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Best-selling Author Jim Butcher Returns to Dragon Con

by Debbie Yutko and Amy Herring

Jim Butcher, best-selling author of *The Dresden Files* and *The Codex Alera*, is back for Dragon Con 2013. Butcher is continuing the urban fantasy escapades of wizard P.I. Harry Dresden and embarking on a new steampunk series. He has also found the time to pen a collection of Dresden short stories titled *Side Jobs*, seven Dresden graphic novels, and *Spider-Man: The Darkest Hours*. The *Daily Dragon* met with Butcher to discuss his latest news and continuing successes.

Daily Dragon (DD): Can you give us any tidbits about *The Aeronaut's Windlass*, the first book in your new steampunk fantasy series, *The Cinder Spires*?

Jim Butcher (JB): The series is basically Hornblower meets *League of Extraordinary Gen-*



tlemen. We're getting the band together in the first book. The title is a reference to the ship of the aership captain, who is going to be central to the story. He's a privateer, and the ship becomes severely damaged in the first book. In order to be able to afford the repairs, he's got to do some work for the lord of the spire. Otherwise, all his ship is going to be able to do is to go up and down the spire, hauling cargo, like a glorified elevator or a windlass. The title, *The Aeronaut's Windlass*, comes from the captain's determination to get the ship back into the sky.

DD: What drew you to the ste-

ampunk genre?

JB: I'd been considering writing steampunk for a long time. Mostly what drew me was the costumes. You can get all kinds of really groovy steampunk costumes and props at conventions. I like that a lot.

DD: What are your long-range plans for the *Cinder Spires* series?

JB: For the time being, I've got three books outlined. I think it'll be about a nine-book series. We'll have to see how well it does. I've had a really, really strong positive reaction from my beta readers on it—to a greater degree than even *The Dresden Files*. We'll see if it takes off as well as some of the readers think it will.

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

Atlanta Braves Welcome Dragon Con

by Margaret Caracappa



Thursday night, the Atlanta Braves hosted Dragon Con Night at Turner Field, with a portion of ticket sales benefiting the official 2013 Dragon Con charities. Before the game, costumed attendees were invited to participate in a parade around the field. About 50 participants were led around the field by Lou Ferrigno.

"Altogether, this took me a couple of weeks," said Julie Garner, who custom made her

Loki costume, using brass rods and foam to keep the horns on her headpiece from drooping. She attended the game with her brother, cosplaying as Connor Davenport from *Assassin's Creed*.

Liam McIntyre threw out the ceremonial first pitch and Lucy Lawless started the game with the traditional shout of "Play Ball!" The Braves beat the Cleveland Indians, 3-1, sweeping the three-game series.

2013 Dragon Con Charities Need Your Support!

by Geoff Termorshuizen

Dragon Con has had a rich history of supporting charities. This year, we have three primary charities, and Dragon Con fans were able to choose which charities the convention would be supporting. Fans cast nearly 40,000 votes over two weeks, and Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary won with 66%, followed by Georgia Conservancy and the Marcus Autism Center. They will receive 50%, 30%, and 20% of the money raised, respectively.

There will be four main charity

events this year:

"Cosplay Charity Auction" Sat 3PM, Hanover C-E (Hy).

"Dragon Con Charity Auction—Books & Art" Sat 11:30AM, Hanover C-E (Hy).

"Dragon Con Charity Auction" Sun 10AM, Hanover C-E (Hy).

"Don S. Davis Memorial Charity Auction" Sun 4PM, Hanover C-E (Hy).

Please help us make this year's Dragon Con charity effort the most successful ever!

Kaleidoscope Track Baby Dragon Hunt

The Kaleidoscope Track is hosting a Baby Dragon Hunt! We've hidden pictures of a certain baby dragon in all five host hotels in the Dragon Con convention spaces. Pick up an instruction sheet in the Dragon Con mobile app, on the *Daily Dragon* website (downloadable as a PDF), or in the Kaleidoscope Track room, A708 (M). Work together as a family and have fun! Information Services and Kaleidoscope Volunteer Staffers can provide clues (if asked politely).

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt
M = Marriott
Hil = Hilton
S = Sheraton
W = Westin

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2013: ***NEW* Laurie Holden**, ***NEW* Zoie Palmer**, ***NEW* Kalayna Price**, **Cassie Alexander**, **Stephen Amell**, **Kristin Bauer**, **Ginger Campbell**, **Adnan Chatriwala**, **Louis Ferreira**, **Ona Grauer**, **Mike Grell**, **Daxiong Guo**, **Lizbeth R. Jimenez**, **Sifu Kisu**, **Chelsea Monroe-Cassel**, **Gene Wolfe**

Additions

NEW PRESENTERS: Aidan Scanlan, **Daniel Thomas May**, **David Gaider**

"Women's Roles in SF" What makes a good, strong female character? Presenters: Suzanne Church, Darlene Bolesny, Jennifer St. Giles. Fri 11:30AM, Embassy B-C (Hy).

