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## Sir Patrick Stewart: Knight of Many Talents

by Maggie Caracappa

Patrick Stewart took the stage in the Marriott Atrium Ballroom, Fri at 1PM, to thunderous applause. He promptly asked for the house lights to be brought up so that he could get a better look at the audience. Suffering from allergies, he asked for someone to get him some more tissues, to which a member of the audience passed up a packet of tissues from her bag.

While the audience Q&A was getting organized, the moderator asked whether Stewart liked being addressed with the honorific or whether it was strange. Stewart replied that he does like it, but that it's still new to him. During his answer, the moderator knelt at his feet, which made Stewart laugh. There's no need

to kneel, but he did note that he should be addressed as Sir Patrick, as opposed to Sir Stewart.

There will be a few chances to see Stewart on both the big and small screens soon. He recently filmed a movie, *Stuck*, in which he plays a character stuck inside an elevator on the outside of a building under construction. He is also hoping that a movie currently making the rounds of the Jewish Film Festivals will be widely released. *Hunting Elephants* was filmed in Hebrew, which Stewart's character neither speaks nor understands. Finally, Stew-



art is entering a genre that he has never done before: a half-hour comedy. *Blunt Talk* will start filming in January.

Stewart ended the panel by passing on the best advice he's ever received. It was from one of his acting teachers in drama school, but he noted that it has taken over 25 years for him to really understand it. The advice is: Never achieve success by ensuring against failure. It's important to take risks and not to always make the safe choice.

As the panel concluded, Stewart signed the packet of tissues and returned them to the fan who had provided them.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

## As You Wish: With Cary Elwes

by Debbie Yutko

Cary Elwes is well known for his iconic role as Westley in *The Princess Bride*, but this versatile actor has played many parts during his successful career. Shifting into a new gear, Elwes has taken on the challenge of writing a book. *As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of The Princess Bride* will be released this October.

**Daily Dragon (DD):** What inspired you to write your book?

**Cary Elwes (CE):** The fans have pressured me over the years. I realized now is a good time, before my memory completely starts to fade and I won't remember any of it. It was a joyful experience for me. It was



wonderful going down memory lane.

**DD:** Did you keep a journal? Or did you just remember it all?

**CE:** I went to lunch with Norman Lear, and I expressed my fear to him—how was I going to remember all this? He said, "I'm going to give you all the call sheets from the movie." As I started reading them, I remembered where I was, what I was shooting, and who I was with. That's the beautiful thing about memory. It's amazing what it takes to jog it.

**DD:** What was it like to be on the opposite side of the process, writing instead of acting?

**CE:** I had a great deal of help from Joseph Layden, who is a very talented, accomplished writer. And all the cast contributed to the book. So it's really an ensemble book. I can't take full credit.

**DD:** I imagine you're always asked to say a particular three-word phrase, but if you could choose one line out of the entire movie as your favorite, what would it be?

**CE:** "Anybody want a peanut?"

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

## Covering the Spectrum in YA Lit

by Shae Connor

Friday morning, a panel consisting of librarian Christopher Elliott, Harmony Ink Press YA coordinator Nessa Warin, authors Cinda Williams Chima and Stephanie Perkins, and YA lit fan Casey Fiesler tackled the question of "LGBTQA Representation in YA." The panelists discussed defining the genre and agreed that LGBTQA novels should feature main characters who identify on the spectrum.

Chima said focusing on the story first and peopling it with

diverse characters is the way to go. "I think there are a lot of ways you can support, whether by writing a protagonist or a secondary character," she said. "Either way, it's important to have these characters as part of the cast in your stories."

One challenge often faced for books with LGBTQA characters is that librarians and booksellers sometimes need to be convinced that the books will circulate. Show support by checking out or buying

these books yourself, Warin said, "even if they're not your thing." Chima agreed. "When you hear about these books, buy them."

Even when LGBTQA books are available, making them visible to readers can be critical. The panelists recommended shelving all YA books together and using special displays or small handouts like bookmarks to highlight LGBTQA titles.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

# 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 2014: **Jennifer Kalamanson, Candy Keane, Dean O’Gorman, Anthony Spay, Chris Vickers**

## Additions

**Alex Hughes** will be doing a reading Sat 11:30AM, Edgewood (Hy).

**M.B. Weston** will be on “Hobbit Book to Film: Genius or Shark-Jumping?” Sat 1PM, L401-L403 (M).

**Monte James Cook** will be signing autographs. Sat 1PM, Int’l South (M).

**Shanna Germain** will be signing autographs. Sat 1PM, Int’l South (M).

**Christie Golden** will be signing autographs Sat 4PM, Int’l South (M).

**Alex Murawski** will be on “Jack Davis Foundation: An Artist Retrospective” Sat 5:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

“**The Mike McFarland 1-Hour Question and Answer Extravaganza!**” Spend some time with Mike as he flies solo to answer your questions about his work on *Dragon Ball Z*, *Fullmetal Alchemist*, *Attack On Titan*, and more! Sat 5:30PM, Courtland (Hy).

