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Dragon*Con 2007

The Daily Dragon

"If you call him Shrek, he'll beat you senseless." —Bryan Thompson, King of the Trolls (as quoted by Grant Imahara)

The Masquerade is a bittersweet moment at Dragon*Con. It's always a fantastic show, arguably the best at Dragon*Con, and this year was no different. Masters of Ceremony **Grant Imahara** and **Kari Byron** from the Discovery Channel's *Mythbusters* were among the best that have ever served in that position, with quips and reactions that will be long remembered in the annals of the convention. The costumes themselves were, as always, incredible, and the 501st evictions few.

Director Marilee Coughlin and her crack staff have once again put on a good show.

And yet, the Masquerade marks the climax of the convention. Every concert or panel brings us that much closer to the moment where we must leave the Paradiso Geek and return to our lives beyond.

Judges: **Michael Winslow,**

Vic Mignogna, and **Dave Tango.**

Best in Show: McKayla Butym, Angie Duplis, Vanessa Heaton, Shannon Hunnicutt, Tracy Hunnicutt. Concept: Moulin Rouge Meets Sailor Moon. Costumes: Sailor Jupiter, Sailor Moon, Sailor Mars, Sailor Venus, Sailor Mercury.

Best in Show—Masters: Brian Frey, Lisa Lang, Holly Frey,



Stephanie Phillips, Heidi Pritchett. Concept: Adventures of

Wallace and Gromit. Costumes: Various characters from the Wallace and Gromit claymation films.

Best Journeyman: Bryan Thompson. Costume: King of the Trolls.

Best Novice: Chris Lee. Costume: Robotech Cyclone.

Best Movie Character: Ian Hales. Costume: Jack Skellington.

Best Humor: Ashley Byram, Jennifer Duchavne,

Mike Sanders. Costumes: Witches from the Broadway show *Wicked*.

Best Fantasy: Marjan Peltier. Costume: Caterpillar from *Alice in Wonderland*.

Best Horror: Chip Malinowski. Costume: Goliath the Gargoyle.

Best Animation: Jim Jones. Costume: Gossamer.

Best Comic Book: Chip Hackler. Costume: Man-Thing.

Best Harry Potter: Alex Meyer, Chelsea Kitchens. Concept: Tonks and Padfoot Dance-Off. Costume: Tonks, Padfoot.

Best in Show—Children: Tevfik and Kayli. Costume: Darth Teffet and Master Hayli Jade.

Best Toddler: Katerina Fletcher. Costume: Queen Amidala.

Children—Second Place: Benjamin Mason. Costume: Sora from *Kingdom Hearts*.

Children—Third Place: Tommy Thomas. Costume: 14th Century Crossbowman.

Honorable Mention: All children who competed.

2007 Miss Klingon Empire

by Amy Herring and Debbie Yutko

Even Master of Ceremonies Eric L. Watts's spirited performance of "Hey, Miss Klingon" could not overshadow the political message of the newly-crowned 2007 Miss Klingon Empire, VarkNa B'traughh (Valerie Rice): the Klingon campaign to conquer Earth. "We must save the humans from their biggest enemies—themselves."

The pageant opened with "Klingon Rhapsody," accompanied by two trembling, red-shirted Federation security guards. Only one guard appeared as a captive during the event, running errands and pouring water at a Klingon warrior's command, as well as toadying to the one human friend of

the Klingons, emcee Watts. The fate of the second red shirt remains unreported, and he is feared dead.

The pageant was judged by a celebrity panel, again led by certified Miss America Organization pageant judge **Autumn Skye Boothe** along with judges **Ken Feinberg** (who appeared as an alien captain on *Star Trek Enterprise*), **Barbara Luna** ("Lt. Moreau," "Mirror, Mirror," *Star Trek*), **Charles Root** ("Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott," *Star Trek New Voyages*), and **John de Lancie** ("Q," *Star Trek: The Next Generation*).

The other contestants battling for top honors were

Nej Vestai Le'nlnnav (Sonya Desilets), Askade Yel'snrep (Simone Pernsley), SajQa'sutai Fenix (Andrea Benton), Zolamonga Durku (Kimberly Wenger), Di'Larh vestai-Dokmarr (Diana Krummel), M'Ara (Rose H. McCall), and K'vara (Joanna Jo Lombardi).

Fighting demonstrations, some with musical accompaniment, dominated the talent contest. Nej Vestai Le'nlnnav beat a puny Jedi into submission while singing "When you got it, flaunt it" from *The Producers*. Zolamonga Durku demolished a Klingon warrior, who was later seen skulking from

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Schedule Changes

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

Additions

The following guest has been added:
Alicia Witt.

"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 Mon 4AM, Learning Center.

*NEW **"The Age of Men"** fan film screening Mon 10AM, Clayton (Hil).

Angela Knight will be reading Mon 10AM, Williams.

"Kickass Heroines" with **Angela Knight, Rebecca York,** and **Susan Kearney** Mon 11:30AM, Montreal/Vancouver.

Rosemary Ellen Guiley will be reading Mon 11:30AM, Williams, and signing autographs Mon 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"Paul Mercer & Friends Open Violin Jam" Mon 12:30PM (30 min), Concourse Stage.

*NEW **Rebecca York** will be signing autographs Mon 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

Susan Kearney will be reading Mon 1PM, Williams.

"Emerald Rose" Mon 2PM (30 min), Concourse Stage.

