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CAN'T YOU HEAR IT?

Hello, I'm your Publications Chump, I wrote it so no one else had to. Well, this is it, friends. The final, last, no more, deleted, exterminated, one and done Progress Report for DarkCon 2014. For a whole year now we here behind the scenes have been bringing you the latest news of what you will get to see when the doors open, and it's all led up to this. And even now, as the sound of drums gets closer, we're still working hard to bring you the best show we can. Miles to go before I can sleep, my friends, miles to go. But you? Get your costumes lined up, check on your room reservation, and call around your buddies for meetups. Prepare yourself, because here! Come! The drums!

GUESTS GALORE

GUEST OF HONOR

DarkCon is proud to have Adrian Paul as our 2014 Media Guest! Adrian has had a successful 25-year acting career that has made him internationally recognized, and respected. His most notable role was playing Duncan Macleod, in the international hit television series, "Highlander," the first multi-national co-production to run over 100 episodes, and spin off the films Highlander: Endgame and Highlander: The Source. Born and raised in London, England of an Italian mother and a British father, Adrian Paul's experience reaches all levels of the entertainment business, as well as in modeling and choreography, martial arts and sword skills. We're looking forward to Adrian sharing his experiences with his fans.

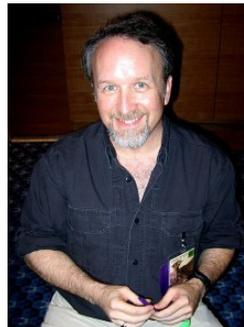


AUTHORS

My friends, allow me to present to you our Author Guests. DarkCon is thrilled to bring you the author of the "Katherine 'Kitty' Katt" Alien Series, Gini Koch! And for fans of the Star Wars Expanded



Universe, Michael Stackpole, author of the X-Wing series and numerous Star Wars comics for Dark Horse, will be here! Susan Wright, the bestselling author of over 30 novels and nonfiction books on art and popular culture, will also be on hand to discuss her books. Exciting, yeah?



GAMES AND GUESTS

ARTISTS

We have as our Artist Guests, “darkpop” fantasy artist and entrepreneur BIGCHRIS, and fan favorite bodypainter extraordinaire Mark Greenawalt. BIGCHRIS has 17 years of magazine covers, TV and movie work. Mark’s handiwork has appeared in Playboy Magazine and over 400 other projects.



And that’s not all! We also have Jacob Charles Dietz, an internationally published artist and illustrator whose work encompasses darker, grittier forms of future noir and science fiction themes.



GAMING

Gamers, you’re gonna love the gaming guests we have in store. Tom Dowd, co-creator of the award-winning cyberpunk RPG Shadowrun, and game writer extraordinaire is coming, as is Todd Van Hooser, the creator of the Laughing Moon Chronicles RPG. John Wick will be with us, the multi-award winning game designer of the Houses of the Blooded RPG. And we have Ken St. Andre, the game designer best known for creating the RPG Tunnels & Trolls.



GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Our friends with gaming groups the Unnamed Association of Gamers, the Steve Jackson MIB, Time Renegades, Laughing Moon Productions, and Catalyst Game Labs will be on hand with experience, advice, and a whole lot of games. Check out what we have in store:

MaricopaCon Gamer Olympics - a ranked competition where the players play multiple fast short games over a given time period, and are awarded points based on how each game is finished. Prizes for all participants.

Bolt Action - a WWII tabletop miniatures war game made by Valley-based Warlord Games. Demos will run all weekend.

Thunderstone - sign up for a tournament of this fantasy deck-building card game by AEG.

Heroscape - a fun, out-of-print and easy-to-learn miniatures game, scheduled for Saturday play.

Heavy Gear - demos and a tournament will run for this sci-fi mech minis war game by Dream Pod 9.

Laughing Moon RPG - takes gamers into a treacherous setting where nothing is what it seems.

Firefly - come play the newly released shiny board game, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday!

Fortune and Glory - play as treasure hunters traveling the globe in search of ancient artifacts, fending off danger and villains in this pulp-styled adventure game scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Raiding Parties - Join local game designer Nick Pace while he demos his creation, this deck-building game where you as commander select a pirate crew as part of your Raiding Party in a fast-paced card battle.

Tunnels & Trolls - Come play the Deluxe version of this classic game with Ken St. Andre on Sunday!

And there’s more! Games also scheduled include: Hollow Earth Expedition, Night’s Black Agents – Sentries, Call of Cthulhu: The Wives of March Part 1 & 2, Delta Green: When the Levee Breaks, Revolution, Illuminati, Munchkin Quest, GURPS: Walking Dead, GURPS DF: Troll Hunters Wanted!, GURPS Traveller: Spinward Marches, Ogre 6E, Castellan, Lord of the Fries/Give Me the Brain, Frag, Zombie Fluxx.

