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# WELCOME TO CAPRICON 38



FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 WESTIN CHICAGO NORTH SHORE

## GUESTS OF HONOR:

<b>TIMOTHY ZAHN</b> AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR	<b>SARAH WILKINSON</b> ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR	<b>MONICA VALENTINELLI</b> GAMING GUEST OF HONOR	<b>DAVE MCCARTY</b> FAN GUEST OF HONOR	<b>MATT MCELROY</b> SPECIAL GUEST
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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to Capricon 38: Expanding Universes.

This is my 20th consecutive Capricon and my eighth serving on the Convention Committee or on the Phandemoneum Board. Over the past few years, I have had a few ideas for a convention that I would like to run and this year I have my chance. But I am just one of dozens of people who have been working for the past year to put together these four days of fun, friendship, and fandom. If you see a member of the Con Com, they are wearing silver badges, be sure and let them know what you enjoy about the convention or if there is something that we might do differently in the future.

A lot of what happens at Capricon remains the same from year to year. Since Capricon 19 (my first Capricon), co-chaired by this year's Fan Guest of Honor Dave McCarty, there has been a theme for each convention that made each Capricon a little different than other years. This year, our theme – Expanding Universes – discusses the infinite loop that stretches between the written word of novels, novellas, and short stories to the media of movies, television, and new media formats to games whether they be board games, role playing games, or video games and then back again.

Novels have been adapted into movies since the earliest science fiction novels like *Frankenstein* and *The Time Machine*. Science fiction shows like *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* have inspired novelizations and tie-in novels that expand the stories in the original work. Reading the novelization of a movie never fails to add characterization for me and include scenes or subplots that were not mentioned or may have been cut from the movie.

Many games have been created based on novels, television shows, and movies. Games have also inspired movies and novels of their own.

Over the past year, I have traveled the Midwest on the Capricon Roadshow to let people know about Capricon. In addition to going to other fan-run Conventions like Cleveland Concoction, Starbase Indy, and Penguicon, we have gone to media conventions big and small. At media conventions there is an emphasis on the commercial with large exhibit halls, paid autographs, and souvenirs. While there are plenty of things to buy at Capricon from our Dealers Room and our Art Show, there are also hundreds of panels where fans can hear – and share – different perspectives on literature, media, and culture at large. Those conversations create a sense of community that I hope you will experience at Capricon. This sense of community is demonstrated by the parties people throw at night at Capricon. These individuals and groups open their doors to offer their hospitality to their fellow fans and I hope you have a chance to stop by the party floors during your weekend.

This will be our 10th year at the Westin Chicago North Shore, and we enjoy a great relationship with the staff here. They work with us to make Capricon a great event year in and year out. I hope you will let a member of the Convention Committee or hotel management know when a member of the staff goes above and beyond to help you out.

Thank you for being a member of Capricon and I hope you enjoy your weekend. If you do, I hope you will share some of your reasons for attending conventions with the hashtag #whyfandom. If something goes awry, please let someone know. At a minimum, you can reach me at chair@capricon.org.

Keep flyin',

Terrence Miltner

Chair  
Capricon 38: Expanding Universes



# WHAT IS PHANDEMONIUM?



Phandemonium, Inc. sponsors the annual science fiction convention Capricon as our main goal, while ensuring that attendees at Capricon have as much fun as possible. Additionally, we promote Science Fiction as a genre and support the Chicagoland Science Fiction community. Your registration at Capricon automatically includes membership in Phandemonium for the year.

The Board of Directors chooses the chairperson for the next Capricon, while seeing to the continuing needs of Capricon itself, in addition to running Fannish events throughout the year. Phandemonium looks for ways to be more involved in the community. We host events on a bimonthly basis including:

- Book Club (Evanston)
- Euchre Club (on temporary hiatus)

Up to date information on these and other events can be found on our blog ([www.capricon.org/blog](http://www.capricon.org/blog)) or on our social media sites.

If you are interested in any of our ongoing programs, have new ideas, or just have questions about Phandemonium please look for a board member this weekend and let's have a chat.

The corporation consists of five parts:

1. The Board of Directors who are responsible for stewardship of the Corporation.
2. The Annual Ad-Hoc Convention Committee who does all the hard, and often thankless, work it takes to hold the convention each year.
3. The Keepers of Valuable Knowledge who perform specific necessary duties and/or provide continuing knowledge of how to accomplish the important tasks related to the Corporation.
4. The Corporate Staff who perform vital functions in support of the Board of Directors and the Corporation as a whole.
5. The Membership, which includes anyone who has an annual membership.

There will be an open Board meeting on Sunday, February 19th to discuss corporation business and to elect two new board members to replace those whose terms are ending. All corporation members are invited and encouraged to attend and vote.

The Board of Directors will be holding a panel on Saturday, February 18th to give the membership a chance to ask questions about the organization and to meet the candidates who are running for the Board of Directors.

Phandemonium is always looking for those in our membership who want to become more involved—especially with the annual Ad-Hoc Convention Committee. If you have ever thought that being on a ConCom would be fun, then 1) you're right! and, 2) you can!

Please see any board member over the weekend for more information on how to become more involved in the convention or in Phandemonium as a whole.

Phandemonium Board President  
- Dan Berger

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### Board Members (Elected)

Dan Berger (3rd year) (Board President)  
Karen Hawkins-Kamper (3rd year)  
Samantha Haney Press (2nd year)  
Sydnie Krause (2nd year)  
Jenna Kantor (1st year)  
Brent Warren (1st year)

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# PHANDEMONIUM CODE OF CONDUCT



Phandemonium (Capricon's parent organization) and Capricon exist for the enjoyment and enrichment of the fannish community. To ensure that the greatest number of people achieve this objective, we have established this Code of Conduct. By this Code, we seek only to ensure that the behavior of any one small group does not disturb the membership as a whole, nor does it detract from the relaxed and comfortable atmosphere of our events.

It is important that you read and understand this Code. Anyone who attends a Phandemonium event, including Capricon, is expected to follow this Code for the entire duration of the event, including any informal pre- or post-event activities.

Phandemonium reserves the right to amend these rules at any time without prior or posted notice and reserves the sole right of interpretation. Please keep in mind that these rules involve, of course, "worst-case" scenarios and are put in place to ensure the safety and comfort of our members. They are not all-inclusive; in all cases, the singular rule that supersedes all others is, "Any action or behavior that is illegal or causes significant interference with event operations, excessive discomfort to other attendees, or adversely affects Phandemonium's relationship with its guests, its venue, or the public is strictly forbidden and may result in revocation of membership privileges."

We anticipate no difficulties, as our members and attendees as a whole are rational and responsible adults. Phandemonium is prepared to deal with any issues related to the Code in as rapid and efficient a manner as possible should they occur. We thank our members and attendees for their past cooperation and for their continued assistance in making Phandemonium events enjoyable experiences for everyone. Have fun - just please remember to be courteous of those around you while doing so!

## Respect for Others

Phandemonium wants all of its members to enjoy themselves at its events. As such, we ask that you respect each other. All Phandemonium events should be a space where everyone feels welcomed and comfortable.

Discrimination (based on, but not limited to, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical / mental disability) is not tolerated. Harassment of any kind is not tolerated. If someone tells you "no" or asks you to leave them alone, your business with them is done.

If you feel that you are being discriminated against or harassed, or if you notice someone behaving inappropriately (such as violating hotel or convention policies), we respectfully suggest the following:

1. If you feel comfortable doing so, point out the inappropriate behavior to the person(s) involved. Often this will solve the problem immediately.
2. If you do not feel comfortable talking with the person(s) involved, or if talking to them does not resolve the issue, please report the situation immediately to any Phandemonium / Capricon event coordinator (i.e. Phandemonium Board Members, Convention Committee Members, or Operations Staff).

- It would be extremely helpful if you could provide a name, badge name / number and / or physical description of the person(s) involved.
- Please remember that we need to know about any incidents *during* the event in order to take action.

## Privacy, Photographs, and Recording Electronic Information

Phandemonium event attendees and members should be aware that photography and video and/or audio recordings are frequently made by Phandemonium during events and that their likenesses may appear in those recordings. Attendees and members agree to assign without compensation the use of their likeness for the use of promotional material.

### Personal Photography / Recordings:

Please be polite and ask before taking photographs or recordings of attendees and members whenever possible. Video and audio recording and photography for personal archival use only is generally acceptable, unless individuals make it clear that they do not wish to be photographed or recorded, in which case any photography or recording of them is expressly forbidden.

### Media Relations:

Phandemonium welcomes members of the press at its events. All journalists, media photographers, and any other members of the press are required to display an official Phandemonium / Capricon Press Badge or be accompanied by a Phandemonium / Capricon staff member at all times while at Phandemonium events. Members of the press who have not been issued a Press Badge may not conduct interviews or take photographs, audio or video footage without an escort.

## Financial Transactions

Checks that are presented against insufficient funds will be charged a fee of \$30 per check.

Anyone who has an outstanding balance due to Phandemonium must settle that balance before being permitted to attend Capricon.

## Corporate Response to Violations of the Code of Conduct

1. Phandemonium reserves the right to revoke membership from and eject anyone at anytime from a Phandemonium event without a refund.
2. Failure to adhere to any of the above policies may result in a number of possible consequences. Consequences include, but are not limited to:
  - Talking with all parties involved and attempting to mediate a solution to the problem
  - Issuing verbal warnings
  - Revoking memberships and requesting that the person(s) leave the event
  - Involving hotel or facility staff or security
  - Contacting local law enforcement
  - Banning of attendance and membership to future Phandemonium events



# CAPRICON CODE OF CONDUCT



IN ADDITION TO THE PHANDEMONIUM CODE OF CONDUCT  
CAPRICON MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT.

## Badges

Capricon is a membership-only event, hosted by Phandemonium. All members must wear their membership badges at all times. A badge is valid only for the person to whom it was issued; badges may not be shared under any circumstances. Capricon requires that any children 12 or older have a purchased membership for the convention.

## General Rating of the Convention

All convention areas are open to members of all ages, with the exception of events or exhibits that are specifically noted to be inappropriate for minors and access to which is controlled.

## Hotel:

Please follow any and all rules set by the convention Hotel. Phandemonium asks that you pay special attention to the following:

### Damages:

Any act of vandalism, deliberate or excessive damage to hotel property, or interference with hotel staff in the performance of their duties will have negative consequences for individuals and the convention. Consequences for individuals could range from being billed for damages, evicted from the hotel and/or convention, and criminal charges. These types of incidents can also harm the relationship Phandemonium has with the hotel, resulting in monetary losses or cancellation of our contract.

The person in whose name a sleeping room is rented is solely responsible for the conduct of all individuals in the room as well as for the condition of the room. Excessive trash, soiling or other damage to hotel property, or any circumstance that may present a hazard to hotel housekeeping staff will also result in negative consequences as noted above.

### Smoking:

Illinois has an indoor clean air ordinance; this is beyond the control of Phandemonium and the hotel. Smoking is not allowed in any public buildings, including restaurants and bars, nor within 15 feet of building entrances. Designated smoking locations can be found outside the entrances to the hotel. The hotel does not allow smoking in sleeping rooms. NOTE: Members who smoke in sleeping rooms are subject to cleaning charges.

### Pets:

The hotel does not allow pets in function space. This is for the protection of the pet, the pet owner, our members, and hotel guests. Service animals are permitted in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### Signs:

Signs may be posted only in designated areas. Any signs posted in designated areas must be affixed using "blue painter's tape" ONLY. Do not affix anything to the walls of the hotel, to the elevators, to the windows, or to Capricon signage.

### Non-convention guests/General Public:

Please remember that the convention is held in an area where we will come into contact with non-fans. Please try and be respectful of the hotel's other guests and use common sense, especially in the public areas of the hotel.

## Weapons

1. No actual weapon or any item that can be mistaken for one may be carried either openly or concealed at any time on properties being used for Capricon, regardless of any government permits

which you may possess, unless it has been peace bonded by Operations. If you wish to carry such a weapon, it must be presented to Operations. Operations staff is the final arbiter of what weapons require peace bonding. In some instances particular weapons may be prohibited as appropriate. If you are unsure about whether your weapon may be considered realistic, Operations staff will be happy to check it for you.

2. Any actual weapon or any item that can be mistaken for one that is purchased in the dealer room must be wrapped and immediately transported to your room or vehicle. If you wish to use the item at the convention, please refer to section 1 of this policy.
3. If an actual weapon or any item that can be mistaken for one is part of your masquerade costume, you must transport it to and from the masquerade green room wrapped securely unless peace bonded. The masquerade director must approve your use of any weapons during the masquerade.
4. Live steel is prohibited. Operations is the final arbiter of what constitutes live steel.
5. Any weapon, actual, realistic, or toy/prop, that is utilized in a threatening or harmful manner may result in confiscation of the item and/or removal of your membership without refund.
6. Failure to adhere to any of the above policies is grounds for the removal of your membership without refund.
7. We are a private and voluntary membership-based organization. As a condition of membership, no member shall carry concealed firearms at our event. Any open carry is subject to the above noted weapons policies.

*Common Sense Footnote:* Party floors are crowded; we encourage you to leave your weapons/props in your room or vehicle.

## Parties

Only certain convention hotel rooms are available for hospitality suites, and all hospitality events / parties must be coordinated with the Capricon Party Liaison and occur in these designated spaces.

## Alcohol

The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21. Hosts of registered hospitality events are required to card anyone who wishes to drink at their event. Capricon does not allow alcohol consumption in convention function space. Please follow the hotel policies on alcohol consumption / transportation in hotel public spaces, such as the lobby.

## Privacy, Photographs, and Recording Electronic Information

The usage of photographic or recording devices is prohibited within certain areas of the convention, including the Film Room, Anime Room, Art Show, and Art Auction. Where allowed, we suggest that photographs be taken before or after a program event to avoid distracting panelists and audience members from the discussion.

## Sales of Merchandise

The offering for sale of any merchandise at the convention may be undertaken only in designated spaces with permission from the convention.

\*Thank you to Anthrocon for sharing portions of their Code of Conduct.



# GUESTS OF HONOR



The Guests of Honor help make each convention special in their own way. Please make some time to spend with this year's Guests either by attending a panel they are on, stopping them in the hallways to say hi, or helping them find their way around the convention if they have that deer caught in the headlights look.

## GUESTS OF HONOR SCHEDULES

### Timothy Zahn Author Guest of Honor

#### **Military Speculative Fiction: How to Get it Right**

Thursday, 5:00pm to 6:30pm - Birch B

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Thursday, 8:00pm to 8:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **The Star Wars Expanded Universe**

Friday, 11:30am to 1:00pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **The Last Jedi**

Friday, 2:30PM to 4:00pm - Botanic Ballroom B

#### **Interview with Timothy Zahn**

Saturday, 10:00am to 11:30am - Botanic Ballroom B

#### **Who's the Boss?**

Saturday, 4:00pm to 5:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Closing Ceremonies/Feedback Session**

Sunday, 3:00pm to 4:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

### Sarah Wilkinson Artist Guest of Honor

#### **Sarah Wilkinson Paints!**

Thursday, 3:30pm to 5:00pm - Birch B

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Thursday, 8:00pm to 8:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **The Star Wars Expanded Universe**

Friday, 11:30am to 1:00pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Imagining the Impossible**

Friday, 2:30pm to 4:00pm - Birch B

#### **Autographing: Wilkinson/Moreci**

Saturday, 11:30am to 12:15pm - Autograph Table

#### **Different Audiences**

Saturday, 1:00pm to 2:30pm - Birch B

#### **Closing Ceremonies/Feedback Session**

Sunday, 3:00pm to 4:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

### Monica Valentinelli Gaming Guest of Honor

#### **Who is Onyx Path Publishing?**

Thursday, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Thursday, 8:00pm to 8:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Gaming Fiction 101**

Friday, 11:30am to 1:00pm - Birch A

#### **Firefly RPG: Gaming with the GoH Monica Valentinelli**

Friday, 2:00pm to 6:00pm - Lake Michigan A

#### **Built for Growth**

Friday, 7:00pm to 8:30pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Talking Tropes**

Saturday, 10:00am to 11:30am - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Who's the Boss?**

Saturday, 4:00pm to 5:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Scarred Lands RPG: Gaming with GoH Monica Valentinelli**

Sunday, 11:00am to 3:00pm - Lake Michigan A

#### **Closing Ceremonies/Feedback Session**

Sunday, 3:00pm to 4:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

### Dave McCarty Fan Guest of Honor

#### **Convention Tour: Thursday # 2**

Thursday, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Other

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Thursday, 8:00pm to 8:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Obligatory Discussion of New Hugo Award Categories**

Friday, 11:30am to 1:00pm - Birch B

#### **Diversity Backlash**

Friday, 2:30pm to 4:00pm - Willow

#### **Someone is Wrong on the Internet**

Friday, 4:00pm to 5:30pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Talisman (Amber Rules): Gaming w/Fan GoH Dave McCarty**

Friday, 8:00pm to Midnight - Lake Michigan A

#### **Obligatory Worldcon Panel**

Saturday, 11:30am to 1:00pm - Birch B

#### **How to Piss Off Dave McCarty**

Saturday, 2:30pm to 4:00pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Chicago in 2022 Worldcon Bid: Update!**

Saturday, 5:30pm to 7:00pm - Elm

#### **Random Panel Topic**

Sunday, 10:00am to 11:30am - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **A Tale of Two Capricons**

Sunday, 12:30pm to 1:30pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Closing Ceremonies/Feedback Session**

Sunday, 3:00pm to 4:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

### Matt McElroy Special Guest

#### **Who is Onyx Path Publishing?**

Thursday, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Thursday, 8:00pm to 8:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

#### **Indie Comics that Should Be On Screen**

Friday, 10:00am to 11:30am - Birch A

#### **Indie Publishing 101**

Friday, 4:00pm to 5:30pm - Birch A

#### **What Comic Should I Read Next?**

Saturday, 11:30am to 1:00pm - Ravinia Ballroom A

#### **Closing Ceremonies/Feedback Session**

Sunday, 3:00pm to 4:30pm - Botanic Ballroom A

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# TIMOTHY ZAHN

## AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR



Timothy Zahn was born in Chicago in 1951 and grew up in the western suburb of Lombard. He attended Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, earning a B.S. degree in physics in 1973, and moved to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, for graduate work. He earned a M.S. degree there, also in physics, in 1975, and continued work toward a doctorate. Also in 1975, he began a new hobby: writing science fiction. (He saw a really bad TV show and decided he could surely write better than that.) At first a strictly spare-time avocation, over the next three years he began to give more time to it, selling his first story in December 1978 ("Ernie," *Analog*, September 1979). Still working toward an eventual career in physics, he contemplated taking a year off after getting his doctorate to see how far his writing could take him.

That year arrived earlier than expected. In July 1979, his thesis adviser died suddenly of a heart attack—ironically, the same day Zahn received word that his second story had been bought by *Analog*. With three years of work on his thesis project effectively wiped out, he worked for another semester on a new project. But by that time writing had become far more interesting to him than physics. And so, in January 1980, he left the university and began the grand experiment. With his wife of five months, Anna, working full-time to support them, Zahn produced eighteen stories that first year.

Since then Zahn has published over a hundred short stories and novelettes, fifty-three novels, and five short fiction collections. Along the way he has won a Hugo Award (for the novella "Cascade Point," in 1984) and has been nominated twice more. He is best known for his eleven Star Wars books (*Heir to the Empire*, *Dark Force Rising*, *The Last Command*, *Specter of the Past*, *Vision of the Future*, *Survivor's Quest*, *Outbound Flight*, *Allegiance*, *Choices of One*, *Scoundrels*, and *Thrawn*).

His latest books are *A Call to Arms*, the second of the Manticore Ascendant series with David Weber; *StarCraft: Evolution*; *Star Wars: Thrawn*; and *Pawn: Sibyl's War Book 1*. Upcoming books include *Cobra Traitor*, the third of the Cobra Rebellion trilogy; *A Call to Vengeance* (with David Weber), and *Knight: Sibyl's War Book 2*.

You can contact him at [Facebook.com/TimothyZahn](https://www.facebook.com/TimothyZahn).



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# SARAH WILKINSON

## ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR



Sarah Wilkinson is a full time artist. She travels across the world with her art studio, Studio de Sade, doing art conventions where she sells the art and talks about the pieces.

There are two sides to her work: She works freelance for other companies and with their characters/concepts, and she also works for herself, illustrating emotions and intensely personal concepts.

Sarah was born in Oregon and moved to Michigan when she was 10. She started taking advanced placement art classes in high school. She went to college at Macomb in Michigan, where she studied Illustration. She worked at her college as a lab technician while also attending, which served as a full immersion into the Media and Communication Arts department. Art was always a passion. It sways into music and into writing, but ultimately visual communication became the career of choice.

She has been professionally working in the trading card/comic book industry for over 11 years. Her first job was for Topps and Lucasfilm, designing sketch cards for the *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* movie trading card set. She was one of the youngest artists to be an officially approved Lucasfilm artist. Since then, she has worked on many properties in the trading card world, including *Indiana Jones*, *Star Trek*, *My Little Pony*, *Dr. Who*, *Bettie Page*, Marvel and DC Comics properties including *Iron Man*, *Spider-Man*, *Batman*, *Wonder Woman* and MANY more. Her art has been used on comic book covers (IDW Comics, Aspen Comics), as comic book pinups (IDW Comics, Red5 Comics), story illustrations, children's Halloween masks, children's books, even remote control cars and toys for Disney. She still does freelance work for these companies to this day. Her favorite property to illustrate continues to be *Star Wars*.

