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## A Friendship As Endearing As The Show Itself: Leonard Nimoy and William Shatner

by Suzanne Church, Anne Chadwick, Debbie Yutko and Amy Herring

The most impressive panel to open Dragon\*Con programming in years blasted off to a packed crowd Friday morning at the Hyatt. Two icons of science fiction television, Leonard Nimoy and William Shatner, exuded warmth, camaraderie, and humor throughout the hour-long dialogue.

Their friendship was apparent as their talent and enthusiasm combined into a remarkable "fascinating" exchange. Yes, Shatner used the line, emphasizing to Nimoy that, "Just because you used to say



it, doesn't mean you own the word." He added, "Live Long and Prosper, I can say that, too." To which Nimoy retorted, "You can say it, but it doesn't mean the same thing!"

The conversation wandered back to the new *Star Trek* mov-

ie. When confronted with the fact that he still had not seen the movie, Shatner said, "Pretend you're me. [It's] the realization of your wildest dream, that you're me, and you're getting ready to go into the theater. What are people going to say when they see you?" After a pregnant pause, he repeated, "Why aren't you in the movie?" That's why I haven't seen the movie!"

(Written with technical assistance from Nancy Northcott. Read the complete article on the *Daily Dragon* website.)

## An Interview with Lois McMaster Bujold

by Debbie Yutko

Award-winning author Lois McMaster Bujold is equally adept at science fiction and fantasy, with works ranging from her Vorkosigan saga to her Chalion books and her recent Sharing Knife tetralogy.



*Daily Dragon (DD):* What effect do you think the current popularity of fantasy is having on SF?

**Lois McMaster Bujold (LMB):** We now live in what was for many of us the future, daily; I do think I can find more sense-of-wonder on the Internet—the NASA website, for heaven's sake!—than in a lot of written SF. It's a major challenge to top reality. Increasingly, I suspect the SF genre has retreat-

ed from trying to purvey real sense-of-wonder, not to mention excitement about the new future, science, or technology, into just delivering social critique and fear of the future, which is a lot easier but alas much less fun. Dreary, even.

Fantasy, meanwhile, still delivers wonder and, at the high end, sometimes even a hint of the numinous, which I feel is the other side of the same coin to the secular sense-of-wonder. The very opposite of dreary.

**DD:** On your blog, you've stated that you recently acquired an interest in Japanese anime and manga.

**LMB:** I first encountered anime at SF convention movie rooms in the mid-1980s, as personally-owned videotapes, sometimes with translations

supplied verbally on the fly by their fannish purveyors. I dipped into it a little in the '90s, but video stores didn't have much selection and I didn't have much time. My Netflix subscription a couple of years ago suddenly opened up the medium for me, and I plunged in more-or-less at random. I'm now much more "up" on the watching protocols than in my first baffled wonder, though still hardly an expert.

(Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon* website, and be sure to catch Ms. Bujold at Dragon\*Con. Fans are in for a special treat: Ms. Bujold will read from the first chapters from her recently completed *Cryoburn*, a new Miles Vorkosigan adventure set for release in late 2010, on Sun 1PM, Hanover C-E).

## Torchwood: The Ianto Jones Experience

by Nivair H. Gabriel

Gareth David-Lloyd and James Marsters were cutting up right from the start of Friday's panel "Torchwood: The Captain Jack Experience." Over the next hour, the two delighted the audience and interviewer Rob Levy with their stories of on-set camaraderie, and the fans returned the favor with a gorgeous tribute

video to one Ianto Jones.

"Captain Jack?" asked David-Lloyd as he sat down. "Where the [expletive deleted] is he?" In fact, the panel was more focused on David-Lloyd's character Ianto Jones, who (spoiler alert!) meets a tragic end in the recently aired *Torchwood: Children of Earth*.

Before the questions began, panel attendees watched a tribute put together by Dragon\*Con staff and fans. The video celebrated some of Ianto's best moments in the show as a friend, fighter, lover, and consummate goof.

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

# Schedule Changes

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

## Additions

**"Virginia Hey Visualization Meditation Workshop"** 1 hr of discussion followed by 1 hr of guided meditation. See Ms. Hey in the Walk of Fame for more info. (Extra fee to attend workshop.) Sat 11:30AM, Piedmont (S).

