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## Perfecting Daredevil by Kelly McCorkendale and Debbie Yutko

Charlie Cox, looking buff in a dark Henley and sporting his native British accent, charmed the crowd from the time he strode onto the stage for the Friday 10AM panel “Daredevil: The Man in the Mask” in Hyatt Centennial II-III. “I thought no one would be here” for such an early panel, he said, but for Cox—dashing, handsome, charismatic, and refreshingly humble—the room was full.



Cox thinks of his character as two people: Matt Murdoch and Daredevil. Karen Page and Electra Natchios bring out opposites in him, which he finds fascinating and com-plex. “Hopefully,” he said, “you feel legitimately torn for Matt.” Daredevil, Cox believes, feels safer with Karen than with Electra because, “he’s being truer to himself in that relationship.” When asked about season three, Cox revealed that they not yet filming it. Instead, they

will do *The Defenders* next. He admitted to being as excited as the fans, because he has “no idea what’s going to happen or what characters will be involved.” He was also excited about another upcoming relationship: Matt Murdoch and Danny Rand, aka the Iron Fist. Since *Daredevil* is a part of the Marvel universe that includes *The Avengers*, a big question on the audience’s mind was whether Cox would appear in the upcoming *Infinity War*. “I’ve made it clear that I’ll play a tree in any of those films,” Cox said but added that he doesn’t know if Daredevil will show up.

## Illusion and Innovation with Brian Henson by Alicia Pack

Chairman of The Jim Henson Company and award-winning director, producer, and writer **Brian Henson** joined reporters for a press conference on Friday to talk the Muppets, puppeteering technology, and the unique challenges of puppeteering.

many gener- ations, and his heartfelt response was that it was more of his dad. His dad was not only ambitious, but lucky.



return to the older way they used animatronics because he said there’s something wonderful about the imperfect illusion that animatronics provides—the fact that the characters are puppets and aren’t real.

Henson was asked if he feels a sense of responsibility for kindling the imaginations of so

When it comes to older versus newer technology, Henson said he loves and would choose to

Henson is working on developing the script based on Terry Pratchett’s *The Wee Free Men* novel and casting and funding *Happy Times Murder*.

## Throwback Thursday: The 8-Bit Ball by Colleen Sisler

The 30th anniversary of Dragon Con seems a fitting time to introduce the 8-Bit Ball. The throwback ’70s and ’80s vibe was a perfect way for many to kick off this year’s convention at 10PM in the Westin Peachtree Ballroom. Video Gaming track director Kevin “Grim” Stallard took some time to talk Dragon Con, gaming, and dance parties.

veteran. Hoping for it to eventually to be as successful as the Heroes and Villains Ball, the 8-Bit Ball appeared to have a great start with over 500 people at 10:30PM, with more steadily trickling in.

and many more. The crowd played along with the theme. Some were dressed in spandex with side ponytails or vintage *Star Wars* movie t-shirts while others chose to dress as iconic characters from period gaming, television shows, and movies.

This is Kevin’s 11th year as track director, and parties are nothing new to this seasoned

DJ Spider, dressed as Lisa from *Weird Science*, started the night with “Revenge of the Nerds” by The Rubinoos. Other geeky tunes, like “Pac-Man Fever,” were mixed in with mainstream titles by The Go-Go’s, Prince, Michael Jackson,

The best one-line summary of the evening goes to Kevin. When asked why he decided to do the 8-Bit Ball event, he said, “I didn’t do this, THEY [the attendees] did.”

## Convention Building with Con Man: The Game by Alicia Pack

Have you ever thought about creating your own convention? Maybe you want to see Joss Whedon run around cleaning the toilets. Or maybe you just want to watch your fellow con goers be attacked by rats, roaches, and pubic lice from thongs.



reporters for a press conference on Friday morning to talk about the release of the new game app, *Con Man* the show, and their favorite part of fan culture—but it was still too

soon for Tudyk to talk *Firefly*. *Con Man: The Game* is now out, and Dragon Con has been challenged to get 100,000 downloads by the end of the weekend. When we succeed, North will show up to your house in his motion capture suit, and you can tell him to walk to the right and into a wall.

Well, now you can! Welcome to *Con Man: The Game*. *Con Man* stars **Alan Tudyk** and **Nolan North**, along with executive producer **PJ Haarsma**, joined

As far as how you can contract thong lice, North claims that you can catch them from toilets. We’re not convinced.

# 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 Mat-suo, Eve Myles, Dean O'Gorman, Billie Piper, Sarah Soderlund, Yale Stewart, Jonathan Strickland, Karl Urban, James Urbaniak, Janny Wurts.**

## ADDITIONS

**Brian Bradley** will be on "Comedy in Podcasts" Sat 11:30AM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil); "Booze And Phaser Podcast Live!" Sat 1PM, 202 (Hil).

