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## Parade Delights All

by Nancy Northcott and Debbie Yutko

By 8:30 on Saturday morning, parade-goers were lining Peachtree Street. According to parade director Jan Price, about 3,300 participants were expected to walk the route. They'll be outnumbered by spectators. Some estimates place 2014 attendance at over 100,000 people.

The parade started with author and bagpiper Janny Wurts marching ahead of the Dragon Con banner, carried by Parade Team members escorted by two dragonriders. Then came Grand Marshal **Nichelle Nichols** and two other Guest parade marshals: **Carroll Spinney** (aka Big Bird) and **Peter Hamilton**.

As always, the parade featured a range of fandoms and characters—everything from a pink Darth Vader to Sharknado to Batfolk. One member of the *Star Trek* group bore an uncanny resemblance to the late James Doohan (aka



Scotty). Carrying a 300 banner, the cadre of Spartans marched in force. As usual, the 501st were a big part of the Star Wars group, and the Kilted Troopers provided bagpipe music.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

## Too Many Doctors

by Maggie Caraccappa

The “Supergate 3: Is There a Doctor in the House?” panel on Saturday afternoon in the Westin Peachtree ballroom started with guests **David Hewlett**, **Teryl Rothery**, and **Paul McGillion** pausing at the edge of the stage together to give everyone a photo op and for Hewlett to take a selfie. From that very first moment, the tone of the panel was set.

Throughout the panel, the banter between the guests flew fast and furious, especially between Hewlett and McGillion, who co-starred on *Stargate: Atlantis*. But Rothery certainly wasn't holding back, either. At one point a fan asked a question about what were some of their favorite scenes to film, and Rothery picked up the cup that was sitting in front of McGillion, holding it up for the audience to see. “Scenes?” she said. “Scenes? He’s drinking Scotch!



He can't remember episodes, let alone scenes!”

After the audience finished laughing, Rothery actually answered the question, saying that she really enjoyed filming a scene with the late Dom DeLuise. In the scene, Rothery's character wasn't able to see DeLuise's character, so he spent it blowing in her ear and doing other things to try to distract her and make her break. Rothery finished the scene without breaking. After they had wrapped, DeLuise

turned to her and said, “Wow, you're good!”

During the Q&A, one fan had a comment for each of the panelists. Her comment to McGillion was, “I love you.” Hewlett quickly became indignant. “Wait, Paul gets ‘I love you’ and I get ‘my sister is awesome?’” McGillion slipped into the Scottish accent he used for his character, Dr. Carson Beckett, to tell the fan that she is gorgeous and then called her up front for a hug. Giving out Carson Beckett hugs is a time-honored tradition of McGillion's during a convention panel.

Another time-honored tradition is the Don S. Davis Charity Auction, which McGillion is emceeding this year. The auction takes place on Sunday in Hanover C-E in the Hyatt starting at 4PM.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

## An Early Morning with Danielle Panabaker

by Alicia Pack

Georgia native **Danielle Panabaker**, who plays Caitlin Snow on *The Flash* and *Arrow*, sat down with reporters for a 9AM press conference on Saturday. Hot topics ranged from her experiences with comics fans to the role of Killer Frost to toilets in “the pipeline.”

Her first experiences with the passion comics fans possess were through Twitter. While Panabaker is still fairly new to the social media scene, Twitter plays a big role in her interaction with *Flash* fans, as the

cast and crew often work 80 hours per week.

Panabaker's favorite fan experiences are when parents tell her that they adore the show and they watch it with the whole family. She loves it when they relate to Caitlin, and she hopes that the character inspires people to go into the science, technology,



engineering, and mathematics fields. Panabaker said, “I was a total nerd growing up. I spent too much time in the math lab.”

To Panabaker, every time they start filming is a new, exciting, and often challenging experience. The hardest thing on set, however, is often just the ability to keep a straight face. “We have such a rapport, and we have a lot fun,” Panabaker laughed.

Read the complete article on the Daily Dragon website.

# Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt S = Sheraton  
 M = Marriott W = Westin  
 Hil = Hilton  
 AM2 = AmericasMart Bldg 2

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2015: **Arthur Adams, Rene Auberjonois, Mike Bara, Ashley Field, Jonathan Frakes, Kevin Grazier, Alex Kingston, Paul McGann, Pamela Nance, Aristotle Prangioulis, Stephen H. Segal, Eliza Taylor, Natasha Wescoat.**

## Additions

**John Barrowman** will be on "Arrow: Two Sides to Every Coin" Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Richard Carrier** will be doing an Autograph Session Sun 11:30AM, International Hall South (M).

\*NEW\* **Geekapella.** Sun 2:30PM, Concourse (Hy).

**Carey S. Means** will be on "Ask a Character!" Sun 2:30PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy); "Turner Toons: Working w/ Cartoon Network" Sun 7PM, International South (Hy).

**Ted Naifeh** will be on "Giving Voice to the Other: Young Adult UF" Sun 5:30AM, Chastain ED (W).

**Eric Asher** will be on "Undead with a Purpose: iZombie" Sun 7PM, Chastain ED (W).

**Steve Troop** will be on "Extreme Puppet Makeover" Sun 7PM, A703-A704 (M).

**Tamsin Silver** will be on "Vampiric Variations" Mon 11:30AM, Chastain ED (W).

## Cancellations

"Ancient Aliens—The Extraterrestrial Question" Sun 1PM, Augusta (S).

\*NEW\* **Hank West and the Smokin' Hots.** Sun 2:30PM, Concourse (Hy).

**Victor Webster** will not be on "Continuum: No Good Choices" Sun 2:30PM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil); "Continuum: The Future Divided" Mon 10AM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

"A Pilot's Guide to Life-or-Death Critical Thinking" Sun 4PM, 204-207 (Hil).

**John Barrowman** will not be on "Doctor Who Companions" Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

**Candice Patton** will not be on "DC United" Mon 11:30AM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

**Ksenia Solo** will not be on "Lost Girl Cast" Mon 1PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

**Kinshore Hari** will not be on "For Survival: 4 Years Later" Mon 1PM, Chastain 1-2 (W).

## Updates

"Sleepy Hollow" moved from Sun 1PM to Sun 2:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"Star Wars vs. Middle-earth—Part 2"

moved from Sun 2:30PM, L401-403 (M) to Sun 8:30PM, A601-602 (M).

**Star Wars Costume Contest Pre-Judging.** Sun 4-5PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"A Skeptic's Guide to Meditation" moved from Fri 8:30PM to Sun 4PM, 204-207 (Hil).

"The Ghost Hunters Panel" moved from Sat 4PM, Grand Ballroom D-F (S), to Sun 4PM, Augusta Ballroom (W).

"The Anime Biz—Is It Right For You?" Sun 4PM, Regency V (Hy).

\*NEW\* "Teen Wolf Fan Gathering" moved from Sun 7PM to Sun 10PM, Piedmont (S).

"Doctor Who: The Girl Who Waited" Amy Pond herself, Karen Gillan, is interviewed about her time on the show. Sun 7PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

"The Road Goes Ever On: What's Coming for Tolkien Fans?" moved from Sun 8:30PM, A601-602 (M), to Sun 2:30PM, L401-403 (M).

## Corrections

**Southern Charm.** Sun 1PM (not Sat 1PM), LARP Reg, 2nd Floor Lobby (Hil).

See the complete list of schedule changes on the Daily Dragon website, or download the latest information from the Dragon Con mobile app.

## Daily Dragon Tweets

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## Venture Bros. Meet-Up

After the Venture Bros. panel, come hang out with your fellow Venture Bros. fans, show off your awesome costume, and maybe even get some cool Venture swag! Sun 6PM, Pulse Bar (Marriott).



## Shout-Outs

Happy birthday Jessica Frame!



Happy Birthday Nav! Sunshine will always be with you and share all adventures and dreams! Love 4ever!



