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Man Out of Time: Tom Mison by Maggie Caracappa

Tom Mison has spent over 15 years on the stage and screen, but he's best known to American audiences as Ichabod Crane on *Sleepy Hollow*. He took time while filming Season 3 to talk with the *Daily Dragon*.

Daily Dragon (DD): How have things changed for you? Are you more likely to get recognized out on the street?

Tom Mison (TM): Things feel pretty much the same, actually. Weirdly, the only place I ever get spotted is in the supermarket. It means that going to the supermarket and buying my groceries is now incredibly intimidating. I have to go

through an hour of hair and make-up...

DD: *With the wig and the beard, especially, you don't look like yourself. You look like your character.*

TM: One of the nice things about being able to put on a wig and grow a big beard is that as soon as the wig goes on, you feel a change. And people don't look at you in the same way. What I particularly liked about us losing the wig and having a different hair-



style is it's a nice challenge to find Ichabod in the morning without that. I don't have this crutch of the wig to support me all the time.

DD: *What do you think was the hardest modern technology for Ichabod to adapt to?*

TM: I think all of it. Everything. Everything's weird! Everything is insanity! [Ichabod] has such pride that he can't allow people to see that he's struggling. So he forces himself to adapt. ... I think for perhaps the entire first season his inner monologue was just a very high-pitched scream.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

American Horror Story's Erika Ervin by JP Barnaby

Erika Ervin is a beautiful and talented transgender woman who advocates for LGBT rights, for abused children, and for those with HIV. She stands in front of the world as Amazon Eve on *American Horror Story* and reminds LGBT kids to follow their limitless dreams.

Daily Dragon (DD): *In a recent interview, you mentioned that you knew from the age of four or five that you were "different." What do you remember seeing when you looked in the mirror?*

Erika Ervin (EE): When I was five I knew I was different. When I was seven it was clear that my male gender was the issue. When I looked into



the mirror I dreamed of transforming into a girl.

DD: *You are one of the first transgender actresses on a major television show. How does it feel to show kids that they should always reach for their dreams, no matter how they identify?*

EE: I'm not the first, certainly. Maybe the first out transgender woman to play a cisgender character on a major television show. There have been many others before that have performed on many different stages, television shows, and

films in stealth. Heroes are so important. I don't relate to what I do as heroism—some will differ in their opinion because the outcome of what I've done has helped so many others.

DD: *Some in our society would tell our LGBT kids that they're broken and need to be fixed—what would you tell those kids?*

EE: Little angels, you are not broken. You are not damaged goods. People sometimes hate what they don't understand. I pray that you never have to go through what I went through. The Promised Land is right around the corner.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

Faith Hunter, Creator of Jane Yellowrock by Amy Herring

Faith Hunter is the creator of one of the most loved kick-ass heroines of contemporary fantasy and is hard at work on a new series. The *New York Times* bestselling author answered our questions between whitewater kayaking trips and arriving in Atlanta.

Daily Dragon (DD): *Kim Harrison has described your series lead Jane Yellowrock as "smart, sexy, and ruthless." What other qualities attract readers to Jane and her adventures?*

Faith Hunter (FH): I think it's the way her empty and cold life is slowly and surely filling with friends and family. The loner

finds peace. She is no less able to kill her own vipers, but she is not alone doing it. The way Jane changes and develops, while still staying true to her original self, is the draw I feel while writing her, so I have to say it is also likely the same draw readers feel.

DD: *You recently published Water Witch, a novelette written with D. B. Jackson (David B. Coe) in the world of his Thieftaker Chronicles but also featuring Hannah Everhart,*



an ancestor of Jane Yellowrock's best friend Molly Everhart Trueblood, a practicing witch. What was the genesis of this collaboration?

FH: Just for funzies, in *Death's Rival*, I gave the antagonist, Lucas Vasquez De Ayllon, a history that included the line, "He... terrorized Boston for a few years before the tea party of 1770." That was the time setting for Jackson's *Thieftaker* series. A few years later, David read the book and called me and asked if I did that on purpose. That was the beginning of the collaboration.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt S = Sheraton
M = Marriott W = Westin
Hil = Hilton
AM2 = AmericasMart Bldg 2

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2015: **Arthur Adams, Rene Auberjonois, Mike Bara, Ashley Field, Jonathan Frakes, Kevin Grazier, Alex Kingston, Paul McGann, Pamela Nance, Aristotle Pramagioulis, Stephen H. Segal, Eliza Taylor, Natasha Wescoat.**

Additions

"Skeptic Makeover, then TAKEOVER" The biggest problem in the secular movement is ourselves. Everyone has heard of the gay rights movement. Who has ever heard of the secular movement? But with a makeover, we can take over! Fri 8:30PM, 204-207 (Hil).

John Barrowman will be on "Arrow: Two Sides to Every Coin" Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Cancellations

Mike Bara will not be on "And, That's

the Truth!" Fri 2:30PM, Embassy D-F (Hy); "Real-Life Alien Abduction Exposed" Sat 2:30PM, Augusta (S).

"Dark Mission: The Secret History of NASA" Fri 4PM, A601-A602 (M).

"Inside the Actor's Gaffe with Tony Curran" Fri 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

"Ancient Aliens and Secret Societies" Sat 5:30PM, Atlanta (S).

"Ancient Aliens—The Extraterrestrial Question" Sun 1PM, Augusta (S).

"A Pilot's Guide to Life-or-Death Critical Thinking" Sun 4PM, 204-207 (Hil).

John Barrowman will not be on "Doctor Who Companions" Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Ksenia Solo will not be on "Lost Girl Cast" Mon 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

Kinshore Hari will not be on "For Sur-

vival: 4 Years Later" Mon 1PM, Chastain 1-2 (W).

