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# The Daily Dragon

## An Interview with Charlaine Harris by Amy Herring

Dragon\*Con 2009 welcomes **Charlaine Harris**, the author of the Sookie Stackhouse Southern vampire novels.

**Daily Dragon (DD):** Like *Sookie Stackhouse*, your character who is both a barmaid and friend-sometime-lover to vamps, you live something of a double life: writer of exciting, sexy books and mother of at least three kids. Do these roles ever present conflicts?

**Charlaine Harris (CH):** I think all writers live double lives. Not many of us can live up to the drama in our books (or down to it, as the case may be), and

most of us don't want to. I feel I have the best of all possible worlds; I have thrills and chills through the books, and I have the peace and pleasant chaos of my family life.



**DD:** What fueled your interest in other modes of contact between not only the living, but with the dead and the undead?

**CH:** I've always been a morbid

little person. I was a Poe fan very early in life!

**DD:** This is your debut year at to Dragon\*Con. Where can fans find you at Dragon\*Con this year?

**CH:** Wandering around in a daze, most likely. Just look in the program. I'm very faithful about showing up on time!

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website, and be sure to catch "An Hour with Charlaine Harris" on Friday at 7PM, Cent. I; her autograph signing Sat 5:30PM, M301-M304 (M); and her other appearances at Dragon\*Con!)

## Kids Need to Read Arrives at D\*C by Shannon O'Connor

Kids Need to Read, which distributes books to libraries, schools, and other institutions in need, was founded in 2007 by writer **P.J. Haarsma**, author of *The Softwire* book series, and actor **Nathan Fillion**, best known to Dragon\*Con attendees as Captain Mal Reynolds of *Firefly* and *Serenity*.

It's thanks to the Austin Browncoats that Kids Need to Read will be filling a booth at

Dragon\*Con 2009. When space sold out too quickly, they extended an offer to share their double booth.

As part of the foundation's participation at D\*C, Haarsma will be signing his novels in booths 1005 and 1007 Sat 11AM-1PM and 3PM-5PM. "Come to our booth and tell P.J. a joke," said Denise Gary, the foundation's executive director. "We have a prize for everyone who comes

to tell him a joke."

The Austin Browncoats will also be conducting a Jayne hat "knit-a-thon," with proceeds benefiting Kids Need to Read. In addition, a Kids Need to Read calendar, featuring photographs of children immersed in books, will debut during D\*C, and special editions of the foundation's "Terrify'n Space Monkeys" stuffed animals will be available.

## Blood Drive 2009 by Geoff Termorshuizen

Last year, the Dragon\*Con Blood Drive made history when we were the single largest blood drive ever at a science fiction related convention. Let's do it again this year! But if you need more reasons to give blood, we're also giving away freebies and prizes: get a free Dragon\*Con

Blood Drive t-shirt, have your name entered into a drawing for prizes at the World of Warcraft party, and the first 500 donors will receive a special collectible mug from *Vampire Dairies!* Hours: Fri 10AM-7PM, Sat 10AM-7PM, Sun 10AM-7PM, Mon 9AM-3PM in A701-A702 (M).

## Hall Costume Contest

Participate in the only Dragon\*Con costume contest decided by popular vote. Come in costume to the front of the Centennial Ballrooms in the Hyatt (in the alcove to the right) Fri and Sat from 10AM to 5PM to

have your picture taken. Children welcome! Pictures will be posted on Sun from 10AM to 5PM for everyone to vote for their favorite. Winners will be announced Sun at the Masquerade.

## Night at the Georgia Aquarium for Dragon\*Con Attendees by Anne Chadwick

Georgia Aquarium is the biggest in the world, with 8 million gallons of water! And on Sat from 7:30-11PM, Dragon\*Con-goers will have exclusive access to this attraction.

Book tickets in advance for \$17, or see the aquarium representative who will be selling tickets for \$20 at Dragon\*Con's registration desk on Fri.

