Fri at 10PM, featuring works with Andrea Thompson (*Babylon 5*) and Don S. Davis (*Stargate SG-1*), David Morse (*House*) and John C. McGinley (*Scrubs*).
- Parodies, Fri at 5:30PM,

including a spoof of 24 (in seven minutes), the astronauts of *Apollo 13* cooking Thanksgiving dinner, and the *Lord of the Rings*... in downtown New York.

Check out the program book for a complete listing of film festival blocks and screening times.

Don't miss the trailer for the Dragons of Autumn Twilight Dragonlance movie! Sat 10AM, Regency V.

Schedule Changes

*The default is the Hyatt if no hotel is indicated.

Additions

The following guest has been added:
Alicia Witt.

<NEW> **Patti Starr** will be on "Tapping Your Psychic Potential" Fri 10PM and "Ghost Chasers" Sat 2:30PM (Roosevelt/Monroe (Hil)); or signing autographs Mon 2:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

<NEW> **Graham Watkins** will be on "Skeptics vs Believers" Sat 5:30PM, Hanover C/D/E.

<NEW> "Done the Impossible: The Fans' Tale of Firefly & Serenity" Q&A and movie screening with Creator/Director Brian Wisner, Fri 10PM Fulton/Cobb (Hil).

Alicia Witt will be conducting a Q&A after the screening of her short film, "Belinda's Swansong," before the *Pirates of the Great Salt Lake* screening. Sat 7PM, International North.

"Paranormal State" This Dec., A&E will premiere *Paranormal State*, a series chronicling the lives of members of one of the first university sanctioned Paranormal Research Societies at Penn State Univ. A 10-minute sneak peek will be followed by a Q&A with **Ryan Buell** and team members **Eilfie Music**, **Sergey Poberezhny**, and **Chip Coffey**. Sat 10AM, International North.

The *Dragons of Autumn Twilight Dragonlance* movie trailer will be shown during "Battlestar to Serenity: What's New from MWP, Ltd." Sat 10AM, Regency V.

"Striking Ancient Skies" (SPACE) Sat 10AM, Forsythe (Hil).

Christina Barber and **Joseph Dickerson** will be joining **Eugie Foster** at her Reading Sat 2:30PM, Roswell.

"Living Off the Land in Space" (SPACE) Sat 7PM, Forsythe (Hil).

"Late Night Machinima Screenings" Featuring machinima music videos and award-winning series episodes "The Adventures of Bill and John," "Civil Protection," "The Grind," "Neverending Nights," and more. Sun 3AM & Mon 4AM, Learning Center.

"Yahoo Groups Dragon*Con Get-together" Meet online buddies and be impressed by the wit and wisdom of the Internet Elders Sun 4PM, Clayton (Hil).

"Star Wars Costuming: The Dark Side" Siths and Dark Jedi, costume discussion from the dark side of the Force. Mon 4PM, Dunwoody.

Cancellations

The following guests will be unable to attend Dragon*Con 2007: **Aaron Allston**, **Sean Astin**, **Jeff Austin**, **Adam Baldwin**, **James Cawley**, **Richard Epcar**, **Evan Fowler**, **Lance Henriksen**, **Virginia Hey**, **Brandon Scott Jerwa**, **C. Andrew Nelson**, **Jan Osburg**, **Teresa Patterson**, **Mary Jo Putney**, **Bobby Rice**, **Katee Sackhoff**, **Crab Scrambly**, **Tiffany Shepis**, **Stolen Babies**, and **Harry Turtledove**.

Aaron Allston will not be signing autographs Fri 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M)

or appearing in "In the Beginning" Fri 2:30PM, Manilla/Singapore; "Prop Challenge" Fri 7PM, Dunwoody; "Star Wars: Words of the Force" Sat 1PM, Dunwoody; "Star Wars: The Cultural Phenomenon" Sat 7PM, Dunwoody; "The Star Wars Cantina Ball" Sat 10PM, International South (Hil); "The Star Wars Charity Auction" Sun 10AM, Dunwoody; and "The Future of Fantastic Fiction" Mon 4PM, Manilla/Singapore.

<NEW> **James Cawley** will not be on "Star Trek: New Voyagers" Sat 5PM, "TrekTrak Presents 'World Enough and Time'" Sat 7PM, "Star Trek XI: The Search For (A New) Spock" Sat 8:30PM, "Professional Star Trek Costume Building" Sun 10AM, and "The Missing Minority" Sun 11:30AM all in Baker; and "2007 Miss Klingon Empire Beauty Pageant" Sun 4PM, Regency VI-VII.

<NEW> **Evan Fowler** will not be on Star Trek: New Voyagers" Sat 5PM, "TrekTrak Presents 'World Enough and Time'" Sat 7PM, both in Baker, & "2007 Miss Klingon Empire Beauty Pageant" Sun 4PM, Regency VI-VII.

Brandon Scott Jerwa will not be appearing in "Short Cuts" Sat 11:30AM, Manilla/Singapore, or "Our Four-Color Fighting Forces" Sat 4PM, Fayette/Newton/Rockdale (Hil); reading Sun 1PM, Roswell; or signing autographs Sun 2:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

C. Andrew Nelson will not be appearing in "Star Wars: The Cultural Phenomenon" Sat 7PM, Dunwoody; "The Star Wars Cantina Ball" Sat 10PM, International South; "Star Wars Costume Contest" Sun 5:30PM, Regency VI-VII; "Star Wars: Trivia" Sun 8:30PM, Dunwoody; or "Star Wars Charity Auction" Sun 10PM, Dunwoody.