"**SparkFun Workshop**" Sat 1PM, Atlanta (S); Sat 7PM, Augusta (S).

"**Reading: Chris Kennedy**" Sat 1PM, Marietta (Hy).

"**AquaTeen Hunger Force**" Join our AquaTeen alumni for a fun visit to the AquaTeen world. Sat 2:30PM, A601-602 (M).

**Sharon Ahern** will be on "The Craft of Dystopia" Sat 2:30PM, Chastain F-H (W).

**Mandatory pre-judging for "Star Wars Costume Contest."** Must be in costume. Sat 3:30-5:15PM, A706 (M).

**Janina Gavankar** will be on "Sleepy Hollow" Sat 4PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W); Sun 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**Anthony Taylor** will be on "Zombies: Rot On" Sat 7PM, Chastain I (W).

**Amber Nash, Roger Cross, Gigi Edgley, Audrey Kearns, Anthony Lemke, Melissa O'Neil, and Eddie McClintock** will be on "5 Truths and a Lie—Live!" Sat 7PM, Grand Salon East (Hil).

**Bill Corbett** will be on "Gonzoroo: The Deep Hurting Summertime Special" Sat 8PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"**Steampunk Boba Fett: Mask of Vengeance Official Screening**" With Paige Gardner. Sat 10PM, 204I (AM2).

**Nerf Herder** Sun 1:30 AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Autograph Session with **Chris Kennedy**. Sun 10AM, International Hall South (M).

**Dan Jolley and Madeleine Roux** will be on "100 Years of Zombie Evolution in Pop Culture" Sun 10AM, Chastain F-H (W).

**Audrey Kearns and Cara Santa Maria** will be on "Awesome Women of Podcasting" Sun 11:30AM, 202 (Hil).

"**An Hour with Nolan North**" Sun 11:30AM, Augusta B-D (W).

"**Reading: Clay and Susan Griffith**" Sun 11:30AM, Vinings (Hy).

"**A Decade of Escape Artists**" Pseudopod co-editor Alex Hofelich and Pseudopod associate editor Dagny Paul and more talk about a decade of escape artists. Sun 1PM, 202 (Hil).

"**State of Mobile Jailbreaking**" Sun 2:30PM, 208-209 (Hil).

**Kacey Ezell and Michael Z. Williamson** will be on "First Contact Improv!" Sun 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

**Molly Lewis** will be on "Obsessed with Joseph Scrimshaw: Live!" Sun 2:30PM, Grand Salon West (Hil).

Autograph Session with **John D. Ringo**. Sun 2:30PM, International Hall South (M).

"**The CW Presents: Frequency (World Premiere)**" Sun 4PM, International South (Hy).

"**Master Your Muse! Afternoon Tolkien Discussion**" Sun 4PM, L401-L403 (M).

"**Embracing Social Changes & Keeping your Podcast up on Trends**" Sun 4PM, 202 (Hil).

**Pamela Gay, Richard Garriott, and Tracy Hickman** will be on "2016 Parsec Awards" Sun 5:30PM, Regency V (Hy).

**Dana Snyder** will be on "Dad's Garage Live!" Sun 7PM, 202 (Hil).

**Delilah S. Dawson** will be on "Darkness & Light: Humor in UF" Sun 10PM, Chastain D-E (W).

**Frank Ippolito** will be on "Body Art Challenge" Sun 10PM, International South (Hy).

## CANCELLATIONS

**Dean O'Gorman** will not be on "Middle-earth Cinema guests" Sat 11:30 AM, Imperial Ballroom (M); "Middle-earth Movie Guests" Mon 11:30 AM, Grand Ballroom East-West (Hil).

**Sarah Hunter** will not be on "AHC 201: Corsets & Undergarments" Sat 11:30AM, 204I (AM2); "Late-Night Costuming: Kinkwear-Inspired Costumes" Sat 11:30PM/Sun 10PM, 302-305 (Hil).

"**Splendid Teapot Racing**" Sat 11:30AM, 204FGH (Am2).

"**Reading: Janny Wurts**" Sat 1PM, Vinings (Hy).

**Willa Holland** will not be on "Flash/Arrow" Sat 1PM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "Flash/Arrow: Life in a Metaworld" Sun 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"**Karen Gillian**" Sat 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Eve Myles** will not be on "Inside the Actor's Gaffe: Torchwood" Sat 4PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S); "Q&A with Torchwood Guests" Sun 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

"**Stuff Podcast LIVE!**" Sat 5:30PM, A601-602 (M).

**Badge Pre-Check** for the "Heroes and Villains Ball" has been cancelled. Sat 8:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W). The Ball Will Go On!

"**Law and Order: Victorian SVU**" Sat 10PM, 204I (AM2).