Most recently, Sarah's work has taken a much more personal turn. She switched from acrylics to oils and is currently using oils to illustrate emotions and offer therapeutic comfort to both herself as the artist and to the viewer who might relate to her style of introspection. She has original art and prints in private galleries all over the world. Sarah loves cats, coffee, tea, travel, painting, sketching, live music, good food, laughter, love and Netflix.



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# MONICA VALENTINELLI

## GAMING GUEST OF HONOR



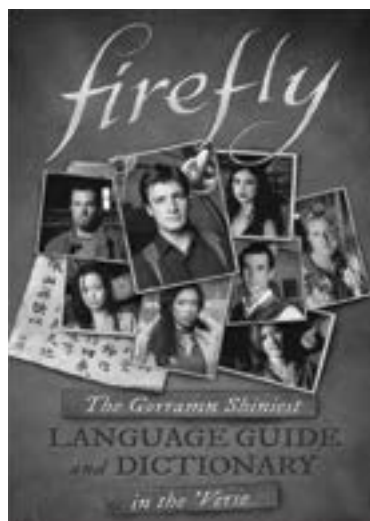
Monica Valentinelli is a writer, artist, and game developer who lurks in the dark. She writes both original and media tie-in fiction and works on games and comics, too.

A frequent guest at conventions, Monica is best known for creating the Make Art Not War 2017 Challenge, and her work related to the Firefly TV show by Joss Whedon. She was the lead writer and developer for the award-winning line of Firefly RPG books, and also wrote the *Firefly: The Gorrarnn Shiniest Language Guide and Dictionary in the Verse* which was released from Titan Publishing in April 2016.

Her published stories and games also include "Tomorrow's Precious Lambs" for *Extreme Zombies*, "The Dig" for the Lovecraft Zine, *Dread Names*, *Red List* for Vampire: the Masquerade, and "In Volo's Wake" for *Dungeons & Dragons Fifth Edition*. Last year, Monica successfully ran a Kickstarter for her co-edited anthology titled *Upside Down: Inverted Tropes in Storytelling* from Apex Book Company. The collection, which earned a Publisher's Weekly starred review, was released in December 2016. Her debut comic *Last Man Zombie Standing* was published in 2013 as part of the *Unfashioned Creatures: A Frankenstein Anthology* from Red Stylo Media. You can discover more of the author's creative fiction through her list of published stories or her list of published games.

Monica's non-fiction repertoire spans both digital and print works and includes online articles, worldbuilding games, reference materials, and essays. She has written for sites including HowtoWriteShop.com, Sony's Crackle.com, SFWA.org, GeeksDreamGirl.com, and BookLifeNow.com. Her essays have appeared in books such as *Family Games: The 100 Best*, *The Bones: Us and Our Dice*, and *For Exposure: The Life and Times of a Small Press Publisher*.

Monica holds a B.A. in English with a Creative Writing Emphasis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She lives with two very spoiled cats nicknamed Lord Lardbottom and Captain Whinypants, an albino water frog named Al, and her long-time partner. In addition to writing and editing, she enjoys traveling, designing jewelry, cooking, taking photos, gaming, watching anime and martial arts movies, exploring old places, and hiking. She is represented by Jennie Goloboy from Red Sofa Literary.



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# DAVE MCCARTY

## FAN GUEST OF HONOR



Dave McCarty is a long-time fan here in Chicago. He attended conventions for years, including Capricon, before getting involved in the conrunning business. His first convention job ever was as co-chair of Capricon 19. This is fairly typical for Dave – when he decides he’s into something, he’s all in. Bad movies, good books, gaming, conrunning – he’s passionate about all of these things and will cheerfully talk to you for hours about any of them, and devotes most of his copious free time to them (except for the time he gives to his delightful daughter, Mia).

Back to Capricon 19 – Dave was recruited to co-chair and he brought the theme of Villains to life. From there he went on to chair Capricon 20 – Armageddon and Capricon 24 – Sensawondah!, as well as serving on the Board of Directors. He’s been involved with Capricon in various ways over the years, as the Facilities Liaison for the Board, and often running Exhibits for Capricon, which he loves to do because he values the history of Capricon. He’s also the guy who brings you late night bad movies at Capricon.

After Capricon 24 in 2004, he was recruited to chair the Chicago in 2008 Worldcon Bid, which ultimately lost by 12 votes. (He’ll talk to you about this, but preferably over a beer.) Had the bid won, his very first Worldcon job ever would have been Chair. Undeterred, he launched the successful bid for Chicago in 2012, and was the Chair of Chicon 7. Since then he has worked on the Hugo Awards subcommittee for many of the past Worldcons.

Dave has been honored as a Fan Guest of Honor before, but this is the big one for him. Capricon is where he started, and we’re delighted to honor him this year.



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# MATT MCELROY

## SPECIAL GUEST



Matt M. McElroy is a gaming industry veteran who has worked professionally in the hobby games industry since 2002. For over a decade, Matt was the Director of Publishing for DriveThruRPG and DriveThruComics. In this role, he has worked side-by-side with publishers that include Wizards of the Coast, Fantasy Flight Games, IDW Publishing, Valiant Comics, and many others to deliver top tier and small press RPGs and comics in digital and print. Over the years, Matt has navigated new initiatives in publishing which have included the rise in print-on-demand publishing and crowdfunding initiatives through sites such as Kickstarter.com. Additionally, Matt has leveraged his publishing connections to offer several charity-related bundles to help disaster relief efforts raising thousands of dollars.

Following these successes in 2015, Matt spearheaded the launch of Dungeons & Dragons community content for DMsGuild.com and now leads the site as Director of Publishing. Recently, Matt stepped into the role of Operations Manager for Onyx Path Publishing and has been shepherding the company's rapid expansion.

In addition to his industry-facing work, Matt has also worked as a freelance developer, editor, and game designer for game lines including Vampire: The Masquerade and Hunter: The Vigil. He wrote for Lore of the Clans and developed Hunter: The Vigil's "Doubting Souls" for Dark Eras. Most recently, Matt was a featured guest on Geek & Sundry. A long-time horror and dark fantasy fan, Matt's work can be found on DriveThruRPG.com, DriveThruFiction.com, and through his horror and dark fantasy webzine www.flamesrising.com.



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# IN MEMORIAM



Chicago fan **Bob Beese** (b.1943) died on June 2 from an aortic aneurysm. Beese was active in Illinois fandom, regularly attending Windycon and Chambanacon, and often helped concons behind the scene. He negotiated several Windycon hotel contracts and on at least one occasion, the hotel representative pleaded with the con not to include Beese in the negotiations. He was married to author P.J. Beese.

Chicago fan **Mark Irwin** (b.1938) died on February 13, 2017. Irwin published the fanzine *Zingaro*, which was distributed with FAPA, although Irwin wasn't a member. He could frequently be found at Chicago area literary and gaming conventions.

Author **Julian May** (b.1931) died on October 17. May entered fandom in her late teens and published the fanzine *Interim Newsletter*. Her first professional sale, "Dune Roller," appeared in *Astounding* in 1951, including original illustrations by May. In 1952, she chaired the TASFIC in Chicago, becoming the first woman to chair a Worldcon. She married author Ted Dikty in 1953 and sold the story "Star of Wonder" before dropping out of science fiction and fandom for several years. With the exceptions of two episodes of the "Buck Rogers" comic strip, she focused on writing for encyclopedias and non-fiction books under a variety of pseudonyms. In 1972, "Dune Roller" was filmed as *The Cremators*. She returned to science fiction in 1976 when she attended Westercon 29. The costume she wore at the convention made her start thinking about the character's background and grew into the six book Galactic Milieu series. She also wrote the four book Saga of the Pliocene Exile and collaborated on the Trillium series with Marion Zimmer Bradley and Andre Norton. Health issues prevented May from participating in a panel with the living chairs of the other Chicago Worldcons in 2012, and in 2015 she was inducted into the First Fandom Hall of Fame.

Chicago fan **Caterina Pryde** died on September 5 from cancer. Initially as a member of 'FanTech' (the Fantasy and Technical Society at the College of Dupage), she was an active figure on the local convention scene since the days when Capricon was still held in downtown Chicago. A regular at Art Auctions, she was lucky enough (and bid high enough) to have the original Phil Foglio Buffet Plate from Capricon 13. Cat is survived by her husband, local author Seth Chambers.

Chicago fan **Ben Solon** (b.1946) died on October 26. In addition to attending Chicago area conventions, Solon published the fanzine *Nyarlahotep*. Solon helped stock the consuite for Ditto 14 in Bloomington, IL in 2001.

Chicago fan **Gyu Sup Lee** died on December 31. Lee worked as a guest liaison for Anime Central (ACEN).

Columbus book dealer **Larry Smith** (b.1946) died on January 20, 2017. Smith co-chaired the Columbus in 1976 Worldcon bid as well as chairing Marcons III-XII. He served as a vice-chair for Chicon IV in 1982. He also co-chaired OVFF in 1998 and World Fantasy Con in 2010. In the early 1990s, he purchased Dick Spelman's book business and, along with his wife, Sally Kobee, has sold books at most conventions in the Midwest and East Coast. He has managed the dealer's room at numerous Worldcons and other conventions.

Chicago area fan **Bill Surrect** (b.c.1947) died on October 2. Surrect attended and volunteered at several Midwestern conventions, including Windycon, Capricon, and Chicon. He could often be seen working in the dealers room at the various conventions and was also heavily involved in local anime fandom.



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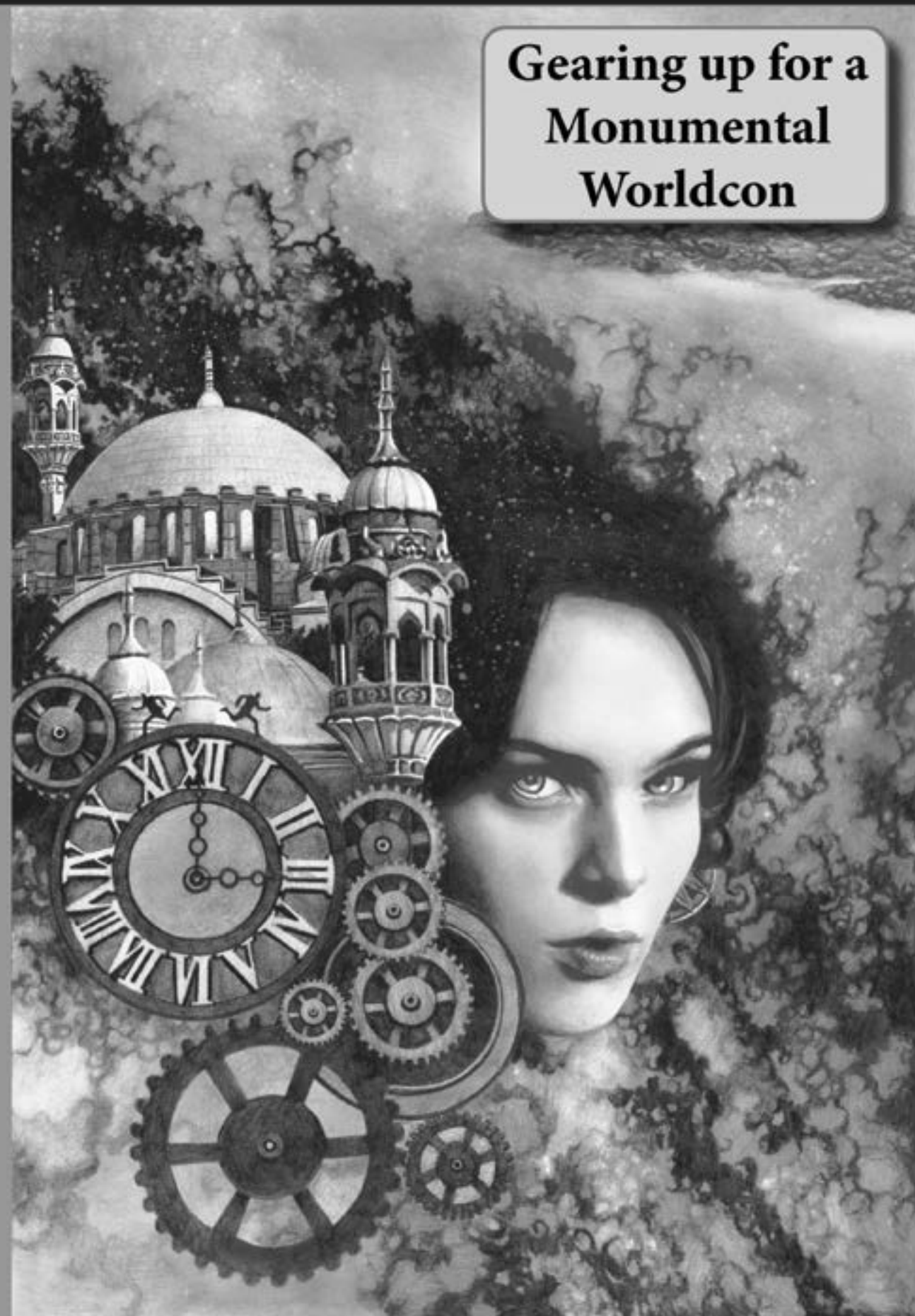
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Operations is here for the Convention. You are here for the Convention. The best way we can achieve the mutual goal of Having A Good Time at Capricon is to ensure that Operations has a good time by following the below:

1. Before you go do that Thing You Were Going To Do, ask yourself “WWOD?”\*
2. DO always be courteous, kind, and respectful of other people’s personal space. This rule applies whether or not you are in Con space, and enthusiastic and vigorous consent is the only consent that matters.
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(BOTANIC A and RIVER C)



Filk is the music of science-fiction fandom and there's plenty of it to be found here at Capricon in both the Capricon Café and on the Main Stage.

The Café will be up and running for music on Friday and Saturday afternoon with a variety of performers ranging from folk-rock to klezmer. (Don't know what klezmer is? You can either look it up on the Internet or come see yourself. We recommend the latter.) And late on Saturday, you can catch one of our local Girl Scout troops (and friends) performing the third part of the recently discovered abridged Shakesperian trilogy, *The Jedi Doth Return*. If you've seen the first two parts at the last two Capricons, you won't want to miss the exciting conclusion!

And, of course, you'll want to come by the Café on Sunday for Toast and Jam, which includes real toast, real jam, and an opportunity to pull out your instrument and join our annual musical jam. Just remember to get the jam off your fingers before jamming.

On the Main Stage on Friday night, we open up with Court and Country, an a cappella ensemble specializing in medieval and Renaissance choral music who have recently released their first album. Right after that, come hear Sound WAVs, a new group headed by Alexander James Adams and Cathy McManamon (and their friends), playing music with a pagan flair.

Saturday night, the Main Stage kicks off with Sassafrass, an a cappella ensemble performing original folk music, mostly with fantasy, mythological, and science-fiction themes. Many of their songs draw from Norse mythology and are as complex as the mythology itself. Next up is the Klingon Pop Warrior, Lieutenant Commander Jenbom Vestai-toQqul, and her band, as they bring you songs that you already know, but now in the original Klingon.

Closing out the Saturday night Main Stage is SpaceTime Theater, as they present their multi-generational all-improv science-fiction comedy show, *The Steady State Theory*. When it's improv, it's all new every time they hit the stage and no one knows what will happen next. Don't miss it!

After the Main Stage is over on Friday and Saturday night, it's time for the open filk circle, where we gather together to sing for and with each other. The circle is where filk started, so bring your instruments and voices – or just your ears, if what you feel like is listening – and settle in for a late night of music-making.



# MULTIVERSE CAFÉ

(RIVER C)



*with Canticles Productions*

Delve into new worlds of taste in our café! Enjoy a variety of flavored coffees, espresso, mocha, tea, hot chocolate, and yummy baked goods. Stay to relax, chat, listen to authors and musicians share their universes, and take a peek at Canticles - a high-fantasy shared realm featuring literature, music, media, and art.

Don't forget Toast and Jam on Sunday! See what happens when the many musicians of Capricon get together just to have fun! They will jam until the doors close, while our café servers provide toast and other tasty food until supplies run out.

## Potentially Expandable Hours

**Friday:** 9:30am - 6:00pm

**Saturday:** 9:30am - 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:30am - 2:00pm

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848 Dodge Ave. Suite 257 \$50 per person thru August 31  
Evanston, IL 60202 \$60 after August 31 and at the door

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RESORTS

1305 Kalahari Drive  
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
Reservations - 877-525-2427  
\$139.00 - \$699.00 per night  
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## CONSUIITE (LAKE MICHIGAN B)

Stop by the Consuite in Lake Michigan B for refreshing beverages and snacks all weekend long. Videos & Gaming aren't the same without a snack to keep you going!

### Hours:

**Thursday:** 4:00pm - 12:00am

**Friday and Saturday:** 8:00am - 12:00am

**Sunday:** 9:00am - 3:00pm



## GOPHERS

### (COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA B)

Be part of the convention! By volunteering 16 hours, gophers can earn their registration back. You can earn two hours of credit for each hour worked by volunteering for our set up (Wednesday evening, and Thursday morning before the convention opens), tear down (Sunday after closing ceremonies).

Gophers are eligible for crash space in our Gopher Hole after five hours worked each day. As always Gopher swag will be available. The Gopher who volunteers the most hours will receive the "Gopher of the Year" award. Congrats to Sherri Sanders, last year's "Gopher of the Year"!

Gophers should be awake and alert at all times during their shifts. Meet at the gopher hole to pick out times to work and set your schedule for the convention.



## INFORMATION DESK (COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA B)

The more your universe expands, the harder it may be to find your way. Whether you seek a panel, a Special Event, or someplace to eat, the Info Desk can help. We're easily found on your map where the Lake Michigan and Pre-Function hallways meet. What we don't know, we'll do our best to find out for you, so stop by with questions or just to grab a piece of chocolate. At any size, the universe always has room for chocolate.

## TEEN LOUNGE (3RD FLOOR SUITE)

We don't know what's out in the universe, or in other ones, but we know one thing. There's a Teen lounge at Capricon! We've got games of many varieties. That's like going to another universe, right? If that doesn't work for you, you can just hang out and do...teen stuff we guess? Discuss your many fandoms here; it'd be like going to another universe! Expand your universe by coming to the Teen Lounge! (Yes, we know it sounds cliché, just go with it.) \*Note: please don't attempt actually going to other universes here, we don't have the space or resources.



## REGISTRATION (COAT CLOSET BY RAVINIA F)

Princesses and gallant knights, heroes and anyone who dares! Sign up to get your own Capricon 38 badge. Venture to all the panels and events with friends, sidekicks, allies, and partners. Our badges come in six fantastic flavors, Full Weekend, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Kid-in-Tow! For any after-hours Registration issues, please visit Operations in the Oak Room.

### Hours:

**Thursday:** 2:30pm - 9:00pm

**Friday:** 9:30am - 9:30pm

**Saturday:** 9:30am - 7:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:30am - 5:00pm



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us throughout the year to see what Capricon and Phandemonium are up to! Book clubs and social events, as well as news regarding guests, specials, and other information are shared all year long.

**Instagram:** capricious\_goat\_capricon

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## GOAT DROPPINGS

*Goat Droppings* is your daily source for program changes, Guest of Honor interviews, suggestions of things to do, and reports of things that may or may not actually be happening during the course of Capricon. *Goat Droppings* also features the fan favorite "Out of CON-text" column, showcasing random quotes heard around the hotel throughout the weekend. Copies of the newsletter can be found every morning at Operations, Con Suite, Registration, and the Information Desk. Contributions are welcomed at our drop-off box located in Operations. Out of CON-text quotes can also be emailed directly to [oooc@capricon.org](mailto:oooc@capricon.org). Deadline for the next day's edition is 7:00pm. As Capricious says, "Pick it up, or you might step in it!"



## WESTERCON 72

July 4 to July 7, 2019

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*For a different, and unique fan experience:*

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**Artist Guest:** Vincent Villafranca

**Cosplay Guest:** Kitty Krell

**Fan Guests:** Kevin Standlee,

Lisa Hayes & Kuma Bear

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# ART SHOW (RAVINIA C)



Located next to the Dealers Room, the art show is a place where you can enjoy a wide variety of work from many talented artists. You can find almost anything in the art show, from traditional paintings to photography, digital art, jewelry, fiber arts, calligraphy, mixed media, and more. Exhibitors here range from established professionals to up-and-coming amateurs, and we even have space for artists to do demonstrations and talk about their work. Everything culminates in the Artist Show-down and the Live Art Auction on Saturday night, so be sure to stop by before it's too late!

## Bidding at the Show

The Art Show is divided into two sections: the **Auction Gallery** and the **Print Shop**.

The **Auction Gallery** is run primarily as a written auction. Bid sheets will be adjacent to the piece, and you may bid by writing your name, badge number, and bid amount on the sheet. The first bid on a piece must be at or above the minimum bid; subsequent bids must be greater than the previous bid by at least \$1.