Hey, Yellow Daisy! Topernicus loves you!



Happy Birthday, Liz. Enjoy your first Dragon Con!



Check the Shout-Outs page on the Daily Dragon website for more!

## Dragon Con Guests Honored at Awards Banquet

by Shae Connor



Choosing a starting point to describe Saturday's Guest of Honor banquet (Hyatt Regency VI-VII, 7PM) could take until next year's Dragon Con. Led by emcee **Gary Jones** from *Stargate SG-1*, the evening offered two hours of laughs, tears, and poignant moments.

Regina Kirby, Dragon Con's Senior Director of Programming, presented to the Artist Guest of Honor, Argentinian fantasy artist **Ciruelo Cabral**. Dave Cody, Dragon Con Co-Chairman and

Gaming Senior Director, then presented the Literary Guest of Honor award to English author **Peter Hamilton**.

For the Media Guest of Honor award, Jones brought up US Congressman John Lewis, who presented to *Star Trek* actress **Nichelle Nichols**. Atlanta City Council member Michael Bond also presented Nichols with a proclamation that declared Saturday, September 5, 2015, as "Nichelle Nichols Day" in the city of Atlanta.

Next to present was author **Peter David**, 2007 recipient of the Julie Award, who gave the 2015 award for universal achievement spanning multiple genres to **Caroll Spinney**, known to millions as Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch from *Sesame Street*.

Finally, the Hank Reinhardt Fan Award was presented to the late Eugie Foster, author and former *Daily Dragon* Editor/Director. Her husband, Matt, accepted on her behalf.

Con 2015 charity, the Lymphoma Research Foundation-Georgia Market. Sun 8:30PM, Grand Salon D (Hilton).



## The Punk-Off Debate: Steam vs. Diesel

The Alternate History Track's charity drive concludes with the great throw down between Steampunks and Dieselpunks. Who will win? Your dollars will decide! Sun 8:30PM, August I&II (Westin).



## Mechanical Masquerade: Dystopia

The Artifice Club and the Alternate History Track bring back the Club's landmark celebration of all things that never were. The Mechanical Masquerade is back for its fourth year. Our theme this year

is greatly inspired by all manner of Post-Apocalyptic worlds, from Weimar to the Wasteland and all points between: "A Dark Future to Remember." Featuring That Darling DJ Duo and DJ Doctor Q spinning their special brand of beats, joined on stage with entertainment from Nikki Nuke'm, The Lady of Graves, and Art To Life. Sun 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (Westin).



## Solve for X Variety Show

The Solve for X Variety Show provides the finest in science-themed entertainment, including stand-up, storytelling, and PowerPoint karaoke! Sun 10PM, Grand Ballroom West (Hilton).



Check out the Parties/Events page on the Daily Dragon website for more parties and meetups!

## The Hands-On Science Power Hour

Give us an hour and we'll give you a science buffet! We've got ten hands-on experiments for you to try. Can you do all ten in an hour? Sun 10AM, Atlanta Ballroom (Sheraton).



## Family-Friendly Dance

Join the Kaleidoscope Track to dance to Disney songs and your requested tunes in a G-rated, family-friendly environment where you and your kids can enjoy yourselves. Costumes encouraged! Parental supervision required; no alcohol allowed. Theme: Big Hero 6. Sun 5:30PM, A601-602 (Marriott).



## Yule Ball

There will be well-mannered fri-

volity as we dance the night away with the YA Lit Track and DJ Chris. Costumes encouraged, but definitely not required. All ages invited until 10PM; grown-ups only after 10PM. Sun 8:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).



## Caritas

Join the Whedonverse Track for karaoke with your favorite singing demon, Lorne! Prizes given and fortunes told at Lorne's discretion. Sun 8:30PM, Chastain FG (Westin).



## Geek Trivia for Charity

The Quest for the Bling Gnome is back for another year. Players answer questions in groups of up to 8 people. A \$5.00 registration fee per player is required, with all proceeds going to the Dragon