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The Daily Dragon

So Very English: *Sleepy Hollow* by Maggie Caracappa

Janina Gavankar and Tom Mison didn't wait for the moderator to introduce them to take the stage for the *Sleepy Hollow* panel Sunday at 10AM in the Westin Peachtree Ballroom. They popped out on stage waving and smiling at the crowd, at least pretending to be quite awake and lively at that hour.



While the audience was getting organized to ask questions, the moderator asked both of the cast members whether a crossover with another Fox property might be possible, such as *Lucifer*. Gavankar laughed and said that

would be "very English." Mison agreed, saying that they'd just spend the whole episode trying to out ponce each other.

Early in the panel, Mison got questions about his character's wardrobe, specifically whether the period clothes were comfortable to wear and whether we'd be seeing a new look for Ichabod in the fourth season. Mison said that the

period clothes that he's worn in previous roles in England were very comfortable, but then he came here (*Sleepy Hollow* films in the Atlanta area) with the 95-degree heat. "They're not quite the same."

He also noted that period clothes are very stiff and force you to sit up straight and have good posture. "As soon as you wear something that immediately gives you proper posture, you realize how agonizing it is. It's agony. It's agony to be proper. That's going to be the title of my autobiography!" he joked.

Masquerade Winners

Children

Amanda Carambat as Erza Scarlet
Sydney Watson as Queen Ravenna
David Rispress as the 11th Doctor

Adults

Best Master: Clinton Jullens and Peggy Greb as Duck Vader and Queen Quackmadala
Best Novice: Chase Calloway as Black Panther
Best Journeyman: Wayne Neumaier as Mark Watney
Best Fantasy: Jason and Tamara Cantrell as Wun Wun and Ygritte
Best Monster: Jonathan S. Coolidge as Astral Dragon
Best SciFi: Alexander Hibbs as Darth Vader
Best Comedy: Dave Collier and Alisia Waller as



Ronan the Accuser and Star Lord
Best Steampunk: Livia Hunter and Sarah Martin as Steampunk Kili and Tauriel
Best In Show: Anh Hoang as Connor Kenway

A Pond Family Reunion by Kelly McCorkendale

Like any respectable fake father/daughter duo, **Arthur Darvill** and **Alex Kingston** showed up for their family reunion on Sunday at 2:30PM in the Marriott Atrium Ballroom wearing color-coordinated outfits that featured a light forest green. Kingston looked stunning in an elegant, flowy dress that only accentuated her class, while Darvill's basic button up couldn't dull his wicked wit. It was a joy to see two-thirds of the *Doctor Who*



Pond family—the Eleventh Doctor's *raison d'être*—together again, however brief.

It's easy to forget that neither Kingston nor Darvill started out in science fiction. Since their tenure on the cultural institution that is *Doctor Who*,

however, they find themselves running away from (and sometimes towards) something scary more often than not. They even find nods to *Who* in new roles they take on, such as characters with similar names, reminding them what a constant, forceful influence the show is. *Who* remains a cornerstone of their body of work that spawned a thousand unforgettable moments off and on screen, like Rory punching Hitler in the face.

Jim Henson 60th Anniversary Costume Contest Winners

Honorable Mention: Mary Theresa Moes-Miller
Best Use of Puppetry: Nathan Greer
Best Use of Materials: Alexie Schauerte and Dana Elliott
Best Portrayal of a Theme: Debra Mischke
Best Under 12: Darwin Harn-Dailey
Third place: Samantha Douglas
Second place: John McDonald
First place: Katherine Lomax



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 2016: **Lynn Abbey, Courtney Alameda, Gabo Bautista, Jessica Cail, Karen K. Christoffersen, Keith R.A. DeCandido, Wendy S. Delmater, Karen Gillan, Burn Gorman, Willa Holland, Sarah Hunter, Don Maitz, Alex Matsuo, Eve Myles, Dean O’Gorman, Billie Piper, Sarah Soderlund, Yale Stewart, Jonathan Strickland, Karl Urban, James Urbaniak, Janny Wurts.**

ADDITIONS

“Monday Morning String Jam” Members are encouraged to join Paul Mercer of The Ghosts Project with their

violins, cellos, and other bowed instruments for a free-form musical interlude. Mon 1PM, Concourse (Hy).

CANCELLATIONS

“The Transgender Experience: There’s More to It Than You Think” Mon 10AM, 204-207 (Hil).

Noel Braham will not be on “Social Media as a Tool for Filmmakers” Mon 10AM, Fairlie (Hy).

Dean O’Gorman will not be on “Middle-earth Movie Guests” Mon 11:30 AM, Grand Ballroom East-West (Hil).

Madeleine Roux will not be on “YA Pageturners” Mon 1PM, A707 (M).

Escape the Clouds. Mon 1PM Concourse (Hy).

Lindsay Cummings will not be on “Young Adult Fantasy and S/F for Today’s Savvy Readers” Mon 2:30PM, Embassy CD (Hy).

“Hannibal: Dining with the Devil” Mon 1PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

UPDATES

The Brobdignagian Bards Mon 11:30AM, Concourse (Hy).

See the complete list of schedule changes on the Daily Dragon website or on the Dragon Con mobile app.