**Chuck Campbell** will emcee “Dragon Con Guest of Honor Awards Banquet” Sat 7PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

**Alex Hughes** will be signing autographs Sun 10AM, Int’l Hall South (M).

**Jack H. Walsh** will be doing a reading Sun 10AM, Marietta (Hy).

**Trace Beaulieu** will be on “Joseph Scrimshaw and The Comedy of Doom” Sun 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom West (W).

**Aaron J. Sagers** will be on “The Last Ship” Sun 7PM, Augusta Ballroom (W).

**Anthony Taylor** will be on “Cary Elwes’ Walk on the Dark Side” Sun 7PM, Int’l South (Hy).

**Sci-Fried** will be playing on Sun 7PM, Concourse (Hil).

**Delilah S. Dawson** will be on “Light in the Darkness: Humor in UF” Sun 10PM, Chastain ED (W).

“**Roundtable on Race, Gender, & Sexuality in Comics & Fandom**” Open forum for discussing issues of race, gender, and sexuality that arise in the comics industry and fandom with Matthew J. Brown, Kari Storla, Daniel Amrhein, Vickie Willis, and John Flowers. Sun 10PM, Hanover F (Hy).

“**Scott Sigler—One for the Junkies**” *New York Times* best-selling novelist and podcaster Scott Sigler and A Kovacs bring tentacles and mayhem to this panel. Sun 10PM, 203 (Hil).

**Cherie Priest** will be on “Urban Fantasy

or Horror? What’s the Difference?” Mon 10AM, Chastain ED (W).

\***NEW**\* “**Medical Myths**” Dr. Mattke, practicing emergency physician, discusses medical myths. Mon 11:30AM, 204-207 (Hil).

**Tracy Hickman** will be on “All-Star ’80s Reunion.” Mon 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

## Cancellations

**Dean O’Gorman** will not be on “Tolkien Guests” Sat 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M); “Hobbit and LOTR Guests” Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M); and “Hobbit and LOTR Guests” Mon 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Chris Vickers** will not be on “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” Sat 5:30PM, Augusta (S); “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” Sun 11:30AM, Valdosta (S); and “Para 101: Truths and Misconceptions” Sun 4PM, Augusta (S).

**Tracy Hickman** will not be on “Shroud of the Avatar: Roundtable.” Sun 4PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

“**BritTrack Book Swap**” Sat 10AM, Macon (S).

**Christie Golden** will not be signing autographs Sat 1PM, Int’l South (M).

**Katie Cassidy** will not be on “Arrow: It’s Complicated!” Sat 2:30PM, Cent’l II-III (Hy).

**Tom Heintjes** will not be on “Jack Davis Foundation: An Artist Retrospective” Sat 5:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

**Spencer Perry** will not be on “You’ve Seen the Movie, Now What?” Sat 8:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

**Erin Leigh Bushko** will not be on “Costuming: Dieselpunk & The Great Wars” Sun 4PM, Augusta I & III (W).

**Travis Scott Merrill** will not be on “Costuming: Dieselpunk & The Great Wars” Sun 4PM, Augusta I & III (W).

**James Urbaniak** will not be on “Joseph Scrimshaw and The Comedy of Doom” Sun 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom West (Hil).

**Brobdiagnian Bards** will not be playing on Sun 7PM, Concourse (Hil).

**Yale Stewart** will not be on “Webcomics” Sun 7PM, 201 (Hil).

**Aaron Fever** will not be on “From Fiction to Film” Sun 10PM, Embassy D-F (Hy).

“**Shadows of the Paranormal: Searching for the Truth**” Mon 10AM, Augusta (S).

**J. August Richards** will not be on “Guests of the Whedon Universe” Mon 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

“**New Developments in Antiviral**

**Therapy: A Case for Hepatitis C**” Mon 11:30AM, 207/206/205/204 (Hil).

## Updates

\***NEW**\* “**Farscape: The Puppets I’ve Seen**” Sat 11:30AM, moved from A704 (M) to Grand West (Hil).

“**Tolkien Costuming By the Book**” moved from Fri 4PM to Sat 2:30PM, L401-L403 (M).

