Join legions of fans and cosplayers Saturday beginning at 10AM for the legendary Dragon Con Parade. Grand Marshal Stan Lee and other surprises await you! The parade route will start at the intersection of Peachtree Street Northeast and Linden Avenue, proceed south down Peachtree, turn left onto Andrew Young International Boulevard, and finally turn left onto Peachtree Center Avenue, ending between the Hyatt Regency and the Marriott Marquis. Once again this year, the parade will be broadcast live on Atlanta's CW 69, as well as on DragonConTV in the five host hotels.

**Donate to the Charity Auction**

The Charity Events Booth on the Marquis level of the Marriott will accept donations 10AM–7PM Friday for the 2017 Dragon Con Charity Auction. Items sold at past auctions have included books, artwork, signed photos, movie props and replicas, costumes, and much more. Book and art items will be auctioned Saturday, 11:30AM–2PM, and other items will be auctioned Sunday, 10AM–2PM, both in Hovner C–E (Hyatt). The 2017 Dragon Con Charity is Special Olympics Georgia, and Dragon Con matches donations up to $100,000.

**Annual Zombie Walk and Prom**

Join the undead horde as they take to the streets of Atlanta. Walk participants must be in a zombie or zombie hunter costume. Fri 8:30PM, Chastain F–H (Westin). Then celebrate the one night of Dragon Con when the decomposing horde reigns. Shimmy and shamble across the dance floor or possibly even be crowned Zombie Prom King or Queen! Fri 10PM, Grand Salon (Hilton).

**‘Some people call him Maurice’: John G. Hartness**

From award-winning author to editor to publisher of Falstaff Books, John G. Hartness knows his way around the book merry-go-round, beginning with his early days as an indie author. And he’s not afraid to tell you what he thinks in colorful, humorous language. The Daily Dragon quizzed John on the many aspects of his expansive career.

Daily Dragon (DD): You’ve had great success with novels, novelellas, and short stories in several different series. What is it about your series, or your style of writing or presentation, that keeps your fans coming back for more?

John G. Hartness (JGH): I think one thing people like about my work is that I work in the lighter end of things, with more comedy built into my work. I’m perfectly happy to go for a laugh, and defuse a tense moment in my books with humor, and there aren’t very many people writing comedy. People like to laugh, and the comedic elements in my work makes me stand out a little bit. Either that, or it’s pure animal magnetism, and I look kinda like a grizzly bear, so maybe that’s it.

DD: You are also an actor and poet. How have these talents enhanced your literary pursuits?

JGH: Being an actor, and reading a lot of Shakespeare and Mamet has helped tremendously in writing dialogue. Reading and directing Shakespeare has taught me how to include exposition and setting into dialogue. Being a poet forced me to write tight, sometimes to my detriment. Poetry also helps me repeat myself less.

DD: You include the famous lines from Steve Miller’s 1973 song “The Joker,” “some people call him Maurice” for “he speaks of the pompa-tus of love” in your biography.

JGH: I just got tired of writing the same bio all the time, and wanted to work some comedy into it, so people know right away what they’re getting with me.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

**Evening in Bree**

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

**Dragon Con’s Pin-Ups by the Pool Party**

Be sure to don your best poolside pinup attire, because this is a pin-up competition! The judges will be mixing and mingling with you all in the fray, so be sure not to be a wallflower. In the spirit of Dragon Con, do remember that the judges love a good pinup with a nerdy twist. Fri 8:30PM, Pool and Courtyard (Sheraton).

**K-pop Dance Party**

Come dance to the K-pop videos you know and love! Fri 8:30PM, Grand East (Hilton).

**Can’t Stop the Signal Dance**

Aim to misbehave at our shiny new party, celebrating Firefly and Serenity and benefiting Special Olympics Georgia! 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).

**A Midnight Revelry: Celebrating Five Years of the Urban Fantasy Track**

Music from DJ Seraph and a performance from the premier Victorian Chamber Metal band, Valentine Wolfe. In addition, props from the shows and Urban Fantasy authors will be on hand to provide “photo booth” opportunities for fans. Fri 10PM, Savannah Ballroom (Westin).