Inaugural Dragon Award Winners Named Sunday

The winners of the first Dragon Awards were presented Sunday afternoon in Hyatt Centennial I.

Best Science Fiction Novel: *Somewhither: A Tale of the Unwithering Realm* by John C. Wright

Best Fantasy Novel: *Son of the Black Sword* by Larry Correia

Best Young Adult/Middle Grade Novel: *The Shepherd’s Crown* by Terry Pratchett

Best Military Science Fiction or Fantasy Novel: *Hell’s Foundations Quiver* by David Weber

Best Alternate History Novel: *League of Dragons* by Naomi Novak

Best Apocalyptic Novel: *Ctrl Alt Revolt!* by Nick Cole

Best Horror Novel: *Souldancer* by Brian Niemeier

Best Comic Book: *Ms. Marvel*

Best Graphic Novel: *The Sandman: Overture* by Neil Gaiman

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy TV Series: *Game of Thrones*, HBO

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy

Movie: *The Martian*

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy PC/Console Game: *Fallout 4* by Bethesda Softworks

Best Science Fiction of Fantasy Mobile Game: *Fallout Shelter* by Bethesda Softworks

Best Science Fiction of Fantasy Board Game: *Pandemic: Legacy* by ZMan Games

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy Miniatures/Collectible Card/Role Playing Game: *Call of Cthulhu Roleplaying Game* (7th edition) by Chaosium Inc.

Stargate Villains Take the Stage

by Nancy Northcott

The “System Lords of Stargate” panel at 1PM Saturday brought three of the most noted *Stargate* antagonists together. The tone for the panel was set with moderator Jamie Poff’s first question to **Suane Braun** (Hathor), **Peter Williams** (Apophis), and **Jacqueline Samuda** (Nirrti). Poff asked what each thought were the best and worst parts of playing an antagonist.

“Playing?” Braun asked, raising an eyebrow. “I wasn’t acting.” As the crowd laughed, Williams said the worst part was

having to die and the best was that there are no good guys without bad guys. “They’re yin and yang,” he said.

Samuda said her favorite part was playing subtext, that the villain always has secrets and motivations below the surface and always thinks he’s right. As an example, she noted that Nirrti was a scientist and saw herself as working for progress “... though it did involve sacrificing planets.” She shrugged, and the audience laughed again.

Braun added that playing a vil-

lain lets actors explore things they wouldn’t get to do as themselves. She noted, “Hathor was more sexually... forward,” a description that again drew laughs, and that the character came on to almost all the men. Samuda commented, “I was jealous of that.”

Braun indicated that she enjoyed playing a woman so different from herself, agreeing with Samuda’s comment that villains always think they’re right and that making them real requires exploring their motives.

Uncharted Stories from Firefly

by Alicia Pack

Firefly fans lined up early Sunday to see Adam Baldwin, Summer Glau, and Sean Mahr in a full Marriott Atrium Ballroom.

One fan asked what the cast members took, or stole, from the set. “I feel like everyone robbed the set afterwards. I took my boots, which were actually my boots... I came to work one day and Joss [Whedon] said ‘I love those boots,’ so they went to the store and bought them,” Maher answered. Baldwin took shirts and autographed scripts that he auctioned off

for charity, with the help of the California Browncoats. He also took Jayne’s boots.

You may be a dedicated fan, but you’ll probably never be as dedicated as one Dragon Con fan. He confided with the cast that his bathroom is decked out in all things *Firefly* including, “Wash has little plastic dinosaurs and Kaylee has Kaylee’s parasol.” He went on to ask what small item they would pick to represent their character in the bathroom. After the audience erupted in hysteria, Baldwin asked,

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Shout-Outs

Happy 30th Birthday to Jessica Frame! —Larry and Laura Fine

Happy birthday to my wife, Kathleen Quigley! —Sandra



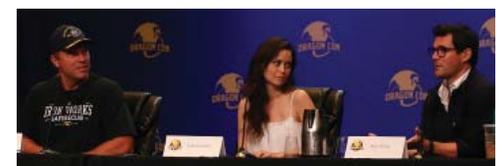
See all 2016 Dragon Con shout-outs on the Daily Dragon website.

Medieval Mythbusting

by Nancy Northcott

On Sunday at 2:30PM in the Hilton Grand Ballroom, the Palmetto Knights presented “Medieval Mythbusting” and debunked misconceptions about medieval armor and weapons. The program started with the announcement that the group had decided to see if their armor was bulletproof. They displayed a hardened metal rondel 1.5mm thick. It had dings, a couple of holes, and a crack in it. The dings were made by a 9mm firearm, and the crack came from a full-gauge magnum round, leading them to conclude that the armor is bulletproof, at least against small arms fire.

A member of the audience asked whether the katana was as powerful a weapon as he had heard it was. Johnson replied that the katana is “the most mysticized weapon” but that it was steel and subject to the laws of physics. He added that the katana was designed to cut soft targets, not to be used blade-to-blade. A European sword or armor would defeat the katana.



“What the hell do you use the hat for?”

Glau had a quick response and would choose a nail file in the shape of her sword. Maher said Simon’s medical bag as makeup kit or toiletry bag. Baldwin had the shiniest answer: “A toilet seat when it’s down, it’s quiet. But when you lift it up, the *Firefly* theme song plays.”