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# The Daily Dragon

## An Interview with Leonard Nimoy: The Artist

by Debbie Yutko

Leonard Nimoy, famous for his role as Mr. Spock in the original *Star Trek* series, has been wowing the crowds at Dragon\*Con. Actor, director, singer, poet, photographer—this distinguished man seems to have done it all. As he waited backstage before the “Beyond Spock” panel, Nimoy graciously agreed to answer a few questions for the *Daily Dragon*.



**Daily Dragon (DD):** *What future projects do you have in mind?*

**Leonard Nimoy (LN):** Right now I’m working on Secrets [*The Secret Selves Project*], which will be very interesting to the Dragon\*Con people because it is about hidden or fantasy or personal lives. I have done portraits of a number of people who come to me to be photographed as their other selves. [...] These are people who have some other kind of personal secrets to themselves. There will be an exhibition of this work next July in Massachusetts at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North

Adams, Massachusetts, including a video of my conversations with these people.

**DD:** *Many people will always remember you as Mr. Spock in the original Star Trek television series. What do you think of your widespread and lasting popularity in this role?*

**LN:** It’s very flattering. Very flattering. And it gives me a great opportunity because it gives me an audience. People are interested in what I’m thinking and what I’m doing. I’m very grateful for that. It’s given me big opportunities to express myself artistically in various directions such as directing and photography.

**DD:** *What effect do you think the Star Trek franchise has had on science fiction?*

**LN:** I think it’s been great. Prior to *Star Trek*, I think science fiction was probably considered a sub-level genre, and *Star Trek* got to elevate the thinking about science fiction in general and about science fiction in later movies. We had some great writers, and that’s been very helpful.

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website.)

## Miss Klingon Empire Crowned Among Carnage

by Amy Herring and Debbie Yutko

And the winner is ... Warrior Ariam (Lucy Maria Boydston), of Hixson, TN.

Returning with rave reviews for his tap dance routine on Friday morning, Eric L. Watts served as the emcee, introducing Miss Klingon Empire 2006, 2007, and 2008 with a heartwarming rendition of “She’s a Klingon, whoa, whoa, whoa, she’s no lady” (sung to “She’s a Lady”).

The contestants were judged based upon quality of makeup and costuming, authenticity of character, and integrity and credibility of persona. The judges assigned the daunting task of selecting the next Miss Klingon Empire (without losing their heads) were Garrett

Wang, James Cawley, Alan Ruck, Anthony Montgomery, John Billingsley, Dwight Schultz, and Miss Klingon Empire 2006.

Contenders fought bravely for the right to be crowned the titular darling of the Empire. Dok’mikh Tor’sha-nuch (Tammy Gallant), warned that her ship was in orbit, with all 18 disruptor cannons locked on the room. She suggested that the judges “choose wisely.” Warrior Ariam countered with the promise that if she got the crown, she would bring back the head of Earth’s worst enemy: Hannah Montana.

Emcee Watts declared the contest an honorable competition

and a fair fight, but he reminded everyone that, among Klingons, there are no runners-up. To wild cheers of approval from the crowd, the judges declared Warrior Ariam the new Miss Klingon Empire. In an attempt to pacify the disgruntled ... non-winners, lovely Klingon attendants gave consolation trophies to each of the contestants.

And that’s a wrap. But wait. Breaking news. Dok’mikh Tor’sha-nuch’s starship has been sighted where? And they’re aiming their disruptor cannons? Oh, no! We don’t have a shield at the Shera ...

(Read the complete article on the *Daily Dragon* website.)

## Select 2009 Hall Costume Contest Winners

### Best in Show

Joseph King (#472)

### Best in Show Children

Logan Dax Henderson (#37)

### Best Steam Punk

Cammie Mills and Julianna Brown (#2)

### Best Movie Character

Chip Malinowski (#19)

### Best Cartoon

Sharon Larrison and Thomas Larrison (#110)

### Best Group

Sasha Blackburn and Lance

Blackburn (#232)

### Most Popular Man

Nikolai Munsen (#158)

### Best Warrior Woman

Helen Aure (#361)

(Read the complete winner list on the *Daily Dragon* website.)

