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Dragon Con 2018

The Daily Dragon

2018 Dragon Con Parade

Don't miss the highlight of every Dragon Con weekend as the 2018 Dragon Con Parade takes over the streets Saturday at 10AM. Grand Marshals Emilo Degado, Roscoe Orman, and Bob McGrath of *Sesame Street* will lead the way, along with Parade Marshals Joel Hodgson and Jonah Ray from *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, pro wrestling legend Ric Flair, and the Dragon Con 2018 Literary Guest of Honor, Steven Barnes.

In addition to perennial favorites like the 501st Legion Stormtroopers, parade viewers should expect to see multiple new vehicles, in-

cluding a *Star Wars* Sandcrawler, a *Black Panther* Sphinx, a Mandalorian skiff, and not one, but two Mystery Machines, along with their Scooby Gangs. Other guests will include *Star Trek's* John de Lancie, former Bond girl Trina Parks, and author Dr. John Flynn. Dragon Con musical guests The Extraordinary Contraptions will be playing as well.

Be sure to get to the parade route early to stake out a good viewing spot! But if you can't be there in person, DragonConTV will be broadcasting the parade live to all five host hotels.



Talking Sidekicks and Diversity with CB Lee by Shae Connor

Award-winning author CB Lee spoke to the *Daily Dragon* in advance of con with information about her series *Sidekick Squad*, her favorite books, and her thoughts on diversity in publishing.

Daily Dragon (DD): Tell our readers a little about your *Sidekick Squad* series.

CB Lee (CL): Actually, Dragon Con was the very first time readers—and myself!!!—got to see *Not Your Sidekick* [the first title] in print. The novel launched officially in September 8, 2016, but as I was attending Dragon Con as an author and also selling books in the vendor floor, my publisher did a special early release just for Dragon Con! It was such an experience

getting to hold my book for the first time.

The *Sidekick Squad* series is about a group of queer teens who learn what it means to be a hero in a world that seeks to define it for you. The adventure is set in a world after a catastrophic solar flare sparked the beginning of a series of worldwide natural disasters and political upheaval, but also catalyzed a latent gene present in humans that would present itself in the form of extraordinary abilities.

DD: What do you think of the current state of diversity in publishing, and particularly in YA?

CL: I think young adult fiction is moving publishing towards a more inclusive literary landscape.

It's been incredible to watch even just in the past few years, more and more voices being uplifted, books being published, and especially readers getting to see themselves in fiction.

DD: When it comes to diversity, what would you like to see more of in future books?

CL: I'm looking forward to all the books to come that celebrate who we are as people. It's also especially important to me that we see these characters as nuanced, human beings who aren't defined by solely their identity; it's just part of who they are, and to see intersectional identities as well on the page.

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

Unowns Invade Dragon Con by Brandilyn Carpenter

We have a huge gathering of pop culture enthusiasts for a con in Downtown Atlanta. What do we do but play games? One of the most popular games at the moment is the Niantic/Nintendo collaboration *Pokemon Go*. If you are a casual player, you may not yet be aware that Niantic has given Dragon Con a few treats for the long weekend.

First of all, there is a Dragon Con

2018 gym outside AmericasMart Building 2, near the intersection of International Boulevard and Ted Turner Drive.

Next is the release of seven Unown variants. Those variants would be the ones that spell out DRAGON CON. Unconfirmed rumors have speculated that an eighth unown, in the guise of the exclamation point, may have also been released.

Finally, Niantic has announced a global challenge that coincides with Dragon Con weekend. If North America can complete enough challenges this weekend, then starting September 3 at 4PM Atlanta time, there will be special rewards.

If *Pokemon Go* is your thing, be sure to keep your batteries charged and have fun hunting!

Dragon Con's Pin-Ups by the Pool Party

Don your best poolside pinup attire... there's gonna be a pinup competition! Register for the pinup competition poolside 30 minutes before the party. The judges will be mixing & mingling with you in the fray, so don't be a wallflower. Remember, the judges love a good pinup with a nerdy twist. Fri 8PM, Pool and Courtyard (Sheraton).



K-pop Dance Party

Korean pop music has been gaining fans worldwide for many years thanks to its catchy beats, amazing visuals, & incredible dance & vocal performances. Come see

what's hot in K-pop, K-hiphop, and K-R&B with this screening of some of the best music videos Korea has to offer. Fri 8:30PM, Grand East (Hilton).