**The Temporal Empress’ Ballroom Dance**

The Temporal Empress has set her chronospatial coordinates for the Alternate History Track at Dragon Con. Join us in your finest attire and watx, foxtrot, and tango to both classic ballroom numbers and the geekiest of danceable themes. Formal attire strongly encouraged. Sat 7PM, 309–312 (Hilton).

**Last Party on Alderaan**

Dragons Con’s premier house-electro-pop-anything-music dance party! You never know who might drop by, but you can bet the party will be jumping. Party like it’s the end of the world with DJ BZB. Sat 10PM, Grand Salon (Hilton).

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Schedule Changes


ADDITIONS
James Callis will be on “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Rising” Fri 11:30AM, Centennial II–III (Hy); “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Surge” Sat 11:30AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W); “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Supremacy” Sun 11:30AM, Centennial II–III (Hy); “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Resurrection” Mon 10AM, Centennial II–III (Hy).

Alex White will be on “Alien Bug Hunts and the Need to Nuke Things From Orbit” Fri 11:30AM, M103–105 (M).

Tamsin Silver will be on “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” Fri 1PM, A707 (M); “Shadowhunters, Downworlders, & Mundanes! Oh My!” Sat 8:30PM, A707 (M); “The Growing World of Harry Potter: Old Canon and New Canon” Sun 2:30PM, A707 (M).

David Boop will be on “Gotham: A Year of Crazy” Fri 7PM, M302–303 (M); “Dark Matter: Zairon or Bust!” Sun 1PM, M302–303 (M).

Arthur Darvill will be on “Legends of Tomorrow: Heroes through Time” Sat 11:30AM, Centennial II–III (Hy); “An Hour with the Ponds: Amy, Rory and River United” Sun 5:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

James Palmer will be on “Significant Short Stories” Sat 1PM, Embassy A–B (Hy).

Ken Feinberg will be on “Filmmaking Essentials: Directing” Sun 11:30AM, Spring (Hy).

Van Jensen will be on “State of the Comics Industry 2017 & Beyond” Mon 1PM, Chastain I–J (W).

CANCELLATIONS
Paul Blackthorne will not be on “Dresden Files: Actor & Author” Fri 11:30AM, Imperial Ballroom (M); “Arrow: What Has the Arrow Cost Us?” Sat 5:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); “Arrow: An Eye for an Eye” Sat 10AM, Centennial II–III (Hy); “Arrow & Legends of Tomorrow” Mon 10AM, Grand Salon (Hil).


Roksha Sharma will not be on “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Rising” Fri 11:30AM, Centennial II–III (Hy); “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Surge” Sat 11:30AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W); “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Supremacy” Sun 11:30AM, Centennial II–III (Hy); “Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Resurrection” Mon 10AM, Centennial II–III (Hy).

Kj McCormick will not be on “Ghost Hunters Guests” Fri 1PM, Grand East (Hil); “Oddest Cases” Sat 11:30AM, Grant West (Hil); “Ghost Hunters: Fave & Odds Cases” Sun 10AM, Grand Ballroom A–F (S); “Safe Journeys: Kindred Spirits & Ghost Hunters” Mon 10AM, Grand West (Hil).

Gail Simone will not be on “The Big 2 vs Indie Comics” Fri 1PM, Chastain I–J (W); “DC Legend — Gail Simone” Sat 5:30PM, International South (Hy); “Love Is Love: The Orlando Shooting Benefit Comic” Sat 8:30PM, International North (Hy); “Women in Comics” Mon 11:30AM, Chastain I–J (W).

Nick Blood will not be on “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (or Is That Hydra?)” Fri 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom A–F (S); “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Season 5: Um, Asteroid G?” Sun 2:30PM, Grand Salon (Hil); “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (or Is That Hydra?)” Mon 1PM, Grand Salon (Hil).