“**Reading: Professor Satyre**” moved from Fri 2:30PM to Sat 5:30PM, University (Hy).

“**The Worlds of Terry Pratchett**” moved from Sun 7PM to Sat 10AM, Macon (S).

\***NEW**\* “**Post-Apocalyptic Social Critique (CPAC)**” moved from Fri 7PM to Sat 1PM, Chastain 1-3 (W).

“**Orphan Black**” moved from Sat 7PM to Sun 7PM, Macon (S).

\***NEW**\* “**The Sci-fi Janitors: Live & Sanitized**” Sat 11:30PM, moved from A704 (M) to Int’l S (Hy).

“**Portalarium Games Presents Shroud of the Avatar**” moved from Sun 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil) to Mon 1PM, Grand Salon E (Hil).

“**The Musketeers**” moved from Sun 1PM to Sun 2:30PM, Macon (S).

“**Costuming: Dieselpunk & The Great Wars**” moved from Sun 2:30PM to Sun 4PM, Augusta I & III (W).

“**Open Museum Hours**” moved from Sun 4PM to Sun 2:30PM, Augusta I & III (W).

“**The Puppet Match Game**” moved from Sun 5:30PM to Sun 8:30PM, A704 (M). (18+ only)

“**A Ventriloquist Interviews His Dummy, and Vice Versa**” moved from Sun 7PM to Sun 10PM, A704 (M). (18+ only)

“**So You Want to Make a Fan Film?**” moved from Mon 11:30AM to Sun 8:30PM, L401-L403 (M).

“**Arrow: When the Shadows Fall Away**” moved from Mon 1PM, Centennial II-III (Hy), to Atrium Ballroom (M).

“**Arrow: Vertigo with a Mirakuru Chaser**” moved from Mon 1PM to Mon 2:30PM, M301-302 (M).

“**Linear vs Non-Linear Narrative in Shroud of the Avatar**” moved from Mon 1PM, Grand Salon E (Hil) to Sun 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

“**Game of Thrones: The Bestiary**” moved from Mon 2:30PM to Mon 1PM, M301-302 (M).

See the complete list of schedule changes on the Daily Dragon website, or download the latest changes in the Dragon Con app.

## Writer’s Workshop

There is no prepayment for the Writer’s Track hourly workshops. Payment is on-site, cash at the door ONLY.



## Film Festival Filmmakers Meet & Greet

For our Film Festival filmmakers: Bring your stories and meet your colleagues, promote your work, and make contacts. Sat 10AM, Fairlie (Hy).



## Avengers Ball

Break out your hammers and S.H.I.E.L.D.S., Avengers! Dance the night away with the Whedonverse Track! Sat 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (Westin).



## Dilithium Crystal Ball

Join the Trek Track for the first annual Dilithium Crystal Ball with Atlanta’s own B-NAUT as DJ. Sat 10PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hilton).



## Heroes and Villains Ball

The place to be. You know it. You love it. Hosted by the Video Gaming Track and BritTrack with DJ Jennocide spins tunes in her final gig! Sat 10PM, Grand Ballroom (Sheraton).



## Last Party on Alderaan

Let’s party like it’s the end of the world with the Star Wars Track. Sat 10PM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).



## Middle-earth Goes ’70s Dance Party

Attention Glam Rock Elves, Disco Dwarves, and Punk Rock Hobbits: Get your groove on at our dy-nomite 1970s dance party! Hosted by Tolkien’s Middle-earth track, with music by DJ Deathskiss. Sat 10PM, A601-A602 (Marriott).



## The Spectrum Party

Formerly the Rainbow Flag Party, sponsored by the Costuming Track. This party welcomes all of Dragon Con’s LGBTQI and Str8 Ally attendees to enjoy a party just for you. Bring your ID (19 to party, 21 to drink). Sat 10PM, Augusta Ballroom (Westin).



CHECK OUT THE PARTIES PAGE ON THE DAILY DRAGON WEBSITE.

## To Gen

Thank you for sticking with me through all this madness. I love you and can’t wait to marry you.

—Love, Ed



## Happy First Dragon Con Ashley/Batman/Wifey!

<3 Sarah/Wonder Woman/Wifey

## To Everyone at the Fantasy Literature Track

I miss you guys! Sorry I couldn’t make it this year, hope you all have a blast! —H



## Happy 15th Birthday, Elijah!

I am so proud of the young man

you have become. Live your dreams, and May the Force Be With You.

—Love Always, Granny Anomar



## Happy 1st Dragon Con, Chris Morgan!

Welcome to the madness! Love you! —Martha