

Television and Film: An Hour with Gillian Anderson

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The crowd got to their feet as Gillian Anderson came out to start her panel in the Marriott Atrium ballroom Sunday afternoon. For the first half hour, Anderson answered questions from the moderator before taking questions from the audience. The conversation focused predominantly on the projects she currently has out or that will be out soon, including three movies, *Shadow Dancer*, *Mr. Morgan's Last*

Love, and *Sister (L'enfant d'en haut)*.

One of the first questions from the audience was about the possibility of a third *X-Files* movie. Anderson said that Chris Carter has been working on a script, but until it is complete,



there is no knowing whether it will be produced.

The best way to sum up the panel is with the advice Anderson said she would give her younger self if she could: Appreciate what is in front of you, and don't spend too much time in yearning and disappointment and regret. They are wastes of emotion.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

Alice Cooper: Artist of Many Facets

by Suzanne Church

Sunday afternoon, Alice Cooper spent an hour answering questions to an exuberant and awestruck crowd at the Westin. The topics were as diverse as the man himself: performing, writing, marriage, religion, and the many other artists he has had the pleasure and honor of working with during his career.



was our image," he said. Rock and roll "needed a villain."

When someone in the audience asked the Cooper how to convince

someone to listen to his music that might be leery of the dark stage persona, Cooper said, "Talking about music is like dancing about architecture."

Cooper's advice was simple, "You have to hear it. Most people who don't know what to expect like it."

When asked about the costumes at Dragon*Con, Cooper smiled and said, "I love to see the creativity. All of us have an artistic streak. [Making costumes] gives you a chance to tap into that. If you want to be someone other than yourself, then feel free. This is a place where I feel totally at home."

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

Masquerade Winners

Sunday night's Masquerade, always a highlight of Dragon*Con weekend, has crowned a new set of winners for 2012!

Best in Show: Leah D'Andrea—"Chlöe Seachord"

Best Monster: Jamie and Julie Price—"Dinosaur skeleton costumes"

Best TV/Sci-Fi/Humor: Wayne Neumaier—"Doctor Dalek"

Best TV: Mckayla Butum—"My little Pony"

Best Patrotic Skit: Kathy Skirmont, Kelly Gable, Angela Momerlo, Cressie Lewis, Miranda Fowke, Caitlin Shindler, Sandra Lagnese, Jessica McCarroll, Kristin Sirota, Marshall Peterson, Jessica—"Captain America and USO Dancing Girls"

Best SciFi/Movie: Nghi Huynh Le—"Predator"



Best Anime/Life size replica: Alan and Jo Gratz—"Totoro and Satsuki"

Best Disney: Robert Suarez—"Condorman"

Best Fantasy/Movie: Landon Solomon, Suzanne Solomon, Amanda Moreau—"Labyrinth

(Jareth, Sarah, Ball Guest)"

Best in Show Childrens' Division: Brice Garcia—"Steampunk"

Most Adorable Toddler: Kitara Belvins—"Dalek Dress"

First Place Childrens' Division: Hunter & Cameron Leininger—"Kid Cyber & Easybot"

Second Place Childrens' Division: Emily Lipps—"Victorian Tardis"

Third Place Childrens' Division: Clyde Russel—"Beaker"

Childrens' Division Honorable Mentions: MacKenzie Lipps, Jessica Koontz, Alexander Bennett, Baily Tocups, Benjamin Mason, Morgan & Alice Grunzke, Patrick Beard, and Elizabeth Zona

See more photos of winners on the Daily Dragon website.

Schedule Changes

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

Due to professional commitments, the following previously confirmed guests will not be able to attend Dragon*Con 2012: **Corey Castellano, David Franklin, Steven McQueen, Kathy Najimy, Tim Sale, Michael Trevino.**

Additions

NEW GUESTS: **Nathaniel Buzolic, Sebastian Roche, Michael Trucco**

Michael Trucco will be on "BSG—Galactica will bring us Home" Mon 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Sherrilyn Kenyon will be signing autographs Mon 11:30AM, M301-304 (M).

"**Make the Internet More Skeptical With One Mouse Click**" Tim Farley discusses how to help make the Internet more skeptical. Mon 1PM, 205-207 (Hil).

Aaron Poole will be on "Make the Bad Men Stop, The Sequel—Stop Harderer and Faster" Mon 2:30PM, M106-M107 (M).

Cancellations

NEW "**Eureka—Exodus**" Mon 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Aleksandra "Sasha" Chernova will not be on "Costuming Biz & Shop Organization" Mon 10AM, M103-M105 (M).

NEW **Chandler Riggs, Emily Kinney, Madison Lintz, and Steven Yeun** will not be on "What Lies Ahead: The Walking Dead Q&A" Mon 11:30AM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

Tee Morris will not be on "Steampunk 101" Mon 11:30AM, Embassy D-F (Hy). "How Do You Take Your Steampunk—Light or Dark?" Mon 1PM, Int'l A (W).