### Public Service Announcement from Transylvania Television

The creators of Transylvania Television want to remind all Dragon\*Con attendees to spay or neuter your ewoks! It's the only responsible thing to do.



### Thank You

To the people who manage, produce, organize, promote, volunteer, and otherwise put on the weekend for the rest of us to attend and enjoy!

~Diva



### To All the Browncoats and Jedi Attending this Year's Dragon\*Con

A great BIG shout-out. Stay Shiny, Keep Flyin', and May the Force Be With You!

~Anthony "Tanthos" Foister

# Schedule Changes

\*The default is the Hyatt if no hotel is indicated.

## Additions

**"Space Satellite and Telescope Institute"** with Laura Burns and Tyler Desjardins. Fri 11:30AM, 203 (Hil).

**"Designing Spaceships for Science Fiction and Fantasy"** What makes a great sci-fi spaceship? Jeff Carlisle discusses. Fri 2:30PM, Hanover A-B.

**A.J. Hartley** will be signing autographs Fri 4PM, M301-304 (M).

**Tracy Scoggins** will be on "Babylon 5 Guests" Fri 4PM, Reg VI-VII.

**"Film Festival: Action! Guns, Kicks, and Blood"** Shootings, stabbings, and schoolgirls. Starring Patrick Warburton and Ted Raimi. Fri 4PM, Learning Center.

\*NEW\* **"Letters From The Destiny"** Q&A with Stargate: Universe actors. Fri 5:30PM, A706 (M). Sarah Smyth and Andrew Dunbar.

**"Whoah! Devastator's Got Nards!"** Discuss the pros and cons of the latest live-action installment of Transformers and rumors about Transformers 3. Presented by GMX with GMX prize giveaways. Fri 7PM, Baker.

**"Virginia Hey Visualization Meditation Workshop"** 1 hr of discussion followed by 1 hr of guided meditation. See Ms. Hey in the Walk of Fame for more info. (Extra fee to attend workshop.) Sat 11:30AM, Piedmont (S).

**"Star Trek Authors Cavalcade: The Ladies"** Star Trek writers and editors discuss writing fiction in the Star Trek universe and the future of Star Trek adventures in print. Ann C. Crispin, Susan Kearney, Terri Osborne, Josepha Sherman. Sat 2:30PM, Savannah (S).

**"Film Festival: Urban Wolf"** An episodic thriller as an American tourist is stalked by a hidden CCTV operator in Paris. Q&A with director. Sat 2:30PM, Learning Center.

**"TrekTrak Presents Captain Janeway"** Q&A with Kate Mulgrew. Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"Dragon\*Reading: A.J. Hartley"** Sat 5:30PM, Roswell.

\*NEW\* **Hildy Silverman** will be on "Alternate History Classics" Sat 5:30PM, Piedmont.

**Claudia Christian** will be on "Improv with Dean Haglund" Sat 7PM, Hanover C-E.

**"Planning your own 'Long Expected Party'"** Have you ever thought about organizing your own event? Come talk to other fans and find out the why-tos and wherefores. Sat 8:30PM, L506-L507 (M).

**Tommy Castillo** will be on "Iron Artist" Sun 9:30AM, Cent I.

**"Film Festival: Religion, Free Thought, and Belief"** Documentaries on the attempt to put up an "Atheist Tree" and an actual reenactment of the crucifixion—with nails. Q&A with filmmakers. Sun 2:30PM, Learning Center.

**"Teenage Bikini Vampires and Death"** Filmmaker Devi Snively brings her morbid, twisted humor to three shorts of a babysitting Death, a vampire who wants a tan, and tap-dancing zombies. Q&A follows. Sun 5:30PM, Learning Center.