**"Star Trek Authors Cavalcade: The Ladies"** Star Trek writers and editors discuss writing fiction in the Star Trek universe and the future of Star Trek adventures in print. Ann C. Crispin, Susan Kearney, Terri Osborne, Josepha Sherman. Sat 2:30PM, Savannah (S).

**"Film Festival: Urban Wolf"** An episodic thriller as an American tourist is stalked by a hidden CCTV operator in Paris. Q&A with director. Sat 2:30PM, Learning Center.

\*NEW\* **"So You Want to Be a Sci-Fi Consultant"** Sat 2:30PM, Centennial II-III.

**"TrekTrak Presents Captain Janeway"** Q&A with Kate Mulgrew. Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"Dragon\*Reading: A.J. Hartley"** Sat 5:30PM, Roswell.

\*NEW\* **Hildy Silverman** will be on "Alternate History Classics" Sat 5:30PM, Piedmont.

**Claudia Christian** will be on "Improv with Dean Haglund" Sat 7PM, Hanover C-E.

**"Planning your own 'Long Expected Party'"** Have you ever thought about organizing your own event? Come talk to other fans and find out the why-tos and wherefores. Sat 8:30PM, L506-L507 (M).

\*NEW\* **"Hypnosis Overnight Group Discussion and Meditation Session"** Led by Dee Bitner. Sat 11PM-3AM, M106-107 (M).

**Tommy Castillo** will be on "Iron Artist" Sun 9:30AM, Cent I.

**"Film Festival: Religion, Free Thought, and Belief"** Documentaries on the attempt to put up an "Atheist Tree" and an actual reenactment of the crucifixion—with nails. Q&A with filmmakers. Sun 2:30PM, Learning Center.

**"Teenage Bikini Vampires and Death"** Filmmaker Devi Snively brings her morbid, twisted humor to three shorts of a babysitting Death, a vampire who wants a tan, and tap-dancing zombies. Q&A follows. Sun 5:30PM, Learning Center.

**"Dragon\*Reading: Sean Shoshak"** Sun 5:30PM, University.

\*NEW\* **"Silk Road Show"** Come experience the delights of belly dancing. Sun 8:30PM, L508 (M).

**"Brain-machine Interfaces, or the Brain as a Machine"** The current state of open-source hardware for biopotential recording, machine learning, neurobiology, biological motor learning, and brain-machine interfaces for prosthetic (and other!) control. Sun 8:30PM, 202 (Hil).

**Ginjer Buchanan** will be on "The Future of Urban Fantasy" Mon 11:30AM, Mon-

treal/Vancouver.

\*NEW\* **"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

**David Prowse** will not be on "Meet the Stars of Star Wars" Sat 4PM, Regency VI-VII; and "Meet the Stars of Star Wars" Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Kate Mulgrew** will not be on "The TrekTrak Show" Sat 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"Making Your Costume Extraordinary"** Sat 11:30AM, L506-L507 (M).

\*NEW\* **"Eureka—Creation Theory"** Sat 2:30PM, Centennial II-III.

**"Live Long and Prosper: TrekTrak Presents Leonard Nimoy"** Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

\*NEW\* **"Runes of Magic"** Sat 5:30PM, Augusta (S).

**Friar Bryan Small** will not be on "What is Your Apocalypse" Sat 5:30PM, L504 (M).

\*NEW\* **"Neography and Scripts"** Sat 7PM, Hanover A-B.

\*NEW\* **Jaime Paglia** will not be on "Myths in the Movies: How NOT to Do Space Exploration" Sat 10PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil).

**"Jumpgate Evolution"** Sun 10AM, Augusta (S).

**Mary Robinette Kowal** will not be on "Creating and Using Puppetry as Costume" Sun 11:30AM, M103-105 (M).

**Annie Owens** will not be on "Feminine Wiles—The Women of Pop Art" Sun 1PM, Hanover F.

**"Tobe Hooper on Short Film"** Sun 5:30PM, Learning Center.

\*NEW\* **"Geisha Theater with Ana Iki-maru"** Sun 8:30PM, L508 (M).