R. Alan Siler will not be on “Dirk Gently: An Hour with Martin” Fri 5:30PM, Grant East (Hil); “BritTrack After Dark: Gay/Trans Themes in Doctor Who” Fri 10PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); “Doctor Who: Goodbye, Moffatt...Hello, Chibnall!” Sun 11:30AM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil); “Classic Series Doctor Who” Sun 1PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); “Class” Sun 7PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); “Doctor Who Extended Universe” Sun 8:30PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); “Ask the Experts: Everything Doctor Who” Mon 1PM, Georgia (Hil).

Amanda Conner will not be on “DC Comics Rebirth” Fri 7PM, International North (Hy); “Aftershock Comics” Sat 4PM, International South (Hy); “State of the Comics Industry 2017 & Beyond” Mon 1PM, Chastain I–J (Hil).

D. Alan Lewis will not be on “Murders, Mysteries, & Mayhem in Alternate History” Fri 11:30PM, Athens (S); “Auto-Graph Sessions, Sat 11:30AM, International South Hall South 4-S (M); “More Than Gears: The Neo-Pulp & Dieselpunk Author Roundtable” Sat 7PM, Augusta (S).

Joe Granato will not be on “Video Game History & Preservation” Sat 1PM, Augusta E–G (W); “Screening: The 8-Bit Portal song is permitted. Sun 1PM, Augusta E–G (W).

Caleb B. Wilson (@HeyDrWilson) will not be on “The Science of Luke Cage” Sat 1PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil); “Personal Genetic Testing” Sat 3:30PM, 201-211 (Hil); “Chemical Warfare in Wonder Woman” Sun 5:30PM, Grand East (Hil).

Jacqueline Goehner will not be on “My Cosplay Melee Experience” Sat 2:30PM, Grand West (Hil); “Masquerade” Sun 5:30PM, International North (Hy); “Karl Urban: Bad to the Bones” Sat 5:30PM, Grand Salon (Hil).

“Karl Urban” Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

An Evening at Vic’s—Holo-Karaoke
Recently seen the horrors of war? Looking for a place to recover from a long day at the con? You’re in luck! Vic’s Lounge has recently been approved for rest & rehabilitation by the Ensign Dax! Learn the Great American Songbook classics—or sing whatever you want, it’s your rehab. Sun 7PM, Grand East (Hil).

Video Game Karaoke
Sing along with your favorite video game tunes. Our hard & fast rule: Only one performance of the Portal song is permitted. Sun 8:30PM, August B–D (Westin).

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Parade Participants!
All confirmed parade participants must check in at the Parade Table in the Sheraton, lower level, by 8PM Friday.

Vote for the Dragon Awards
Register to vote in the 2nd Annual Dragon Awards at http://application.dragoncon.org/dc_fan_awards_signups.php through midnight Friday. Those who register will receive a ball on Saturday and will have until midnight to complete and return the ballot. Random winners will be drawn from those who submit ballots to receive a pair of memberships to Dragon Con in 2018. Winners will be announced Sunday.

Dragon Con Newbies —101
First DragonCon? Are you confused or overwhelmed? Savvy con attendees will share tips and tricks. Fri 10AM, Regency V (Hyatt).

Dragon Con Night at the Georgia Aquarium
Featuring Dragon Con’s cosplay competition “The Chosen.” Costumes welcome! Sat 7PM, Georgia Aquarium. Shuttle bus available Sat 6PM–12AM; pick-up at the Marriott Marquis back driveway (facing the Hilton).

Shout-Out
Happy 10-year anniversary, Andrew! It’s been an amazing adventure so far, and I know the future will be even better. I love you more! —Dyani

Vendor Hall, Comic Artist Alley, and Walk of Fame Hours
Fri: 1–7PM
SAT–SUN: 10AM–7PM
MON: 10AM–5PM

Art Show Hours
Fri: 1–7PM
SAT–SUN: 10AM–7PM
MON: 10AM–3PM

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