PARTIES AND NIGHTTIME EVENTS

TRAVELER

Start your weekend with a live performance of the internationally renowned Traveler on Thursday night from 9:00 pm to midnight. Traveler is a multi-cultural musical experience fusing Gypsy, Middle Eastern, Celtic, Greek and



Turkish styles with Rock. It'll be a unique experience and a fantastic kick-off for DarkCon 2014, and there'll be a no-host bar in the offering as well.

POKER

[Register now](#) for our No Limit Steampunk Texas Hold 'Em Charity Tournament on Friday night! All you'll need is the required \$10 donation for your seat at the table, and maybe your steampunk formal wear.

Follow the link for more details, and proceeds are to benefit the charity, The Peace Fund.



STEAMPUNK

Connect with Arizona's Steampunkers and dance fanciers in DarkCon's premier musical event, the ever-popular Steampunk party on Friday night. Our Dark Suite will have cordials presented by Craig of the White Cliffs, and there will be food and snacks during the party. And in the Yuma Ballroom as part of the festivities, Arizona's only local Irish rock band, Keltic Cowboys will be performing live, kicking it 'Irish style' Friday night as well with a no-host bar. Look for the fun starting 8:30pm to midnight in room# 1014, and the performance at 9:00.



RED QUEENS TIPSY TEA

(21 AND OVER) Come join the Queen on Saturday afternoon, imagining many impossible things in a little game of cards (against Humanity). Enjoy a trifle and a tipple with Her Mad Majesty and the company of several of your most closest strangers. Join us for this popular social experience! Wonderland themed attire is requested, but not required.



TIME LORDS BALL

Do you really expect us to overlook something like the 50th Anniversary of the good Doctor? Ooooh no, you don't! The Dark Ones will be bringing all kinds of wibbly wobbly timey wimey fun, as much as you could expect from humans anyway, so remember to bring your choice of screwdriver, be it sonic, laser, or otherwise, for Saturday night.



PAJAMA TIME

Everything has its time, and everything ends. Doesn't mean it has to be a wake, though! Stay just one more night and send off DarkCon 2014 in your most comfy sleepwear. End your convention weekend with our famous DarkCon Pajama Party on Sunday night with the other attendees brave enough to stay for this legendary event. The bar'll still be flowing, and there'll be a raffle for prizes, but ONLY to those in attendance.



ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOPS

DarkCon will once again offer a great selection of Make-and-Take classes and workshops! Sign up here at darkcon.org while space is available for the following:

Owl Feather Steampunk

Pins

Cyberpunk Hair Falls

Steampunk Weapons

Steampunk Holsters

Parasol Painting

Steampunk Goggles

Fascinators

Home Brewing and Cordials

Leather Pouches

Leatherworking 101

Floggers



FILM FEST

Hal C F Astell of Apocalypse Later will open up a mini-film festival at DarkCon of short films covering enough steampunk, cyberpunk, dieselpunk and stitchpunk to make you feel lucky, punk. The full program will feature a ninety-minute set of short films, followed by a feature presentation. This film festival will take place on Thursday and Friday evenings.

ARTEMIS

Gather your command staff and sign up for the popular starship bridge simulator Artemis, and re-enact your favorite space battle in co-op or versus another crew!



PROGRAMMING

Here's a quick rundown of what else beyond the workshops and parties you can expect to see in our General Programming.

Demonstrations will be on hand for leatherworking (even for people who don't like leatherworking), as well as a live steel demo of the Scottish Basket hilted broadsword, and more!

Filmmaking topics will include working with your cast and crew, promoting your film, make-up effects, and visual effects for the Star Trek TV franchise.

Literature interests will include workshops and panels on self-publishing, bad science, sci-fi vs horror, writing movie tie-ins, and zombies, and special discussion panels featuring Gini Koch and Michael Stackpole.

Media panels will cover Game of Thrones & The Walking Dead, zombies in general, the Steampunk genre, and Doctor Who. Susan Wright will be discussing issues of consent and sexual freedom. Barry Bard's At The Movies is featured, as will be our Guest of Honor Adrian Paul.

OVER 18

In addition to all of our General programming, DarkCon is excited to bring you programming for our attendees **18 years of age and older** in the late-night hours. There'll be workshops, demos, a flogger make & take, and more on Friday and Saturday night. That's good, isn't it good? Go to darkcon.org for a thorough rundown of what's in store, if you dare.



NOW IT ENDS, DOCTOR!

NOW! It ends. My children, are you ready? If you're waiting till the very last minute, but would rather not buy your membership at the door, you can still purchase it online at darkcon.org, and you can still call the hotel at 602-273-7373 and speak to Jamie Grover at ext. 6000 to get the special DarkCon room rates, space is still available. Visit our official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/darkcon to receive any more updates in your newsfeed.

That's everything, my children. Start packing and planning with all your friends, but most of all, have fun, everybody. Good luck, and goodbye.

This is Blackfeather, your humble Publications Guy, signing off.