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Dragon\*Con 2007

# The Daily Dragon

## An Interview with Jack McDevitt by Amy Herring

Jack McDevitt is an accomplished storyteller, winner of the 2006 Nebula award for his novel, *Seeker*. He will be a guest



at Dragon\*Con for the first time this decade.

Daily Dragon (DD): *How do you think your diverse career as naval officer, cab driver, English teacher, customs officer, and motivational trainer has affected your writing?*

Jack McDevitt (JM): Assorted careers ultimately make you the person you are. And your writing is a reflection

of that. A lot of the people I went through high school with still live in South Philadelphia. Had I done that, I've no doubt my work would be different, assuming there'd be a product at all.

An example: In 1970 I was at Wesleyan University taking a classical history course so I could get my M.A. and my teaching license. The instructor threw a barbecue for us, during the course of which he described a Renaissance scholar who went to Greece, found a batch of lost manuscripts in a trunk.

On the way home, a storm blew up and the ship went down. And the trunk with it. What was in the trunk? Some of the lost plays of Sophocles? One of the missing Homeric epics? Who knows? But the idea has stayed with

me and 35 years later stories about irreplaceable things that get lost still wipe me out. And show up all the time in my writing.

DD: *As an officer in the Navy, you must have traveled widely. Is there any place in the world you'd like to visit or to return to?*

JM: Japan. It's a lovely country full of memories for me. I got to the top of Fuji, had my first experience with a different culture, found time to do a lot of boating, could still play a decent game of softball, learned how to play shogi, made a lot of friends, and in general had a marvelous time.

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website, and be sure to catch Jack at his panels this weekend.)

### Join the Parade!

Come be part of the 6th Annual Dragon\*Con Parade. We're expecting a bigger and better parade than last year's, which had almost 1,400 costumed participants and over 45 themed vehicles.

Sign up at our table outside the Hyatt Grand Hall (convention registration), Thu from 4-9PM or Fri from 9:30AM-9PM.

Already signed up? Pick up your parade ribbons at our table.

Parade starts at 10AM Sat at Woodruff Park (at Peachtree St and Auburn Ave). We'll march north on Peachtree back to the Hyatt's front entrance, turn onto Baker, and end at the Marriott's front entrance.

### Space & Science Track Mitosis

This year, the Space & Science track split into two separate tracks, with double the number of topics and panels!

The Science track brings back the *Mythbuster's* Build team (Sat 11:30AM, Regency VI&VII) as well as programming from the skeptic community. Don't miss the

throw down: "Skeptics vs Believers" Sat 5:30PM, Hanover C/D/E.

The Space track will have live astronomy viewing with a dual-scoped solar telescope (Fri, Sat, & Sun noon-3PM, Hilton 3rd fl. pool and tennis courts) and control of one of the Kitt

Peak telescopes via the Internet Fri, Sat, & Sun midnight-3AM, Forsythe (Hilton).

Plus, the rocket flight simulators are back! Fri, Sat, & Sun 9AM-3AM and Mon 9AM-4PM, Peachtree Center St by the Hyatt.

### Don't Go In Through the Out Door

At the request of hotel management, one-way pedestrian traffic between the Hyatt and Marriott will be in effect during convention hours for crowd control purposes.

Outbound traffic will be via the pool deck stairs.

Inbound will be via the handicapped access ramp to the motor lobby level or directed to the front of the building.

Please plan accordingly!

Note: Handicapped and other high priority traffic are *not* subject to this restriction.



# Schedule Changes

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

## Additions

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

**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 3+AM & 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 Ep-**

**car**, **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**.

**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.

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[WWW.DAILYDRAGON.DRAGONCON.NET /PODCAST](http://WWW.DAILYDRAGON.DRAGONCON.NET/PODCAST)

**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.

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

**"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.

**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).

**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

**"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).

**"Charming 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.

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

## The Dragon\*Con Store

The place for official Dragon\*Con merchandise: T-shirts, lanyards, Volunteer Vixen calendar, and more!

Note: Due to construction in the Marriott, we'll be located in the Publishers Room in the Hilton this year.

FRIDAY: NOON-7:00PM  
SATURDAY: 10:00AM-7:00PM  
SUNDAY: 10:00AM-7:00PM  
MONDAY: 10:00AM-5:00PM

For all you early morning shoppers, there will also be a table directly outside the Exhibit Hall with Dragon\*Con merchandise for sale from 8:30AM until the Exhibit Hall opens.



## Dragon\*Con TV

Set your dials when you check in to your hotels:

Hyatt: 42  
Marriott: 37  
Hilton: 14



## Volunteer Vixens Calendar

Some of the female volunteer staff of Dragon\*Con teamed up with the photography staff to put together a calendar to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Each month features foxy geek girls, and all proceeds go to charity. So you can feel good about oogling us! Available at the Dragon\*Con store.



## Your Shout-Outs Here

Got an announcement or a room party? A lost/found notice or a "Happy Dragon\*Con" wish? Say it in the *Daily Dragon*! It's free!

Fill out an Announcement Request Form in Hyatt 219. Deadline 7PM for the next day's issue.

## Independent Film Track Presents

Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Vampira: The Movie</i> Learning Center, 1AM (Sat)	<i>Pirates of the Great Salt Lake</i> International North, 7PM	<i>The Signal</i> , International North, 4PM	<i>Blood Car</i> Learning Center, 11:30PM
From pin-up to TV star to B-movie icon, <i>Vampira: The Movie</i> documents the life and career of Maila "Vampira" Nurmi, the "glamour ghoul" and horror movie hostess best known for her appearance in Ed Wood's 1956 low-budget <i>Plan 9 From Outer Space</i> . (documentary)	Two outcasts and loners take the pirate code to heart in their landlocked home and set out for a life of pillaging and plunder. They stumble upon a long lost treasure map, but will it fulfill their wildest pirate dreams or curse them... or both? (fantasy/comedy)	In the city of Terminus, all forms of communication have been jammed by an enigmatic transmission that preys on fear and desire. Ben must save the woman he loves from the bedlam in the streets as well as from her crazed, sadistic husband by uncovering the true nature of <i>The Signal</i> . (sci-fi/horror/thriller)	Save gas...drive Blood Car! In the near future, gas prices have reached astronomical highs, and Archie Andrews is trying to discover an alternate fuel source. While experimenting with wheat grass, he accidentally stumbles upon a solution: Blood. <i>Human Blood!</i> (horror-comedy)
Q&A with director <b>Kevin Sean Michaels</b> to follow.	Q&A with director <b>E.R. Nelson</b> to follow.	Q&A with the cast and crew to follow.	Q&A with writer/director <b>Alex Orr</b> to follow.