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Dragon\*Con 2011

# The Daily Dragon

## Ladies of the Guild by Nivair H. Gabriel

Four years ago, Felicia Day stood handing out bookmarks at Comic-Con International, hoping that the promotion for her tiny new web series *The Guild* wouldn't get lost in the shuffle of the many scraps of paper thrust at every con-goer. This Saturday, she and her Guild costars Amy Okuda and Robin Thorsen stepped onstage in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom to wild cheers from hundreds of their fans. The excitement of Nathan Fillion's guest appearance in the show's current season (its fifth) had not yet worn off, and the ladies eagerly shared hints about more upcoming surprises, favorite moments of past seasons, and who could kick Day's butt playing Halo.

Fun, friendly, and engaged with the audience, the women acted

more like familiar Dragon\*Con attendees than famous guests. "We just want to be fans with other fans," Day said. "It's all about the people who come here." She, Okuda, and Thorsen loved wandering the crowds with their own cameras and admiring the cosplayers—especially since *The Guild*'s current season has the actresses donning full fan garb at the fictional Megagame-o-ramacon.

So what's the next level up for the five Knights of Good? First there's the extra-long 12-minute episode airing in two weeks, which Day promised has "the best scenes we've ever done." When asked about the Axis of Anarchy, a rival guild featuring fan-favorite guest star Wil Wheaton, Day assured us that she's keeping those beloved characters in the

back of her mind for as long as the show continues. She also wants to keep singing, following up the stunning success of "(Do You Want to Date My) Avatar" and "Game On" with more Guild music videos. And if Okuda gets her wish, Glee's Cory Monteith will join the cast for "copious makeup sessions" with her character. (Day's ideal choice for a future guest star? Meryl Streep, naturally.)

Everybody groaned as the end of the panel arrived, too soon, but the dreaming didn't stop for either the audience or the actors. Reminded of the horde outside waiting to take over the ballroom, Day responded: "Whatever!" The audience broke into devoted applause.

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## Comic Book Babes Costume Contest Winners

Announcing the winners of Saturday night's Comic Book Babes Costume Contest:

First Place: Christie Cox (Grace from *Soulfire*)

Second Place: Lydia Pena (Tank Girl)

Third Place: Mira Kinston (Silver Age Batgirl)

Honorable Mentions:

Lauren Brackbury (Princess Aura from *Flash Gordon*)

Catherine Pickett (Steampunk Wonder Woman)

Christie Cox (Grace from *Soulfire*)

Joanie King (Dark Ivory)

Kathleen Bolado (The Penguin)



## Doctor Who: Davies vs. Moffat by K. Tempest Bradford

The "Doctor Who: Davies vs. Moffat" panel in the Brit Track took place in the Hilton Crystal Ballroom at 7PM on Friday night. Panelists Caro MacCully, Alan Siler, and Robert Bowen began the proceedings by engaging the audience in a group performance of the *Torchwood* theme song while a Captain Jack cosplayeress stood up high and tried to look very serious. This set the tone for the panel.

The panelists then stated which side of the debate they fell on: show runner Russell T. Davies or show runner Steven Moffat. Alan was firmly in Moffat's corner; Caro and Robert were less definitive and switched sides (sometimes physically) often

throughout the panel.

Tracing the character development of the Doctor, the panel discussed the Ninth Doctor as the veteran, the Tenth as the survivor or a man in denial, and the Eleventh incarnation as finally being able to go on without the emotional baggage of the previous two.

The panel turned to a discussion of the Doctor's dark side and the way both show runners addressed or expressed this. Though Caro feels that Eleven is a more innocent Doctor than Nine or Ten, many audience members disagreed.

"I think a case can be made that [The Doctor] may not be inno-

cent in action, but innocent in the belief that he's justified in his action," Robert said.

"But in 'A Good Man Goes To War' they basically tell us that the Doctor is not the good man," an audience member argued. "He has a darker side and tries to control it, but sometimes it just gets away from him."

One audience member straight up called the Doctor a jerk, and pointed out how Davies explored that during his run.

At the end of the panel there was no definitive answer to the central debate. Robert ended by saying: "there are no sides. It's still one great series."

