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## Broken Toys and Found Families with Christian Kane

by Maggie Birge-Caracappa

Between *Angel*, *Leverage*, and *The Librarians*, Christian Kane is well-known to audiences around Dragon Con. He took some time at the end of the day Friday to sit down with the *Daily Dragon* and answer a few questions.

**Daily Dragon (DD):** *How much of the similarities between Eliot Spencer and Jacob Stone is a factor of John Rogers and Dean Devlin and how much of it is what you bring to the roles?*

**Christian Kane (CK):** I was actually told not to play anything resembling Eliot Spencer in *The Librarians*. I was fortunate enough to where they actually wrote this role for me. A lot of actors don't get that opportunity.

I had a conversation with Dean... and Dean literally said, "You have to unlearn everything you know about fighting." It was kind of weird for me. I was like, "No prob-

lem, no problem." I didn't realize how tough that would be: to let Eliot Spencer go, working for the same people.

It came out really great, and it was fun because I had a huge problem with not being the tough guy. Noah Wylie actually was the one who showed me it's okay to make fun of yourself. Once I got that down, which took me a bit, it was so much fun to be able to really dive into the character.

**DD:** *One of the things that I think makes you so effective as a fighter in that role—whenever Jacob has to be a brawler or Eliot as a hitter—is that you're not a super big guy. You're not the stereotypical big, tall, imposing physical*



*presence as a fighter. So when Eliot takes out a whole bunch of guys it really makes an impact. How did you bring that to the fight choreography you did?*

**CK:** A lot of it is being smart. A lot of it is seeing the next move. Especially with Eliot being ex-Delta Force, ex-Navy Seal, he had seen that stuff in his life. So I had to grab that and it was scary at some point. So, size doesn't really have that much to do with it. ... It's the thinking. It's the being smart about what's going on. It's about being able to maybe somehow figure out your opponent's next move that I think Eliot was so great at. He always knew what was coming because he played in his mind in 0.001 seconds that three things could happen, and he was prepared for all three.

*Read the full interview on the Daily Dragon website.*

## British Accent and All: Benedict Wong Charms at First Dragon Con

by Kelly McCorkendale

A few things may surprise you about Benedict Wong—the actor who plays Wong, a master of the mystic arts alongside Dr. Stephen Strange in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). He has a full head of luscious dark locks, speaks in a perfectly delightful British accent, and can do a spot-on Sean Bean impression, which he treated congoers to on Friday in Hilton's Grand East Ballroom. Truly, the man is a wizard—at least of the voice and effortless charm.



Entering with a hearty "Hello, Dragon Con!," Wong regaled the audience with stories from some of his best, and most recent, work, including the television series *Marco Polo* and movies *Doctor Strange*, *Avengers: Infinity War*, *Sunshine*, and *The Martian*, calling himself a "25-year overnight success" who has "learned and learned and learned" and found joy in his art, regardless of genre or medium. And, sorry, no spoilers on the *Avengers'* next chapter, Wong joking that he leaves that to *Spider-Man* actor Tom Holland.

Wong talked ardently about being an actor, telling those who aspire to it to "speak up. It's your passion. Make it your passion." Wong, who began acting at 19 and once

dreamt of working at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester, gave himself until 24 to find success. If he didn't, he would consider getting "a proper job." He emphasized that it is not, nor should be, about fame. It's about the craft and experiences, even if that means ushering just to see shows for free as every gig comprises your "alchemy."

"Just be conscious of the action. Don't think of the fruit," he urged, saying that bit-by-bit it all starts to add up to something. Wong also said he doesn't overanalyze—whether it's comedy or sci-fi—and is just happy to "connect with an audience."

*Read the full interview on the Daily Dragon website.*

## Crazy Talk with Eddie McClintock

by Alicia Pack

Dragon Con is back in full swing, and that means it's time to catch up with con favorite Eddie McClintock. At a press conference on Friday, he talked about his villainous ways, what he's looking forward to seeing at Dragon Con, and his warehouse artifact of choice.

Don't be alarmed. If you find yourself liking McClintock's villains, it's by his own nefarious design. When he played Jack Payne on *Shooter*, he tried to make Jack's personality as much like *Warehouse 13's* Pete Lattimer as possible. "When I was playing Jack Payne, I tried to make him as likeable and light as possible even when he was doing terri-

ble things. ... Crazy people don't know they're crazy. They just are. I find that more interesting. It wasn't difficult to play," McClintock stated.