If a piece in the Auction Gallery receives three (or more) qualifying bids, it will go to the Live Art Auction on Saturday night. If a piece receives fewer than three bids, the highest bid on that piece prior to close of the Art Show on Saturday will win.

Pieces placed in the **Print Shop** are available for immediate sale at set prices as marked.

## Artists' Demo Tables

Artists of all kinds can be found at the tables in front of the Art Show, demonstrating their skills and answering questions about their work. Check the schedule at the door to see what times your favorite artist might be in residence!

## Charity Items

A special section in the Art Show is dedicated to items donated towards our annual charity and may be bid upon in the same way as Art Show pieces. In order to keep the Art Auction sane and speedy, the head of the Art Show may determine which items will go on to the live Charity Auction.

## Emerging Artist Program

The Emerging Artist Program (EAP) is a special section of the art show reserved for art students of all kinds to exhibit their work. The EAP has its own award that all attendees are encouraged to vote on; as with the other awards (see below), votes will be tallied Saturday evening and the winner will be announced at the live art auction.

This year, in addition to their trophy, the winner of the



EAP Award will also receive \$50 from ASFA, the Association of Science Fiction & Fantasy Artists.

## Artist Showdown

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting our annual Artist Showdown on Saturday before the Art Auction. Guided by audience input (submit your ideas at the Art Show throughout the convention!) and our stalwart announcer, artists square off against each other in a competition of wit and speed - skill is useful but not a deciding factor. Brave souls who wish to enter the fray should sign up at the Art Show desk on Friday or Saturday before the event.

## Live Art Auction

Our accomplished and entertaining auctioneers will help you in your acquisition of the very best the art show has to offer. Complete - or start - your collection while feeling that heady rush of besting the competition: only at the Auction!

## Picking Up Art

Buyer pickup and print shop sales will be open on Sunday. We will also offer early buyer pickup on Saturday night after the auction by appointment only. You may schedule an early art pickup with art show staff during open hours before the auction begins.

We accept payment via cash, check, or charge (Visa and MasterCard only, please). No art will be released without payment. You'll also need your badge with you to verify your bid and that you're a member of the con.

## Art Show Awards

As usual, all art awards are decided by you, the attendees! Ballots and a ballot box will be available in the Art Show every day of the con until we close on Saturday. The awards - works of art in their own right - will be on display in the art show until they are awarded during the live auction on Saturday night.

Work in the art show (NFS pieces included, but Print Shop pieces excluded) may be eligible for the following awards: **Best in Show**, **Best Pro Work**, **Best Non-Pro Work** (previously "Best Fan Work"), **Best Emerging Artist Entry** (see above), and **Best Challenge Entry**.

The **Best Challenge Entry** award goes to the artist voted to best fulfill the Artist's Challenge by creating work that incorporates a goat (the convention's mascot) and three of the following: a book with a galaxy inside it, an infinity symbol (sideways figure eight), a möbius strip, a film reel, or a sewing needle that sings.

## Art Show Hours:

### Viewing/Bidding:

Thursday: 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Friday: 11:00am - 8:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

### Buyer Pickup:

Saturday after auction by appointment ONLY  
Sunday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

### Print Shop:

During all viewing/bidding hours and during buyer pickup on Sunday.

### Artists Only:

Thursday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm (setup)  
Friday: 9:00am - 11:00am (setup)  
Sunday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm (pickup)

## Emerging Artists:

Alexya Murphy

Jennifer Turner

Katy Daily

## Artists in the Show:

### Sarah Wilkinson (Guest of Honor)

Betsy Mott

Bill Cavalier

Brandy Stark

Brian Babendererde

Cheryl Storm /

The Dragon Lady

David Lee Pancake

Deirdre Murphy

Dexter Fabi

Donna Lynne M. Stevenson

Dragon Scale Dreams Ltd

Edwina Wall Howe

Elizabeth Lippert

Geek Calligraphy

Jan Gephardt

Janice Mueller

Jeliza

Jenna Fae

Jessica Douglas

JohnPaul Kroschel

Joseph Taylor

Kaiden M Pope

Karen Ann Hollingsworth

Kathie Huddleston

Laurie Rich

Louisa Feimster

Lubov

Lucas Durham

Margret Bradley

Mary Furguele/  
Hues with heart

Nigel Sade

Oddlycute

Peri Charlifu

Photons-N-Parsecs

Raymond VanTilburg

Rhea Ewing

Rik Brandt

Rob Hogan

Ronnie Hansen

Ruth Thompson

Sarah Clemens

Shelly Loke-Gayares

Taia Hartman

Tamera Mickelson

Theresa Mather

Todd Johnson



# PARTIES



A great party knows no boundaries. It cuts across universes to unite people in the pursuit of fun. Come on up to the party floors and become part of the expanded story that is Capricon after dark. We will have three nights of celebrations to give you more of the party you want. We will be on the 15th and 16th floors enjoying several different styles and types of parties. Come on up and help us celebrate.

## How to find the parties:

Throughout the convention space, and near the elevators on the Party Floors our hosts will be able to post signs with the particulars about their parties. Our daily newsletter *Goat Droppings* will also have the most up to date information in case anything changes.

## Important Stuff to Remember while Exploring Expanded Universes:

### Obey the Law:

You'd think this would go without saying, but here we go anyway... Things such as underage drinking and/or property damage cause serious problems for everyone involved, and Capricon as a whole. Remember, if it is illegal outside of the convention, it's illegal inside the convention.

### Respect the Party Throwers:

The people throwing the parties are working hard at their own expense to throw parties for you to enjoy. Please remember to appreciate the effort that they are expending on your behalf.

### Respect Everyone Else:

A party is no fun, if you're the only one there... If you don't respect the other party goers you may find yourself without people to party with.

### Take Care of yourself:

As you are enjoying the parties please make sure you take care of yourself. There is nothing worse than knowing that fun is happening all around you, but being too sick to have any yourself. Please drink some water if you are drinking adult beverages, and get some rest when you need it. Pushing your limits may make a night more enjoyable, but breaking them entirely will result in sadness and hangovers. Also, remember it is always OK to turn down a drink. You know how drunk you are, and if the next one will push you from having fun to being sick then pass it up.

Please check the daily edition of *Goat Droppings* and signs around the convention for the most up to date listing of parties and room numbers

## No Liquor in the Lobby:

Please remember that you may not transport any container that obviously contains alcohol through the lobby of the hotel. Any bottles must be in a box. That box cannot have the name of the alcohol on the side of it. Any box or container that obviously contains alcohol WILL BE CONFISCATED BY THE HOTEL. This is hotel policy. Rubbermaid containers are your friend. Please note that although drinks are allowed on the party floors, it is at the discretion of the party host on whether or not to allow party goers to leave or enter their party with a drink in hand.

## Party Awards:

Some people will prefer a small party with deep conversation while others will enjoy a packed room with thundering music. We invite you to tell us what you think and to vote on who you think did the best job:

- **Best Overall Party** – Voted on by the attendees during the convention.
- **Best Thursday Night Party** – There are a lot of us already at the convention on Thursday. Show us you can expand your celebration to Thursday.
- **Party Staff's Choice** – We are the watchers of all that happens on the party floors, and we will tell you what we think is best.
- **Best Drink in the 'Verse** – Show us what is the greatest libation in your Universe. Alcohol is not required and we have had multiple non-alcoholic drinks win in the past.

**Ballots will be collected at 10 am on Sunday (assuming someone from the party staff is functional).**

All awards are announced at Closing Ceremonies on Sunday. We encourage all attendees to show up for Closing Ceremonies to find out who won... Who knows? Maybe it's you.

## Thank You to Our Party Hosts!

While you are visiting the many parties at the convention, please thank the hosts/hostesses. They put in a lot of time and energy into decorations, drinks, and entertainment for you. Since we all love our party hosts, and appreciate the tremendous amount of effort that goes into hosting parties at a conventions, we do encourage you to tip your bartenders if a tip jar is out, and at the very least give the party hosts a big "thank you" as you're leaving.

*Enjoy the Parties and take care,  
Jason Betts, Party Liaison*

**Featured Guest of Honor**  
**Ed Cho**

**Artist Guest of Honor**  
**Lee Cherolis**

**Music Guest of Honor**  
**The Yavin 4**

**Toastmaster**  
**Jason Bamerry**  
as  
**"The Goblin King"**

**JULY 6-8, 2018**

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# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Ice Cream Social Thursday 7:00 pm Lake Michigan B

Has exploring the universe awakened your sweet tooth? Meet and greet your fellow inhabitants of this galaxy over a tasty Earth treat – frozen cow's milk, spun in a machine until fluffy, topped with Earth fruits, nuts and a sweet syrup made from the seeds of the cacao tree. (Those who cannot eat milk products should let servers know and will be accommodated.) First come, first served, while supplies last.

## Opening Ceremonies Thursday 8:00 pm Botanic Ballroom A

Welcome to Capricon 38. Join us as we kick off this year's event and get some idea of what to expect, and to meet our Guests of Honor (GoHs), Special Guests, and the people who make it all possible.

## Starlight Radio Dreams Live Show Thursday 8:30 pm Botanic Ballroom A

Stick around after Opening Ceremonies and tune your dials or click subscribe for Starlight Radio Dreams, the comedy podcast performed before a live studio audience that embraces the past, dances in the present, and tells the future to maybe settle down for a second. Join YouTube star Devin Showtime and her uncle of old Hollywood fame, Burlington Showtime, as they guide you through a smorgasbord of audio-based entertainments. Thrill to some old school radio adventures, laugh at the bizarre ever-expanding world of podcasting, and let your imagination soar as the Showtimes remind us all you don't need a screen to have a good time.

## Blinky Land Friday, Saturday, Sunday River A

The Workshop room is a place for building, repairing, as well as just chatting on all things STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math). Build a blinkie, melt some glass, solder some glass, complete previous projects, repair an existing project. Come on down and enjoy. As we are in the room at the end of the universe, you can also get in a bit of exercise as well.

## Star Wars Part the Sixth: The Jedi Doth Return Saturday 4:45 pm River C

Highlights of the exciting third episode of the original trilogy - Shakespearean style - from the script by Ian Doescher! Teen and tween Girl Scouts and Special Guests (including several familiar Capricon faces) present a dramatic reading to conclude their three-year run of Capricon performances. Come to the Dark Side...we do, indeed, have cookies... which will be served during the performance!

## Saying "I Do" With the Duhans Saturday 6:00 pm Botanic Ballroom B

In 2018, Tara and Matthew will be married 20 years! Oh, how time flies. To celebrate, they have decided to renew their vows at Capricon 38. Please come join them for this very special event. They would love to have as many of their friends as possible attend.

## SpaceTime Theater Saturday 8:30 pm Botanic Ballroom A

SpaceTime Theater specializes in science fiction and fantasy improv comedy. Join us when Chicagoland's weirdest most eclectic comedy improv group returns to the Capricon stage with their multi-generational improv show "The Steady State Theory". Come prepared for an evening of stories and laughter that's never the same twice, because we're making it up as we go along.

## Critter Crunch Sunday 10:00 am Botanic Ballroom A

Critter Crunch! "Mad scientists" (you) drive battle hardened robots. Your mission – Destroy your rival! Don't have a robot? No problem! Bid on (rent) the "driving rights" of up to 30 robots... many are past champions. Bidding starts at \$1. (Cheap!) Proceeds will be donated to Capricon's designated charity. Bizarre prizes awarded! CC Swag for all! Be There, Aloha!

## Closing Ceremonies Sunday 3:00 pm Botanic Ballroom A

Sadly, every convention must come to an end, and so must this one. Come end the weekend in style and tell us your thoughts, good or bad; your feedback helps us make every Capricon fun! The Powers That Be of Capricon 38 will also give a hint of what's to come when we convene again in 2019..

# PROGRAMMING

Too often convention programming can be kind of rigid, with panels about writing, or about media, or about art. This year's theme gave us an opportunity to string together all those different threads and feature many kinds of creators and fans all on the same panel. We encourage you to expand your programming universe and try something new!

As with last year's schedule, panels are 75 minutes with a 15 minute passing period unless otherwise noted. Readings are 25 minutes with a 5 minute passing period unless otherwise noted.

Please let us know what you think about your experiences with programming. We need your input to make it better every year! You can stop by Program Ops near the Maple Room and give immediate feedback, come to the Feedback Session after Closing Ceremonies, or send us an email after the convention ([programming@capricon.org](mailto:programming@capricon.org)). Feedback on topics and panelists is welcome, along with programming ideas for next year.

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful program participants! Thank you for sharing your time, expertise, humor, and knowledge with us. We couldn't do this without your help.

— Tammy Coxen & Deanna Sjolander, with thanks to Leane Verhulst, Helen Montgomery, and the entire Capricon committee for brainstorming assistance.

To Check Out Our Online Schedule, Please Visit:

[guide.capricon.org](http://guide.capricon.org)

## PHANDEMONIUM EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY!

Check out the Phandemonium Blog, Goat Droppings, at [www.capricon.org/blog](http://www.capricon.org/blog) for updated events, dates, times, titles, and locations

## Thursday – 3:30 pm

### Sarah Wilkinson Paints!

Thursday: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Sarah Wilkinson

Description: Come out for a live painting demonstration from Guest of Honor Sarah Wilkinson.

### Missing the Boat

Thursday: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee, Tyrell Gephardt, Chris Gerrib, Cat Greenberg (M), Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub

Description: The problem with writing the future is that eventually it is the future, and oops - you got it wrong! Our panelists discuss examples of now-anachronistic SF.

## Thursday – 5:00 pm

### Convention Tour: Thursday # 1

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Registration

Panelists: Jessica Guggenheim, Tracy Lunquist

Description: Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before! Tour will start near Registration.

### The Science of Alcohol

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Jason Betts, Alicia Y. Choi, Tammy Coxen (M), Katherine Finegan, Jenna Kantor

Description: From distilling and brewing to mixing and drinking learn the ins and outs of beer, wine, mead, and spirits. Learn how it goes from grain and water to something amazingly tasty.

### Military Speculative Fiction: How to Get it Right

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee, Chris Gerrib, Dave Kivi Jr., Bob J. Koester, Timothy Zahn

Description: Military SF is one of spec fiction's most popular sub-genres, yet not everyone "gets it right." What makes it accurate, even given that it is science fiction? How does someone who has never served write military SF that resonates with the readers?

## Get Out of my Bubble!

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: S. Nakamoto, V. Buterin

Description: What happens when one universe expands into your universe's space? Pro tips for characters on stress management in an ever expanding and infinitely more crowded galaxy. Can't we all just get along?

## Blade Runner 2049

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Track: Media

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris M. Barkley, Liz Gilio, Sean Mead (M),

Craig R Smith, Pablo M.A Vazquez

Description: Highly anticipated, *Blade Runner 2049* received mostly good reviews. Fans report that weeks later they are still thinking about the film. What questions did it raise for you? What did you love? What didn't work for you?

## Yuu Yuu Hakusho #5-8

Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Yusuke now knows that he is a Spirit Detective. Unfortunately, all that means is that the supernatural beings he has to investigate are just as much a menace to his continued existence as if he was still an ordinary human being.

## Thursday – 6:30 pm

### Convention Tour: Thursday #2

Thursday: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Registration

Panelists: Dave McCarty, Helen Montgomery

Description: Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before! Tour will start by Registration.

### Reading: Bob Koester

Thursday: 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Reading

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Bob J. Koester

Description: Bob Koester reads from his novel *Insistent Oracles*. Lyta and Carl are astronomy students on diverging paths: she's bound for the Air Force, and he's going to teach high school. But when they find a strangely-behaving object in the sky, they find themselves unexpectedly connected to it, the world, and each other.

## Accessibility in Futuristic Societies

Thursday: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Alia Federow, Carol F Metzger,

W A (Bill) Thomasson (M)

Description: The answer isn't just "prosthetics." How will futuristic societies handle people getting around? What are authors doing for visibility, and to avoid a "magical" disability?

## Michael Bay, Destroyer of my Childhood

Thursday: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: O. Prime(M), H. Stamper, Leonardo T., A. Steroid

Description: Some universes should be left alone... especially if Michael Bay is in the Director's Chair. Known for atrocities such as the live action Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movies, the Transformers movies and coming soon...The BUMBLE BEE MOVIE...it's time to give these actors better materials to work with, and stop ruining the fun. Some actual Transformers and Turtles join us to tell us what they hope for in new scripts, and what directors they want to bring into the chair.

## Who is Onyx Path Publishing?

Thursday: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Matt M McElroy, Monica Valentinelli

Description: Guest of Honor Monica Valentinelli and Special Guest Matt McElroy talks about Onyx Path Publishing.

## Thursday – 6:45 pm

### Flame of Recca #1-4

Thursday: 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Recca Hanabishi is a ninja fanboy. So much so that he openly boasts of actually being a ninja. And you know the old adage "be careful what you wish for", right? In his case, truer words were never spoken.

## Thursday – 7:00 pm

### Ice Cream Social

Thursday: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom B

Description: Has exploring the universe awakened your sweet tooth? Meet and greet your fellow inhabitants of this galaxy over a tasty Earth treat – frozen cow's milk, spun in a machine until fluffy, topped with Earth fruits, nuts and a sweet syrup made from the seeds of the cacao tree. (Those who cannot eat milk products should let servers know and will be accommodated.) First come, first served, while supplies last.

## Thursday – 8:00 pm

### Opening Ceremonies and Starlight Radio Dreams Live Show

Thursday: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Dave McCarty, Matt M McElroy,

Terrence Miltner, Monica Valentinelli, Sarah Wilkinson,

Timothy Zahn

Description: Welcome to Capricon 38. Join us as we kick off this year's event and get some idea of what to expect, and to meet our Guests of Honor (GoHs), Special Guests, and the people who make it all possible. Then stick around to laugh your way through time and space along with the comedy team of Starlight Radio Dreams. Sci-fi, Fantasy and Reality Podcast spoofs take center stage in this smorgasbord of audio-based entertainment that starts as soon as Opening Ceremonies ends.

### Firefly The Board Game

Thursday: 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Tim Araujo

Description: Based on the popular television series - players captain their own Firefly-class transport ship, traveling the 'Verse with a hand-picked crew of fighters, mechanics and other travelers. Double-dealing employers, heavy-handed Alliance patrols, and marauding Reavers are all in a day's work for a crew at the edge of the 'Verse.

## Thursday – 8:30 pm

### A Certain Scientific Railgun #1-4

Thursday: 8:30 PM - 10:15 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Academy City is, as you can tell by the name, chock full of students. However, when those students are primarily espers, it can lead to all sorts of misadventures, as Makoto and her closest school chums find out.

## Thursday – 9:30 pm

### Live Action Kill Doctor Lucky

Thursday: 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Capricious T. Goat, Leane Verhulst (M)

Description: Dr. Lucky is visiting Capricon. For some reason he's also bringing a portion of his country estate, complete with unusual weapons, good hiding places, and craven killers after his fortune - killers like you! Join us for a life-sized set of the fun pre-mystery board game *Kill Doctor Lucky*.

## Thursday – 10:15 pm

### Ghost in the Shell: SAC #5-8

Thursday: 10:15 PM - 12:00 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Section 9 continues to hunt the Laughing Man after he threatens the assassination of the Superintendent-General of police, but matters only end up getting complicated by an exiled revolutionary leader whose death is sought by multiple foreign governments and an organ harvesting ring.

## Friday – 12:00 am

### Knights of Sidonia: #5-8

Friday: 12:00 AM - 1:45 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Nagate's fight against the Gauna continues. But the Gauna are about to reveal ominous new abilities that may tip the balance against the human space fleet in their centuries-long conflict.

## Friday – 10:00 am

### Q & A with Eric Flint

Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Track: Literature

Location: Willow

Panelists: Eric Flint

Description: Author Eric Flint answers questions and chats with the audience.

### Indie Comics that Should Be On Screen

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Comics

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Michelle Allen (M), James Bacon,

Matt M McElroy, Matthew Munro, Frank Salvatini

Description: Marvel and DC dominate the screens now, although indies such as *Kick Ass* and *Men in Black* do buck the trend. Our panel discusses thoughts on what comic stories could and should be on the screen.

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## Are Corporate Villains Overdone?

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Writing

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Karen Morris Herkes, Dave Kivi Jr., Sean Mead, Kristine Smith (M)

Description: Every story needs a villain. And certainly corporate bad actors are not unknown. But it seems like almost every other near/medium-future SF story has a corporation and corporate head as the villain. Is this becoming a cliché? Is it a sign the writer is too lazy to think of alternatives? Why do corporate villains work or not work and what are the alternatives?

## Lego® Creatures and Crafts

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Isobeal Ragsdale, Seamus Ragsdale

Description: Expand your creativity by using your imagination to build a new creature or space craft.

## Explore the Tardis with Google Maps

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: Melody Pond, River Song (M), Sister Cantica, Melody Malone

Description: Join an explorer, an archeologist, a management consultant, and a detective as they navigate through the tricky turns and time vortexes of Google. It's like Upper and Lower Wacker....but infinitely bigger (on the inside).