Evening at Bree

The annual Tolkien celebration, with dancing and frivolity, plus the much-anticipated Tolkien costuming contest and awards! Fri 8:30PM, Grand West (Hilton).



The Alternate History Temporal Ball

Join us in your finest attire and waltz, foxtrot, & tango to both classic ballroom numbers & the geekiest of dance-able themes

from all eras. Formal attire strongly encouraged. Come as your favorite character in their most formal ensemble or dress to impress. Fri 10PM, Savannah Ballroom (Westin).



Can't Stop the Signal Dance

Aim to misbehave at our super-shiny party, celebrating Firefly and Serenity and benefiting Literacy Action! Bring your dollars for charity, and dance like no power in the 'Verse can stop you! Mature Audiences Only. Fri 10PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (Sheraton).



Check out the Parties/Events page on the *Daily Dragon* website for more parties and meetups!

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt S = Sheraton
M = Marriott W = Westin
Hil = Hilton
AM1/2 = AmericasMart Bldg 1/2

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2018: **Alfie Allen, Cheree Alsop, Pilou Asbaek, Alexandra Breckenridge, Mary Kate Butler, Gerald L. Coleman, NESTA Cooper, Michael-Scott Earle, Eric Rendinger Fisk, Jaym Gates, Patrick Gilmore, Christopher Golden, Doc Hammer, Kathryn Hudson, Jinglebooboo, John W. Loftus, Heidi McDonald, Dean Motter, Sho Murase, Joseph Nassise, Allison Scagliotti, Kal Spriggs, George Taylor, Janet Varney, Titus Welliver.**

CORRECTION

Autograph Sessions (all) are in International South 1-3 (M).

ADDITIONS

Van Allen Plexico will be on "Battlestar Galactica Frakkin' 40th/15th Anniversary Panel" Fri 1 PM, Chastain DE (W).

"Anime 101 For Parents" Fri 4 PM, Galleria 1 (Hil).

Michael George Williams will be on "The Greatest Michaels & Michelles in Classic Sci-Fi" Fri 8:30 PM, M103-105 (M).

Trip Hope will be on "A Beginner's Guide to Dungeons & Dragons" Sat 10 AM, Augusta 1-2 (W).

"Gina Torres: Firefly's Big Damn Hero" Sat 1 PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

Matthew Clark will be on "DC Comics Artists" Sat 5:30 PM, 204I (AM2).

***NEW* Alex Sinclair and Richard Starkings** will be on "Batman & The Heroes of Gotham" Fri 5:30 PM, International North (Hy).

"Peter Beagle and Authors Sing" Sat 7 PM, International North (Hy).

Mari Mancusi will be on "Meet & Greet: Middle-Grade Authors" Sun 11:30 AM, Roswell (Hy); "Halloween 40th Anniversary Panel" Sun 7 PM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

"Anime 201 For Parents" Sun 1 PM, Galleria 1 (Hil).

"HamilTunes: An American Singalong at Dragon Con" Sun 1 PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil).

Mark W. Gura will be on "Meditation: What It Is and Isn't" Sun 2:30 PM, Galleria 7 (Hil).

Constance Wagner will be on "Religion in High Fantasy" Sun 2:30 PM, L401-L403 (M).

Billy Tucci will be on "Dynamite Entertainment Comics" Sun 4 PM, 204I (AM2).

Robert Duncan McNeill will be on "Star Miss Star Trek Universe Pageant" Sun 5:30 PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

Gigi Edgely will be on "Gonzo Quiz Show: No Regrets" Sun 10 PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

Grant Baciocco will be on "The Late-Night Puppet Slam" Mon 12 AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

Bill Mulligan will be on "Keep on Rotting in the Free World" Mon 11:30 AM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

***NEW* The Taj Motel Trio**, Mon 2:30 PM, Concourse II (AM2).

CANCELLATIONS

Lou Diamond Phillips will not be on "Stargate: Universe—Operation Destiny

Awaits" Fri 11:30 AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

Tara Strong will not be on "Voice Acting with the Pros" Fri 1 PM, Grand West (Hil); "Batman & the Heroes of Gotham" Fri 5:30 PM, International North (Hy); "Ask a Character!" Sun 5:30 PM, Grand East (Hil); "Dragon Con Presents (again): Masterpiece Theater" Sun 7 PM, Augusta E-H (W).