After all these years, what does McClintock look forward to most at Dragon Con? The pant-less chaps, insane fandoms, fantastic cosplays, catching up with former cast members, and being able to talk about *Warehouse 13*.



One thing that fans eagerly anticipate is the annual T-shirt reveal. This year's is a throwback to an earlier version with the iconic football that he thinks was the most popular design and the addition of the Spine of Saracen from the "Burnout" episode. In that episode, you really saw Pete's commitment to the warehouse, and this year's shirts are a nod to the fans for their support for the show long after it's been off the air. McClintock debuted his first shirt at Dragon Con seven years ago, and it's become a tradition.

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# 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 2018: **Alfie Allen, Cheree Alsop, \*NEW\* Stephen L. Antczak, Pi-lou Asbaek, Alexandra Breckenridge, Mary Kate Butler, Gerald L Coleman, Nesta Cooper, Michael-Scott Earle, Eric Renderking Fisk, Jaym Gates, Patrick Gilmore, Christopher Golden, \*NEW\* Kevin Grazier, Doc Hammer, Kathryn Hudson, Jinglebooboo, John W Loftus, Heidi McDonald, Dean Motter, Sho Murase, Joseph Nassise, Allison Scagliotti, Kal Spriggs, George Taylor, Janet Varney, Titus Welliver.**

## CORRECTION

**Autograph Sessions** (all) are in International South 1-3 (M).

## ADDITIONS

**Trip Hope** will be on "A Beginner's Guide to Dungeons & Dragons" Sat 10 AM, Augusta 1-2 (W).

**"Gina Torres: Firefly's Big Damn Hero"** Sat 1 PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

**Matthew Clark** will be on "DC Comics Artists" Sat 5:30 PM, 204I (AM2).

**\*NEW\* Alex Sinclair and Richard Starkings** will be on "Batman & The Heroes of Gotham" Fri 5:30 PM, International North (Hy).

**"Peter Beagle and Authors Sing"** Sat 7 PM, International North (Hy).

**Mari Mancusi** will be on "Meet & Greet: Middle-Grade Authors" Sun 11:30 AM, Roswell (Hy); "Halloween 40th Anniversary Panel" Sun 7 PM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

**"Anime 201 For Parents"** Sun 1 PM, Galleria 1 (Hil).

**"HamilTunes: An American Singalong at Dragon Con"** Sun 1 PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil).

**Mark W. Gura** will be on "Meditation: What It Is and Isn't" Sun 2:30 PM, Galleria 7 (Hil).

**Constance Wagner** will be on "Religion in High Fantasy" Sun 2:30 PM, L401-L403 (M).

**Billy Tucci** will be on "Dynamite Entertainment Comics" Sun 4 PM, 204I (AM2).

**Robert Duncan McNeill** will be on "Star Miss Star Trek Universe Pageant" Sun 5:30 PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

**Gigi Edgely** will be on "Gonzo Quiz Show: No Regrets" Sun 10 PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

**Grant Baciocco** will be on "The Late-Night Puppet Slam" Mon 12 AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**Bill Mulligan** will be on "Keep on Rotting in the Free World" Mon 11:30 AM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

**\*NEW\* The Taj Motel Trio**, Mon 2:30 PM, Concourse II (AM2).

## CANCELLATIONS

**Kate Katz** will not be on "Miniature Reality vs. the Uncanny Valley: Models vs. CGI in MSF" Sat 11:30 AM, Chastain DE (W).

**Kirsten Cairnes** will not be on "Space Wizards & Laser Swords: The High Fantasy of Star Wars" Sat 11:30 AM, L401-L403 (M).

**Cheree Alsop** will not be on "Beyond the Books: Harry Potter" Sat 11:30 AM, A601-A602 (M); "Keeping a Series Moving" Sat 7 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "Dystopian Fiction How-to" Sat 10 PM,

Embassy CD (Hy).

**"Game of Thrones: An Hour with House Greyjoy"** Sat 1 PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

**Janet Varney** will not be on "The Legend of Korra" Sat 1 PM, Grand East (Hil); "Two Misfits Who Dream: Women Who Create Fantasy Worlds" Sun 10 AM, Grand East (Hil).