## Working toward Social Equity in Speculative Fiction

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Mari Brighe (M), Shaun Duke, James LaRue, Tracy Townsend

Description: In fiction, publishing, and fandom, there is a push to include new voices and underrepresented people. There's also resistance. How can we work toward a more inclusive spec fic community?

## Heavy Metal L-Gaim #1-4

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Daba Myroad and his best friend Mirao fight off bandits intent on stealing a family heirloom - which happens to be a state-of-the art mech. Then things get complicated. Mamoru Nagano's first major design project before he started work on his classic Five Star Stories manga.

## Workshop to Learn Circular Gallifreyan

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Flexible Programming

Panelists: Leane Verhulst (M)

Description: Circular Gallifreyan is a standardized version of the written Gallifreyan language as seen in *Doctor Who*. This is a workshop to teach how to write and read this language. See <http://timeturners.wikidot.com/circular-gallifreyan> for more information.

## Computing Before Computers

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Science

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Henry Spencer

Description: It's hard to imagine life without a computer in your pocket. How on earth did we compute before computers? Henry Spencer tells us.

## The Messiah/Hero Complex

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Chris Gerrib (M), Ariela Housman, Michael Moreci, Pat Sayre McCoy

Description: Many stories, video games, and legends revolve around the idea of a young "chosen one" who is going to progress through the hero's journey regardless of what they do to get there. How much of that story comes from the Christian dogma embedded in Western storytelling? What storytelling goes beyond this timeless trope?

## Pathfinder/Starfinder Society

Friday: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Pathfinder Society Tables

Panelists: David Frahm

Description: You are an agent of the Pathfinder Society, a legendary league of explorers, archaeologists, and adventurers dedicated to discovering and chronicling the greatest mysteries and wonders of an ancient world beset by magic and evil. Based in Absalom, the so-called City at the Center of the World, your adventures range from exploring the dark alleys and political intrigues of Absalom to embarking on far-flung travels to the most interesting and exotic locales in the world of the *Pathfinder* Roleplaying Game. Paper and pens will be provided. Dice availability is not guaranteed, so bring your own if you have them. Scenarios start every hour.

## Friday – 10:45 am

## Rapid Reading #1

Friday: 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Reading

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Jonathan P. Brazee, Sue Burke (M), Alexei Collier, Dale Cozort, Bob J. Koester

Description: An assortment of authors each give 5-7 minute readings. Come discover someone new!

## Friday – 11:30 am

## Convention Tour: Friday Morning

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Registration

Panelists: Liz Gilio, Leane Verhulst

Description: Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before! Tour will start by Registration.

## The Handmaid's Tale

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Willow

Panelists: Alexei Collier (M), Chris Rose, Natalie Silk

Description: Although Margaret Atwood initially refused to call her work Science Fiction, most readers did. The television adaptation has been critically acclaimed. People are seeing eerie parallels between the book's dystopian vision and current political events in the U.S., including protesters dressing in Handmaids robes. Is it still science fiction if it's happening in our current reality? What other books have crossed that line?

## Gaming Fiction 101

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Tim Akers, Neal F. Litherland, Monica Valentinelli (M)

Description: Our panelists talk about writing fiction in a game universe.

## Obligatory Discussion of New Hugo Award Categories

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Chris M. Barkley, Eric Flint, Dave McCarty (M), Kelly Strait

Description: A discussion of the proposed Hugo Award categories - which should be given serious consideration and which should be modified or changed?

## Munchkin Mayhem

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Isobeal Ragsdale, Seamus Ragsdale

Description: Expand your gaming experience to the next level. Enjoy many versions of *Munchkin* and do some special *Munchkin* activities.

## Hyperdrive Repair

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: H. Solo & C. Baca, R2D2 (M), M. Scott, K. Frye

Description: So you need to go faster than light, but your engine won't make it so? What do you do? What materials should you keep on hand for these emergencies, other than duct tape?

## 19th-Century Physicists Were Sure They Had It Right Too

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Science

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Bill Higgins, Ada Palmer, Henry Spencer (M)

Description: Physicists in the late 19th century, much like physicists today, were quite sure they had the universe figured out, aside from a few unimportant details that would surely soon be explained. Some of those indeed were soon explained, but others turned physics upside-down. What little unresolved details are there in physics today, and where might they lead?

## Coloring Workshop for Grownups

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Flexible Programming

Panelists: Carol F Metzger

Description: Adult coloring books are all the rage. Learn why the kids have the right idea. A selection of coloring blanks and books, artist-quality colored pencils and tools, and an educational handout about techniques, color theory, and pigment characteristics will all be provided.

## The Star Wars Expanded Universe

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Shaun Duke (M), Will "scifantasy" Frank, Rebecca L. Frencl, Sarah Wilkinson, Timothy Zahn

Description: Creators working in the *Star Wars* universe and fans of the universe come together to discuss their experiences.

## Creating Imaginary Races Doesn't Erase Racism

Friday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee (M), Megan Mackie, David Taylor II, Tracy Townsend

Description: Panelists discuss how to combat real-world racism bleeding into fantasy and science fiction.

### Friday – 11:45 am

#### **Full Metal Panic? FUMOFFU #5-8**

Friday: 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Sousuke's latest fun misadventures include: A dual with the head of the school karate club. a bizarre prowler intent on giving local schoolgirls ponytails they don't want. Sousuke imposing basic training on the schools' lame rugby team, and Sousuke's Mithril superior Tessa arriving as an exchange student. Sousuke would like all this fun to end soon. Please.

### Friday – 12:00 pm

#### **Reading: Michael Moreci**

Friday: 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Michael Moreci

Description: Michael Moreci reads from his debut space adventure novel, *Black Star Renegades*, which was inspired by space adventures like *Star Wars*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and *Flash Gordon*. Nerdist called it "the next big thing" and Kirkus dubbed it "impossible not to love."

#### **Paranoia RPG: "Sir Loyal's Homemade Treason Absquatulator"**

Friday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: WJ MacGuffin

Description: Sometimes, a product comes along that makes terrorists shake in their boots. That is this product – It's just not ready for market yet. Your mission is to safely escort several samples to a focus group in the next sector so it can finally be released to all of Alpha Complex. What could go wrong? *Paranoia* is a darkly humorous, competitive, and infamous roleplaying game. Rules are simple, and you can die at least six times! Come see what's so funny about a science fiction dystopia. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited to stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

### Friday – 12:30 pm

#### **Reading: Dave Kivi Jr.**

Friday: 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Dave Kivi Jr.

Description: Dave Kivi Jr. reads a section of his debut novel *Prodigal Son*, a Steampunk Light world of Magic. Jacques Bokan is on a quest to avenge his father and save the rest of his family from the Empire he swore to serve.

### Friday – 1:00 pm

#### **Snow Goons**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Maker

Location: Lobby

Panelists: Helen Montgomery

Description: Bring your snowpants and gloves and come outside with us to build Snow Goons! What are Snow Goons, you ask? Snowmen, but seriously twisted, a la Calvin and Hobbes. (Weather permitting) Anyone brave enough to venture outside will be gathering together in the lobby.

#### **Rapid Reading #2**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Track: Reading

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Dexter Fabi, Chris Gerrib, Karen Morris Herkes, Neal F. Litherland, Deirdre M. Murphy, Kristine Smith (M)

Description: An assortment of authors each give 5-7 minute readings. Come discover someone new!

#### **From Page to Screen: The Legal Journey**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Willow

Panelists: Will "scifantasy" Frank, Michael Moreci,

Dirk Vanover (M)

Description: Our panel discusses the process of adapting your book for other mediums. In addition to looking at the overall process of how a work is taken from page to screen, we'll look at the copyright and contractual issues you'll need to address to protect your rights and your work.

#### **Exobiology for Dummies**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Sue Burke, Liz Gilio, Bill Higgins (M), John Nikitow, W A (Bill) Thomasson, Dr Michael Unger

Description: If life is out there, what would it look like? And how would we know it when we found it?

#### **Battleship vs. Pixels**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: Tim Curry (M), C. Mustard, M. Scarlet

Description: What's the best board game movie? Battleship? Pixels? Jumanji? We don't have a CLUE.

#### **Wonder Woman!**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Media

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Alexei Collier, Cat Greenberg, Jessica Guggenheim, Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub, Tracy Lunquist (M)

Description: Did the DCU finally get one right? Fans discuss *Wonder Woman*.

#### **Viking Wire Weaving Make & Take**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Track: Maker

Location: Flexible Programming

Panelists: Lesley Reuter

Description: This jewelry making technique, which dates from the Viking period, is great for historical reenactors, but can also be used for modern jewelry. It results in an intricate, braided-look chain, and requires few supplies. Learn to make a bracelet and take it home with you! Space is limited, please sign up at the Info Desk. \$5 materials fee to be paid at session.

#### **Writing Diverse Characters of Impact**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee, Mari Brighe, Lauren Jankowski, Tina Jens (M), Donna J. W. Munro

Description: Women, LGBTQ characters, and people of color are often the objects in fiction - the person who gets rescued or killed at the whim of the hero or villain. How can we create diverse characters who create their own destiny?

#### **Evolution of the Comic Book Movie**

Friday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Media

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Michelle Allen (M), Dave Kivi Jr., Patrick Morgan, Matthew Munro, Ada Palmer, David Taylor II

Description: Comic book adaptations seem to account for a larger percentage of Hollywood blockbusters each year. How has the comic book adaptation evolved over the years?

### Friday – 1:30 pm

#### **Samurai Seven #5-8**

Friday: 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: A sword hand and possible ally who've never killed in combat. A frame-up for the murder of a high official. Treaties of honor that need to be respected – or broken. No one ever said the life of a ronin was easy.

### Friday – 1:45 pm

#### **Rapid Reading #3**

Friday: 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Reading

Location: Willow

Panelists: Lance Erlick (M), Megan Mackie, Jon R. Osborne, Natalie Silk, Tracy Townsend

Description: An assortment of authors each give 5-7 minute readings. Come discover someone new!

### Friday – 2:00 pm

#### **Firefly RPG: Gaming with the GoH Monica Valentinelli**

Friday: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Monica Valentinelli

Description: Join our Gaming Guest of Honor, Monica Valentinelli, as she DMs the *Firefly* RPG. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated, so come and sit a spell. Space is limited so visit Gaming HQ to sign up and reserve your spot. Dong ma? Shiny!

#### **Learn Some Games with Leane**

Friday: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Leane Verhulst

Description: Have you been itching to learn *Paradox*? Wondering how *Splendor* works? Or maybe you just want to know why everyone seems to be having so much fun playing *Fluxx*. Join Leane as she teaches some of her favourite games. She'll have these and much more on hand so come by and learn a new game!

### Friday – 2:30 pm

#### **Autographing: Townsend/Silk/Koester**

Friday: 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Track: Autographing

Location: Autograph Table

Panelists: Bob J. Koester, Natalie Silk, Tracy Townsend

Description: Tracy Townsend, Natalie Silk and Bob Koester will be available to sign their work.

## Diversity Backlash

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Willow

Panelists: Michelle Allen, Mari Brighe (M), Shaun Duke, Dave McCarty, Pablo M.A Vazquez

Description: As fandom and SFF seek to become more diverse and welcoming for \*all\* fans, some people are bound to feel threatened. From the Puppy campaigns to 2017’s “Make Penguicon Great Again” kerfuffle, our panelists discuss the diversity backlash.

## Getting into the Gaming Business

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Brian BMAN Babendererde (M), Matthew “Fringe” Duhan, Alisa Kober, Neal F. Litherland

Description: How to get into the business of gaming.

## Imagining the Impossible

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Jan S. Gephardt, Karen Ann Hollingsworth (M), Emily Knowles-Grumble, Frank Salvatini, Sarah Wilkinson

Description: How do you take the unknown and render it in art?

## Fun with Expanding Latex

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, John Wardale

Description: Have you ever wondered HOW to make a balloon animal? Our resident balloonitic will share his knowledge with you and you can go home with a balloon creation you made! Allergy alert: LATEX products will be in use

## Dream Interpretation for Androids

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: P.K. Dick (M), R. Deckard, S. Freud

Description: Dream interpretation for humans is a long-standing art. With the pending robot uprising, therapists for our new Android Overlords need some updated psychological frameworks. What do electric sheep mean, anyway?

## Judging a Book by Page 119

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Peter Heltzer, Sean Mead, Helen Montgomery (M), Kristine Smith

Description: They say that you can’t judge a book by its cover. Can you judge it by what’s on Page 119?

## Exploring the Moral Grey Area

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Rebecca L. Frencl, Blake Hausladen, Tina Jens (M), Mary Mascari, Donna J. W. Munro

Description: When villains aren’t all bad, and heroes aren’t all good.

## *The Last Jedi*

Friday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Media

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: James Bacon , Chris M. Barkley (M), Dave Kivi Jr., Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub, Patrick Morgan, Timothy Zahn

Description: While the critics loved it, *The Last Jedi* got a much more mixed reaction from fans. Is the newest Star Wars movie installment the start of something fantastic, or a betrayal of everything fans loved? Our panelists discuss.

## Friday – 3:15 pm

### *Full Metal Panic! #5-8*

Friday: 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Sousuke finally gets help in the form of a new AS – the Arbalest. Unfortunately for him, he needs to find out how to properly use it before new enemies take him out first. Ah, the bliss of high school life...

## Cat Greenberg in Concert

Friday: 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Cat Greenberg, Cathy McManamon

Description: Songs with a Sense of Wonder from St. Louis filker Cat Greenberg, accompanied by Cathy McManamon.

## Friday – 4:00 pm

### Autographing: Litherland/Chwedyk/Palmer

Friday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Track: Autographing

Location: Autograph Table

Panelists: Richard Chwedyk, Neal F. Litherland, Ada Palmer

Description: Neal F. Litherland, Richard Chwedyk, and Ada Palmer will be available to sign their work.

## How Soon Artificial General Intelligence

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Willow

Panelists: Lance Erlick, Jim Plaxco, W A (Bill) Thomasson (M), Uncle Vlad

Description: With recent developments in A.I., how soon might we see A.G.I. (artificial general intelligence) and how will that affect human society?

## Indie Publishing 101

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee (M), Frederick H. Crook, Cat Greenberg, Karen Morris Herkes, Matt M McElroy

Description: You’ve finally written your first novel. Now what? An overview to self-publishing options.

## Art Rising Up

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Art

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Jan S. Gephardt, Alisa Kober, Carol F Metzger, Maija Steele (M)

Description: How do you use art and community to stand up against tyranny, to build infrastructure, and to rally friends to your side? This panel will discuss art as radical growth.

## Build and Read: Light Sabers

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: James Bacon, Lisa Garrison

Description: Expand your Jedi skills by building a light saber and then hear a Star Wars story.

## Cooking for Zombies

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: Liv Moore, H. Lecter (M), G. Romero

Description: What wine goes best with brains? What is the perfect side dish? And what dessert do you follow it all up with? Cooking with brains can be tricky, so we’ll also discuss some basic techniques.

## Someone is Wrong on the Internet

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Sue Burke, Alia Federow, Ty Machtemes, Malkinius, Dave McCarty (M)

Description: The art of the rant.

## Fanfic as Expansion

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Jeanne DeVore, Eric Flint, Will “scifantasy” Frank (M), Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub

Description: Does fanfic count as expanding the universe? What’s the line?

## Anthropology of Mythological Monsters

Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Rachel Cohan, Matthew Munro, Deirdre M. Murphy, John Nikitow, Pat Sayre McCoy (M)

Description: Were the monsters of old based off of real creatures? Why has history been obsessed with monsters? A discussion from the depths.

## Bill Roper in Concert

Friday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Bill Roper

Description: Bill Roper has been filking for 40 years now, which sometimes feels like longer than he’s been alive. This has given him time to write a lot of original songs, some serious, others funny. What will he be singing today? Come by and find out!

## Ginkgopolis

Friday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris McGowan

Description: Ginkgo Biloba, the oldest and strongest tree in the world, has become the symbol of a new method for building cities in symbiosis with nature. Humans have exhausted the resources that the Earth offered them, and humanity must now develop cities that maintain a delicate balance between resource production and consumption. Habitable space is scarce, however, and mankind must now face the challenge of building ever upwards. To develop this new type of city, you will gather a team of experts around you, and try to become the best urban planner for Ginkgopolis.

## Friday – 4:30 pm

### *Stab A Panda*

Friday: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Matthew “Fringe” Duhan

Description: A “would you rather?” style party game for three to eights players. The active player, or “panda” gets four cards which they secretly rank in order of preference. At the same time, the other players must guess how the panda will rank their cards. For each card matched, the player gets a point. At the end of one round, the player with the most points wins!

## Friday – 4:45 pm

### Canticles

Friday: 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Alexander James Adams, Matthew R.R. Morrese

Description: Matthew Morrese and Alexander James Adams perform music from their Canticles cycle.

## Friday – 5:00 pm

### Witch Hunter Robin #5-8

Friday: 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: The STN-J team continues their investigations into Witches. But with anything involving psychic phenomena, things are often not what they seem. In fact, things are usually anything but like what they seem.

## Friday – 5:30 pm

### Convention Tour: Friday Evening

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Registration

Panelists: Tracy Lunquist, Helen Montgomery

Description: Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before! Tour will start near Registration.

### Queer Eye for Sci-Fi Season 4

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Willow

Panelists: Mari Brighe (M), Dexter Fabi, Lauren Jankowski, Red

Description: Queer Eye for Sci-Fi returns for Season 4! There is a long and complex history of queerness in fiction, from queer-coded villains in pulp novels to the more diverse spectrum of characterization in the last decade. Join panelists as they discuss the history of queerness within the genre, both the good and the bad.

### Adult Nerds Making Friends

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Communities

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Michelle Allen, Rachel Cohan,

Jessica Guggenheim, Ty Machtemes, Donna J. W. Munro (M), Matthew Munro

Description: A session for nerdy adults to find others with similar interests for potential friendship making. It's hard for shy folks or those with limited social skills to bridge the

gap between acquaintance and friend. We can discuss how to do that, play some get to know you games, then find common ground.

### SETI: To Lurk or To Post?

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Science

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Cat Greenberg (M), Bill Higgins, Sean Mead, John Phillips, Henry Spencer

Description: SETI efforts have been listening for extraterrestrial radio signals for decades now (although intermittently and mostly with low budgets). Nothing has turned up. There is now a faction in the SETI community that wants to advertise our presence, in hopes of getting replies. Others don't think this is a good idea. Is announcing ourselves really desirable, or even wise? How should this be decided?

### Intuitive Watercolor Workshop

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Elm

Panelists: Karen Ann Hollingsworth

Description: Karen Ann Hollingsworth leads a hands-on watercolor painting workshop. This item is open to all ages and skill levels, although young children should be accompanied by a parent.

### Folgers Crystals: New Power Source

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: M. Coffee (M), Max House, S. Bucks, Juan Valdez

Description: For years, the best part of waking up was Folger's in your cup. A new breakthrough in a lab deep in the Colombian mountains means that Folger's Dilithium Crystals can be used to power all your transportation needs. Learn about the future of Coffee-based engineering.

### Genre Blending

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Tim Akers, Rebecca L. Frencl, Richard Garfinkle, Neal F. Litherland, Megan Mackie, Steven H Silver (M)

Description: SF? Fantasy? Steampunk? Horror? Alternate History? With so many new authors entering the field, it's difficult to place a work in a strict category. Let's discuss why that's a good thing.

### Class in SFF

Friday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Richard Chwedyk, Alia Federow, Deanna Sjolander, Tracy Townsend (M)

Description: How are characters of different social classes and castes depicted in SFF, and what does that say about our assumptions?

## Friday – 6:45 pm

### Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex 2nd Gig #5-8

Friday: 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Who are the faceless terrorists known as the Individual Eleven? And what do they want? A difficult enough question to resolve by itself, but the continued interference of the mysterious political functionary Goda makes Section 9's work all the more difficult.

## Friday – 7:00 pm

### Trivia for Chocolate

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Willow

Panelists: Steven H Silver

Description: Answer trivia questions correctly, get a piece of chocolate. Whoever has the most pieces of candy at the end wins. It is harder than it sounds because empty wrappers don't count!

### Capture Deflect Destroy

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Birch A

Panelists: John Phillips, Jim Plaxco (M), Pat Sayre McCoy, Henry Spencer, Geoff Strayer, W A (Bill) Thomasson

Description: Panelists discuss the current response options (capture, deflect, destroy) to address threatening asteroids/meteorites.

### Disruptive Media Technologies

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Media

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Malkinius, Margie Martinson (M), Frank Salvatini

Description: What does it mean for the industry and viewers when seasons drop all at once, instead of an episode at a time? What's the impact of so many streaming platforms? Panelists discuss disruption in media and what it means for the future.

### Marvelous Marshmallow Madness

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Alex Heltzer, Isobeal Ragsdale, Seamus Ragsdale

Description: Build marshmallow shooters and participate in a few marshmallow STEM explorations.

### Our Favorite Universes: Mork and Mindy

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: R. Williams, Orson, M. McConnell, Exidor (M)

Description: A classic of the genre! Fans of the universe chat about it and show off their vintage lunchboxes and suspenders. Also, why aren't there more crossovers with books and games and movies?

### Built for Growth

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Dale Cozort, Lauren Jankowski, Sean Mead (M), Monica Valentinelli

Description: What are the keys to creating a new property with expansion in mind?

