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The Daily Dragon

Long Life, Long Career: Wallace Shawn

by Maggie Caracappa

Wallace Shawn has been writing plays and acting for nearly 40 years. Before his first visit to Dragon Con, he took a few minutes to speak with the *Daily Dragon*.

Daily Dragon (DD): *What do you most get recognized for?*

Wallace Shawn (WS): Oh... on the street you mean? I suppose *The Princess Bride*, really.

DD: *Do people come up to you and say Vizzini lines back to you?*

WS: They do.

DD: *Does that get old?*

WS: You know, that's my destiny. Apparently something in my previous life must have caused that to happen.

Vote for the Dragon Awards

Cast your ballot in the 2nd Annual Dragon Awards and you could win Dragon Con 2018 memberships! Register at http://application.dragoncon.org/dc_fan_awards_signup.php through midnight on Friday, September 1. Those who register will receive a ballot very early on Saturday, September 2, and will have

New Blood Drive Location

The Dragon Con Blood Drive has a brand-new location for 2017. Donors can visit the Atlanta Conference Center on the Conference Level of the Hyatt (LL3, three levels below the lobby). In addition to rewarding donors with an exclusive t-shirt, blood drive provider LifeSouth will be holding daily giveaways from

Geek Trivia for Charity

Last year, we raised over \$2,200 for our charity. This year, we aim to improve on that. Bragging rights and a chance at immortality on the famous Bling Gnome Trophy await our champions. Requested donation: \$10 per player. Players will be grouped in teams of no more than 10. 5:30PM Thu, Augusta B-D (Westin).



Sci-Fi Sing-Along

When did not knowing the words to TV theme songs ever stop anybody? Thu 8:30PM, M103-105 (Marriott).



Let's Remember the '80s!

"Stranger Things: has put XTrack and Paranormal Track in a bit

DD: *Would you consider yourself a geek?*

WS: I actually have almost no knowledge of what's going on. I've never owned a television, and I don't see that many regular movies. I was an incredible comic book fan when I was a boy, but I haven't gotten back into it, really.

DD: *Do you have much time to work on your own writing? Is there anything you're currently working on that you can tell us about?*

WS: The wonderful thing about having two professions and one of them being acting is that unless you are a leading man, which very few people have accepted me as

until midnight to complete and return the ballot. Random winners will be drawn from those who submit ballots to receive a pair of memberships to Dragon Con in 2018. Winners will be announced on Sunday, September 3. The Dragon Awards will be presented at 1PM Sunday in Centennial I (Hyatt).

Dragon Con vendors, as well as a chance to win two 2018 Dragon Con memberships. Follow LifeSouth's social media accounts and share blood drive photos by tagging or using the hashtag #lifesouth. Winners will be announced daily on LifeSouth's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. See page 2 for hours.

of a time warp. Let's remember the '80s and get big hair, neon clothes, and weird jewelry. BYO-L'eggos! Thu 8:30PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hilton).



Geek Sing-Along

Join us for the newest version of our geeky sing-along with all those theme songs, jingles, and videos that stick your head. New songs! It's your chance to get up & join the conga line—or just sing in your seats! Thu 8:30PM, A601-602 (Marriott).



The 8-Bit Ball

The Video Gaming Track is back again this year with its Thursday night retro dance party—now with classic arcade cabinets! Enjoy

being, you don't spend that much time even if you're in a movie. I suppose my most recent piece of writing that is relevant is my very small book called *Night Thoughts*, which I'm actually doing a little event for in Atlanta at the Horizon Theatre and the A Capella Bookstore [at 7PM] on Thursday night.

DD: *Have you done any other conventions like Dragon Con?*

WS: Well, they tell me that Dragon Con is not like any of the others. But I didn't really know about it until about a year ago. This year I've done probably five or six of them.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

Parade Participants!

All confirmed parade participants must check in at the Parade Table in the Sheraton, lower level, 10AM-10PM Thursday or 9:30AM-8PM Friday.

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classics from the '80s and '90s. Costumes optional but always welcome, and you won't even have to put down a quarter for the next game. Thu 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (Westin).