**Zac Brewer** will not be on "LGBTQIA in YA" Sat 1 PM, A707 (M); "Secondary Characters to Die For" Sat 4 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "Juvenilia" Sat 8:30 PM, A707 (M).

**"Workshop—Breaking into the Film Business: What You Need to Know"** Sat 1 PM, Techwood (Hy).

**\*NEW\* Kevin Grazier** will not be on "How a Centaur Becomes a Jupiter Family Comet & Why You Should Care" Sat 2:30 PM, 212-213 (Hil); "Hollyweird Science" Sat 10 PM, 210-211 (Hil); "Military Science Summit: The Science behind the Sci-Fi" Sun 11:30 AM, Chastain DE (W); "Which Ship Do You 'Ship?: Spacecraft in MSFM" Mon 10 AM, Chastain DE (W); "Juno: Stunning Pictures, but What Have We Learned?" Mon 1 PM, 212-213 (Hil).

**Stephen L. Antczak** will not be on "Casting Your Novel" Sat 2:30 PM, Embassy EF (Hy); "Dragon Con Guest of Honor Banquet" Sat 07:00 PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

**Joseph Nassise** will not be on "Write Better Books Faster" Sat 2:30 PM, Hannover AB (Hy); "Social Media Marketing for Authors & Creators" Sun 1 PM, 208-209 (Hil).

**Mike McKone** will not be on "The Teen Titans over the Years" Sat 2:30 PM, Centennial I (Hy); "Dynamite Entertainment Comics" Sun 4 PM, 204I (AM2).

**Myke Cole** will not be on "Delphic Oracle" Sat 4 PM, International North (Hy).

**Eric Renderking Fisk** will not be on "Miss Fisher's Guide to Solving Mysteries & Stealing Hearts" Sat 4 PM, Athens (S); "Temporal Temptations: Erotica of Alternate Eras" Sat 11:30 PM, Augusta (S); "AHMC Adept: Early 20th-Century Period Costume & Props from Ragtime to WWII" Sun 2:30 pm, Athens (S); "AHMC Novice: Everyday Steampunk Fashion Show & Tell Wrap-up" Mon 1 PM, Athens (S).

**\*NEW\* Rachel Skarsten** will not be on "Reign: The Lords, Ladies, & Their Queens" Sat 5:30PM, Grand West (Hil).

**Jessica Harmon** will not be on "The 100: Cast Q&A" Sat 5:30 PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**Mike S. Miller** will not be on "DC Comics Artists" Sat 5:30 PM, 204I (AM2).

**Cat Rambo** will not be on "When Magic Is Not Enough: Healing" Sat 7 PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

**Angela Sheehan** will not be on "Micro-controllers" Sat 7 PM, 302-305 (Hil).

**Gabrielle Harbowy** will not be on "The World & the Game" Sat 8:30 PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

**\*NEW\* Kacey Ezell** will not be on "Prepping Lessons from Combat Veterans & First Responders" Sat 10PM, Chastain F-G (W).

## 10 Forward Party

DJ THX is your helmsman for dance party that brings you the best from the classics to today and beyond. Sat 10PM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).

**Qualen Bradley** will not be on "Black Panther: A New Hero for a New World" Sun 10 AM, M301-M303 (M); "Diversity in Genre Media 2018" Sun 11:30 AM, M301-M303 (M); "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" Mon 11:30 AM, M301-M303 (M).

**"eSports 101"** Sun 10 AM, Augusta E-H (W).

**\*NEW\* Kevin McNally** will not be on "Meet the Cast: Assassin's Creed" Sun 11:30AM, August E-H (W).

**Richard Garriott** will not be on "Third Annual Dragon Awards Presentation" Sun 1 PM, Centennial I (Hy).

**"I Was an Extra in the MCU"** Sun 1 PM, The Learning Center (Hy).

**\*NEW\* "FX Makeup for Cosplay"** Sun 2:30 PM, 302-305 (Hil).

**"Tai Chi Workshop with Erin Gray"** Sun 2:30 PM, Mon 10 AM, 313-314 (Hil).

**Jinglebooboo** will not be on "Foams & Plastics, pt 3: Rigid Foam" Sun 4 PM, 302-305 (Hil).

**Tara Strong** will not be on "Ask a Character!" Sun 5:30 PM, Grand East (Hil); "Dragon Con Presents (again): Masterpiece Theater" Sun 7 PM, Augusta E-H (W).