### Court & Country in Concert

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Music

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Betsy Langan

Description: Step back in time with Court & Country and their rich Renaissance harmonies. This local a capella choral group performs early music with a fannish flair, telling their musical stories in English, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew and Klingon. Join them on Friday evening as they tell the tales of days gone by with the words of the great composers and lyricists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

### Writers and Donuts

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Communities

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Richard Chwedyk

Description: An opportunity for writers to meet and network. Looking for a critique group, a class, info on writers, publishing/self-publishing, editing connections? Or just a place to talk shop? Come on over! There will be donuts.

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### **Unknown Armies RPG: "Maria In Three Parts"**

Friday: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: WJ MacGuffin

Description: You got a call from Detective Jefferson: "A Blue Line informant went dark yesterday, and she never does that. Check her house and report back." Having her owe you a favor isn't the worst thing in the world, so you said yes - even though your instincts told you something weird is going to happen. You probably should have listened. Unknown Armies is the roleplaying game of broken people trying to fix the world. Think of *Dresden Files* by way of David Lynch. With a simple percentile system and heavy emphasis on characters, you enter a world where magick is real but only for the truly obsessed. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

### **Terraforming Mars**

Friday: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris McGowan

Description: In the 2400s, mankind begins to terraform the planet Mars. Giant corporations initiate huge projects to raise the temperature, oxygen level, and ocean coverage until the environment is habitable. In Terraforming Mars, you play one of those corporations and work together in the terraforming process, but compete for getting victory points that are awarded not only for your contribution to the terraforming, but also for advancing human infrastructure throughout the solar system. Terraforming Mars is one of the games in our Passport Grand Prize, so come check it out!

### **Friday – 8:00 pm**

### **Sound WAVs: Alec and Cathy in Concert**

Friday: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Track: Music

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Alexander James Adams, Cathy McManamon

Description: Cathy McManamon and Alexander James Adams combine the best of their musical gifts to create an experience of adventure and empowerment.

### **Talisman (Amber Rules): Gaming w/ Fan GoH Dave McCarty**

Friday: 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Dave McCarty

Description: Join our Fan Guest of Honor, Dave McCarty, in a game of *Talisman 2nd Edition* using Amber Rules. Talisman is an adventure board game set in a high fantasy medieval world. Players travel the world to find people and items to

help them on their quest to acquire the Crown of Command, all while battling creatures, and each other. This version of *Talisman* is played similar to original *Talisman* except two boards will be used and there are additional rules for traveling between the boards.

### **Friday – 8:30 pm**

### **Companions - An Audio Drama with Computer Graphics**

Friday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Media

Location: Willow

Panelists: Bob J. Koester

Description: In the future, solitary space station commanders beam energy back to Earth. They decide to use technology to fight off loneliness, and find themselves confronting a threat to human survival. One hour presentation followed by a Q&A with the writer/director.

### **Our Favorite Universes: American Gods**

Friday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Richard Garfinkle, Alessandra Kelley (M),

Patrick Morgan

Description: Fans of the universe chat about it.

### **Live Action Kill Doctor Lucky**

Friday: 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Capricious T. Goat, Leane Verhulst (M)

Description: Dr. Lucky is visiting Capricon. For some reason he's also bringing a portion of his country estate, complete with unusual weapons, good hiding places, and craven killers after his fortune - killers like you! Join us for a life-size set of the fun pre-mystery board game *Kill Doctor Lucky*.

### **Psycho-Pass #5-8**

Friday: 8:30 PM - 10:15 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Even with the Crime Coefficient's ability to predict future criminal behavior, Akane and her partners in Unit One find themselves pushed to the limit when they find out that murderers can be just as unpredictable and dangerous even when you know who they are ahead of time.

### **Intro to American Maj Jong**

Friday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Dina S. Krause

Description: Come learn the ancient Chinese tile game - American Style.

### **Friday – 9:30 pm**

### **Party Crawl Friday**

Friday: 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Track: After Dark

Location: Lobby

Panelists: Jason Betts

Description: New to the Capricon party scene? Our two party floors are renowned for being fabulous, but they can be a bit overwhelming if you're new. Join some of our party hosts and our Party Liaison on a "party crawl" where they will introduce you to people and show you where all the fun can be had. Must be 21 years of age or older, alcohol will be served in many of the parties. Meet the tour host in the lobby.

### **Open Filk Friday**

Friday: 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Track: Music

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists:

Description: Open Filk on Friday

### **Friday – 10:15 pm**

### **Death Note #5-8**

Friday: 10:15 PM - 12:00 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: L's pursuit of Light continues. Unfortunately, things are about to take an especially dangerous turn when Light discovers the identity of the one person who can help L in capturing him.

### **Friday – 11:00 pm**

### **Tales of Arabian Nights**

Friday: 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Danielle Bogolub

Description: In *Tales of the Arabian Nights*, you are the hero in a story of adventure and wonder just like those told by Scheherazade to her spellbound sultan! You will travel the land seeking your own destiny and fortune. You will learn stories and gain wisdom to share with others. Will you be the first to fulfill your destiny? The next Tale is yours to tell!

### **Saturday – 12:00 am**

### **Claymore #1-4**

Saturday: 12:00 AM - 1:45 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: The Youma are demons with a fondness for human flesh. When one enters Raki's village, his life is only saved by the intervention of the half-human, half-Youma swordswoman Clare. Clare, however, has reasons of her own to fight the Youma.

### **Saturday – 10:00 am**

### **Convention Tour: Saturday**

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Registration

Panelists: Valli Hoski, Leane Verhulst

Description: Welcome to Capricon! Our convention hosts are here to help introduce you to the convention, show you where everything is, and make some suggestions of things that you shouldn't miss this year. Highly recommended for anyone who hasn't attended Capricon before! Tour will start near Registration.

### **The Care and Feeding of a Debut Novelist**

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Writing

Location: Willow

Panelists: Tim Akers, Rick Heinz (M), Jon R. Osborne,

Ada Palmer

Description: You sold your first book! Congratulations. But now there are demands. And expectations. Our panelists talk about how to take care of yourself so you can get to book two.

### **Phandemonium Book Club**

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Literature

Location: Birch A

Panelists: David Hirsch (M)

Description: The Phandemonium book club will explore Guest of Honor Timothy Zahn's Hugo winning novella "Cascade Point". Everyone is welcome to join us!

### **Why We Roleplay**

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Gaming

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Rachel Cohan, Karen Morris Herkes,

Dave Kivi Jr., Ty Machtemes (M), Liam McGlohon

Description: Role-playing aficionados talk about why they do what they do, and why you might want to try it too.

### **Sensational "Snowy" Skills**

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Eli Heltzer, Sandy Heltzer

Description: Learn how to make some special sci-fi and fantasy themed snowflakes, snow slime, and other snowy creations!

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## Does Maleficent Recycle?

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: Dr. Horrible, P. Ivy, R. al-Ghul

Description: Some super-villains may want a living world to rule when they've conquered. Panelists talk about the ways that villains should minimize their ecological footprint. Being green isn't just for the Hulk, after all.

## Pirates of the Asteroids: Who Owns ET Resources?

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Science

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris Gerrib, Jeffrey G. Liss, Jim Plaxco, Pat Sayre McCoy (M), Henry Spencer

Description: The Outer Space Treaty (now 50 years old) prohibits nations from making territorial claims in space, but is silent on whether objects brought back from space can legitimately be property. Growing interest in asteroid mining has drawn attention to both issues. Nations can't claim territory up there, but can a private company stake a mining claim? And does it own resources it brings back?

## Round Vernian Vifam #5-8

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: The kids continue their escape from the Astro-gaters. As resourceful as they are and as well as they (usually) work as a team, how can they hope to defeat technologically advanced aliens fully skilled in the art of space combat?

## Stitch'n Bitch

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Maker

Location: Flexible Programming

Panelists: Lesley Reuter

Description: Bring your knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, or other-portable-craft project and work on it in the company of other crafters.

## Talking Tropes

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Red, Deanna Sjolander (M), David Taylor II, Monica Valentinelli

Description: What to keep, what to lose?

## Interview with Timothy Zahn

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: GOH

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Zeynep D, Will "scifantasy" Frank, Timothy Zahn

Description: Bloggers from *Force Visions*, a blog revisiting the *Star Wars* Expanded Universe, will interview Guest of Honor Timothy Zahn.

## Reading: Steven H Silver

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Steven H Silver

Description: Steven H Silver reads his forthcoming story "Doing Business at Hodputt's Emporium."

## Pathfinder/Starfinder Society

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: David Frahm

Description: You are an agent of the Pathfinder Society, a legendary league of explorers, archaeologists, and adventurers dedicated to discovering and chronicling the greatest mysteries and wonders of an ancient world beset by magic and evil. Based in Absalom, the so-called City at the Center of the World, your adventures range from exploring the dark alleys and political intrigues of Absalom to embarking on far-flung travels to the most interesting and exotic locales in the world of the *Pathfinder* Roleplaying Game. Paper and pens will be provided. Dice availability is not guaranteed, so bring your own if you have them. Scenarios start every hour.

## Saturday – 10:30 am

### Reading: Neal Litherland

Saturday: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Neal F. Litherland

Description: Neal Litherland will be reading a short story from his steampunk noir collection "New Avalon: Love and Loss in The City of Steam". Mystery, intrigue, and heartbreak are all in store.

### Robotech RPG: "The Shadow Rises"

Saturday: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Josh Grumble

Description: It's the year 2044, and General Reinhardt and his Expeditionary Forces are locked in a war they didn't ask for with the mysterious Haydonites. Now, with Earth's forces depleted, scattered, and pinned down on Moon Base ALuCE, a report comes in to your team that a small Haydonite force is making their way to the ruins of an old Robotech research facility...but why? In this unique Cortex Plus adaptation of the *Robotech* saga, you make the choice of commanding a Veritech squadron or Cyclone team. All materials will be

provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

## Saturday – 11:00 am

### Reading: Richard Chwedyk

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Richard Chwedyk

Description: Return to the thrilling days of 1973, when comic books cost twelve cents, giant alien cephalopods lurked at the bottom of the Marquette Park lagoon, Punk Rock was still in diapers and dangerous substances were packaged in pixie-stick straws! Travel with North Side Girl and her "allies of questionable character" to the land of the Astro-Damned and the Va-va-va VOOOM! – The land that Time was paid off to forget!

## Saturday – 11:30 am

### Autographing: Wilkinson/Moreci

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Track: Autographing

Location: Autograph Table

Panelists: Michael Moreci, Sarah Wilkinson

Description: Michael Moreci and Sarah Wilkinson will be available to sign their work.

### ISFiC Board Meeting

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Willow

Panelists: Steven H Silver, Uncle Vlad

Description: ISFiC holds one of its two annual meetings at Capricon. Feel free to join us and learn what issues we're dealing with, and get a glimpse into what is happening at Windycon. Be the first to learn when Picnicon will take place. If you have any concerns, you can come and ask the board about them.

### Storytellers Guide to Not Sucking

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Birch A

Panelists: David Abzug, Rick Heinz (M), Megan Mackie, Malkinius, Jon R. Osborne

Description: Join Rick Heinz from Geek & Sundry along with other Storytellers for a panel on Game Mastering tips and tricks. Find your style, learn player agency, and learn why you should never run a dream sequence. A one-stop shop for DOs and DON'Ts from those who have made every error.

### Obligatory Worldcon Panel

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Birch B

Panelists: James Bacon, Bob J. Koester, Dina S. Krause, Dave McCarty (M), Pablo M.A Vazquez

Description: Guest of Honor Dave McCarty is Chicago's most recent Worldcon chair. Join him and other Worldcon fans to find out what they love about it, and what their fears and hopes are for one of fandom's longest running institutions.

### Science: Time + Energy = Change

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, John Wardale

Description: Expand your scientific knowledge through exploration of different types of energy.

### Fluxx the Movie

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: The Thing, T-1000, Mystique, Gumby

Description: The movie that's different every time you watch it! Sometimes it's a comedy. Sometimes it's a drama. Sometimes it has A-list actors and sometimes it's the B-ist of B movies.

### What Comic Should I Read Next?

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Comics

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Shaun Duke (M), Matt M McElroy, Matthew Munro, Ada Palmer

Description: Looking to pick up a new title? Our panelists discuss their favorites and make recommendations.

### Buffy at 20

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Media

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Alexei Collier, Jessica Guggenheim, Ariela Housman (M), Alisa Kober, Liam McGlohon, Caetlin Williams

Description: Last year (2017) marked the 20th anniversary of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. How has the show held up, and why do we still care?

### Characters That Don't Suck

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee (M), Lauren Jankowski, Tina Jens, Sean Mead, Kristine Smith

Description: Characterization is one of the pillars on which fiction rests. How does a writer develop characters that ring true and excite the readers, for both good and bad?

## Reading: David Taylor II

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: David Taylor II

Description: How does one go from being the coolest of the Cool Kids to being cast out? How could one convince an army to join a losing fight? Come hear how the War in Heaven got started... and how it got to Earth, in this reading from David Taylor II.

## Saturday – 11:45 am

### ***Panzer World Galient #5-8***

Saturday: 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Jordy and his allies continue their efforts to free Arst from Marder and his army of robot panzers. But Marder's plans don't merely stop at conquering Arst; the rest of the galaxy might be next.

## Saturday – 12:00 pm

### **Reading: Deanna Sjolander, Donna Munro, Blake Hausladen**

Saturday: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Blake Hausladen, Donna J. W. Munro, Deanna Sjolander

Description: Donna Munro, Deanna Sjolander, and Blake Hausladen read excerpts from their current works in progress as well as recently published short stories.

### ***Yokohama***

Saturday: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris McGowan

Description: In *Yokohama*, each player is a merchant in the Meiji period, trying to gain fame from a successful business. To do so, they need to build a store, broaden their sales channels, learn a variety of techniques, and (of course) respond to trade orders from abroad.

### ***Mistborn: House Wars***

Saturday: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Jesi Merrick

Description: Become the head of a Great House of Luthadel in this game of negotiation and betrayal set in the world of Brandon Sanderson's *Mistborn* novels. Contend with a myriad of problems plaguing the Final Empire - rampaging Koloss, disease, social unrest, even the heroes of the novels -

and with every step jockey for the Lord Ruler's favor. At the end of the story, will you rise to power and prestige - or fall in ruin and disgrace?

## Saturday – 1:00 pm

### **Autographing: Murphy/Taylor II/Flint**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Track: Autographing

Location: Autograph Table

Panelists: Eric Flint, Deirdre M. Murphy, David Taylor II

Description: Deirdre M. Murphy, David Taylor II, and Eric Flint will be available to sign their work.

### **Always Connected – It's Mandatory Now**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Willow

Panelists: Sondra de Jong (M), Jeanne DeVore, Alia Federow, Katherine Finegan, Tyrell Gephardt, Uncle Vlad, Helen Whatley

Description: Having links to the world always at your fingertips is great, except when you'd rather not. Not having a cell-phone is increasingly awkward, and having one means you're supposed to be reachable all the time. People are shocked if you tell them you won't be reading email while on vacation. Even at home, we're conditioned to run to answer the phone. Is mandatory connectivity inevitable, and if not, how can we fend it off when we want some quiet time?

### **Meet the Candidates**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Dan Berger, Terrence Miltner

Description: Phandemonium, Inc. is the parent corporation for Capricon. Each year Capricon members elect two new members of the Board of Directors at our open Board Meeting held on Sunday at Capricon. This panel offers the opportunity for you to meet the candidates prior to the vote.

### **Different Audiences**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Art

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Dexter Fabi (M), Karen Ann Hollingsworth, Melanie Silver, Sarah Wilkinson

Description: How does the purpose of the artwork impact the creation of the artwork? Our panelists discuss how they approach their craft when they are planning on selling art for the general public versus creating it for media properties.

### **Learning to Lens Flare**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: G. Eastman, D. Boyd, M. Bay (M)

Description: The JJ Abrams method of Lens Flare (tm) is presented with detailed examples. Appropriate for film and digital filmmakers. (Note: Sunglasses are not provided, but are required for this panel.)

### **I, For One, Welcome My New Robot Overlords**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Richard Chwedyk (M), Lance Erlick, Jeffrey G. Liss, Sean Mead

Description: Is an A.I. takeover inevitable? Panelists discuss emerging technology and how it may eventually lead to the downfall of human-kind.

### **Yarn Hairfall Make & Take**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Maker

Location: Flexible Programming

Panelists: Lesley Reuter

Description: Make your own colorful, funky hairfall out of yarn! Learn this easy technique and wear your new fall at the con today! Space is limited, please sign up at the info desk. \$5 materials fee to be paid at session. (Fee is approximate and may vary based on amount of yarn used.)

### **We Need Diverse Books**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Shaun Duke, Natalie Silk, Michelle Allen, Pablo M.A Vazquez (M)

Description: You've been reading white authors all your life. Maybe you don't even think about it. But you need to get your hands on these great and diverse stories.

### **Death of the Hero's Journey**

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Tim Akers, Brian BMAN Babendererde, Rebecca L. Frencl (M), Chris Gerrib, Mary Mascari, Michael Moreci

Description: The Hero's Journey is a template used to examine and analyze the archetypal complexity of a hero, but does this template still hold value in a new era of storytelling? This new era is one where antiheroes, fallen heroes, and characters of dubious origin and ethics are becoming the new staple for science-fiction and fantasy consumers. If all heroic journeys are symbolic of soul transformation and social metaphor, what does this shift say about writers and audiences alike? And what kinds of lessons are now being taught?

## Reading: Ada Palmer

Saturday: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Reading

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Ada Palmer

Description: Ada Palmer reads from her work.

## Saturday – 1:30 pm

### ***Fullmetal Alchemist #1-5***

Saturday: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: When alchemist Edward Elric (no, not that Elric!) and his brother Alphonse lost their mother, all they wanted was to try to bring her back to life. Unfortunately, use of such forbidden spells have grave consequences, as both of them are about to find out...

## Saturday – 2:00 pm

### ***Doctor Who RPG: "A Study in Flax"***

Saturday: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: WJ MacGuffin

Description: *Several of The Doctor's companions find themselves meeting the Paternosters in Victorian London. Just in time, an urgent summons arrives requesting help finding a kidnapped actress. What appears to be a simple abduction quickly turns into something rather complicated - and that looks very wobbly-wobbly-timey-whimey.*

*Doctor Who* is a quick and easy-to-understand roleplaying game. It emphasizes talking (and running, of course) over violence while you play a companion from the show. If you love *Doctor Who* or *Torchwood*, this game is for you. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot!

## Saturday – 2:15 pm

### **Anthony Galas and Susan Weiner in Concert**

Saturday: 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Anthony Galas, Susan Weiner

Description: Anthony Galas and Susan Weiner perform silly, funny, and sometimes grumpy, geeky folk music. Zombies, turtles, fairy tales and modern medicine are some of the items featured in their works. Songs of taste. Or at least flavor. Original, traditional, and more.

## Saturday – 2:30 pm

### Autographing: Hausladen/Barnett

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Track: Autographing

Location: Autograph Table

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Blake Hausladen

Description: Barbara Barnett and Blake Hausladen will be available to sign their work.

### Endless Frankensteins: Mary Shelley's Novel at 200

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Willow

Panelists: Jeanne DeVore, Rebecca L. Frencl (M),

Dina S. Krause, Red, Natalie Silk

Description: The teenage Mary Shelley began writing *Frankenstein* in the summer of 1816 and her novel was published in 1818. Almost immediately, adaptations, retellings, and sequels sprouted. Let's look back at the most memorable, influential, or odd versions of the Modern Prometheus. Let's discuss why *Frankenstein* and his monster have retained their power to fascinate so many audiences, and so many artists, for two centuries.

### Picking the Right Platform

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Dale Cozort, Alessandra Kelley, Bob J. Koester (M),

Deirdre M. Murphy

Description: What stories are best told by books, comics, TV, movie, games, etc? How does a creator pick?

### Marketing Your Book

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee, Clif Flynt, Neal F. Litherland,

Jon R. Osborne, Kristine Smith (M)

Description: Your book is finished and up on Amazon. How do you get people to buy it? This is a basic guide to marketing books, and is applicable to both indie and traditionally published works.

### Build and Read: Rey's Staff

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: James Bacon, Lisa Garrison

Description: Build a staff like Rey's from *Star Wars* and then hear a story about Rey and her friends.

## Open the Pod Bay Doors, Please HAL

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: T. Baker, S. Screwdriver, E. Ripley

Description: We've all been there: running for our lives, alien horde right behind us. That's not the time you want to fumbling with some ID card or trying to remember the escape pod password. This panel will discuss the question: if they had remote starters in the past for their primitive ground vehicles, why can't our starships have them now?

### How to Piss Off Dave McCarty

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Dave McCarty, Helen Montgomery (M),

Dr. Michael Unger, Uncle Vlad

Description: Let's be honest, it's not hard. See our panelists rile Dave up and decide who did it best.

### Science for World Progress

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Science

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Alicia Y. Choi (M), Malkinius, Ada Palmer,

W A (Bill) Thomasson

Description: Where do you want to be in 10 years? 20? What if our efforts were poured into solving world problems through science, and how are we doing that now?