**William Faith** will not be on "Bleeding Into The Mainstream" Sun 8:30PM, Hanover C-E.

**"Medical Device Development: Thrills, Excitement, and Crazy Research!"** Sun 8:30PM, 202 (Hil).

**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.

## Corrections

\*NEW\* **"Torchwood: An Hour With Ianto"** will be Sat 11:30AM, not 10AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

**The Atlanta Radio Theatre Company** will present "The Call of Cthulhu" by H. P. Lovecraft and "Night Call" by Brian Phillips Sat 7:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); and "Rory Rammer, Space Marshal: Enemies Within!" by Ron N. Butler and "Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper Sun 7PM, Reg VI-VII.

## Updates

**"Dragon\*Reading: Mike Resnick"** moved from Fri 1PM, University to Sun 5:30PM, Roswell.

**"Arthurian Legend in British Media"** moved from Sat 11:30AM to Mon 10AM, Valdosta (S).

\*NEW\* **"Zombie Squad"** moved from Sat 4PM to Sat 2:30PM, Int'l North.

**"What is Your Apocalypse"** moved from Sat 2:30PM to Sat 5:30PM, L504 (M).

**"Fading of the Cries Preview"** moved from Sat 5:30PM, Int'l North, to Sat 7PM, Int'l South.

**"YA Literature Team Trivia"** moved from Int'l South to A601-A602 (M), Sat 7PM.

**"Court The Late Night Muse"** moved from Sat 10PM to Sat 11:30PM, L506-L507 (M).

**Margaret H. Bonham's** autograph signing moved from Sun 10AM to Sat 5:30PM, M301-304 (M).

**"An Hour With Draco Malfoy"** moved from Sun 11:30AM to Sun 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Adam Savage's** Sun 1PM autograph signing will be in Cloak Room, 2nd floor (Hil).

**"Twilight Time"** moved from Sun 4PM to Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**"LARP Costuming and Props Exhibition"** moved from Sun 8:30PM to Sat 11AM, Grand Salon B (Hil).

**"The Music of the Ainur"** moved from Sun 7PM to Sat 10PM, L506-L507 (M).

**"British Media Gaming II"** moved from Sun 8:30PM to Sun 10AM, Valdosta (S).

**"Film Festival: Unspeakable Acts"** will be followed by 1.5 hours of SF shorts. Mon 1AM, Learning Center.

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

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

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

\*NEW\* **"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.

## Happy Birthday Bev Kodak!

~Love, all your D\*C friends/fans.



## Congratulations to Claire and Jonathan

May you have many happy years of marriage.



## Blood Drive Update

We collected 447 pints of blood on the first day of the blood drive. Thanks to all who donated!

~John Tackett



## Honeymoon at Dragon\*Con

Congratulations to Jodi and Tony; 1 week today!

~Chris Poss



## To: Sci-Fi Girl

Soooo sad we won't be there this year! Don't forget to stalk Ben B. for me! Have fun and Willy's for all of us, and NO FALLING!

~From Rosehawk and the Choker



## To Michael

My lover, my friend, my partner extraordinaire. Dragon\*Con is all the much better with you by my side. Thanks for being present in my life.

~Love, Suzanne



## Roar Out Loud, Fellow Thrillers!

Let's crush our competition!

~Hilchan



## Farscape

**10th Anniversary Party**  
Food, fun, free stuff, episode marathon. It'll be a frelling good time! Sat 9:30PM, Con Suite.



## The Mighty Fine Shindig!

Join us for the Best Damn Social event this side of the 'Verse! Sat 10PM, Grand Ballroom D-F (S).



## Kingdom of Loathing Party

Calling all Disco Bandits and Turtle Tamers. Sat 10PM, Athens Room (S).



## 2009 Battlestar Galactica Party

Benefits the Georgia Chapter of the American Alzheimer's Association. Humans and Cylons welcome! Sat 10PM, Grand Ballroom (S).

## Thriller World Record Registration

Attention Thriller dance participants: Don't forget to stop by outside Georgia 1 (S) and register for the Thriller dance and get your ribbon even if you already registered online. Be sure to fill out your consent and release form!