**Jeremy Scott Whitley** will not be on "Girl Power: Strong Women in YA" Sun 5:30 PM, A707 (M).

**Larry Niven** will not be on "Where Do I Begin?" Sun 7 PM, Embassy CD (Hy); "When the Words Stop Coming" Sun 8:30 PM, Embassy CD (Hy).

**Bill Mulligan** will not be on "Let the Right One In 10th Anniversary Panel" Sun 8:30 PM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

**"The Generic Live Show, LIVE!"** Sun 11:30 PM, Galleria 7 (Hil).

**\*NEW\* Spat Oktan** will not be on "Zombie Makeup Trio Demo" Mon 10AM, 302-305 (Hil).

**"Change Your World"** Mon 10 AM, 204-207 (Hil).

## UPDATES

**"Living to 100 & Other Party Tricks"** Sat 10 AM, now Mon 10 AM, 204-207 (Hil).

**\*NEW\* "Let's Build A Team"** Sat 1 PM, 204I (AM2), now 204J (AM2).

**\*NEW\* "Pop Culture Pedagogy"** Sat 1 PM, 204J (AM2), now 204I (AM2).

**"Doctor Who Team Trivia"** Sat 1 PM, Roswell (Hy), now Sat 5:30 PM, Piedmont (Hy).

**"Red Dwarf: 30 Years of Smeg"** Sat 1 PM, now Sat 2:30 PM, Galleria 5 (Hil).

**"The Ministry of Silly Walks' Obligatory Silly Walk Competition [REDACTED]"** Sat 2:30 PM, now Sat 1 PM, Galleria 5 (Hil).

**"Electronic Costuming & Wearable Tech"** Sat 10PM, now Sat 7PM, 306 (Hil).

**"Farscape & Beyond!"** now Sun 10 AM, A601-602 (M).

**"Brent Dalton—Agent of Shield or is it Hydra today?"** Mon 11:30 AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

## Heroes & Villains Ball

Enjoy the musical stylings of DJ Spider while you dance the night away. You won't even need your supersuit! Sat 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (Westin).

## Daily Dragon Tweets

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## Dragon Con Night at the Georgia Aquarium

Featuring Dragon Con's cosplay competition "The Chösen." With DJP & Mr. Kennedy. Costumes welcome! Sat 7PM, Georgia Aquarium. Extra fee event. Shuttle bus available Sat 6PM-12AM; pick-up at the Marriott back driveway (facing the Hilton).



## Georgia Philharmonic Orchestra Presents...

A special musical experience! Hear live symphonic versions of some of your favorite scores from iconic film and TV shows. Sat 7:30PM, Centennial I-III (Hyatt).



## MSFM Charity Games, Crafts, & Team Trivia Night

Card games, board games, and activity stations for a chill, relaxing evening as we raise money for Literacy Action! Team Trivia contest starts at 10PM; charity donations suggested for teams entering the contest. Kid Friendly! Sat 8:30PM, Chastain DE (Westin).



## Big Damn Game Show!

Audience members compete in a multimedia cavalcade of fun for fabulous prizes! Sat 10PM, International South (Hyatt).



## Queerios Pre-Party Meetup

You've met on Facebook, now meet in person. Afterward we will trek over to the Spectrum LGBTQ Party together. Sun 8:30PM, 306 (Hilton).



## Spectrum: The Rainbow Flag Party

Welcome all LGBTQ attendees to a party just for you! DJ Neon the Glowgo Bear spins the beats in Space Station Spectrum. Must be 21+ with valid photo ID to party. Mature Audiences Only. Sat 10PM, Grand West (Hilton).



## The North Remembers... How to Party!

This *Game of Thrones*-themed party features music, dancing, costumes, and absolutely no beheadings. Mature Audiences Only. Sat 10PM, Grand East (Hilton).



## Last Party on Alderaan

New DJ, new vibe...same great dance party! Sat 10PM, Grand Salon (Hilton).