# Schedule Changes

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

## Additions

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

**"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

**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.

## Updates

**"The Guild—Q&A with Felicia Day"** moved from Capitol Ballroom (S) to Grand Ballroom A-F (S), Mon 10AM.

**"Ghost Hunters: What's Coming?"** moved from Mon 10AM, Centennial I, to Mon 1PM, Centennial II-III.

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

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

**"Religion, Spirituality, and the Paranormal"** moved from Mon 1PM to Mon 10AM, M106-M107 (M).

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

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

## Friday Night Costuming Contest Winners

**Best Youth Design**  
Genna Desilets and Tara Tucker, "MewMews: Ichigo & Minto"

**Best Novice Design**  
Amanda Ayer, "Garthim"

**Best Journeyman Design**  
Ruth Suehle, "Red Queen"

**Best Professional Design**  
Harrison Krix, "Bio-Shock: Big Daddy & Little Sister"

**Best Historical Recreation**  
Melissa Sowers, "Mistress of French King"

**Best Media Recreation**  
Ashlee Hackett, "Willie Scott's Club Obi-Wan Gown"

**Best Literary Reference**  
Daniel Valdez, "Steampunk X-Men"

**Best Original Design**  
Stephanie Bigbee, "Flame Chain-Maille"

**Fan Favorite Design**  
Amanda Ayer, "Garthim"  
(Received Comcast Multi-media package, sponsored by Comcast)

**Best In Show**  
Davita LaBoyteaux, "Nostromo Flight Crew" (Received Wii Gaming System, sponsored by Comcast)

**Dragon-After-Dark Winners**  
First Place: Annette Mesa and Shae Standfer, "Silk Spectre I & II" (Received 80GB iPod, sponsored by Contest)  
Second Place: Fu Thong and Allegra Torres, "Chain-Maille Evening Wear"  
Third Place: Jordan Carey, "Final Fantasy VI: Kafka Palazzo"



## Dragon\*Con Presents 2009 Julie Award to Leonard Nimoy

In 1998, Dragon\*Con established the Julie Award presented annually in tribute to the legendary Julie Schwartz. The Julie Award is bestowed for universal achievement spanning multiple genres, selected each year for our esteemed panel of industry professionals. Above, Dragon\*Con Chairman Pat Henry (right) presents Leonard Nimoy with the 2009 Julie Award.

## Masquerade Winners 2009

**Best Overall Costume**  
Chris Lee, "Apparition Abolishers"

**Best Journeyman Costume**  
Harrison Krix and Emily Keith, "Bioshock's Big Daddy and Little Sister with Splicer"

**Best Novice Costume**  
April Hall and Erin Johnson, "Undead Saloon Dancers"

**Best Master Costume**  
Brian Burke, "The Dragon Rider"

**Best Sci-Fi Costume**  
Steve Laboyteaux, Danita Laboyteaux, and Richie Bohach, "Alien Environmental Suit"

**Best Animation Costume**  
Alan and Jo Gratz, "Samurai Jack and Aku"

**Best Fantasy Costume**  
Daniel Peterson, "Draconian Warlord from DragonLance"

**Best Horror Costume**  
Alan Burt, "Drauth, The Flesh Reaper Demon"

**Best Humor Costume**  
Chris Roberson, Justin, Trent, Jeremy, Jazzy, C.J., "Cult of Snuggies"

**Best Comic Costume**  
Steve Liptak, "Space Armor Ironman"

## Blood Drive Day 4

The record increases! 437 people registered Sun, bringing the total registered donors to 2,081 for the past 4 days. About 1,650 were able to donate, and we have close to 2,100 units! The final donation window will be Mon 10AM to 3PM at the Marriott, A701 and A702.



## Forgot Your Heinlein Pin?

Blood Drive donors are forgetting to pick up their Heinlein pins. If you forgot yours, please stop by the blood drive to pick yours up.



## Dragon\*Con Thriller Update

Dragon\*Con's attempt to break the Guinness World Record™ for the "Largest 'Thriller' Dance" brought out 903 dancers! The attempt still has to be certified as a world record by Guinness.



## Munchkin Tournament Winners

Tad Beaty and Skip Faulkner shared a victory after over four hours of grueling play. Congratulations to Tad and Skip!



## Having Great Time

Wish you were here!  
~Michelle



## Happy Birthday Micki!

From all of your rays of light and dark. Can't wait til Halloween.



## To Katherine

To our 3rd year together. Happy 3rd from your sugar bear.  
~Lee



## Thanks for Coming to Your First Dragon\*Con with Me, Alena!

Hope this is the first of many more Dragon\*Cons to come. You're the love of my life and my fantasy come true.

~Love, Christopher



## Happy Birthday Donna!

Thanks for spending your birthday with us at our first con.

~Love you, Turdell's