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# The Daily Dragon

## A Bloody Good Time

by Maggie Caracappa

Coming onstage Friday morning in front of a packed Atrium ballroom (M), **Charlaine Harris, Jim Parrack, Joe Manganiello, and Kristin Bauer** were greeted with deafening cheers and blinding flashbulbs.

The *True Blood* actors and the author of the Sookie Stackhouse novels teased the audience with hints about what is coming in the last few episodes of season four as well as the kind of end Sookie might get in the 13<sup>th</sup> and final installment of the series.

Charlaine Harris felt that it was her personal time to bring Sookie's story to "a happy end... or at least an end." She feels that she has said what she wants to say with the series and plans to move

on to something just as wonderful. Asked what the important message of the books was, Harris answered immediately with one word, "Tolerance."

Joe Manganiello agreed, saying that ultimately, despite all the supernatural elements and creatures, the show is really about being human.

Throughout the entire hour-long panel, it was clear that the actors all had a lot of respect for Charlaine Harris and that the feeling was entirely mutual.

Finally, the cast let the audience in on what they can expect for the end of season four: sex and death. It wouldn't be *True Blood* without both.

## BBC America's Doctor Who Exclusive Screening at Dragon\*Con

Join BBC America for a Dragon\*Con exclusive screening of the new Doctor Who episode, "Night Terrors," written by Mark Gatiss. In this episode, the Doctor receives a distress call from the scariest place in the Universe: a child's bedroom. Terrified of the monsters in his cupboard, George's pleas for help break through the barriers of time and space. But allaying his fears won't be easy, even for the Doctor, because George's monsters are real. Saturday (9/3) 7PM, 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom (Sheraton).

## Who Are You, Behind that Mask? by Suzanne Church

Imagine a room full of elegant revelers, each wearing a sinful, decadent, or mysterious mask. That's the scene this reporter found herself in at the 25th Anniversary Masked Ball on Friday night in Regency VI-VII (Hy).

While waiting for *The Ghosts Project* to begin their set, baroque inspired riffs drifted from the sound system. From ruffles and feathers, to wings and corsets, to kilts and capes,

most every genre found a way to integrate into the crowd.

Even before *The Ghosts Project* took to the stage, couples joined hands and glided across the dance floor. And when the *Saturday Night Fever* John Travolta gentleman with the glitter-encrusted stormtrooper mask waltzed past, this reporter was sorry to have forgotten her camera.

When the band began, the sur-

real music possessed an unexpected emotional depth and intensity. The cadence was reminiscent of Arabian nights under moonless skies where women blink behind their veils while enticing their lovers in rhythmic dance.

Kudos to the organizers for putting together such a wondrous event: a perfect way to celebrate Dragon\*Con's 25th anniversary.

## Friday Night Costuming Contest

Presented by the Costuming Track, and emceed with deft dexterity and swash-buckling suave-ness by **Nicole Harsch** and **Mike Sakuta** from Crossed Swords, the Friday Night Costuming contest was a resounding success.

With all entrants displaying fantastic costumes, a few stood out as particularly exceptional.

- Best Youth: Genevieve Desileis, Robin Desileis, Swatara Tucker as the Little Big Planet Plushie People
- Best Novice: Cori Imundi as Optimus Prime
- Best Journeyman: Greta Humphrey as Steam Punk Socialite

- Best Professional: Harrison Krix as Daft Punk
- Best Use of Materials: Kelia Gallagher
- Audience Favorite: Elizabeth McKinnon as Velociraptor
- Honorable Mentions: Anna Rossmann as Una; Stephen Taylor as Smolder the Dragon; Elizabeth McKinnon as Velociraptor; Maggie Cogan as Goblin Knight; Wayne Neumaier Jr. as Subject Delta from BioShock 2

Congratulations to the winners and to all the entrants!

The contest was judged by **Fred-die Clements, Cheralyn Lam-**

**FOUND:** Blue Sony camera. Turned in at Hilton information booth.

**FOUND:** A smartphone was left in the X Track room. See a member of the X Track staff to pick up.

**FOUND:** Badge for Mike Duberville in the Sheraton parking garage. Left with the Registration staff.

**FOUND:** An iPhone was left in the Writer's Workshop, Hanover A-B.

## Saturday Concourse Concerts

The start times in the Pocket Program grid for the Saturday Concourse Concerts in the Hyatt (p.45) were omitted. These are the correct starting times:

Siberia My Sweet:	11:00AM
Hellblinki Sextet:	12:30PM
Bella Morte:	2:00PM
Frenchy and the Punk:	3:30PM
Mad Tea Party:	5:00PM

**beth, Travis Scott Merrill, and Daisy Viktoria, with Kathleen O'Shea David** presiding as head judge.

**LOST:** Black Sony Cybershot camera with pictures of McGee's Alice and the Queen of Hearts as I was leaving the convention. If found, please email: xyr3sic@gmail.com

# Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt; M = Marriott; Hil = Hilton; S = Sheraton; W = Westin

Due to professional commitments, the following previously confirmed guests will not be able to attend Dragon\*Con 2011: **David Anders, Adam Baldwin, Bruce Boxleitner, Talent Caldwell, Matthew Chapman, Amanda Conner, Christopher Dedman, Larry Flaxman, Stacia Kane, Michael Madsen, Jimmy Palmiotti, Tony Shasteen, and Michael Trevino.**

## Additions

NEW GUEST: **Eliza Dushku**

**Massimo Pigliucci** will be on "Skeptical Morning Chat" Sun 8:30AM, 207 (Hy).

**Diana Gabaldon** will be signing autographs Sat 1PM, M301-304 (M).

**Eliza Dushku** will be on "Welcome to the Dollhouse" Join some of our favorite actors from Dollhouse for an unforgettable hour-long Q&A session. Sat 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

"**Animation Fan Fun Panel!**" Join us for a look at the animation industry, tips on voice acting, and more! Sat 4PM, Dunwoody (Hy).

\*NEW\* "**The Hobbit Is Finally Happening!**" TORn brings us an inside look into the filming of the Hobbit movie, as well as any rumors and news they can share. Sat 5:30PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil).

**Massimo Pigliucci** will be on "Skeptical Morning Chat" Sun 8:30AM, 207 (Hy).

"**The Hollywood Skeptic Goes to Washington**" with Amanda Knief. Sun 10AM, 207 (Hil).

**Patrick Mason** will be on "Power Grids and Smart Grids" Sun 10AM, 202 (Hil).

"**Mark Sheppard: Man of Many Shows**" What's next for this busy actor? Sun 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**Tedd Roberts** will be on "Global Insurgency" Sun 1PM, Atlanta G-H (W).

**Eliza Dushku** will be on "Stars of Buffy the Vampire Slayer" Sun 4PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

"**Operation Anime Storm**" is a care package program connecting U.S. military personnel with volunteers who send anime. Sun 5:30PM, Courtland (Hy).

"**DNA: It's Not Just for Coding Genes Anymore!**" Paul Gregoli discusses making 2 & 3-D nanostructures in nanomachines. Sun 5:30PM, 202 (Hil).

**Lou Anders** will be on "Blood & Steel" Sun 10PM, Montreal/Vancouver (Hy).

"**Time of the Faeries: Afterlight with J. Corsentino**" A look at the Afterlight graphic novel series with Joseph Corsentino. Mon 2:30 PM, Hanover G (Hy).

## Cancellations

**Matthew Darwin Chapman** will not be on "On The Ledge" Sat 4PM, 207 (Hil); and "Skeptical Morning Chat" Sun 8:30 AM, 207 (Hil).

**Bruce Boxleitner** will not be on "Baby-5" Sat 7PM, Int'l North (Hy); and "How and Why Actors Choose their Roles" Sun 5:30PM, Int'l North (Hy).

**Michael Madsen** will not be on "How and Why Actors Choose their Roles" Sun 5:30PM, Int'l South (Hy).

**James Urbaniak** will not be on "James Urbaniak: How I Became Dr. Venture, Robert Crumb, etc." Sat 2:30PM, Regency V (Hil); and "GONZOROO" Sat 8:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**David Anders** and **Michael Trevino** will not be on "The Vampire Diaries" Sat 1PM, Int'l North (Hy) and "The Vampire Diaries" Sun 2:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

**Christopher Dedman** will not be on "Dangers of the Paranormal" Sat 4PM, Piedmont (S).

**Stacia Kane** will not be on "The Adventure Continues..." Sat 8:30PM, Cairo (Hy); and "Shadowed Streets" Sun 7PM, Cairo (Hy).

**Adam Baldwin** will not be on "Chuck—How to Make a Spy!" Sat 4PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy); "Chuck—Casey at Bat" Mon 10AM, Centennial I (Hy).

**Jimmy Palmiotti** will not be on "The Weird, Weird West" Sat 11:30AM, International B-C (W); "Clockwork Comics" Sat 2:30PM, Atlanta C-F (W); "Comic Book Babes Costume Contest" Sat 8PM, Centennial I-III (Hy); and "An Hour with Stan Lee!" Sun 2:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Jim Beaver** will not be on "Supernatural: God, Devils, and Destiny" Sat 2:30PM, Atrium (M).

"**Trivia for Charity**" Sat 7PM, Galleria (Hil).

**Amanda Conner** will not be on "Comic Book Babes Costume Contest" Sat 8PM, Centennial I-III (Hy).

\*NEW\* "**Our Secular Decade: A Secular Plan to take over America**" Sun 10AM, 207 (Hil).

\*NEW\* **Jackson Pearce** will not be on "The Why and How of YA" Sun 11:30AM, Manila/Singapore/Hong Kong (Hy).