### Kill Your Darlings... or Don't.

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Tim Akers, Eric Flint, Cat Greenberg,

Pat Sayre McCoy (M)

Description: Stephen King and G.R.R.M. have been noted to give the advice "kill your darlings," or "all men must die." But not everyone in high fantasy kills all their characters – Robert Jordan, for example, just kept adding them on. Is there a correct approach? Must fantasy always play on the base desire to witness atrocity?

## Saturday – 3:00 pm

### Moonshine in Concert

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Description: Moonshine is an acoustic ensemble playing pop, blues, folk, and original songs. From Lady Gaga to Shine-down to Muddy Waters to Joni Mitchell... you'll know the songs, but you've never heard them this way before. Moonshine isn't afraid to play anything! Featuring the hauntingly beautiful voice and incredible creativity and versatility of

singer-songwriter Margie Dziadzka, Moonshine radiates energy from the tension and synergy between a classically trained cellist, a rock oriented guitarist, a cool cat on upright bass, and a rootsy percussionist/blues harp player.

### Bruges

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris McGowan

Description: In *Bruges*, players assume the role of merchants who must maintain their relationships with those in power in the city while competing against one another for influence, power, and status. Dramatic events cast their shadows over the city, with players needing to worry about threats to their prosperity from more than just their opponents...

### Learn Some Games with Leane

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Leane Verhulst

Description: Have you been itching to learn *Paradox*? Wondering how *Splendor* works? Or maybe you just want to know why everyone seems to be having so much fun playing *Fluxx*. Join Leane as she teaches some of her favourite games. She'll have these and much more on hand so come by and learn a new game!

## Saturday – 3:30 pm

### Trekkin'

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: The con chair has declared that he'd like some stuff shown. So, he gets his wish! Loading up *Star Trek*-related fan films such as *Prelude to Axanar* and *Star Trek: The New Voyages*, Cap'n!

## Saturday – 4:00 pm

### Autographing: Erlick/Cozort/BMAN

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Track: Autographing

Location: Autograph Table

Panelists: Brian BMAN Babendererde, Dale Cozort,

Lance Erlick

Description: Lance Erlick, Dale Cozort, and Brian BMAN Babendererde will be available to sign their work.

### Intellectual Property & Copyright 101

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Willow

Panelists: Will "scifantasy" Frank, Michael Moreci,

Geoff Strayer, Dirk Vanover (M)

Description: In our digital world, all creators need to know and think about I.P. What do you need to know? We'll discuss what works qualify for copyright protection, how to protect your works, and your rights under copyright law.

### Creating a Podcast

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Media

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Shaun Duke (M), Jerry Gilio, Bob J. Koester,

Ty Machtemes, Megan Mackie

Description: From idea to execution, what does it take to join the podcasting revolution?

### Chicago-SF Book Club Discussion

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Birch B

Panelists: W A (Bill) Thomasson

Description: Chicago-SF picked a multi-volume work for this year's Capricon book discussion: the collected graphic series *Saga*, from Brian K. Vaughan & Fiona Staples. Since its stunning 2012 debut, this series has won award after prestigious award, creating an elaborate world in space with artwork as beautiful and enrapturing as it is daring and expansive. Described as "*Romeo & Juliet* meets *Star Wars* meets *Firefly*", *Saga* plays out against a backdrop of political intrigue and cosmic war, but at its core it's the story of a family. Join us as we discuss this magnificent - and ongoing - achievement.

### Yarn Hairfall Make & Take

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Lesley Reuter

Description: Make your own colorful, funky hair fall out of yarn! Learn this easy technique and wear your new fall at the con today!

### Non-Euclidian Gaming

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: H. Lovecraft, S. Hawkins, South. Jackson

Description: Explore new options for games when you expand your dimensions!

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## Librarians as Defenders of Democracy

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Valli Hoski (M), James LaRue, Margie Martinson, Lauren Schiller, Helen Whatley

Description: “You want weapons? We’re in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world! This room’s the greatest arsenal we could have. Arm yourselves!” -*Doctor Who*, The Library. Come learn how libraries and librarians are the best weapons against ignorance and tyranny.

## Promptapalooza

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Flexible Programming

Panelists: Donna J. W. Munro, Deanna Sjolander

Description: Come to a writing workshop, leave with multiple ideas and beginnings of stories. Prompts will be provided. You’ll be writing – bring your pen and paper or notebook!

## Who’s the Boss?

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Eric Flint, Deirdre M. Murphy (M), Monica Valentinelli, Timothy Zahn

Description: Creators talk about the difference between creating for themselves and doing so in an expanded universe

## What Are Acceptable Risks in Space Exploration?

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Jeffrey G. Liss, Jim Plaxco, Henry Spencer, Dr. Michael Unger (M)

Description: NASA wants to believe that deep-space exploration can be nearly risk-free, but this doesn’t really seem likely. How do the optimistic official pronouncements compare to the real story? What are the real risks, what can be done about them, and how much risk are astronauts going to have to accept?

## Canticles II

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Panelists: Alexander James Adams, Matthew R.R. Morrese

Description: Matthew Morrese and Alexander James Adams perform music from their Canticles cycle.

## Legends of Draxia RPG

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: James Sanders

Description: Join Jimmy Sanders, the creator of *Legend of Draxia*, as he GMs his RPG based on *Draxia*. Players will adventure into an ancient city full of the undead in search of riches. It is not necessary to know the system prior to playing as everything will be taught. More information on the system can be found at the Mythica Gaming website. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

## Saturday – 4:45 pm

### *The Jedi Doth Return*

Saturday: 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Track: Theater

Location: River Ballroom C

Description: The Jedi Doth Return: The exciting trilogy concludes this year with a dramatic reading of *Star Wars Episode VI: The Jedi Doth Return* in the original (ahem) Shakespearean iambic pentameter (except for wise Master Yoda, who speaks in haiku). Performed by teen fans from Girl Scout Troop 20863 and Surprise Guests.

## Saturday – 5:00 pm

### *Ingenious*

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Chris McGowan

Description: In *Ingenious*, players take turns placing colored domino-style tiles on a game board, scoring for each line of colored symbols that they enlarge. The trick, however, is that a player’s score is equal to the worst-scoring color, not the best, so the player needs to score for all colors instead of specializing in only one or two.

## Saturday – 5:30 pm

### Science Fiction Cover Art: A History to Modern Day

Saturday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Willow

Panelists: Dexter Fabi, Jan S. Gephardt, Bill Higgins (M), Alessandra Kelley, Jim Plaxco, Steven H Silver

Description: Panelists discuss the history and future of Fantasy and Science Fiction art in genre/spec fic publishing. What’s the future look like for artists in a world where many genre book covers are switching to Photoshopped models?

### You NaNoWriMo’d. Now What?

Saturday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Dale Cozort, Clif Flynt, Dave Kivi Jr., Mary Mascari (M)

Description: Transforming your NaNo project into a final product

## Censored: The SF You Dare Not Read

Saturday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Dina S. Krause, James LaRue (M), Deb Stone

Description: Many famous science fiction novels have been challenged and/or banned from schools and libraries. Which novels? When? Where? Why? For a discussion of what gets censored... and what DOESN’T, come listen and join in.

## Chicago in 2022 Worldcon Bid: Update!

Saturday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Elm

Panelists: Dave McCarty, Helen Montgomery

Description: The Chicago in 2022 Worldcon Bid is rolling along and would like to share the progress made, answer your questions, and get your input on structure. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

## Were You There for the Big Bang?

Saturday: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: F. Hoyle, S. Hawking, S. Cooper, God (M)

Description: An eyewitness account of the first thirty seconds following the Big Bang.

## Saturday – 6:00 pm

### Saying “I Do” with the Duhans

Saturday: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Track: Communities

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Matthew “Fringe” Duhan, Tara Duhan, Nigel Sade

Description: In 2018, Tara and Matthew will be married 20 years! Oh, how time flies. To celebrate, they have decided to renew their vows at Capricon 38. Please come join them for this very special event. They would love to have as many of their friends as possible attend.

## Saturday – 6:30 pm

### Artist Showdown

Saturday: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Dr. Bob Passovoy

Description: In this event, artists are encouraged to face off against one another in a quick-draw challenge in front of a live audience. \*Please note: While this is a drawing competition, it is not necessarily judged on skill alone. Artists of all disciplines may find themselves on even footing. If you wish to participate please sign up in the Art Show any time prior to 6pm Saturday evening.\*

## Saturday – 7:00 pm

### Behind the Scenes

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Writing

Location: Willow

Panelists: Jonathan P. Brazee, Clif Flynt, Karen Morris Herkes, Lauren Jankowski, Tina Jens, Dina S. Krause (M)

Description: Recently, an article discussed women who were likely present in Viking settlements. Few stories account for children, background characters, etc., except to provide them as fodder to be killed. How do you tell the stories of the invisible majority, as not everyone can be the ruling elite?

### Anime 101!

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Michelle Allen (M), Tyrell Gephardt, John Phillips, D’Andre Williams, Douglas Killings

Description: Panelists discuss different styles of anime, with show recommendations and how to find them.

### Listening to the Fans

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Zeynep D, Shaun Duke (M), Will “scifantasy” Frank, Craig R Smith

Description: The internet and social media give fans a bigger voice than ever before. How do fan responses to various properties in an expanded universe influence the universe? Should they?

### Movies and Munchies

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Isobeal Ragsdale, Seamus Ragsdale

Description: Come dressed in your PJs and prepared to enjoy some snacks while you watch a movie with your fannish friends.

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## Publishing in Weird Places

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: Banksie, H. Crunch, M. Hagiwara

Description: Indie authors are often too dependent on Amazon and similar platforms to publish their prose. This workshop teaches the self-published how to branch out from Amazon to lucratively self-publish their work in unexpected places: the backs of cereal boxes, the walls of buildings, fortune cookies, and other places not controlled by Jeff Bezos.

## Sassafras in Concert

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Track: Music

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Ada Palmer

Description: Close harmony complex a cappella polyphony. Ada Palmer, Lauren Schiller, and Michael Mellas perform Viking mythology music from Ada's song cycle "Sundown: Whispers of Ragnarok" telling stories of Odin, Loki, and the death of Baldur, with some lively Renaissance music to go with it.

## Firefly The Board Game

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Josh Esler

Description: Based on the popular television series - players captain their own Firefly-class transport ship, traveling the 'Verse with a hand-picked crew of fighters, mechanics and other travelers. Double-dealing employers, heavy-handed Alliance patrols, and marauding Reavers are all in a day's work for a crew at the edge of the 'Verse.

## Saturday – 7:45 pm

## Klingon Pop Warrior in Concert

Saturday: 7:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Track: Music

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Jennifer Usellis

Description: The Klingon Pop Warrior and her acoustic guitar slinging Red Shirt perform pop songs you thought you knew in the original Klingon. Jen sang H!chop! for a podcast episode of Improvised Star Trek and the subsequent music video was featured on Time.com, The Mary Sue, MtvGeek and more. In 2014, she ran a successful Kickstarter to produce a CD of five more translations. Her Klingon version of "Let It Go" from Disney's *Frozen* is the 47th translation put into the Disney Archives.

## Saturday – 8:00 pm

### Art Auction

Saturday: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Art

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Dr. Bob Passovoy

Description: Attend the live voice art auction on Saturday evening. Over the years, we have had great auctioneers, and we expect to be impressed and amused again this year by the auctioneers AND the art! Remember, artists need to eat too, so bring your credit cards.

## Saturday – 8:30 pm

### Beyond Hubble: NASA's James Webb Space Telescope

Saturday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Science

Location: Willow

Panelists: Bill Higgins

Description: The next big space telescope, named for a former NASA administrator, is slated for launch in 2019. Its 6.5-meter-diameter mirror, orbiting a million miles from the Earth, is designed to give astronomers superb capabilities for exploring the infrared universe. Bill Higgins reviews the Webb's design and the phenomena it will examine.

### Our Favorite Universes: Stephen King's Dark Tower Series

Saturday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Theme

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Neal F. Litherland, Megan Mackie (M), John Nikitow, Craig R Smith

Description: Fans of the universe chat about it.

### The New Doctor

Saturday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Media

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Chris M. Barkley, Cat Greenberg (M), Alessandra Kelley, Patrick Morgan

Description: There's a new Doctor in the house, and she's unlike any previous Doctor in at least one key way. Fans of *Doctor Who* discuss the latest addition.

### Live Action Game of Thrones

Saturday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: G. Martin, C. MacLeod

Description: Can you keep your head? (Note: A waiver absolving Capricon of all liability is a requirement to play. Parental permission slips may also be required. Please store all loose objects before playing. Swords not provided as they violate the weapons policy.)

## SpaceTime Theatre

Saturday: 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Track: Theater

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: The SpaceTime Theatre Troupe

Description: SpaceTime Theater specializes in science fiction and fantasy improv comedy. Join us when Chicagoland's weirdest, most eclectic, comedy improv group returns to the Capricon stage with their multi-generational improv show. Come prepared for an evening of stories and laughter that's never the same twice, because we're making it up as we go along.

## Saturday – 9:00 pm

### Euchre Tournament

Saturday: 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Helen Montgomery

Description: The 16th Annual Euchre Tournament! Get ready to play some cards! Bring your partner, or, if you don't have a partner, we'll find you one - for the game only, anything else is your responsibility. Remember, this is a friendly game. Weapons policy will be strictly enforced at the tournament.

## Saturday – 9:00 pm

### Party Crawl Saturday

Saturday: 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Track: After Dark

Location: Lobby

Panelists: Jason Betts

Description: New to the Capricon party scene? Our two party floors are renowned for being fabulous, but they can be a bit overwhelming if you're new. Join some of our party hosts and our Party Liaison on a "party crawl" where they will introduce you to people and show you where all the fun can be had. Must be 21 years of age or older, alcohol will be served in many of the parties. Meet the tour host in the lobby.

## Saturday – 10:00 pm

### Open Filk Saturday

Saturday: 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Track: Music

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Description: Open Filk on Saturday

### Stab a Panda (Ages 18+)

Saturday: 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Matthew "Fringe" Duhan

Description: A "would you rather?" style party game for 3-8 players. The active player, or "panda" gets 4 cards which they secretly rank in order of preference. At the same time, the

other players must guess how the panda will rank their cards. For each card matched, the player gets a point. At the end of one round, the player with the most points wins!

## Saturday – 11:00 pm

### Lupin the Third: Castle of Cagliostro

Saturday: 11:00 PM - 12:45 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: The Capricon classic returns! If you haven't seen it by now, now's the time. If you have seen it by now, see it all over again!

### Late Night Social Gaming

Saturday: 11:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Danielle Bogolub

Description: Join us overnight for a variety of social/table talk games like *Werewolf* and *Mad Scientists University*. This event starts at 11pm and goes until there's no one left awake! Social Games, number of players, ages, and length vary by game. Goes All Night.

## Sunday – 12:45 am

### Attack on Titan #6-9

Sunday: 12:45 AM - 2:30 AM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: Armin is deeply affected when Eren is slain by a Titan attack. It only causes him to fight harder against the menacing giants, but things are not what they seem concerning Eren. Not at all.

## Sunday – 10:00 am

### Photo Color Temperature: What it is, Why it Matters

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Art

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Jay Kreibich

Description: Correct color temperature is a critical part of taking photographs with pleasant, realistic colors and skin tones. Color temperature is so critical, the sliders to adjust color temperature in the program Lightroom are actually featured more prominently than the adjustments for exposure and contrast. This session explains what color temperature is, how it affects the color rendering of an image, and how to adjust it both in-camera and when post-processing.

## Movie Adaptations of Books

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Media

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Chris M. Barkley (M), Eric Flint, Matthew Munro, Caetlin Williams

Description: Some movie adaptations stick pretty closely to the story they are working from, where others you might have to squint to even see a connection. What makes for a good adaptation?

## Kookie Klatch

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Isobeal Ragsdale, Seamus Ragsdale, Helen Whatley

Description: Enjoy a snack while listening to guest readers share their favorite picture books and passages with you.

## Random Panel Topic

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Sondra de Jong (M), Peter Heltzer, Ariela Housman, Dave McCarty, Chris Rose

Description: What happens to the panel ideas that get rejected? They are reborn here as random panel topics! Our panelists will choose topics (at random, of course) and speak expertly on them for five minutes each. You'll be rolling on the floor with laughter!

## Martian Successor Nadesico #6-10

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Track: Anime

Location: Ravinia Ballroom B

Description: The continued misadventures of Akito, Yurika, and the rest of the Wackiest Ship in the Space Fleet. If you take this show seriously, even after being burnt out by four days of con attendance and partying, there's something wrong with you.

## Critter Crunch

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Jeff Wincentzen

Description: Critter Crunch! "Mad Scientists" (you) drive battle hardened robots and do battle! Don't have a robot? No problem! Bid on (rent) the driving rights of up to 30 robots who battle it out for prizes and glory. All proceeds benefit Capricon's designated charity. Bidding starts at \$1 - cheap!

## The Critical Eye

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Track: Literature

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Barbara Barnett, Jonathan P. Brazee, Richard Chwedyk, Richard Garfinkle, Steven H Silver (M)

Description: Criticism can be elevated to a higher art form or devolve to base insults. Our panelists discuss how to be a better critic and deal with the critics while you aspire to the stars.

## Pathfinder/Starfinder Society

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: David Frahm

Description: You are an agent of the Pathfinder Society, a legendary league of explorers, archaeologists, and adventurers dedicated to discovering and chronicling the greatest mysteries and wonders of an ancient world beset by magic and evil. Based in Absalom, the so-called City at the Center of the World, your adventures range from exploring the dark alleys and political intrigues of Absalom to embarking on far-flung travels to the most interesting and exotic locales in the world of the *Pathfinder* Roleplaying Game. Paper and pens will be provided. Dice availability is not guaranteed, so bring your own if you have them. Scenarios start every hour.

## Sunday – 11:00 am

### Toast and Jam

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Music

Location: River Ballroom C

Description: Toast and Jam returns! Our annual opportunity for the filkers to just relax and jam together in the Cafe on Sunday morning. Come has coffee and scones (or, you know, toast!) and enjoy the music!

### Scarred Lands RPG: Gaming with GoH Monica Valentinelli

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Monica Valentinelli

Description: Join our Gaming Guest of Honor, Monica Valentinelli, as she DMs the *Scarred Lands RPG*. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so visit Gaming HQ to sign up and reserve your spot. You won't want to miss this!

### Legends of Draxia RPG

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: James Sanders

Description: Join Jimmy Sanders, the creator of *Legend of Draxia*, as he GMs his RPG based on *Draxia*. Players will adventure into an ancient city full of the undead in search of riches. It is not necessary to know the system prior to playing as everything will be taught. More information on the system can be found at the Mythica Gaming website. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

## Sunday – 11:30 am

### Wonderful Wizarding World Wimzies

Sunday: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Eli Heltzer, Sandy Heltzer

Description: Expand your wizarding universe by creating some marvelous wizarding creations.

## Sunday – 12:00 pm

### Cyborgs, Androids and Other Machines of the Apocalypse

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Jason Betts, Frederick H. Crook, Bob J. Koester (M), Craig R Smith

Description: In this panel, we will explore machines of all types in the Apocalypse genre. The focus will mainly be on cyborgs, androids and other types of machines that act as characters but will also explore machines that create the apocalypse backdrop.

### Star Trek: Discovery vs. The Orville

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Media

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Chris M. Barkley, Barbara Barnett, Chris Gerrib, Valli Hoski, Sean Mead (M), Matthew Munro

Description: Some have said that *The Orville* is more *Star Trek*-like than the latest installment in the official ST universe. Panelists discuss the newest additions to SFF TV.

### The Disney Acquisition

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: P. Oswald, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit (M), W. Disney

Description: Now that Disney owns *Star Wars* and the Marvel Universe, Patton Oswald's *Parks & Recreations* diatribe has become a potentiality, but where will it stop? When will Disney finally release the Holy Grail of Captain America flying Serenity into combat against Darth Vader and Maleficent?

## Phandemonium Board Meeting

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Dan Berger, Terrence Miltner

Description: Phandemonium, Inc. is the parent corporation for Capricon. As a member of Capricon, you are a member of the corporation and have voting rights! Join us at our annual open meeting where you will elect two new board members, have an opportunity to hear what else Phandemonium is doing, and tell us what you would like Phandemonium to do for fandom outside of Capricon. (Note: board meeting will last 30 minutes, but ballots may be dropped off during the Capricon panel that follows.)

## The Singularity: Mechs or Shapers?

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Science

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Lance Erlick, Jan S. Gephardt, W A (Bill) Thomasson (M)

Description: Vernor Vinge has suggested the imminence of a Singularity, in which progress will be so fast ordinary humans will be unable to keep up. Bruce Sterling has written about a universe in which humans are divided between cyborgs (Mechs) and genetically engineered Shapers. That's two versions of the Singularity. Which will we see? Or will it be something else entirely?

## Learn Some Games with Leane

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Leane Verhulst

Description: Have you been itching to learn *Paradox*? Wondering how *Splendor* works? Or maybe you just want to know why everyone seems to be having so much fun playing *Fluxx*. Join Leane as she teaches some of her favourite games. She'll have these and much more on hand so come by and learn a new game!