Updates

Star Wars Costume Contest Pre-Judging. Fri 11AM-12:30PM & 2-3:30PM, Sat 12:30-2PM & 3:30-5PM, Sun 4-5PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"A Skeptic's Guide to Meditation" moved from Fri 8:30PM to Sun 4PM, 204-207 (Hil).

"Doctor Who: The Girl Who Waited" Amy Pond herself, Karen Gillan, is interviewed about her time on the show. Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Corrections

Southern Charm. Sun 1PM (not Sat 1PM), LARP Reg, 2nd Floor Lobby (Hil).

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

Fantasy with Cinda Williams Chima by Ralph Gallagher

Cinda Williams Chima is a *New York Times* bestselling author of Young Adult fantasy novels. She was kind enough to answer a few questions.

Daily Dragon (DD): For a reader new to your books, where would you recommend they start?

Cinda Williams Chima (CWC): Those who prefer contemporary, real world fantasy might prefer *The Heir Chronicles*. The first book in that series

is *The Warrior Heir*. It's also more accessible to those just dipping their toes into the fantasy pond. The *Seven Realms* series appeals to older teens and committed fantasy nerds who like nothing more than to lose themselves in an exceedingly dangerous fantasy world.

DD: Which of your characters do you most relate to?

CWC: That's like asking which of my sons I like the best—

that depends on what they've been up to lately. Han Alister is a favorite of mine because I got to watch him evolve from street gang leader to wizard to high wizard, to—well, you'll see. Even his language evolved from street slang to something that could serve at court. I love transformation stories—they bring with them a big helping of hope.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

Star of the Guardians Tea Party

Filmscope Entertainment and Margaret Weis Productions present a Morning Tea Party to reveal news about Weis' *Star of the Guardians* series. The Royal Devonshire Tea offers scones, tea, and coffee, and guests will receive a gift. Fri 10AM, Vinings (Hyatt).



PinUps-by-the-Pool Party

Taloolah Love and her bevy of bathing beauties bring you a poolside treat. Don your best poolside pinup attire, and if you're aquatically minded, join the mermaid competition. Points awarded for style, speed, aesthetics, and grace. Fri 8:30PM, Courtyard (Sheraton).



An Evening At Bree

Join the Tolkien Track for this longstanding con tradition, featuring the music of Emerald Rose, a Middle-earth costume contest, dancing, and the feel of an old-world festival faire, suitable for the Shire. Fri 8:30PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hilton).

Annual Zombie Walk

The horde is coming to Dragon Con, and it wants you! Join your fellow undead for an evening shamble through the streets of Atlanta. Route begins at the Westin and ends at the Sheraton for Zombie Prom. Fri 8:30PM, Chastain 1-2 (Westin).



Zombie Prom

Gather the undead and as DJ Marc J Cubs spins while we shamble and shimmy the night away. You can also grab a Prom Photo and compete to be the Zombie Prom King/Queen! Fri 10PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (Sheraton).



Monster Mash-up

This year Dragon Con Special Events will be celebrating the convention's classic Monster, Horror, and Sci-fi roots. Go all out for your chance to win a pair of tickets to Dragon Con Night at the Aquarium! A limited supply of our insanely popular 2015 Dragon Con Monster Mash-up Challenge Coins will be available for sale. Fri 10PM, Regency V-VII (Hyatt).

Avengers Ball

We survived Loki and Ultron! It's time to party with the victors and the Whedonverse Track! Fri 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (Westin).



The Darkmoon Tavern

Hearthstone gatherings, the return of the dance contest, and a chance to meet and mingle with your fellow travelers in Azeroth. The Darkmoon Tavern will also feature voice actors from World of Warcraft as well as Jonathan LeCraft. Recommended 18+; kids are welcome with a parent. Fri 10PM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).



Suits, Sinatra, & Star Wars

Star Wars is all cool, baby. Be classy, dapper, and cool. Let's get dressed up and pretend we're in another era as we listen to the standards and classics. Maybe we'll even have some swing dancing. Fri 10PM, A601-602 (Marriott).



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

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EFF Track Crypto-Challenge

Ten Puzzles... 60 Hours. Can you break the code? Pick up puzzles and return when you think you have solved one. We will have a wireless access point to download the puzzles and enter your solutions. (You'll need a tablet or laptop—most phones won't work). Solve puzzles by yourself, or create a team. Fri 10AM-Sun 10PM, starting from 201 (Hilton). Winner announced at Hacking 201 panel, Sun 10:30PM, 201 (Hilton).



The Vintage Vogue Fashion Show

From Steampunk gypsies to Renaissance rogues, from ancient Egyptian royalty to haute couture Highlanders, top costumers step through time and take the runway to showcase their garb and gear from bygone eras as well as innovative creations from alternate history timelines! Presented by the Costuming and Alternate History Tracks. Fri 1PM, Centennial I (Hyatt).



Welcome to Night Vale Meet-up and Photoshoot

Join the citizens of Night Vale for our annual meetup! Physical body and some sentence preferred but not required! Fri 6PM, 5th Floor Lounge (Hilton).



The Great Hair, Beard, & Moustache Competition

The Alternate History Track proudly presents a competitive bout between the hirsute Victorian gents and "whiskered" ladies. Compete to win for best Hair, Moustache, Beard, and "Whiskerina." Fantastic prizes will be awarded, so start growing now! Fri 8:30PM, August I&II (Westin).



Shout-Outs

Happy Birthday to YA Lit Director Bev Kodak! Hope you enjoy this massive party with 65K of your closest friends!



To JP and Team, the 2015 Dragon Con parade is gonna ROCK! Thanks for all you do. —Girls of the Con



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