"Billy Dee Williams" The coolest man in the universe, loved by millions as Lando Calrissian in the *Star Wars* universe! Fri 1PM, Centennial I (Hy).

Suzanne Church will be on "Science Fiction or Fantasy?" Fri 2:30PM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

"Venture Villainy 101" Everything you need to know about becoming a villain in the Venture universe! Fri 4PM, Dunwoody (Hy).

Daniel Thomas May will be on "Tony Lately" Fri 5:30PM, Regency V (Hy).

Mike Phirman will be on "FRED Entertainment Panel-Palooza-Extrava-Thingee-a-Doodle" Fri 5:30PM, Grand West (Hil).

Chris Pope will be on "You're the Publisher: Kickstarting Videogames" Fri 7PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

"Killers & Corpses. Cinematic Thrillers from Korea to the U.S." Our masters of darkness, murder, and perverse crime discuss their films, why their stories are filled with such lovely corruption, and if culture is an influence. Fri 7PM, Fairlie (Hy).

***NEW* Michael Gilkey** will be on "Cryonics: 2013 Updates/Open Disc" Fri 10PM, 202 (Hil).

Ken Plume will be on "Quiz-O-Tron 2000" Fri 10PM, 204-207 (Hil).

"Reading: Suzanne Church" Sat 11:30AM, Edgewood (Hy).

Justin Robert Young will be on "Greetings from Storybrooke & Fancast Roundtable" Sat 11:30AM, 203 (Hil).

Mike Phirman, Paul and Storm, and Molly Lewis will be on "How to Do Comedy Wrong the Right Way" Sat 2:30PM, International North (Hy).

Daniel Thomas May will be on "Walk with Me: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Sat 7PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

"Most Hated Movies" Fan-based panel on movies we've hated, and enjoy hating. Sat 7PM, Fairlie (Hy).

***NEW* Audrey Kearns, Brian D. Bradley, James Urbaniak, and Joseph Scrimshaw** will be on "5 Truths and a Lie" Sat 8:30PM, Grand Ballroom West (Hil).

***NEW* "The Gekkos in Concert"** Sat 8:30PM, International North (Hy).

"Dragon Age: Behind the Scenes" BioWare's RPG will continue next fall, and the DA: Inquisition Team is here! Presenters: David Gaider, Aidan Scanlan. Sat 8:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

"Lessons in Indie Filmmaking" The

master of Troma presents lessons on screen writing and producing, indie-style. Guest: Lloyd Kaufman. Sat 8:30PM, Fairlie (Hy).

***NEW* Doug Bradley, Russell Cherrington, Chris McCorkindale, Michael Plumides, Craig Sheffer, and Nicholas Vince** will be on "Nightbreed: The Cabal Cut—Q&A and Signing" A Q&A on Clive Barker's masterpiece of dark fantasy, newly cut, with a signing at the end. Presenter: Russell Cherrington. Sat 10PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W).

Curtis Eller's American Circus will be on "Dragon Con Burlesque: A Glamour Geek Revue" Sun 12AM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

"Reading: Katherine Kurtz" Sun 10AM, Roswell (Hy).

Kevin J. Anderson and Rebecca Moesta will be signing autographs Sun 10AM, International South (M).

Aaron Poole will be on "Brit Pop" Sun 11:30AM, Macon (S).

Daniel Logan and Matthew Wood will be on "SW Costume Contest" Sun 1PM Imperial Ballroom (M).

Aaron Poole, Joseph Scrimshaw, Molly Lewis, and Paul and Storm will be on "FRED Entertainment Presents Yet Another Panel About Dr. Who" Sun 2:30PM, A601-602 (M).

"Billy Dee Williams" Sun 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

Malcolm McDowell will be on "Voice Acting from the Pros" Sun 5:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"SparkFun Workshop" SparkFun will be bringing Maker Kits and holding a hands-on DIY workshop. Anyone can attend; no fee. Sun 7PM, Savannah 1-3 (S).

"Sex in Videogames" An eye-opening discussion of gender and sexuality in videogames. Presenter: David Gaider. Sun 8:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

David Gaider will be on "Writing for Videogames" Mon 1PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

Brian Green will be on "Game Jams: How to Make a Game in 48 Hours" Mon 2:30PM, 201 (Hil).

"Closing Ceremonies" Chairman Pat Henry gives his closing remarks and shares photos from this year's convention. Mon 4PM, Regency V (Hy).

