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# The Daily Dragon

## An Interview with Jamie Bamber by Suzanne Church

Jamie Bamber is the English-American actor currently starring as "Major Lee 'Apollo' Adama" in the Sci Fi Channel's *Battlestar Galactica*.



**Daily Dragon:** *Science fiction is used to question the flaws of humanity through a lens that provides accessibility to people who might not otherwise read or watch stories about race equality, gender equality, religion, or politics. One of Battlestar Galactica's greatest strengths is its fearless comment on these aspects of society. Which aspects resonate most with you?*

**Jamie Bamber:** At its core, [*Battlestar Galactica*] is a show about civilizations fouling their own beds and chewing up the planets they live on by over-extending themselves by developing in ways that are questionable and that lead to their own destruction and the very destructive nature of humanity. Like all life, if put in a Petri dish, we will breed and expand and slowly kill ourselves with our own excretions after a while.

And that's exactly what we're doing as a human race on this planet right now. We are pretty well guaranteeing our own destruction, and *Battlestar Galactica* takes that premise a step further and examines what happens after that.

I think it's a mirror that

we hold up to the world. All those things you mentioned—political situations around the world, wars we fight, enemies we create with our own blinded policies, our own prejudices—I think the people we deem to be enemies, people we think are less than human, all these things, are apparent with what my character, all of the characters, have to deal with, each and every one of them.

It's a fascinating show. It's bleak, but I believe it holds a truthful mirror up to the situations we face now. We as a human race all are head of this plan; we realize how desperately wrong it's been going for at least the last 30 or 40 years.

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website.)

## Machinima Machinima Machinima

The Film track will feature an hour-long panel with machinima makers and screen some of the best machinima shorts around! See multiple award winners from the 2006 Machinima Festival, including *World of Warcraft*, *The Movies*, *Half-Life*, and *The Sims 2* machinima. Comedy, drama, suspense, action, music videos, film noir, and more done machinima style! Sat 10AM, Learning Center.

## An Interview with Holly Black by M. David Schafer

Holly Black has published three young adult urban fantasy novels, *Tithe*, *Valiant*, and *Ironside*, which reached the New York Times best-seller list. She co-created the *Spiderwick Chronicles* series with Tony DiTerlizzi, which has been adapted into a movie by Paramount, to be released next year.

**Daily Dragon (DD):** Your work is darker than a lot of young adult fantasy. Do you ever self-censor?

**Holly Black (HB):** I think that people have an idea about teen literature, especially adults who are around my age, that it's like the books they read as kids. In fact, those books are solidly in the middle grades. The books that I read I read as a kid are comfortably shelved in middle grade, and when I think back, I read them

back in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade.

I'm writing for 14-year-olds and 17-year-olds, and when I was that age, I was reading novels. What teen and YA are doing is trying to bridge that gap between being in middle school, and in some cases, college. So teen books have to address the concerns of teens, and their concerns are perhaps not what we would like as parents. They're dealing with drugs, they're dealing with sex and bullies and gangs and really scary stuff. They're making decisions that could massively affect what happens to them for the rest of their lives.

It's a real turning point, and it's a fascinating time to be writing about. I think to be fair, and to do a good job, in order to service it you have to remember what

I was really doing at that time. People I think would be surprised at the stuff that I didn't make up. I really did sleep in a subway platform in New York, just like Val in *Valiant*. I wasn't on an abandoned platform with a bunch of homeless teenagers, I was there with my friends because I was 13, and we snuck away to the city, it's true. I would be doing a disservice to kids if I wasn't being true to that.

**DD:** What new projects are you working on?

**HB:** I have three graphic novels I'm working on called *The Good Neighbors*, with Ted Naifeh. They're a little bit like my modern fairy tale series, but it's not specifically the same universe.

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website.)

# Schedule Changes

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

## Additions

The following guest has been added:  
**Alicia Witt.**

**"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).

\***NEW Josepha Sherman** will be in "Effective Tools for Making that First Sale" Sat 2:30PM, Manilla/Singapore and "Weaving Plot, Character, Setting, Theme, and Style Into a Great Work of Fiction" Sun 10AM, Manilla/Singapore.

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

**Patti Starr** will be on "Ghost Chasers" Sat 2:30PM, Roosevelt/Monroe (Hil), and signing autographs Mon 2:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

\***NEW "Demo of Icarus Studios' MMO 'Fallen Earth'"** Sat 3PM, M108-M109 (M).

\***NEW L.A. Banks** will be signing autographs Sat 5:30PM Imperial Ballroom (M).

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

**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.

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

\***NEW Troma's latest film screening** at Sun 12AM, Hanover C/D/E.