\*NEW\* "**Firefly: You Can't Take the Sky From Me!**" Sun 1PM, Peachtree (W).

\*NEW\* **Rachel Caine** will not be on "Spotlight: Vampires" Sun 4PM, Montreal/Vancouver (Hy).

\*NEW\* **Jackson Pearce** will not be on "Scary Fairy Tales" Sun 5:30PM, Cairo (Hy).

\*NEW\* **Gates McFadden** will not be on "Ms. Star Trek Universe" and it has moved from Sun 5PM to Sun 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom (S).

\*NEW\* "**Legality of Cosplay and Fan Art**" Mon 10AM, 201 (Hil).

\*NEW\* "**Unearthing Creativity**" Mon 2:30PM, Hanover G (Hy).

\*NEW\* "**Life of the Collaborative Studio**" Mon 4PM, Hanover F (Hy).

## Updates

"**Costuming Q&A**" moved from Fri 2:30PM to Sat 5:30PM, L401-L403 (M).

"**Circus Postorus—Inside the Collective**" moved from Sat 10AM to Sun 2:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

\*NEW\* "**The Vampiric Diaries**" Sat

1PM moved from Int'l North to Montreal/Vancouver (Hy).

\*NEW\* "**Akira—Screening with special commentary by Joe Peacock**" moved from Sat 8:30PM to Sat 7PM, Hanover C-E (Hy).

"**Venture Brothers Fans Unite!**" moved from Sun 2:30PM to Sat 10AM, Dunwoody (Hy).

"**Interview with Voltaire**" Sat 1PM moved from Montreal/Vancouver (Hy) to Int'l North (Hy).

"**The Historical and Literary Roots of the Hobbit**" moved from Sat 4PM to Sat 2:30PM, L401-L403 (M).

"**Game of Thrones—Books or Series?**" moved from Sat 5:30PM to Sat 7PM, Greenbriar (Hy).

"**Otaku Jeopardy**" moved from Sun 5:30PM to Sat 7PM, Courtland (Hy).

"**What Women Want**" moved from Sat 7PM to Sat 5:30PM, Greenbriar (Hy).

"**Match Game in the 25th Century**" moved from Sat 8:30PM to Sat 7PM, A-703 (M).

"**Why You Should NOT Use a Virus Scanner**" will be Sat 8:30PM, 201 (Hil).

"**Busted: The Movie**" will be Sat 10PM, 201 (Hil).

\*NEW\* "**Towers of Midnight: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly**" is actually "Daes Dae'mar" Sun 2:30PM, Atlanta AB (W).

## Don't Forget Your Room Key and Badge!

Between 7PM-1AM, you **must** have a Dragon\*Con badge or room key in order to enter the Hyatt or Marriott. A badge gets you in everywhere, but folks with just a hotel room key will only be allowed entrance to the corresponding hotel.

## Terry Goodkind Meetup

Come by the Goodkind ConSuite to mingle with other Terry Goodkind fans and enjoy ice cream and drinks! Sat 2PM, Room 223/226 (Hy).

## Lori, Melinda and Mike

Welcome to Dragon\*Con where dreams of radioactive zombies in tanks movies do come true. —Kelly

## From Zoltan to Lady Mayhem

Happy 2nd con and happier 10th anniversary bumhug! Thank you, and I love you!

## Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire Costume Meetup and Photoshoot

A photoshoot in two parts for all Game of Thrones/A Song of Ice and Fire costumers before and after the 5:30PM AMSF Track "Game of Thrones: Winter is Coming" panel. Sat 4:30PM & 7PM, 10th Floor Lounge (M).

## D\*C2011 Official Reddit Meetup

The official Reddit meetup for Dragon\*Con 2011. Sat 6PM, 10th floor lobby (M).

## Carnival Night

The Stargate Multiverse Track and the Star Trek Track bring you a games night and dance party combination to benefit the National Inclusion Project. Sat 8:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

## Rainbow Flag Party

The BritTrack & OutlantaCon are co-hosting this year's Rainbow Flag Party! Cash bar, music, and dancing! Sat 9PM, Atlanta Ballroom (S).

## An Evening at the Winespring Inn

The Wheel of Time Track's annual party. Sat 10PM, EFGH (W)

## Last Party on Alderaan

Tonight we're going to party and dance like it's the end of the world! Sat 10PM, A601-A602 (M).

## MMO Gathering of Heroes

Come as you are or as your favorite hero from an MMO. Sat 10PM, Capitol Ballroom (S).

## The Villains Ball

Celebrating all things evil and sinister with a night of dancing and music! Sat 10PM, Grand Ballroom (Sheraton).

CHECK OUT THE FULL PARTY LISTING ON THE DAILY DRAGON WEBSITE OR SHOW DOCUMENTS IN THE APP.