"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, Christopher Irving, Brandon Scott Jerwa, C. Andrew Nelson, Jan Osburg, Teresa Patterson, Mary Jo Putney, Bobby Rice, Katee Sackhoff, Crab Scrambly, Tiffany Shepis, Jolie S. Simmons, Stolen Babies, Harry Turtledove, and Tom Vigil.** (Please refer to the pocket program for affected panels and events.)

Eugie Foster will not be signing autographs Mon 11:30AM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

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

Steve Niles will not be in "Tools for Ghouls" Mon 11:30AM, Fayette/Newton/Rockdale (Hil).

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

Susan Sizemore will not be in "Protecting Your Inner Writer" Mon 2:30PM, Manilla/Singapore.

Maggie Shayne will not be in "Protecting Your Inner Writer" Mon 2:30PM, Manilla/Singapore, or signing autographs Mon 2:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

Updates

*NEW **Diana Herald, Susan Fictelerg, Bonnie Kunzel, Tracy Akers,** and **Scott Westerfield** will be in "Utopia and Dystopia" Mon 10AM, Gwinnett (Hil).

*NEW **"The Lone Gunmen - Stories from the Set"** moved from Mon 1PM to Mon 11:30AM, Roosevelt/Monroe (Hil).

*NEW **Heidi Heiner, Davey Beauchamp, Diana Gallagher,** and **Todd McCaffrey** will be in "To the Head of the Class: SF/F for Teachers" Mon 11:30AM, Gwinnett (Hil).

*NEW **Davey Beauchamp, Michelle Weston,** and **Adam Selzer** will be in "Books for Boys" Mon 1PM, Gwinnett (Hil).

*NEW **"Lost: What's 'The Fuselage?'"** moved from Mon 11:30AM to Mon 1PM, Roosevelt/Monroe (Hil).

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

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

"Jedi Inside Out" moved from Mon 4PM to Mon 2:30PM, Dunwoody.

Attention! Missing 13-year-old Female

Page Holden, 13 years old. Staying at the Hilton. Last seen at the Marriott about 1AM Sun. Dark, short hair, gray kimono, gray belt, gray glitter around eyes, small scratch on side of nose, no shoes.

If found, please contact mother Deborah Holden (813-431-1608) and convention security, Hyatt 222.



Charity Auction

The 2007 Dragon*Con Charity Auction earned \$8,700, and the Star Wars Charity Auction earned \$1,500, for a total of over \$10 thousand, to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Thank you for your generosity!



What's New on the Daily Dragon Podcast

Claudia Christian, best known for her portrayal of Commander Susan Ivanova on *Babylon 5*, discusses Ivanova's heroism and flaws, her relationship with Talia Winters, her recurring role on *Nip/Tuck*, and her new book, *My Life With Freaks and Geeks*.

For the complete interview and for daily audio updates on Dragon*Con, visit the podcast website: www.dailydragon.org



Dragon*Con Orchestra

Come see the debut performance of the Dragon*Con Orchestra. Never before seen together ... because we haven't all met yet. Mon 12:30PM, Concourse Stage.



September 15 Wedding Wishes

The Dragon*Con staff would like to wish Sarah and Sean a lifetime of joy and happiness. May this be the beginning of all you have longed for. Congratulations!



How Much Did We Bleed?

The tally so far:

Fri: 80 units

Sat: 80 units

Sun: 150 units

Thank you! And if you haven't donated blood at the convention, you still can!



Happy One Year Anniversary, Lee Hansen

—Love always, Katherine

Buffy Horror Big Draw

by Shannon O'Connor

Two crammed-full houses sang and cheered along with Friday night's "Buffy Horror Picture Show" performances. The fan-favorite showings of the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* musical episode, "Once More, With Feeling," featured volunteer cast members in costume.

At 9:30PM, a half hour before the first show time, the line stretched from the International Ballrooms outside the Hyatt, down the block, and around the corner—a common occur-

rence this weekend. During seating, a spontaneous round of applause erupted for Anne Davenport of Panama City, Florida, and her handmade Angel puppet.

In the first show, immediately after the mustard-free interlude, the projector gave out during Tara's love song to Willow, sending techs scurrying to reboot. Of course, the show went on, with the audience still treated to the song's closing love scene—complete with discreet cover-

age provided by a handy cue card.

Perhaps the audience's loudest welcome was for Spike's grand entrance, but dancing demon Sweet also received several rounds of cheers for his gleefully dark performance. Anya garnered huge applause for her mini tour de force on the horrors of bunnies. Extras helped bring the funny as they stood in for demons, weapons, a pommel horse, and even a punching bag.

2007 Miss Klingon Empire

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the Regency ballroom in shame. Askade Yel'snrep undulated through a traditional Klingon bat'leth dance. SajQa' sutai Fenix led the audience in a rousing war anthem sung in her native tongue.

Delayed by battle, Di'Larh vestai-Dokmarr marched on-to the stage late, bloodied and glowering with fe-

vered eyes. She recited a war poem, flanked by her wounded troops, bleeding but unbowed. Pacing across the stage, she repeated the battle cry, "Today was a good day to die."

Contest winner VarkNa B'traughh wowed the crowd with her version of a Hawaiian hula, complete with grass skirt and coconut-shell bustier over her armor. The narrative dance

continued

included heavy drinking and an emotional moment when the future Miss Klingon Empire pummeled, kicked, and stamped an offensive jerk into the sand.

When asked what she will do during her reign, VarkNa B'traughh told the *Daily Dragon*, "Devote myself to the Klingon effort to defeat Earth, because I can make it succeed."