**"Dragon\*Reading: Sean Shoshak"** Sun 5:30PM, University.

**"Brain-machine Interfaces, or the Brain as a Machine"** The current state of open-source hardware for biopotential recording, machine learning, neurobiology, biological motor learning, and brain-machine interfaces for prosthetic (and other!) control. Sun 8:30PM, 202 (Hil).

**Ginjer Buchanan** will be on "The Future of Urban Fantasy" Mon 11:30AM, Montreal/Vancouver.

\*NEW\* **"Australian Skeptics Study of Paranormal and Pseudoscience Beliefs"** A presentation of findings from a large study on what people believe and why. Mon 1PM, 202 (Hil).

## Cancellations

**David Prowse** will not be on "A Clockwork Orange Remembered" Fri 11:30AM, Cent II-III; "Meet the Stars of Star Wars" Sat 4PM, Regency VI-VII; and "Meet the Stars of Star Wars" Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Peter Facinelli** will not be on "Twilight Time" Fri 2:30PM, Grand A-F (S).

**"Unbelievable Flying Objects: The Art and Science of Spaceship Design"** Fri 2:30PM, Hanover A-B.

**"Tobe Hooper: Iconic Director"** Fri 4PM, Learning Center.

**"Flynn's Folly"** Fri 5PM, Hyatt Concourse.

**Scott Adsit** will not be on "Animation Voice Acting" Fri 5:30PM, Int'l North.

**Kate Mulgrew** will not be on "Star Trek: Voyager Stars I" Fri 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S), or "The TrekTrak Show" Sat 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Tobe Hooper** will not be on "Writing for Film and Television" Fri 8:30PM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong.

**"Making Your Costume Extraordinary"** Sat 11:30AM, L506-L507 (M).

**"Live Long and Prosper: TrekTrak Presents Leonard Nimoy"** Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Friar Bryan Small** will not be on "What is Your Apocalypse" Sat 5:30PM, L504 (M).

**"Jumpgate Evolution"** Sun 10AM, Augusta (S).

\*NEW\* **Mary Robinette Kowal** will not be on "Creating and Using Puppetry as Costume" Sun 11:30AM, M103-105 (M).

\*NEW\* **Annie Owens** will not be on "Feminine Wiles—The Women of Pop Art" Sun 1PM, Hanover F.

**"Tobe Hooper on Short Film"** Sun 5:30PM, Learning Center.

\*NEW\* **William Faith** will not be on "Bleeding Into The Mainstream" Sun 8:30PM, Hanover C-E.

**"Medical Device Development: Thrills, Excitement, and Crazy Research!"** Sun 8:30PM, 202 (Hil).

**Charisma Carpenter and Julie Benz** will not be on "Working with Joss" Mon 10AM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil).

**Joe Flanigan** will not be on "Stargate Multiverse Supergate Panel" Mon 10AM,

Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"An Hour With Draco Malfoy"** Mon 11:30AM, Cent II-III.

**Katherine Kurtz** will not be on "Last Chance: Ask the Authors" Mon 11:30AM, Cent II-III.

**Sean H. Shaw** will not be on "Peepshow" Mon 1PM, Hanover F.

**"Holy War: Discovery Institute's Assault on Neuroscience"** Mon 1PM, 202 (Hil).

**Charlaine Harris** will not be on "Plotting or Plotting?" Mon 2:30PM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong.

## Corrections

**"Cassini: Past, Present and Future"** will be Fri 11:30AM not 10AM, 203 (Hil).

**"X-Files Retrospective"** R.W. Goodwin (producer/director), Sheila Larken (Margaret Scully), and Dean Haglund Langly) reminisce about X-Files. Fri 5:30PM, M106-M107 (M).

**The Atlanta Radio Theatre Company** will present "The Call of Cthulhu" by H. P. Lovecraft and "Night Call" by Brian Phillips Sat 7:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); and "Rory Rammer, Space Marshal: Enemies Within!" by Ron N. Butler and "Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper Sun 7PM, Reg VI-VII.