Bunny Hutch Party and Costume Contest

Unleash your inner playboy/girl at this geek-meets-chic kickoff party. Embrace your sexy side and dress up—be creative and mash it up with your favorite fandom. You can even enter the contest to win fab prizes as a bunny or Hef! Mature audiences only. Thu 10PM, Imperial Ballroom (Marriott).



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

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 2017: **Taylor Anderson, Kate Baker, Nick Blood, Amanda Conner, Ric Flair, Lena Headey, Jon Heder, Joe Granato, D. Alan Lewis, KJ McCormick, E.C. Myers, Bobby Nash, Corvis Nocturnum, Jimmy Palmiotti, Rekha Sharma, R. Alan Siler, Gail Simone, Joonas Suotamo, Karl Urban, Toni Weisskopf, Caleph B. Wilson (@HeyDrWilson).**

ADDITIONS

James Callis will be on "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Rising" Fri 11:30AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Surge" Sat 11:30AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W); "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Supremacy" Sun 11:30AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Resurrection" Mon 10AM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

Alex White will be on "Alien Bug Hunts and the Need to Nuke Things From Orbit" Fri 11:30AM, M103-105 (M).

Tamsin Silver will be on "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" Fri 1 PM, A707 (M); "Shadowhunters, Downworlders, & Mundanes! Oh My!" Sat 8:30PM, A707 (M); "The Growing World of Harry Potter: Old Canon and New Canon" Sun 2:30PM, A707 (M).

Arthur Darvill will be on "Legends of Tomorrow: Heroes through Time" Sat 11:30AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "An Hour with the Ponds: Amy, Rory and River United" Sun 5:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

James Palmer will be on "Significant Short Stories" Sat 1PM, Embassy A-B (Hy).

Ken Feinberg will be on "Filmmaking Essentials: Directing" Sun 11:30AM, Spring (Hy).

Van Jensen will be on "State of the Comics Industry 2017 & Beyond" Mon 1PM, Chastain I-J (W).

CANCELLATIONS

Karl Urban will not be on "Riders of Rohan: What News from the Mark?" Fri 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M); "Karl Urban: Bad to the Bones" Sat 5:30PM, Grand Salon (Hil); "Karl Urban: Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Rekha Sharma will not be on "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Rising" Fri 11:30AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Surge" Sat 11:30AM, Peachtree Ballroom (W); "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Supremacy" Sun 11:30AM, Centennial II-III (Hy); "Battlestar Galactica: Operation Cylon Resurrection" Mon 10AM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

KJ McCormick will not be on "Ghost Hunters Guests" Fri 1PM, Grand East (Hil); "Oddest Cases" Sat 11:30AM, Grant West (Hil); "Ghost Hunters: Fave & Odd Cases" Sun 10AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S); "Safe Journeys: Kindred Spirits & Ghost Hunters" Mon 10AM, Grand West (Hil).

Gail Simone will not be on "The Big 2 vs Indie Comics" Fri 1PM, Chastain I-J (W); "DC Legend—Gail Simone" Sat 5:30PM, International South (Hy); "Love Is Love: The Orlando Shooting Benefit Comic" Sat 8:30PM, International North (Hy); "Women in Comics" Mon 11:30AM, Chastain I-J (W).

Nick Blood will not be on "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (or Is That Hydra?)" Fri 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S); "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." Sat 4PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Season 5: Um, Asteroids?" Sun 2:30PM, Grand Salon (Hil); "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (or Is That Hydra?)" Mon 1PM, Grand Salon (Hil).

R. Alan Siler will not be on "Dirk Gently: An Hour with Martin" Fri 5:30PM, Grant East (Hil); "BritTrack After Dark: Gay/Trans Themes in Doctor Who" Fri 10PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); "Doctor Who: Goodbye, Moffatt...Hello, Chibnall!" Sun 11:30AM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil);

"Classic Series Doctor Who" Sun 1PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); "Class" Sun 7PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); "Doctor Who Extended Universe" Sun 8:30PM, Galleria 5 (Hil); "Ask the Experts: Everything Doctor Who" Mon 1PM, Galleria 5 (Hil).

Amanda Conner will not be on "DC Comics Rebirth" Fri 7PM, International North (Hy); "Fashion in Comics" Sat 2:30PM, Chastain I-J (W); "Aftershock Comics" Sat 4PM, International South (Hy).