Philippa Ballantine will not be on "How Do You Take Your Steampunk—Light or Dark?" Mon 1PM, Int'l A (W); "Women in Alternate History" Mon 2:30PM, Int'l B-C (W).

"**From Believer To Skeptic**" Mon 1PM, 205-207 (Hil).

Veronica Belmont will not be on "Reaching the Fans" Mon 11:30AM, 209-211 (Hil); "When Things Go Wrong" Mon 1PM, 204 (Hil); and "Podcasting Track Sign-Off" Mon 4PM, 204 (Hil).

Updates

"**Rebuilding the World**" Mon 10AM moved from Roswell 1-2 to Augusta 1-2 (W).

"**The Return**" Mon 11:30AM moved from Roswell 1-2 to Augusta 1-2 (W).

"**It's the End of the Track as We Know It**" Mon 1PM moved from Roswell 1-2 to Augusta 1-2 (W).

"**Last Call!**" Mon 2:30PM moved from Roswell 1-2 to Augusta 1-2 (W).

"**Leavetakings**" Mon 4PM moved from Roswell 1-2 to Augusta 1-2 (W).

Browncoats Unite!

by Inara de Luna

Browncoat pride abounded at the "Mighty Fine Shindig" Saturday 10PM at the Westin. Many of the attendees were dressed as their favorite *Firefly* characters, but the Jayne hats and Kaylee parasols dominated the crowd. Others showed up as Inara, Mal, and Zoe, and this reporter even spotted someone who could have been a Reaver victim.

Irish and Scottish folk singer **Marc Gunn** opened the party with a number of 'Verse appropriate songs played on the autoharp, including a number of top *Firefly* drinking songs. One of the most



popular was "Hero of Canton, the Ballad of Jayne Cobb" (from the seventh *Firefly* episode, "Jaynestown"); all the attendees sang along. Ev-

eryone in the crowd wearing a Jayne hat bounded to the front of the room and danced in front of Gunn. The crowd went wild.

Launch Pad: The Observable Universe and Beyond

by Amy Herring and Debbie Yutko

Mike Brotherton, astronomer/educator/author, **Timothy Slater**, astronomer/educator, and **Stephanie Slater**, astronomer/cognitive scientist captivated an eager group of science fiction writers and enthusiasts drawn to all things lunar, solar, and stellar. The Launch Pad Astronomy Workshop for Writers made its Dragon*Con debut Saturday and crammed topics ranging from our solar system to the observable universe into a mere seven hours.

Brotherton, the founder of Launch Pad, began with an ex-

amination of the tremendous distances involved in considering travel to the Moon, to other planets within our solar system, and to the nearest stars. He introduced basic concepts and formulae used by astronomers. Brotherton pointed out common misconceptions writers can expect from their readers. He advised the writers present to reach their readers by relating to everyday experience whenever possible, such as how long it would take to drive a car to the Moon.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

Let's Make a Friend

by Amanda Litfin

At the Create-A-Puppet Workshop with Lolly Lardpop on Sunday, participants were given a bag with the pieces and instructions needed to make their own **Lolly Lardpop**. **Leslie Carrara-Rudolph** was the special guest on hand, and of course, Lolly Lardpop made the rounds to all the tables to offer encouragement. It was fantastic watching kids (and adults) make a new friend, and it was especially a joy to watching parents work with their kids. Both new friends and lasting memories were made.

Correction

The tribute to Anne McCaffrey in the program book was written by Jody Lynn Nye (not Todd McCaffrey).



Dragon After Dark Contest Winners

Horror Winner: Michael Pastrana (Best Horror and Best Overall), "Scarionette"

Best Craftsman: William Bennett, "Scorpius"

Sexy Winner: Fawkes the Phoenix



Happy 17th Anniversary, Corn Federline!

I love you!

—Raver Song



Thanks to X Track Staff

For your amazing work. Beth & Deb, way to run a panel!

—Leigh



Congratulations

To Ripper and Caypo, who just got engaged at Dragon*Con after 10 years!



To the Scotties at D*C

Black Ring Mafia represent!

—Clare



Martha

We met at Dragon*Con 22 yrs ago and have been together all these years. Thanks so much for sticking it out and making my life sweeter and so much brighter! You are the very best, and I will always love you.

—Doc



To JP and the Rest of the D*C Parade Staff

Thank you for making the parade such a great experience. This is our 3rd, and each one just gets better. "Everyone loves a parade"! Keep up the good work.

—Girls of the Con



To Robert

They say that love enables you to see the other person so clearly. I am glad that I have been in your sight for the past 9.5 years. Here's to two years of being smug marrieds! Thank you for showing me the joys of Dragon*Con for the past five years.

—Love, Alison