<NEW> **Bobby Rice** will not be on Star Trek: New Voyagers" Sat 5PM, "TrekTrak Presents 'World Enough and Time'" Sat 7PM, both in Baker, and "2007 Miss Klingon Empire Beauty Pageant" Sun 4PM, Regency VI-VII.

Tiffany Shepis will not be signing autographs Fri 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M), or reading Sun 5:30PM, University.

<NEW> **Harry Turtledove** will not be reading Sat 1PM, University; signing autographs Sun 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M); or on panels: "Effective Tools for Making that First Sale" Sat 2:30PM, Manilla/Singapore; "Showcase: Harry Turtledove" Sun 8:30PM, Greenbriar; and "Stretching Your Envelope as a Writer" Mon 11:30AM Manilla/Singapore.

"LiftPort: Tethered Towers" Fri 8:30PM, Forsythe (Hil).

"How to View Space Satellites From Your Own Backyard" Sat 10AM, Forsythe (Hil).

"Eclipse LARP" (Red Button Production) Sat 1PM, Marriott.

<NEW> "Horror in Gaming" Sat 7PM, M106-107 (M).

Eugie Foster will not be reading at "Aberrant Dreams: The Awakening" Sun 4PM, Williams; or signing autographs Mon 11:30AM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"Drawn from Middle-Earth: Artists of Arda" Mon 10AM, Clayton (Hil).

<NEW> **L.A. Banks** will not be appearing in "Women Artists - Their Tragedies and Their

Triumphs" Sun 5:30PM, Hanover F and will not be reading Sun 7PM, Roswell.

Diana G. Gallagher will not be appearing in "Star Trek Authors Cavalcade: The Ladies" Mon 11:30AM, Baker.

Corrections

"Bringing Your Costume to Life" is at 11:30AM (not 11:30PM) Sat, Clayton (Hil).

"Star Wars: Trivia" will only be one hour long, Sun 8:30PM, Dunwoody.

Updates

<NEW> **Matt Kelland**, co-author of *Machima* and creative director of UK-based Short Fuze, will replace **Adam Freese** on "Machinima 101" Sat 10AM, Learning Center.

<NEW> "Making SF and Fantasy Films" replaced by a screening of Gordon Woolvet's "Fracture." Gordon Woolvet, best known for *Andromeda*, directs this SF thriller starring his *Andromeda* cast mates. Q&A to follow. Sat 4PM, Learning Center.

<NEW> "The Lone Gunmen Talk About Conspiracies!" Sat 1PM, will be in Hanover C/D/E.

<NEW> "Pitch Black: An Hour With Claudia Black" will be in Centennial Sat 1PM.

"Gesture Drawing" moved from Sun 2:30PM to Fri 4PM, Hanover G.

"Adding Ghostly and Other-Worldly Images to Your Art" moved from Mon 11:30AM to Fri 7PM, Hanover F.

"The Shortest Step: The First 200 Miles" moved from Sat 11:30AM to Fri 8:30PM, Forsythe (Hil).

"The Great Observatories" moved from 7PM to 11:30AM Sat, Forsythe (Hil).

"Battlestar Galactica LARP" (Nightfall Production) moved from Sun 1PM to Sat 1PM (M).

"Science, Skepticism, and Sleight-of-Hand" moved from 11:30AM to 1PM Sat, Henry (Hil).

"Apocalyptic Family Feud" moved from 4PM to Sun 2:30PM, Madison (Hil).

"Charm-ing Dragons" moved from Fri 4PM to Sun 2:30PM, Hanover F.

"My God Is Smitier Than Your God: The Apocalypse in Theology" moved from Sat 4PM to Sun 4PM, Madison (Hil).

"Shortcuts to Sci-fi and Fantasy Imagery in Your Art" moved from Mon 2:30PM to Sun 8:30PM, Hanover F.

"Star Wars: LRPG" now "Star Wars: Role Playing" Discussing the new D20 role-playing book from Wizards of the Coast. Mon 1PM, Dunwoody.



In Memoriam: Russell Segars

Feb 25, 1962 - May 19, 2007

Goodbye, Good Friend. When you get to Heaven, teach the angels how to be gamers.

—Steve Dice



Star Wars Galaxies Meet & Greet

Members of the Tarquinas Galaxy welcome all Star Wars Galaxies players to an informal meet and greet Fri 8:30PM, Parasol Bar in the Hyatt Atrium Lobby.



Happy Birthday

To one of my best friends, Stephanie!

—Lurv,Nikki



Vixens Signing

Meet the models of the Volunteer Vixens Calendar. They'll be signing two times during the show. Sat & Sun Noon-2-PM, in front of the Exhibit Hall.



Happy Wedding Anniversary, Rob!

Four years! We have lasted longer than some of our favorite sci-fi shows!

—Love, Nicole



Kilt Inspection Team

"Bring your own Blue Ribbon" informal happy hour. Wearers of the kilt and enthusiasts welcome. We'll have stickers for your con badges. Fri 5PM, Hyatt Lobby Bar.



Happiest of Birthdays

To dear friends Sabine Capeheart and Karen Venn! Have draga-licious days.

—Elizabeth



Zombie Walk 2007

The Apocalypse Rising track, together with Atlanta HorrorFest, is sponsoring a Zombie Walk on Sat (note: not part of the D°C parade). Dress like a zombie and shamle through the streets of downtown Atlanta. Make-up services available beforehand, 9AM Madison (Hil). Meet at the Courtland entrance of the Hilton. Walk begins 10AM.