Cancellations

Kristin Bauer will not be on "True Blood" Fri 10AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); Sun 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Adnan Chatriwala will not be on "MMO Design 101" Fri 1PM, Grand Salon D (Hil); "Join the Video Game Industry!" Sun 10AM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

Gene Wolfe will not be on "High Concept" Fri 1PM, Embassy A-B (Hy); "New York Times Bestselling Authors" Sat 5:30PM, Centennial I (Hy); "Dyin' Laughin'" Sat 10PM, Embassy D-F (Hy); "Characters Who People Your Books" Mon 10AM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

Louis Ferreria will not be on "Stargate Summit" Fri 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W); "When Stargate Worlds Collide" Sun 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "5th Annual Hangover Panel!!" Mon 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

Chelsea Monroe-Cassel will not be on "The Author's Appendix" Fri 2:30PM, Embassy C (Hy); Autograph Signing, Sat 5:30PM, International South (M); "The Women of Westeros" Sun 1PM, Embassy C (Hy).

***NEW* Laurie Holden** will not be on "Them and Us: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Fri 4PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W); "Which Walking Dead is Best?" Sat 1PM, Grand Ballroom West (Hil); "All That Matters: The Walking Dead Cast" Sun 5:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W); "It is Finished: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Mon 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

Billy Dee Williams will not be on "Meet the Guests of *Star Wars*" Fri 4PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

"Avatar the Last Airbender" Fri 4PM, Dunwoody (Hy).

Chad Coleman, Emily Kinney, and Steven Yeun will not be on "Them and Us: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Fri 4PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

Laura Vandervoort will not be on "Smallville: The Power Players" Fri 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

Ona Grauer will not be on "Tony Lately" Fri 5:30PM, Regency V (Hy); Atlanta Ballroom (W); "When Stargate Worlds Collide" Sun 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "5th Annual Hangover Panel!!" Mon 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

***NEW* Kalayna Price** will not be on "Magic and Mayhem: Witches in Urban Fantasy" Fri 7PM, International B-C (W); "Second Nature: Werewolves and Shifters in Urban Fantasy" Sat 11:30AM, International B-C (W); "Supernatural Playlist: Music in Urban Fantasy" Sat 8:30PM, International B-C (W); "City of Dreadful Night: World-building in Urban Fantasy" Sat 10PM, International B-C (W); "Beyond Grimm and Campbell: Folklore, Fairy Tales, and Mythology in Urban Fantasy" Sun 5:30PM, International B-C (W); "The Fae: Friend of Foe?" Mon 1PM, International B-C (W).

"A Conversation with Stephen Amell" Sat 2:30PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

John DiMaggio and Olivia Olson will not be on "Voice Acting and the Younger Generation" Sat 2:30PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

Laura Layne Tyler will not be signing autographs Sat 2:30PM, International South (M).

"A Brush with Destiny" Sat 2:30PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W).

***NEW* Zoie Palmer** will not be on "Lost Girl" Sat 5:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy); Sun 11:30AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W); Mon 11:30AM, Atlanta Ballroom (W).

"BioShock Infinite: Behind the Scenes" Sat 5:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

IronE Singleton and Michael Rooker will not be on "Walk with Me: The Walking Dead Cast Q&A" Sat 7PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

"Operation Anime Storm" Sun 10AM, Courtland (Hy).

"Reading: Sonia Gensler" Sun 10AM, University (Hy).

Stephen Amell will not be on "Arrow: Bulleye!" Sun 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); "Arrow: Vigilante Justice" Mon 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

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"An Hour with Gene Wolfe" Sun 2:30PM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

Daniel Logan and Matthew Wood will not be on "Meet the Stars of *Star Wars*" Sun 4PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

***NEW* Sylvester McCoy** will not be on "Gonzo Quiz Show IV: The Quest for Quiz" Sun 8:30PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

Kathleen O'Shea David will not be on "The Sci-Fi Janitors Present: The Late Night Puppet Slam" Mon 12AM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

Teryl Rothery will not be on "5th Annual Hangover Panel!!" Mon 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

"Beyond Dress Up: Costuming as a Lifestyle" Mon 2:30PM, M103-105 (M).

Updates

"Nightbreed: The Cabal Cut" moved from Sat 8:30PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W), to Sat 11:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W) (Mature Audiences Only).

***NEW* "The Lost Boys in Concert"** moved from Sat 1AM, Baker, to Fri 11:30PM, International North (Hy).

***NEW* "The Gekkos in Concert"** moved from Fri 11:30PM to Sat 1AM, International North (Hy).

***NEW* "The Blibbering Humdingers Concert"** moved from Sat 8:30PM, International North, to Sat 7PM, Baker (Hy).

"Ben Radford Scientific Investigation Workshop" Sun 10AM, moved from 311-312 (Hil) to Vinings (Hy).

Corrections

Richard and Wendy Pini will be at booth #1108, not #1207, in the Exhibitors Room.

"Rainbow Flag Party" will be Sat 10PM, not 9PM, Atlanta Ballroom (S).

***NEW* "The Kings of Cosplay Comedy with Chris Gore"** Sun 8:30PM, Grand Ballroom West (Hil) will be 2.5 hours long.