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D. Alan Lewis will not be on "Murders, Mysteries, & Mayhem in Alternate History" Fri 11:30PM, Athens (S); "Autograph Sessions, Sat 11:30AM, International Hall South 4-5 (M); "More Than Gears: The Neo-Pulp & Dieselpunk Author Roundtable" Sat 7PM, Augusta (S).

Joe Granato will not be on "Video Game History & Preservation" Sat 1PM, Augusta E-G (W); "Screening: The New 8-Bit Heroes" Sun 10PM, August E-G (W).

Caleph B. Wilson (@HeyDrWilson) will not be on "The Science of Luke Cage" Sat 1PM, Crystal Ballroom (Hil); "Personal Genetic Testing" Sat 8:30PM, 201-211 (Hil); "Chemical Warfare in Wonder Woman" Sun 5:30PM, Grand East (Hil).

Courtesy Buses

Courtesy buses run between the convention sites about every 30-45 minutes. Buses have Dragon Con signs in the window, and all routes have handicap-accessible buses available. Complete schedule available online: <http://www.dragoncon.org/?q=node/128>

Van Alan Plexico by Amy Herring

How did a pleasant (dare I say mild-mannered?) professor become the next great creator of superheroes... or is he already? I met with him before Dragon Con to ask about his metamorphosis.

Daily Dragon (DD): Describe the genesis of your *Sentinels* series.

Van Allen Plexico (VAP): It started way back in the halcyon days of the '90s when my friend Bobby Politte and I went to see *Escape from LA*. Afterward, he and I sat down and started plotting out a huge storyline involving dozens of superhero characters. We wrote a whole self-published book of short stories about them, all intertwined like the classic *Marvel* comics, with guest appearances in each other's stories, plot crossovers, and so on.

Then the whole thing sat on a shelf for a decade until I started writing

professionally. At that point—about 11 years ago—I asked Bob- by if he minded if I started writing actual novels using the characters and plots, and he was cool with it. Since then, I've written nine full novels and an anthology.

DD: If I'm a new *Sentinels* reader, where should I start?

VAP: It's probably best to start with book one, *When Strikes the Warlord*. The story is arranged into three trilogies, but the whole thing moves in a linear fashion. The first trilogy includes the origins of the team and their first clash with their arch-enemy, the Warlord. The second trilogy is a cosmic epic along the lines of a *Galactus/Celestials* story. The third trilogy was inspired by *Marvel's* interstellar conflicts like the *Kree-Skrull War*.

Read the complete interview on the *Daily Dragon website*.

Daily Dragon Tweets

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Just the FAQs

Registration Hours

THU: 10AM-10PM
 FRI: 8AM-10PM
 SAT-SUN: 8AM-9PM
 MON: 8AM-4PM

Pre-registration and on-site registration are located in the Sheraton. VIP Badge Pick-up is located in the Marriott: room L507 for Eternals, room L508 for other VIPs.

Vendor Hall, Comic Artist Alley, and Walk of Fame Hours

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Art Show Hours

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-3PM

Dragon Con Store Hours

Marriott Store

FRI-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Sheraton Store

THU: 8AM-10PM
 FRI: 8AM-5PM
 SAT-SUN: 8AM-4PM

AmericasMart 2 Store

FRI: 1-7PM
 SAT-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 10AM-5PM

Blood Drive Hours

Atlanta Conference Center Hyatt LL3

THU: 11AM-8PM
 FRI-SUN: 10AM-7PM
 MON: 9AM-3PM

Check the mobile app, the *Pocket Program*, or the *Daily Dragon website* for more information on hours and locations!

Con for Newbies

New to Dragon Con? We've got three ways to get you oriented! The Newbies Walking Tour will show you the best way to get from one con hotel to another and where the food court is. Thu 2:30PM, A601-602 (Marriott Atrium Level). Then hit up the Dragon Con Newbies Q&A, where several long-time con attendees will share tips and tricks. Thu 5:30PM, A601-602. Finally, if you won't be around Thursday, Dragon Con Newbies—101 offers tips and tricks from long-time con attendees. Fri 10AM, Regency V (Hyatt Ballroom Level, LL1).



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Programming Schedule

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