## Updates

**"TrekTrak Presents Leonard Nimoy and William Shatner"** moved from Atrium Ballroom (M) to Cent I-III, Fri 10AM. Will be broadcast live on big screens in Atrium Ballroom (M) and on DCTV.

**"Babylon 5 Guests"** moved from Fri 10AM, Cent II-III to Fri 4PM, Reg VI-VII.

**"Dragon\*Reading: Mike Resnick"** moved from Fri 1PM, University to Sun 5:30PM, Roswell.

**"Spotlight on Terry Gilliam"** will be 1 hr, not 2.5 hrs, Fri 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"British Media Gaming I"** will be 1.5 hrs, not 2.5 hrs, Fri 1PM, Valdosta (S).

**"BSG—Launch Tubes Active!"** moved from Fri 4PM to Fri 5:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"Stargate: SG-1 Supergate Panel"** moved from Fri 5:30PM to Fri 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

\*NEW\* **"SG:Interactive"** moved from Fri 5:30PM to Fri 7PM, A706 (M).

**"Is Mainstream Media Dying?"** moved from Fri 5:30PM to Fri 4PM, A704 (M).

**"Intro to D\*C LARPS"** moved from Fri 5:30PM to Fri 5PM, Grand Salon B (Hil).

**"Arthurian Legend in British Media"** moved from Sat 11:30AM to Mon 10AM, Valdosta (S).

**"Zombie Squad"** moved from Sat 2:30PM to Sat 4PM, Int'l North.

**"What is Your Apocalypse"** moved from Sat 2:30PM to Sat 5:30PM, L504 (M).

**"Fading of the Cries Preview"** moved from Sat 5:30PM, Int'l North, to Sat 7PM, Int'l South.

**"YALiterature Team Trivia"** moved from Int'l South to A601-A602 (M), Sat 7PM.

**"Court The Late Night Muse"** moved from

Sat 10PM to Sat 11:30PM, L506-L507 (M).

**Margaret H. Bonham's** autograph signing moved from Sun 10AM to Sat 5:30PM, M301-304 (M).

**"An Hour With Draco Malfoy"** moved from Sun 11:30AM to Sun 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Adam Savage's** Sun 1PM autograph signing will be in Cloak Room, 2nd floor (Hil).

**"Twilight Time"** moved from Sun 4PM to Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"LARP Costuming and Props Exhibition"** moved from Sun 8:30PM to Sat 11AM, Grand Salon B (Hil).

**"The Music of the Ainur"** moved from Sun 7PM to Sat 10PM, L506-L507 (M).

**"British Media Gaming II"** moved from Sun 8:30PM to Sun 10AM, Valdosta (S).

\*NEW\* **"Film Festival: Unspeakable Acts"** will be followed by 1.5 hours of SF shorts. Mon 1AM, Learning Center.

\*NEW\* **"Being Human"** moved from Mon 10 AM to Sun 10PM, Valdosta (S).

\*NEW\* **"Last Chance: Ask the Authors"** moved from Cent I to Cent II-III, Mon 11:30AM.

\*NEW\* **"Sanctuary—Don't Feed the Monsters!"** moved from Mon 1PM to Mon 2:30PM.

\*NEW\* **"Seeker—The Truth Shall Lead the Way"** moved from Mon 2:30PM to Mon 1PM, Cent I.

## Welcome Back, Zombie Squad!

We're glad to have you guys protecting us from the undead shambling hordes at Dragon\*Con again this year!



## Patty-cake: Welcome to Dragon\*Con!

Love & Hugs! ~Desi



## To My Dear Con Virgins J & T

... this ain't no Jedi mind trick—now you will understand the magic of D\*C. And a very Happy Birthday to T! Rabbits frakkin rock!!!

~Chiana



## To Robio

Dragon\*Con will not be the same without you. There will be a very big manprety void to fill. The Clique shall toast in your honor ... many, many times. Maybe even with Patron.

~Love, Demmie