**"Late Night Machinima Screenings"** featuring machinima music videos and award-winning series episodes "The Adventures of Bill and John," "Civil Protection," "The Grind," "Never-ending Nights," and more Sun 3AM & Mon 4AM, Learning Center.

\***NEW Anne Petty** will be signing Sun 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

\***NEW Adult Swim** will be signing autographs Sun 4PM, International North.

**"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).

\***NEW "Group Hypnotic Inductions"** Come join Dee Bitner as she plays with your heads Sun 8:30PM, Roosevelt/Monroe (Hil).

\***NEW "Paul Mercer & Friends Open**

**Violin Jam"** Mon 12:30PM (30 min), Concourse Stage.

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

\***NEW Lexa Doig** will not be in "Andromeda Cast Reunion" Sat 10AM, Centennial II-III, and "The Captain's Call" Sun 11:30AM, Regency VI-VII.

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

\***NEW "Worm Quartet"** Sat 11AM (30 min), Concourse Stage.

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

**Bobby Rice** will not be on Star Trek: "Horror in Gating" Sat 7PM, M106-107 (M).

\***NEW Sarah Wilkinson** will not be in "Star Wars Charity Auction" Sun 10AM, Dunwoody (Hil), and "Women Artists: Their Tragedies and Their Triumphs" Sun 5:30PM, Hanover F.

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

**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.

**Tiffany Shepis** will not be reading Sun 5:30PM, University.

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

\***NEW Steve Niles** will not be in "Tools for Ghouls" Mon 11:30AM, Fayette/Newton/Rockdale (Hil), and "Monsters in Our Midst" Sat 1PM, Montreal/Vancouver.

**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 Martha Wells** may be delayed due to flight cancellation 10AM Saturday reading.

**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.

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

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

\***NEW Elizabeth Donald** will be signing autographs Sat 1PM instead of Sat 11:30PM.

**"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).

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

**"Pitch Black: An Hour With Claudia Black"** will be in Centennial I Sat 1PM.

\***NEW Holly Black**, **Cassandra Clare**, **Justine Larbalestier**, **Scott Westerfeld**, and **Maureen Johnson** will be on "New Voices in YA," Sat 4PM Gwinnett (Hil).

\***NEW Crossed Swords** moved from 10AM, International Ballroom, to Sat 4PM, Centennial I.

**"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 Tracy Akers** and **Todd McCaffrey** will be on "Harry Potter Prophecies: Revealed" Sat 5:30PM Gwinnett (Hil).

\***NEW Ghost Hunters** will be doing a Q&A Sat 5:30, Hanover C/D/E.

\***NEW "Skeptics vs Believers"** Sat 5:30, moved to Roosevelt/Monroe (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.

\***NEW David Faustino's Q&A** Sun 4PM International North moved to 2:30PM Sun.

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

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

**Lost Badge**  
Gage Grazie. \$ Reward for return. 706-366-0434.



## Rainbow Flag Party

Inviting all members and friends of the GLBT community. Sponsored by Gaylaxicon 2007. Sat 10PM, Baker.



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## Hi to all the BA-CHICKS

Hope you're having tons of fun. Can't wait to hear all about it when you get home!

—Annie



## The Missing Volume Signings

Many of your favorite authors will be autographing at The Missing Volume (Exhibit Hall, Booth 109) all weekend, including Peter S. Beagle, Timothy Zahn, David Drake, and Kevin J. Anderson.



## Happy Birthday, Achbar!

—Love, The Jerry/ies



## Corsetmakers and Interested Parties!

Please come and show off your techniques! Sat 2PM, Hilton 1536.



## Fark.Com Party

Fark Founder Drew Curtis will be there as well as Fark TV, Sat 3PM, High Velocity Bar (M).



## Welcome, and

## Happy Anniversary!

The Pensacola Dragon\*Con Family says "welcome" to first time attendees Tim and Terri Wilaby, celebrating their wedding anniversary. Happy 27th Anniversary!



## Happy Birthday Jackie Jax!

Hope you have a ROARING good time! Love Ya!

—Chrystal



## Special birthday wishes for Terri Wilaby

May the fun, excitement, and friendships found here at Dragon\*Con serve as worthy gifts for you on this special day! Enjoy yourself!

<p><b>Dawn Look-Alike Contest</b> All contestants must register by 3PM Sat.</p>	<p><b>Masquerade</b> All contestants must register by 3PM Sun.</p>
<p><b>MOTF Scavenger Hunt</b> You will need to start looking for a special MOTF Star Wars 30th Anniversary logo (1" Sticker). *Must sign up by Sat 1PM.</p>	<p><b>Live Music, Dancing, and a Few Surprises</b> At the Cantina Ball. Sat 10PM, International South.</p>