**Robin Lord Taylor** will not be on "Gotham: No Bat Signal Yet..." Sun 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Daniel Griffith** will not be on "Sleepy Hollow" Sun 10AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

"**Story Time!**" Sun 1PM, 202 (Hil).

**Jim Butcher** will not be on "First Contact Improv!" Sun 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

"**Personality Types and Video Game Objectification**" Sun 2:30PM, Augusta B-D (W).

"**Panama Papers**" Sun 2:30PM, 208-209 (Hil).

**Karen Gillan** will not be on "Doctor Who: Pond Family Reunion" Sun 2:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"**Horror and Blood**" Sun 4PM, 202 (Hil).

"**Drone Regulation: Weaponized Drones**" Sun 8:30PM, Atlanta 4-5 (S).

**Phantom Troublemaker** will not be on "Legacy of the Blind Dead" Sun 10PM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

**Noel Brahm** will not be on "Social Media as a Tool for Filmmakers" Mon 10AM, Fairlie (Hy).

**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).

## UPDATES

"**Lightsabers Awakened: Delve into the Saber Tactics of a Galaxy Long Ago**" Sat 11:30AM, International North (Hy).

"**Aliens and the Heavens**" Sat 11:30AM, Valdosta (S).

"**Flash/Arrow**" Sat 1PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

"**Booze And Phaser Podcast Live!**" Sat 1PM, 202 (Hil).

"**Fringe: From Cows to Tulips with LSD on the Side**" Sat 4PM, Valdosta (S).

"**Sci Fighters: '80s Action Heroes vs. '80s Wrestlers**" Sat 5:30PM, M103-M105 (M).

"**Killjoys—The RAC and Level 6**" Sat 5:30PM, M301-M303 (M).

Autograph Session with **Kirk Thatcher**. Sat 5:30PM, A703 (M).

"**The 20 magical, most important minutes of Middle-earth cinema**" Sat 7PM, L401-L403 (M).

Autograph Session with **Pat Brymer and Thom Fountain**. Sun 10AM, A703 (M).

"**The Greatest Players to Ever Play the Game**" Sun 11:30AM, Augusta 1-2 (W).

"**Flash/Arrow—Life in a Metaworld**" Sun 4PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

"**Wonder Woman: The 75th Anniversary**" Sun 5:30PM, M103-M105 (M).

"**Painting Miniatures 101**" Sun 5:30PM, Augusta 1-2 (W).

**Scintilla & Cruxshadows** Mon 12AM (Sun midnight), Centennial II-III (Hy).

**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.*

## Heros & Villains Ball

The single biggest party at Dragon Con, now with more room, more swag, and more cool stuff from the Video Gaming and Brit Tracks. Monocles and cheesy mustaches for Villains are completely optional. Sat 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (Westin).



## Dragon Con Burlesque: A Glamour Geek Revue

The finest performing artists this country can offer—and the most glamorous geeks imaginable! Mature Audiences Only. Sat/Sun 12AM (midnight), Grand Ballroom A-F (Sheraton).

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## Dragon Con Queerios Meet-Up

We welcome all on the LGBTQ+ spectrum and their allies. Come make some friends before we head over to the Spectrum Party to get our dance on! 8:30PM Sat, 307 (Hilton).



## Spectrum Party

Formerly known as the Rainbow Flag Party. The Costuming Track welcomes LGBTQIA attendees to enjoy a party just for you. DJ Neon the Glowgo Bear spins the beats while go-go grlz n boyz dance. Mature audiences only (21+, valid ID required). Sat 10PM, Grand Salon West (Hilton).



## Last Party on Alderaan

Star Wars Track offers up a premiere house, electro, pop, and anything goes dance party with DJ BZB. Party like it's the end of the world. Sat 10PM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).



## 10 Forward Party

Go on a musical journey through time in a dance party that shifts you 10 years forward from the classics to today and beyond—that is, if DJ Guinan can fit the headphones over her hat. Sat 10PM, Regency VI-VII (Hyatt).



## Best Little Hootenanny in the Verse

Join the Whedonverse, Urban Fantasy, and Puppetry Tracks for this multifandom dance event. Photo stations will be set up for selfies in your favorite 'verse. Sat 10PM, Grand Ballroom East-West (Hilton).



## Middle-earth Dance Party

Thorin Stardust and the Spiders from Mirkwood offer up glam, '80s, and other glittering music gems from the past and present. Sat 10PM, A601-602 (Marriott).



## Shout-Outs

**Happy First Dragon Con** to Kyle and Adam and Happy Dragon Con to Gavin! Assault on Titan better be worth it. —Gavin's Mom

**Happy Anniversary** to Corn Federline from his Raver Song. 21 years and still going strong! I love you!



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