Michael D. French will not be on "Battlestar Galactica Frakkin' 40th/15th Anniversary Panel" Fri 1 PM, Chastain DE (W).

Robert Duncan McNeill will not be on "Star Trek Alum Q&A" Fri 1 PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Alexa Black will not be on "Making It for the Movies" Fri 1 PM, Grand East (Hil).

Janet Varney will not be on "Thrilling Adventurers!" Fri 1 PM, A601-602 (M); "Attack of the Celebrity Improv" Fri 10 PM, Imperial Ballroom (M); "The Legend of Korra" Sat 1 PM, Grand East (Hil); "Two Misfits Who Dream: Women Who Create Fantasy Worlds" Sun 10 AM, Grand East (Hil).

"Painting Miniatures" Fri 2:30 PM, August 3 (W).

"From Deku to Dekiru: Teaching Anime and Manga in First-Year Composition" Fri 4 PM, Galleria 1 (Hil).

Dean Motter will not be on "Creating Iconic Characters from Page to Screen" Fri 4 PM, 204I (AM2).

Jessica Harmon will not be on "The 100: Cast Q&A" Fri 4 PM and Sat 5:30 PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

Stephen L. Antczak will not be on "When Life Interrupts" Fri 5:30 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "Casting Your Novel" Sat 2:30 PM, Embassy EF (Hy); "Dragon Con Guest of Honor Banquet" Sat 07:00 PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

Cheree Alsop will not be on "YA Madness: Battle of the Characters" Fri 5:30 PM, A707 (M); "Beyond the Books: Harry Potter" Sat 11:30 AM, A601-A602 (M); "Keeping a Series Moving" Sat 7 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "Dystopian Fiction Howto" Sat 10 PM, Embassy CD (Hy).

Michael George Williams will not be on "Night of the Living Dead: The 50th Zomb-a-versary" Fri 8:30 PM, M103-105 (M).

Zac Brewer will not be on "Habits of the Successful Writer" Fri 8:30 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "LGBTQIA in YA" Sat 1 PM, A707 (M); "Secondary Characters to Die For" Sat 4 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "Juvenilia" Sat 8:30 PM, A707 (M).

"How to Wear a Skimpy Costume & Still Be Modest" Fri 10 PM, 302-305 (Hil).

Myke Cole will not be on "'No Kidding, There I Was...': Uncensored Stories" Fri 11:30 PM, Embassy AB (Hy); "Delphic Oracle" Sat 4 PM, International North (Hy).

Kirsten Cairnes will not be on "Space Wizards & Laser Swords: The High Fantasy of Star Wars" Sat 11:30 AM, L401-L403 (M).

Kate Katz will not be on "Miniature Reality vs. the Uncanny Valley: Models vs. CGI in MSF" Sat 11:30 AM, Chastain DE (W).

"Game of Thrones: An Hour with

House Greyjoy" Sat 1 PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

"Workshop—Breaking into the Film Business: What You Need to Know" Sat 1 PM, Techwood (Hy).

Joseph Nassise will not be on "Write Better Books Faster" Sat 2:30 PM, Hannover AB (Hy); "Social Media Marketing for Authors & Creators" Sun 1 PM, 208-209 (Hil).

Mike McKone will not be on "The Teen Titans over the Years" Sat 2:30 PM, Centennial I (Hy); "Dynamite Entertainment Comics" Sun 4 PM, 204I (AM2).

Eric Rendinger Fisk will not be on "Miss Fisher's Guide to Solving Mysteries & Stealing Hearts" Sat 4 PM, Athens (S); "Temporal Temptations: Erotica of Alternate Eras" Sat 11:30 PM, Augusta (S); "AHMC Adept: Early 20th-Century Period Costume & Props from Ragtime to WWII" Sun 2:30 pm, Athens (S); "AHMC Novice: Everyday Steampunk Fashion Show & Tell Wrap-up" Mon 1 PM, Athens (S).

Mike S. Miller will not be on "DC Comics Artists" Sat 5:30 PM, 204I (AM2).