## Sunday – 12:30 pm

### A Tale of Two Capricons

Sunday: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Ravinia Ballroom A

Panelists: Tracy Lunquist, Dave McCarty, Helen Montgomery

Description: In significant ways, Capricon is actually two different conventions. One convention started in 1981 and ended in 1998, and the other began in 1999 and is still running to this day. A lot of change happened - hopefully mostly for the better. Come hear the story of how a lot of fans who care deeply about this convention helped manage that change to preserve the event we are enjoying now.

Sunday – 1:00 pm

### Cool Lego® Craziiness

Sunday: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Track: Kids

Location: Elm

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Isobeal Ragsdale, Seamus Ragsdale

Description: Continue to expand your Lego skills and test the limits of your imagination.

### Ninja Burger

Sunday: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Lake Michigan Ballroom A

Panelists: Jesi Merrick

Description: Join the elite *Ninja Burger* delivery team! You will learn to deliver tasty burgers and fries anywhere. You will bring honor to your franchise. Failure is not an option. It's you against your fellow trainees in a new Ninja Burger store. Hone your skills. Learn the secrets of stealth, swordsmanship, and customer service. Fight for honor, respect, big tips, and that coveted promotion...

Sunday – 1:30 pm

### Mapmaker, Mapmaker, Make Me a Map!

Sunday: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Track: Literature

Location: Birch A

Panelists: Brian BMAN Babendererde, Shaun Duke, Jan S. Gephardt, Pat Sayre McCoy (M), Steven H Silver

Description: A look at maps, of both fictional and real places, with a discussion about what the maps tell us about the worlds they depict beyond simply where to go to do what.

### Building a Family Game Library

Sunday: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Track: Gaming

Location: Birch B

Panelists: Matthew "Fringe" Duhan, Matthew Munro, Kelly Strait (M)

Description: Board games have come a long way since family *Monopoly* night, and they're still a great family activity. Our panelists discuss how to build a games library that can grow up with your family.

### New Worlds to Conquer

Sunday: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Track: Wobegon

Location: Lake Wobegon

Panelists: G. Roddenberry, M. Colligan, J. Kirk (M)

Description: *Star Trek* has been on television, movies, comics, books, games, museum exhibits, amusement park rides, pinball machines, glasses, happy meals, Christmas ornaments, and our favorite, the Picardigan...What marketing opportunities has Paramount somehow managed to miss?

### The Expanding Universe of Fandom

Sunday: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom B

Panelists: Chris M. Barkley, Eric Flint, Karen Morris Herkes, Tracy Lunquist (M), Deb Stone

Description: Dragon\*Con pulls in more than 80,000 people every year. New media cons are springing up (and falling down) all over the place. Fandom is expanding - what does it mean?

Sunday – 3:00 pm

### Closing Ceremonies/Feedback Session What Kind of Con Has it Been?

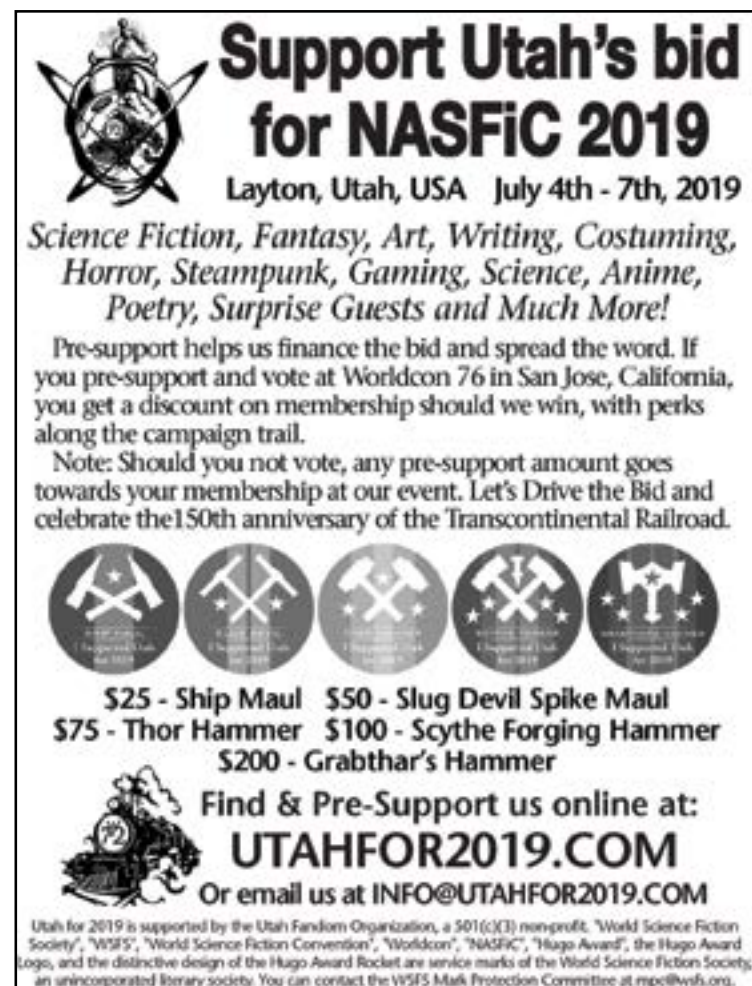
Sunday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Track: Fan Interest

Location: Botanic Garden Ballroom A

Panelists: Dave McCarty, Matt M McElroy, Terrence Miltner, Monica Valentinelli, Sarah Wilkinson, Timothy Zahn

Description: Sadly, every convention must come to an end, and so must this one. Come end the weekend in style and tell us your thoughts, good or bad; your feedback helps us make every Capricon fun! The Powers That Be of Capricon 38 will also give a hint of what's to come when we convene again in 2019.





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# KIDS PROGRAMMING

(ELM)



Welcome to Kids Programming! Exploring new dimensions and expanding universes can be exhausting. Kids Programming is the perfect place for explorers, under the age of 13, to come hang out, relax, and share their experiences with other explorers their age. Come and join us for some dynamic fun as we share stories, create masterpieces and make new discoveries together. Look for us in the Kids Programming room and throughout the convention all weekend and help us expand the universe for future generations.

Please note that Kids Programming is not a babysitting service. Only children ages 5 to 12 with paid memberships can attend programming unaccompanied. Kids in tow must be with a guardian at all times. Children under 5 may need assistance for some activities.

## FRIDAY

### LEGO® CREATURES AND CRAFTS

Friday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Seamus Ragsdale, Isobeal Ragsdale  
Description: Expand your creativity by using your imagination to build a new creature or space craft.

### MUNCHKIN MAYHEM

Friday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Seamus Ragsdale, Isobeal Ragsdale  
Description: Expand your gaming experience to the next level. Enjoy many versions of *Munchkin* and do some special *Munchkin* activities.

### FUN WITH EXPANDING LATEX

Friday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Panelists: John Wardale, Lisa Garrison  
Description: Have you ever wondered HOW to make a balloon animal? Our resident balloonitic will share his knowledge with you and you can go home with a balloon creation you made! Be forewarned: LATEX products will be in use

### BUILD AND READ: LIGHT SABERS

Friday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Track: Kids  
Location: Elm  
Panelists: James Bacon, Lisa Garrison  
Description: Expand your Jedi skills by building a light saber and then hear a *Star Wars* story.

### MARVELOUS MARSHMALLOW MADNESS

Friday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Panelists: Alex Heltzer, Lisa Garrison, Seamus Ragsdale, Isobeal Ragsdale  
Description: Build marshmallow shooters and participate in a few marshmallow STEM explorations.

## SATURDAY

### SENSATIONAL "SNOWY" SKILLS

Saturday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Panelists: Sandy Heltzer, Eli Heltzer  
Description: Learn how to make some special sci-fi and fantasy themed snowflakes, snow slime along with other snowy creations!

### SCIENCE: TIME + ENERGY = CHANGE

Saturday - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Panelists: John Wardale, Lisa Garrison  
Description: Expand your scientific knowledge through exploration of different types of energy.

### BUILD AND READ: REY'S STAFF

Saturday - 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Panelists: James Bacon, Lisa Garrison  
Description: Build a staff like Rey's from *Star Wars* and then hear a story about Rey and her friends.

### YARN HAIRFALL MAKE & TAKE

Saturday - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Panelists: Lesley Reuter, Lisa Garrison  
Description: Make your own colorful, funky hair fall out of yarn! Learn this easy technique and wear your new fall at the con today!

### MOVIE & MUNCHIES

Saturday - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Seamus Ragsdale, Isobeal Ragsdale  
Description: Come dressed in your PJs and prepared to enjoy some snacks while you watch movies with your fannish friends.

## SUNDAY

### KOOKIE KLATCH

Sunday - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Panelists: Helen Whatley, Lisa Garrison, Seamus Ragsdale, Isobeal Ragsdale

Description: Enjoy a snack while listening to guest readers share their favorite picture books and passages with you.

### WONDERFUL WIZARDING WORLD WIMZIES

Sun - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Panelists: Sandy Heltzer; Eli Heltzer  
Description: Expand your wizarding universe by creating some marvelous wizarding creations.

### COOL LEGO® CRAZINESS

Sun - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Panelists: Lisa Garrison, Seamus Ragsdale, Isobeal Ragsdale  
Description: Continue to expand your Lego skills and test the limits of your imagination.



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# ANIME PROGRAMMING

## (RAVINIA B)



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We're baaaaack... What's on tap this year? Plenty. Some new stuff, some old favorites, and a few surprises along the way.

All showing times and scheduled features subject to revision due to the usual shenanigans that come along with a SF convention. Other than the Capricon code of conduct, there are but three simple rules:

1. Please take all private, non-whispered conversations outside of the room;
2. Parents, do not let your offspring see anything you wouldn't want them to see. Age-appropriate ratings are listed next to the titles below.
3. Please mute or power off all electronic communication doodads and don't record the stuff that's playing on-screen.

### THURSDAY

#### **YUU YUU HAKUSHO #5-#8** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 5:00pm - 6:45pm

Yuusuke Urameshi was a carefree 14-year-old student (read: somewhat reckless and a bit of an idiot) when he jumped in front of a moving car and saved a strange toddler who ended up being the heir to the throne of the spirit world. Naturally, Yuusuke's life rapidly changed after that. Wacky hijinks ensue – just not necessarily from his point of view.

#### **FLAME OF RECCA #1-#4** (Discotek, 13+)

Time: 6:45pm - 8:30pm

Recca Hanabishi is a ninja fanboy. So much so that he openly boasts of actually being a ninja. And you know the old adage “be careful what you wish for”, right? In his case, truer words were never spoken.

#### **A CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC RAILGUN #1-#4** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 8:30pm - 10:15pm

Academy City is, as you can tell by the name, chock full of students. However, when those students are primarily espers, it can lead to all sorts of misadventures, as Makoto and her closest school chums find out.

#### **GHOST IN THE SHELL: STAND ALONE COMPLEX #5-#8** (Manga Entertainment, 13+)

Time: 10:15pm - 12:00am

Section 9 continues to hunt the Laughing Man after he threatens the assassination of the Superintendent-General of police, but matters only end up getting complicated by an exiled revolutionary leader whose death is sought by multiple foreign governments and an organ harvesting ring.

#### **KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA #5-#8** (Sentai, 17+)

Time: 12:00 am - 1:45am

Nagate's fight against the Gauna continues. But the Gauna are about to reveal ominous new abilities that may tip the balance against the human space fleet in their centuries-long conflict.

### FRIDAY

#### **HEAVY METAL L-GAIM #1-#4** (NIPPON SUNRISE, Fan-subbed, 13+)

Time: 10:00am - 11:45am

Daba Myroad and his best friend Mirao fight off bandits intent on stealing a family heirloom - which happens to be a state-of-the art mech. Then things get complicated. Mamoru Nagano's first major design project before he started work on his classic Five Star Stories manga.

#### **FULL METAL PANIC? FUMOFFU #5-#8** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 11:45am - 1:30pm

Sousuke's latest fun misadventures include: A dual with the head of the school karate club. a bizarre prowler intent on giving local schoolgirls ponytails they don't want. Sousuke imposing basic training on the schools' lame rugby team, and Sousuke's Mithril superior Tessa arriving as an exchange student. Sousuke would like all this fun to end soon. Please.

#### **SAMURAI SEVEN #5-#8** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 1:30pm - 3:15pm

A sword hand and possible ally who've never killed in combat. A frame-up for the murder of a high official. Treaties of honor that need to be respected – or broken. No one ever said the life of a ronin was easy.

#### **FULL METAL PANIC! #5-#8** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 3:15pm - 5:00pm

Sousuke finally gets help in the form of a new AS – the Arbalest. Unfortunately for him, he needs to find out how to properly use it before new enemies take him out first. Ah, the bliss of high school life...

#### **WITCH HUNTER ROBIN #5-8** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 5:00pm - 6:45pm

The STN-J team continues their investigations into Witches. But with anything involving psychic phenomena, things are often not what they seem. In fact, things are usually anything but like what they seem.

#### **GHOST IN THE SHELL: STAND ALONE COMPLEX 2ND GIG** (Funimation, 13+)

Time: 6:45pm - 8:30pm

Who are the faceless terrorists known as the Individual Eleven? And what do they want? A difficult enough question to resolve by itself, but the continued interference of the mysterious political functionary Goda makes Section 9's work all the more difficult.

#### **PSYCHO-PASS #5-#8** (Sentai, 17+)

Time: 8:30pm - 10:15pm

Even with the Crime Coefficient's ability to predict future criminal behavior, Akane and her partners in Unit One find themselves pushed to the limit when they find out that murderers can be just as unpredictable and dangerous even when you know who they are ahead of time.

#### **DEATH NOTE #5-#8** (Viz, 17+)

Time: 10:15pm - 12:00am

L's pursuit of Light continues. Unfortunately, things are about to take an especially dangerous turn when Light discovers the identity of the one person who can help L in capturing him.

#### **CLAYMORE #1-#4** (Funimation, 17+)

Time: 12:00am - 1:45am

The Youma are demons with a fondness for human flesh. When one enters Raki's village, his life is only saved by the intervention of the half-human, half-Youma swordswoman Clare. Clare, however, has reasons of her own to fight the Youma.

### SATURDAY

#### **ROUND VERNIAN VIFAM #5-#8** (Nippon Sunrise, fan-subbed, G)

Time: 10:00am - 11:45am

The kids continue their escape from the Astrogaters. As resourceful as they are and as well as they (usually) work as a team, how can they hope to defeat technologically advanced aliens fully skilled in the art of space combat?

#### **PANZER WORLD GALIENT #5-#8** (Nippon Sunrise, fan-subbed, 10+)

Time: 11:45am - 1:30pm

Jordy and his allies continue their efforts to free Arst from Marder and his army of robot panzers. But Marder's plans don't merely stop at conquering Arst; the rest of the galaxy might be next.

#### **FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST #1-#5** (Viz, 13+)

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

When alchemist Edward Elric (no, not that Elric!) and his brother Alphonse lost their mother, all they wanted was to try to bring her back to life. Unfortunately, use of such forbidden spells have grave consequences, as both of them are about to find out...

#### **TREKKIN'** (13+)

Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

The con chair has declared that he'd like some stuff shown. So, he gets his wish! Loading up Star Trek-related fan films such as *Prelude to Axanar* and *Star Trek: The New Voyages*, Cap'n!

### Closed for Art Auction until 11pm

#### **LUPIN III: CASTLE OF CAGLIOSTRO** (Eastern Star, 13+)

Time: 11:00pm - 12:45am

The Capricon classic returns! If you haven't seen it by now, now's the time. If you have seen it by now, see it all over again!

#### **ATTACK ON TITAN #6-#9** (Funimation, 17+)

Time: 12:45am - 2:30am

Armin is deeply affected when Eren is slain by a Titan attack. It only causes him to fight harder against the menacing giants, but things are not what they seem concerning Eren. Not at all.

### SUNDAY

#### **Martian Successor Nadesico #6-#10** (Right Stuf, 13+)

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

The continued misadventures of Akito, Yurika, and the rest of the Wackiest Ship in the Space Fleet. If you take this show seriously, even after being burnt out by four days of con attendance and partying, there's something wrong with you.



# ANIME SCHEDULE

## (RAVINIA B)



TIME	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:00 AM		<i>Heavy Metal L-Gaim</i> #1-4	<i>Round Vernian Vifam</i> #5-8	<i>Martian Successor Nadesico</i> #6-10
11:45 AM		<i>Full Metal Panic? FUMOFFU</i> #5-8	<i>Panzer World Galient</i> #5-8	See you next year!
12:00 PM				
1:00 PM				
1:30 PM		<i>Samurai Seven</i> #5-8	<i>Fullmetal Alchemist</i> #1-5	
2:00 PM				
3:00 PM				
3:15 PM		<i>Full Metal Panic!</i> #5-8	<i>Trekkin'</i>	
3:30 PM				
4:00 PM				
5:00 PM	<i>Yuu Yuu Hakusho</i> #5-8	<i>Witch Hunter Robin</i>	Closed for Art Auction until 11 PM	
5:30 PM				
6:00 PM				
6:30 PM				
6:45 PM	<i>Flame of Recca</i> #1-4	<i>Ghost in the Shell: SAC 2nd GIG</i>		
7:00 PM				
8:15 PM	<i>A Certain Scientific Railgun</i> #1-4	<i>Psycho-Pass</i> #5-8		
8:30 PM				
9:00 PM				
10:00 PM	<i>Ghost in the Shell: SAC</i>	<i>Death Note</i> #5-8	<i>Lupin the Third: Castle of Cagliostro</i>	
10:15 PM				
11:00 PM	<i>Knights of Sidonia</i> #5-8	<i>Claymore</i> #1-4	<i>Attack on Titan</i> #6-9	
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# GAMING

## (LAKE MICHIGAN A - ALL WEEKEND)



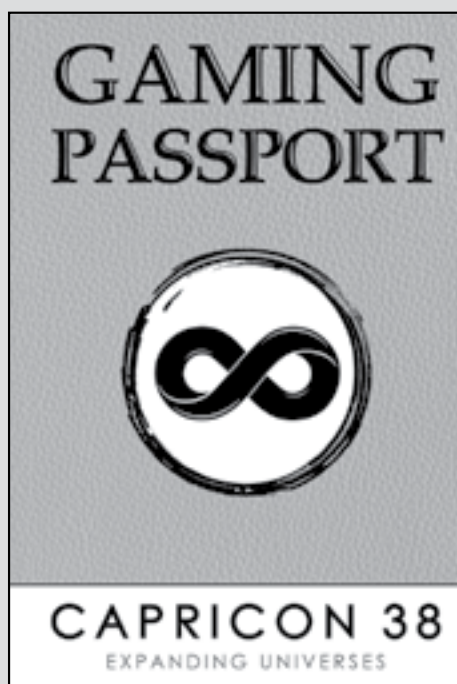
Are you ready to explore the vast world of gaming? The gaming world is infinite but there's something for everyone. Whether you're new to gaming or a seasoned pro who just wants to try something new, or play something tried and true, we have something for you.

We'll have games scheduled throughout the weekend hosted by folks who want to share their love of gaming with you. And don't forget that we're always happy to help you learn something new. Check out our schedule and stop in for some fun.

The game room will be open Thursday night and then reopen Friday morning for non-stop gaming until the con closes on Sunday.

### Capricon Gaming Passport

New to the Capricon Game Room this year is our Gaming Passport. Participate in a variety of games and events to earn stamps in your passport. The first 2 stamps earn you a raffle ticket into any of our four themed prize packs. Complete all four stamps and earn a second ticket towards any of the themed prizes OR to enter our grand prize raffle and a chance to win a badge for Capricon next year! See anyone at Gaming Headquarters for your passport and more details.



### GAME DESCRIPTIONS:

#### Bruges

In *Bruges*, players assume the role of merchants who must maintain their relationships with those in power in the city while competing against one another for influence, power, and status. Dramatic events cast their shadows over the city, with players needing to worry about threats to their prosperity from more than just their opponents...

**Strategy Card Game, 2-4 players, Ages 10+, 60 minutes**

#### Doctor Who RPG "A Study in Flax"

*Several of The Doctor's companions find themselves meeting the Paternosters in Victorian London. Just in time, an urgent summons arrives requesting help finding a kidnapped actress. What appears to be a simple abduction quickly turns into something rather complicated – and that looks very wibbly-wobbly-timey-wimey.*

Doctor Who is a quick and easy-to-understand roleplaying game. It emphasizes talking (and running, of course) over violence while you play a companion from the show. If you love Doctor Who or Torchwood, this game is for you. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot!

**Role Playing Game, 3-6 players, Ages 12+, up to 4 hours**

#### Firefly the Board Game

Based on the popular television series – players captain their own Firefly-class transport ship, traveling the 'verse with a handpicked crew of fighters, mechanics and other travelers. Double-dealing employers, heavy-handed Alliance patrols, and marauding Reavers are all in a day's work for a crew at the edge of the 'Verse.

**Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+, 2 hours**

#### FIREFLY RPG -Gaming with the GOH Monica Valentinelli

Join our Gaming Guest of Honor, Monica Valentinelli, as she DMs the Firefly RPG. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated, so come an' sit a spell. Space is limited, so visit Gaming HQ to sign up and reserve your spot. Dong ma? Shiny!