# 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).

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

## Cancellations

**Matthew Darwin Chapman** will not be on "Skeptical Morning Chat" Sun 8:30 AM, 207 (Hil).

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

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

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

\***NEW\* Beau Bridges** will not be on "Supergate" Sun 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

**Jimmy Palmiotti** will not be on "An Hour with Stan Lee!" Sun 2:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

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

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

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

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

**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\* Michael Hogan** will not be on "BSG-Sometimes you gotta roll a hard 6!" Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Stacia Kane** will not be on "Shadowed Streets" Sun 7PM, Cairo (Hy).

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

**Adam Baldwin** will not be on "Chuck—Casey at Bat" Mon 10AM, Centennial I (Hy).

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

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

## Updates

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

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

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

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

\***NEW\* "Is Goth the New Goth?"** Sun 2:30PM moved from Montreal/Vancouver (Hy) to Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

\***NEW\* "The Vampire Diaries"** Sun 2:30PM moved from Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W) moved to Montreal/Vancouver (Hy).

## Take Your Dragon\*Con Badge or Room Key with You!

Between 7PM-1AM, you need one in order to enter the Hyatt or Marriott. A badge gets you in everywhere, but just a hotel room key will only get you into the corresponding hotel.



## Dragon\*Con & Chicon 7

Be a part of science fiction history next year! The 2012 World Science Fiction convention, Chicon 7, will be held in Chicago over Labor Day weekend. Stop by their fan table in the Hyatt (by the Art Show) to learn how you can participate in WorldCon without missing Dragon\*Con!



## Ravelry Meet Up

Bring your string and sticks and take a break with your fellow crafty con-goers. Sun 1PM, 10th Floor Lounge (M).



## Dragon\*Con 2011 Brony Meetup

The official Reddit My Little Pony meetup at Dragon\*Con. Sun 4PM, 10th floor lobby (M).



## Zone 42—The Fabulous Killjoys of Dragon\*Con Meetup

Look alive, Sunshine! Sun 6PM, the lions in front of the motor lobby (M).



## The Grand Pirate and Time Travelers Ball

Wear your finest historical or anachronistic costume and be prepared to dance and make merry! Sun 8:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).



## SGTV Meetup

Meet up with fans, cast, and crew of SGTV. Sun 8:30PM, 10th Fl (M).



## Yule Ball

Where students of Hogwarts will socialize with their "foreign" guests, and this year, we're going totally '80s! Sun 8:30PM, Grand Ballroom (S).

## At the Café with Chris Gauthier by Maggie Caracappa

On *Eureka*, Chris Gauthier plays Vincent, the character everyone tells their problems and stories to. This time, he sat down with the *Daily Dragon* to answer some questions.

**Daily Dragon (DD):** So, I know you from *Harper's Island* as well as *Eureka*. How far in advance did you know who the killer ended up being on *Harper's Island*?

**Chris Gauthier (CG):** We didn't know until we saw it. There are spoilers everywhere. You think that for a show you're working on, there's gonna be spoilers



that you find out about. You just think that you're going to know what's going on in the show the whole time. We didn't even know from episode to episode who was going to die.

**DD:** If you could have chosen any one way for your character, Malcolm Ross, to die on *Harper's Island*, what would it have been?

**CG:** Slicing and dicing for me

is pretty cool. I'm a big horror fan, and I like that kind of thing. There's a scene in one of the *Nightmare* on Elm Streets where somebody gets their veins pulled out and is used as a marionette. And I like that kind of thing. So my death to me was really cool. I like mine. I'm going stick with me.

**DD:** How are you enjoying your first Dragon\*Con?

**CG:** I effing love it. I've been to three other conventions in the past, and this one kicks all of their asses.

## Browncoats: Redemption Wrap Party

The Fan Film for Charity project officially comes to an end and we're sending it off with a great shindig. Sun 9PM, Atlanta Ballroom (W).



## Kingdom of Loathing Party

Drinks, dancing, board games.

Sun 10PM, Capitol Ballroom (S).

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Mac, six years and it's still the best day ever.

—Your Moonbeam



Happy birthday to Bev Kodak, the YA Lit Track Director! —Jason