Cat Rambo will not be on "When Magic Is Not Enough: Healing" Sat 7 PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

Angela Sheehan will not be on "Microcontrollers" Sat 7 PM, 302-305 (Hil).

Gabrielle Harbowy will not be on "The World & the Game" Sat 8:30 PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

Qualen Bradley will not be on "Black Panther: A New Hero for a New World" Sun 10 AM, M301-M303 (M); "Diversity in Genre Media 2018" Sun 11:30 AM, M301-M303 (M); "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" Mon 11:30 AM, M301-M303 (M).

"eSports 101" Sun 10 AM, Augusta E-H (W).

Richard Garriott will not be on "Third Annual Dragon Awards Presentation" Sun 1 PM, Centennial I (Hy).

"I Was an Extra in the MCU" Sun 1 PM, The Learning Center (Hy).

"Tai Chi Workshop with Erin Gray" Sun 2:30 PM, Mon 10 AM, 313-314 (Hil).

Jinglebooboo will not be on "Foams & Plastics, pt 3: Rigid Foam" Sun 4 PM, 302-305 (Hil).

Jeremy Scott Whitley will not be on "Girl Power: Strong Women in YA" Sun 5:30 PM, A707 (M).

Larry Niven will not be on "Where Do I Begin?" Sun 7 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "When the Words Stop Coming" Sun 8:30 PM, Embassy CD (Hy).

Bill Mulligan will not be on "Let the Right One In 10th Anniversary Panel" Sun 8:30 PM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

"The Generic Live Show, LIVE!" Sun 11:30 PM, Galleria 7 (Hil).

"Change Your World" Mon 10 AM, 204-207 (Hil).

UPDATES

***NEW* "Make the Bad Men Stop"** Fri 1 PM, Valdosta (Hy), now 2:30 PM, Valdosta (S).

"Dwarves of Middle-earth" Fri 1:00 PM, now Fri 5:30 PM, Grand West (Hil).

"Digimon Voice Actors Panel" Fri 5:30

Daily Dragon Tweets

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Coloring for Charity

Want to get out of the bustle for a little while? Come color and wind down. Suggested donation for Literacy Action. Supplies provided. Fri 8:30PM, Regency V (Hyatt).



Ultimate Trivia for Charity

Lt. Moxie Magnus hosts our Ultimate Trivia Event to benefit Literacy Action. Fri 8:30PM, Regency VI-VII (Hyatt).



Annual Zombie Walk

The undead horde once again takes to the streets of Atlanta in search of tasty, tasty brains. Participants MUST be in a zombie or zombie hunter costume! Kid Friendly. Fri 8:30PM, Chastain F-G (Westin).



Zombie Prom

Stop by to shimmy and shamble across the dance floor, lurch into a prom photo, or possibly even be crowned Zombie Prom King or Queen! Fri 10PM, Grand Salon (Hilton).



Klingon Karaoke

Leila McMichael is your host for the gagtastic musical event of the season. You haven't lived until you've seen Chancellor Gowron rock out to "Dancing Queen." Fri 10PM, Galleria 2-3 (Hilton).



Check the mobile app, the Quick Start Guide, or the Daily Dragon website for more information!

PM, now Fri 1 PM, Grand West (Hil).

"Science in Star Trek Discovery" Fri 5:30 PM, now Fri 7 PM, Galleria 2-3 (Hil).

"Win Harry Kim's Latinum! Trek Trivia" Fri 7 PM, now Fri 5:30 PM, Galleria 2-3 (Hil).

"Electronic Costuming & Wearable Tech" Sat 10PM will now be Sat 7PM, 306 (Hil).

"Living to 100 & Other Party Tricks" Sat 10 AM, now Mon 10 AM, 204-207 (Hil).

"Doctor Who Team Trivia" Sat 1 PM, Roswell (Hy), now Sat 5:30 PM, Piedmont (Hy).

"Red Dwarf: 30 Years of Smeg" Sat 1 PM, now Sat 2:30 PM, Galleria 5 (Hil).

"The Ministry of Silly Walks' Obligatory Silly Walk Competition [REDACTED]" Sat 2:30 PM, now Sat 1 PM, Galleria 5 (Hil).

"Farscape & Beyond!" Sun 4 PM, now A601-602 (M).

***NEW* "Brent Dalton—Agent of Shield or is it Hydra today?"** Mon 11:30 AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).