**Role Playing Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+, 4 hours**

#### Ginkgopolis

Ginkgo Biloba, the oldest and strongest tree in the world, has become the symbol of a new method for building cities in symbiosis with nature. Humans have exhausted the resources that the Earth offered them, and humanity must now develop cities that maintain a delicate balance between resource production and consumption. Habitable space is scarce, however, and mankind must now face the challenge of building ever upwards. To develop this new type of city, you will gather a team of experts around you, and try to become the best urban planner for Ginkgopolis.

**Board Game, 1-5 players, Ages 14+, 45 minutes**

#### Ingenious

In *Ingenious*, players take turns placing colored domino-style tiles on a game board, scoring for each line of colored symbols that they enlarge. The trick, however, is that a player's score is equal to the worst-scoring color, not the best, so the player needs to score for all colors instead of specializing in only one or two.

**Abstract Strategy Game, 1-4 players, Ages 10+, 45 minutes**

#### Late Night Social Gaming

Join us overnight for a variety of social/table talk games like *Werewolf* and *Mad Scientists University*. This event starts at 11pm and goes until there's no one left awake!

**Social Games, number of players, ages, and length vary by game, Goes All Night**

#### "Learn Some Games"

Have you been itching to learn *Paradox*? Wondering how *Splendor* works? Or maybe you just want to know why everyone seems to be having so much fun playing *Fluxx*. Join Leane as she teaches some of her favourite games. She'll have these and much more on hand so come by and learn a new game!

**How to Session, number of players and age varies by game, 2 hours**

#### Legends of Draxia RPG

Join Jimmy Sanders, the creator of Legend of Draxia, as he GMs his RPG based on Draxia. Players will adventure into an ancient city full of the undead in search of riches. It is not necessary to know the system prior to playing as everything will be taught. More information on the system can be found at the Mythica Gaming website. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

**Role Playing Game, 2-6 players, Ages 14+, 4+ hours**

#### Mistborn: House Wars

Become the head of a Great House of Luthadel in this game of negotiation and betrayal set in the world of Brandon Sanderson's Mistborn novels. Contend with a myriad of problems plaguing the Final Empire – rampaging Koloss, disease, social unrest, even the heroes of the novels – and with every step jockey for the Lord Ruler's favor. At the end of the story, will you rise to power and prestige – or fall in ruin and disgrace?

**Semi Co-op Card Game, 3-5 players, Ages 13+, 1-2 hours**

#### Ninja Burger

Join the elite Ninja Burger delivery team! You will learn to deliver tasty burgers and fries anywhere. You will bring honor to your franchise. Failure is not an option. It's you against your fellow trainees in a new Ninja Burger store. Hone your skills. Learn the secrets of stealth, swordsmanship, and customer service. Fight for honor, respect, big tips, and that coveted promotion...

**Card Game, 3-6 players, Ages 12+, 1 hour**

#### Pathfinder Society

You are an agent of the Pathfinder Society, a legendary league of explorers, archaeologists, and adventurers dedicated to discovering and chronicling the greatest mysteries and wonders of an ancient world beset by magic and evil. Based in Absalom, the so-called City at the Center of the World, your adventures range from exploring the dark alleys and political intrigues of Absalom to embarking on far-flung travels to the most interesting and exotic locales in the world of the / Role-playing Game.

Paper and pens will be provided. Dice availability is not guaranteed, so bring your own if you have them. See program schedule for start times.

**Role Playing Game, 3-6 players, Ages 12+, up to 4 hours**

#### Paranoia RPG "Sir Loyal's Homemade Treason Absquatulator"

Sometimes, a product comes along that makes terrorists shake in their boots. That is this product — it's just not ready for market yet. Your mission is to safely escort several samples to a focus group in the next sector so it can finally be released to all of Alpha Complex. What could go wrong?

*Paranoia* is a darkly humorous, competitive, and infamous roleplaying game. Rules are simple, and you can die at least six times! Come see what's so funny about a science fiction dystopia. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

**Role Playing Game, 3-6 players, Ages 12+, up to 4 hours**

#### Robotech RPG "The Shadow Rises"

It's the year 2044, and General Reinhardt and his Expeditionary Forces are locked in a war they didn't ask for with the mysterious Haydonites. Now, with Earth's forces depleted, scattered, and pinned down on Moon Base ALuCE, a report comes in to your team that a small Haydonite force is making their way to the ruins of an old Robotech research facility... but why?

In this unique Cortex Plus adaptation of the *Robotech* saga, you make the choice of commanding a Veritech squadron or Cyclone team. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

**Role Playing Game, 3-5 players, Ages 12+, 5 hours**



# GAMING (CONTINUED)



## Scarred Lands RPG - Gaming with the GoH Monica Valentinelli

Join our Gaming Guest of Honor, Monica Valentinelli, as she DMs the *Scarred Lands* RPG. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so visit Gaming HQ to sign up and reserve your spot. You won't want to miss this!

**Role Playing Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+, 4 hours**

## Starfinder Society

*You are an agent of the Starfinder Society. The gods have mysteriously spirited Golarion away to an unknown location and refuse to answer questions about it. In its place, the cultures of that world have evolved and spread throughout the solar system, especially to a vast space platform called Absalom Station. Gifted access to a hyperspace dimension by an ascended AI deity, the residents of the system suddenly find themselves with the ability to travel faster than light, and the race is on to explore and colonize potentially millions of worlds. But there are horrors out there in the darkness...*

Paper and pens will be provided. Dice availability is not guaranteed, so bring your own if you have them. See program schedule for start times.

**Role Playing Game, 3-6 players, Ages 12+, up to 4 hours**

## Stab A Panda

A "would you rather?" style party game for three to eight players. The active player, or "panda" gets 4 cards which they secretly rank in order of preference. At the same time, the other players must guess how the panda will rank their cards. For each card matched, the player gets a point. At the end of one round, the player with the most points wins!

**Party Game, 3-8 players, Ages 13+ (Saturday Night session is ages 18+), 30 minutes**

## Starship Bridge Simulators

You and up to five friends will assume the jobs of Captain, Helmsman, Science Officer, Communications Officer, Engineering Chief, and Weapon Controls Specialist. Together, you will fly your ship and defend the sector from evil aliens. We will have two bridges running throughout the weekend so grab your friends and take command! See program schedule for operating hours.

**Co-op Simulation Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+, 30 minutes**

## Tales of Arabian Nights

In *Tales of the Arabian Nights*, you are the hero in a story of adventure and wonder just like those told by Scheherazade to her spellbound sultan! You will travel the land seeking your own destiny and fortune. You will learn stories and gain wisdom to share with others. Will you be the first to fulfill your destiny? The next Tale is yours to tell!

**Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 12+, 2 hours**

## Talisman (Amber Rules) - Gaming with the Fan GoH Dave McCarty

Join our Fan GoH, Dave McCarty, in a game of *Talisman* 2nd Edition using Amber Rules. *Talisman* is an adventure board game set in a high fantasy medieval world. Players travel the world to find people and items to help them on their quest to acquire the Crown of Command, all while battling creatures, and each other. This version of *Talisman* is played similar to original *Talisman* except 2 boards will be used and there are additional rules for travelling between the boards.

**Board Game, 2-6 players, Ages 9+, 4+ hours**

## Terraforming Mars

In the 2400s, mankind begins to terraform the planet Mars. Giant corporations initiate huge projects to raise the temperature, oxygen level, and ocean coverage until the environment is habitable. In *Terraforming Mars*, you play one of those corporations and work together in the terraforming process, but compete for getting victory points that are awarded not only for your contribution to the terraforming, but also for advancing human infrastructure throughout the solar system.

*Terraforming Mars* is one of the games in our Passport Grand Prize, so come check it out!

**Strategy Board Game, 1-5 players, Ages 12+, 2 hours**

## Unknown Armies RPG "Maria In Three Parts"

*You got a call from Detective Jefferson: "A Blue Line informant went dark yesterday, and she never does that. Check her house and report back." Having her owe you a favor isn't the worst thing in the world, so you said yes – even though your instincts told you something weird is going to happen. You probably should have listened.*

*Unknown Armies* is the roleplaying game of broken people trying to fix the world. Think of *Dresden Files* by way of David Lynch. With a simple percentile system and heavy emphasis on characters, you enter a world where magick is real but only for the truly obsessed. All materials will be provided and characters will be pre-generated. Space is limited, so stop by Gaming HQ to reserve your spot.

**Role Playing Game, 3-5 players, Ages 12+, up to 4 hours**

## Yokohama

In *Yokohama*, each player is a merchant in the Meiji period, trying to gain fame from a successful business. To do so, they need to build a store, broaden their sales channels, learn a variety of techniques, and (of course) respond to trade orders from abroad.

**Strategy Board Game, 2-4 players, Ages 12+, 90 minutes**



# GAMING SCHEDULE



GAMING IS LOCATED IN LAKE MICHIGAN A  
STARSHIP BRIDGE SIMULATORS ARE LOCATED IN RIVER BALLROOM B

## THURSDAY:

**Thursday Hours: 8pm-11 pm**

*Firefly the Board Game* - 8pm - 11pm

## FRIDAY:

**Friday Hours: 10am open**

*Pathfinder/Starfinder Society* - 10:00am - 11:00pm

*Paranoia RPG* - 12:00pm - 4:00pm

*Firefly RPG*

"Gaming with the Gaming GoH" - 2:00pm - 6:00pm

"Learn Some Games" w/Leane - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

*Ginkgopolis* - 4:00pm - 7:00pm

*Stab A Panda* - 4:30pm - 5:30pm

*Terraforming Mars* - 7:00pm - 11:00pm

*Unknown Armies RPG* - 7:00pm - 11:00pm

*Talisman (Amber Rules)*

"Gaming with the Fan GoH" - 8:00pm - 2:00am

*Tales of Arabian Nights* - 11:00pm - 1:00am

Starship Bridge Simulators - 3:00pm - 10:00pm  
(located in River Ballroom B)

## SATURDAY:

**Saturday Hours: 10am open**

*Pathfinder/Starfinder Society* - 10:00am - 11:00pm

*Robotech RPG* - 10:30pm - 3:30pm

*Yokohama* - 12:00pm - 3:00pm

*Mistborn* - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

*Doctor Who RPG* - 2:00pm - 6:00pm

*Bruges* - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

"Learn Some Games" w/Leane - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

*Legends of Draxia RPG* - 4:00pm - 8:00pm

*Ingenious* - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

*Firefly the Board Game* - 7:00pm - 10:00pm

*Stab A Panda (Ages 18+)* - 10:00pm - 11:00pm

Late Night Social Gaming - 11:00pm - 9:00am

Starship Bridge Simulators - 10:00am - 10:00pm  
(located in River Ballroom B)

## SUNDAY:

**Sunday Hours: Close at 3pm**

*Pathfinder/Starfinder Society* - 10:00am - 2:00pm

*Scarred Lands RPG*

Gaming with the GoH - 11:00am - 2:00pm

*Legends of Draxia RPG* - 11:00am - 2:00pm

"Learn Some Games" w/ Leane - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

*Ninja Burger* - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Starship Bridge Simulators - 10:00am - 2:00pm  
(located in River Ballroom B)



# CAPRICON HISTORY



YEAR	DATES	LOCATION	CHAIR	THEME	GUESTS
1	February 20-22, 1981	Holiday Inn, Evanston	Chip Bestler	None	Author: Terry Carr Author: Wilson Tucker Fen: J.R. & Mary Jane Holmes
2	February 1982	Radison Hotel, Chicago	Leah Bestler	None	Author: Gene Wolfe Fan: Mike Stein
3	February 1983	Radison Hotel, Chicago	Virginia Meisinger	None	Author: Stephen R. Donaldson Fan: Otlie & Phil Foglio
4	February 1984	Continental Hotel, Chicago	Marty Coady Fabish	None	Author: Paul O. Williams Fan: Jeff Duntemann
5	February 1985	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Virginia Meisinger	None	Author: Frederik Phol Fan: Darlene P. Coltrain
6	February 1986	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Virginia Meisinger	None	Author: David R. Palmer Fan: Tim Allen
7	February 1987	Lincolnwood Hyatt	No Chair	None	Author: Jerry Oltion Artist: Stephen Hickman Fan: Joan Hanke-Woods
8	February 1988	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Alice Bentley	None	Author: Lawrence Watt-Evans Artist: Kay Reynolds Fan: Kathleen Meyer
9	February 1989	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Alice Bentley	None	Author: Howard Waldrop Fan: Ken Fletcher
10	February 1990	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Amy Schaefer	None	Author: P.C. Hodgell Artist: Todd Cameron Hamilton Fan: Bill Higgins
11	February 21-24, 1991	Lincolnwood Hyatt	Alice Bentley	None	Author: Ellen Kushner Editor: Beth Meacham Fan: Becky Thomson
12	February 20-23, 1992	Marriot Lincolnshire Resort	Amy Schaefer	None	Author: Terry Bisson Special: Kim Stanley Robinson Special: Paul Park Fan: Steve Scherer
13	February 8-21, 1993	Pheasant Run, St. Charles	Amy Schaefer	None	Author: Terry Pratchett Artist: Darlene P. Coltrain Fan: George Laskowski
14	February 1994	Wyndham Hamilton, Itasca	Karen Babich	None	Author: Connie Willis Artist: Mary Lynn Skirvin Fan: David Dyer-Bennet
15	February 16-19, 1995	Wyndham Hamilton, Itasca	Kathy Nerat	None	Author: Nancy Kress Fan: Sue Blom
16	February 1996	Wyndham Hamilton, Itasca	Doug Winkler	None	Author: Sean Stewart Artist: Scott Gustafson Media: Michael Stein
17	February 20-23, 1997	Oak Brook Hilton	Doug Winkler	None	Author: Robert J. Sawyer
18	February 5-8, 1998	Holiday Inn O'Hare, Rosemont	Dina Krause	None	Author: Josepha Sherman Editor: Steve Hockensmith



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19	February 11-14, 1999	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Tracy Lunquist & Dave McCarty	Villains	Pro: David Weber Artist: Todd Cameron Hamilton Fan: Phoenix
20	January 27-30, 2000	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Dave McCarty	Armageddon	Pro: Larry Niven Science: Chris Luchini Fan: Joseph "Uncle Vlad" Stockman
21	February 8-11, 2001	Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights	Tracy Lunquist	PROGRESS	Pro: Allen Steele Fan: Geri Sullivan
22	February 7-10, 2002	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Deb Kosiba	Fun & Games	Fun: Dr. Demento Game: James Ernest Artist: Kaja Foglio Fan: David Abzug
23	February 6-9, 2003	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Cary Williams & Marnie Gucciard	Gods & Monsters	Author: Tim Powers Artist: Amy K. Brown Fan: Bill Roper
24	January 29-February 1, 2004	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Dave McCarty	Sensawondah!	Author: Spider Robinson Author: Jeanne Robinson Artist: Kimberly Reck NASA: Bryan Palaszewski
25	February 10-14, 2005	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Deb Kosiba	Mad Scientists	Author: James P. Hogan Artist: Shaenon K. Garrity Fan: John Morse
26	February 9-12, 2006	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Greg Williams	University of Fandom	Guest Faculty: Peter S. Beagle, Bryan Palaszewski, Kat Eggleston, Michael Longcor, Dr. Mary Crowell, Nick Pollotta, Jody Lynn Nye, Bill Fawcett, Phyllis Eisenstein
27	February 8-11, 2007	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Gretchen Roper	A Celebration of High Fantasy	Author: Lois McMaster Bujold Artist: Erin McKee Fan: Cat Faber
28	February 14-17, 2008	Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights	Leane Verhulst	Pirates	SF Author: Mike Resnick Pirate: John Baur ("Ol' Chumbucket") Pirate: Mark Summers ("Cap'n Slappy") Artist: Don Maitz
29	February 19-22, 2009	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Helen Montgomery	Camp Capricon	Author: Sharon Shinn Artist: Gary Lippincott Fan: Christian McGuire Filk: Barry Childs-Helton Filk: Sally Childs-Helton NASA: Bryan Palaszewski
30	February 11-14, 2010	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Helen Montgomery	Celebration!	Author: Frederik Pohl Author: Spider Robinson Author: Jeanne Robinson Author: Robert J. Sawyer Artist: Lucy Synk Fan: Alice Bentley

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31	February 10-13, 2011	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Chair: Erik V. Olson Vice Chair: Sondra de Jong	Escape!	Author: John Scalzi Artist: John Picacio Fan: Stephen Boucher Fan: Janice Gelb Special Guest: Bryan Palaszewski
32	February 9-12, 2012	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Sondra de Jong	Amazing Adventures	Author: Cory Doctorow Artist: Les McClaine Fan: Steven H Silver Special: Javier Grillo-Marxuach
33	February 7-10, 2013	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Mike Cyganiewicz	Artificial Intelligence	Author: Daniel H. Wilson Artist: Karen Ann Hollingsworth Fan: Helen Montgomery
34	February 6-9, 2014	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Laura Dombrowski	The 4th Dimension	Author: S.M. Stirling Artist: Tom Peters Fan: Tadao Tomomatsu Music: Silent Nightmare Special: Jan Stirling Special: Sherrilyn Kenyon
35	February 12-15, 2015	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Chair: John Ickes Vice-Chair: Terrence Miltner	R & R	Author: Matt Forbeck Artist: John Bivens Fan: Elizabeth Huffman Music: Alexander James Adams Gaming: Margaret Weis Special: John Anealio Special: Patrick Hester
36	February 11-14, 2016	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Marinda Darnell	Once Upon A Capricon	Author: Scott Lynch Artist: Eric Wilkerson Fan: Wendy Zdrodowski Special: Mark Oshiro Puppeteer: Stacey Gordon Dance: Mae The Bellydancer
37	February 16-19, 2017	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Peter & Alex Heltzer	And the Children Shall Lead	Author: Beth Revis Artist: Nilah Magruder Fan: Meg Frank Musical Guest: Tim Griffin
38	February 15-18, 2018	Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling	Terrence Miltner	Expanding Universes	Author: Timothy Zahn Artist: Sarah Wilkinson Gaming: Monica Valentinelli Fan: Dave McCarty Special Guest: Matt McElroy

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## DEPARTMENT HOURS

### Anime - Ravinia B

Thursday, 5:00pm - 1:45am  
 Friday, 10:00am - 1:45 am  
 Saturday, 10:00am - 5:30pm, 11:00pm - 2:30am  
 Sunday, 10:00am - 12:00pm

### Art Show - Ravinia C

**Viewing/Bidding:**  
 Thursday, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
 Friday, 11:00am - 8:00pm  
 Saturday, 10:00am - 6:00pm

### Buyer Pickup:

Saturday after auction by appointment ONLY  
 Sunday, 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Print Shop:** During all viewing/bidding hours  
 & during buyer pickup on Sunday.

### Artists Only:

Thursday, 2:00pm - 5:00pm (setup)  
 Friday, 9:00am - 11:00am (setup)  
 Sunday, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (pickup)

### Blinky Land - River A

Friday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Saturday, 10:00am - 7:00pm  
 Sunday, 10:00am - 1:00pm

### Café - River C

Friday & Saturday, 9:30am - 6:00pm  
 Sunday, 9:30am - 2:00pm

### ConSuite - Lake Michigan B

Thursday, 4:00pm - 12:00am  
 Friday & Saturday, 8:00am - 12:00am  
 Sunday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

### Dealers Room - Ravinia D-E-F

Thursday, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
 Friday, 12:00pm - 7:00pm  
 Saturday, 10:00am - 6:00pm  
 Sunday, 11:00am - 3:00pm

### Gaming - Lake Michigan A

Thursday, 8:00pm - 11:00pm  
 Friday, 10:00am to Sunday, 3:00pm  
**Starship Bridge Simulators (River Ballroom B)**  
 Friday, 3:00pm - 10:00pm, Saturday, 10:00am - 10:00pm,  
 Sunday, 10:00am - 2:00pm

### Gophers - Coat Closet by Ravinia B

Thursday, 10:00am - 6:00pm  
 Friday & Saturday, 10:00am - 5:00pm  
 Sunday via radio

### Green Room - Maple

Thursday, 3:00 PM - 8:00pm  
 Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm  
 Saturday, 8:00am - 7:00pm  
 Sunday, 9:00am - 2:00pm (soft close at noon)

### Info Desk - Coat Closet by Ravinia B

Thursday, 1:00pm - 6:00pm  
 Friday & Saturday, 9:30am - 6:00pm  
 Sunday, 10:00am - 12:00pm

### Ops - Oak

Thursday, 10:00am to Sunday, 6:00pm

### Programming Ops - Maple

Thursday, 2:30pm - 10:15pm  
 Friday & Saturday, 9:30am - 10:15 PM  
 Sunday, 9:30am - 3:15pm

### Registration - Coat Closet by Ravinia F

Thursday, 2:30pm - 9:00pm  
 Friday, 9:30am - 9:30pm  
 Saturday, 9:30am - 7:00pm  
 Sunday, 9:30am - 5:00pm

### Teen Lounge - 3rd Floor Suite

Thursday, 8:00pm - 2:00am  
 Friday & Saturday, 11:00am - 2:00am  
 Sunday, 11:00am - 3:00pm



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