



THE DAILY ROCKET

All the news that fits, we print!

Good Afternoon!

Well we got off to a fast start, didn't we? Panels and events, oh my! And today promises more of the same. Check out the cool art and info in the program book and don't forget to stop by the art show and dealers room. If you missed the first issue of The Daily Rocket don't despair, they are being placed on the Philcon 2008 web site as PDF files. See www.philcon.org for more info about this year's convention.

GAMING (FRONT OF BALLROOM B)

Saturday, 10:00 AM

Ravaged Earth
Roleplaying Game
Ravaged Earth is being demoed by its designer,
Eric Avedissian.

Saturday, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Iron Swedish Chef
Roleplaying Game
The secret Theme Ingredient for the competition: Muppet!

Saturday, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dread
Roleplaying Game
A unique, suspense-based horror role-playing game.

Saturday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

NEW!! Gaming Panel (info on reverse.)

Saturday, 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Are You a Werewolf?
A Looney Labs Game
A game of deception, paranoia, and mob rule.

CONGRATUATIONS!

The Ozzie Train Memorial Milton Service Award for lifetime achievement was presented to Gary Keith Feldbaum at opening ceremonies. Thank you for all of your hard work over the years, Gary!

Student writing contest winners!

The winners of the 2008 Philcon/Philadelphia Science Fiction Society's Young Writers Contest were announced at opening ceremonies. Winners receive a cash prize, two Philcon memberships for next year and a "truly gaudy" ribbon.

Middle School:

First Place: Lilianna Maxwell - "The Dragon Master's Curse"
Second Place: Isabella Penola "Port"

High School:

First Place: Jennie Dubin-Rhodin - "Happily Never After"
Second Place: Penny Weber - "The Long Road"

HELP PHILCON! VOLUNTEER!

A science fiction convention can't function without its volunteers. Philcon needs people for a wide variety of tasks and ALL skill sets and experience levels are welcome. Volunteers get credit for every hour worked. Work 12 hours and you've earned a free membership in next year's Philcon. We're also holding raffles for our volunteers only on Saturday and Sunday with various prizes. Volunteers get one ticket for each hour worked.

If you're interested, go to the volunteer information table near registration or come up to room 426, the "gopher hole" which is a neat place to hang out with munchies and stuff to read. We'll give you a sheet to track your hours and send you out to work on whatever's needed at that time.

Volunteering is a good way to see how conventions REALLY work. Even an hour of your time is welcome.

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22
AFTERNOON

WHERE TO FIND IT & WHEN

Reg - front of ballroom C
Open Sat. 9:30 am - 8 pm

Info - next to Reg
Open Sat. 9:30 am - 8 pm

Volunteers - next to info
Open Sat. 9:30 am - 8 pm

Art Show - Ballroom B
Open Sat. 10 am - 8 pm

Dealers - Ballroom C
Open Sat. 10 am - 6 pm

OPS - Crystal 1
Gaming - front of ballroom B

ConSuite - 723
noon - 2 am

Program OPS - 423

ANIME - SATUDAY

11AM - Saturday Morning
Cartoon Revival
2PM - "Ouran Host Club"
4PM - "Animation Runner
Kuromi" (Part 1)
6PM - "The Melancholy of
Haruhi Suzumiya"
8PM - "Paprika"
10PM - "Battle Angel"
Midnight - "Akira - 20th
Anniversary"

KIDS' - SATURDAY

PLAZA 6

10 am Origami 2 hours!
Noon Costuming 2 hours!
3 pm Crafting Hand puppets
2 hours!

PARTIES\EVENTS

All parties must be registered with OPS!

Philcon 101, 10 am Ballroom A

ConSuite, noon - 2 am ConSuite room 723

Chromatics Children's Concert, 2 pm Plaza 6

Guest Artist Presentation - John Picacio, 3 pm Ballroom A

Principal Speaker - Tim Powers, 4 pm Ballroom A

Book Launch party - Tomorrow's Memories, 6:30 pm ConSuite room 723

Masquerade, 9 pm Ballroom A

Chromatics Concert, 10 pm Ballroom A

Seattle in 2011! Bid party, 9 pm - ?, room 718

Reno 2011! Bid party, 9 pm - ? room 732

Twilight Party, fun for ages 10 to 25, after Masquerade - 12:30 am room 706

I-Con, after Masquerade - ? room 724

Check the party board located near gaming in the Crystal foyer for the most up to date info.

PANEL CHANGES

Deletions from panels:

Saturday

Remove F. Paul Wilson from Lovecraft and the Rejection of the Supernatural, Saturday, Noon, Plaza 3

Remove Andrew Murphy from The Secret History as a Genre, Saturday, 2 pm, Plaza 4

Remove Andrew Murphy from Mega-Super-Crossovers and the Fans Who Hate Them, Saturday, 3 pm, Plaza 2

Remove Andrew Murphy from Building a Web Comic, Saturday, 4 pm, Crystal 3

Remove Jay Weil from Technologies and Methods for Commercial Fusion Power - Saturday, 6 pm, Crystal 2

Remove Victoria Janssen from Genre Labels - Saturday, 8 pm, Plaza 2

Remove Andrew Murphy from Beyond Phillip Pullman: Is Atheism The Last Taboo, Saturday, 8 pm, Plaza 4

Remove Marvin Kaye from Authors Worth Rediscovering, Saturday, 8 pm, Plaza 3

New Panel

Game Design: From Concept to Final Product. Sat. 5 pm - 6 pm, front of b'room B
A round table discussion with game designers on the process of game design, its rewards and its pitfalls. Panelists: Eric Avedissian, Walter Hunt, Mike McPhail James Daniel Ross

Additions to panels:

Saturday

Add Ahlen Moin to Art Show Tours, Saturday, 10 am, Art Show

Add Walter Hunt to The Secret History as a Genre, Saturday, 2 pm, Plaza 4

Add CJ Henderson to The Lady in the Fridge, Saturday 5 pm Plaza 2

Add Robert Budny to Technologies and Methods for Commercial Fusion Power - Saturday, 6 pm, Crystal 2

Changes to moderators

The Secret History as a Genre - Saturday, 2 pm, Plaza 4 - mod. now Tim Powers

Funny Fantasy - The Difference Between Humor and Parody - Saturday, 3 pm, Plaza 5 - mod. now Gregory Frost

Women In Science - Saturday, 3 pm, Crystal 2 - mod. now L. Hunter Cassells
Topicality in Science Fiction - Saturday, 5 pm, Plaza 5 - mod. now Judith Moffett

Beyond Phillip Pullman: Is Atheism the Last Taboo? - Saturday, 8 pm
Plaza 4 - mod. now Mary Robinette Kowal

HAVE A PARTY OR SOMETHING TO REPORT?

Bring it to OPS in Crystal 1!
Party reporting deadline 6pm! Seriously!

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be. Here. Now!

ROCKET STAFF

Caroline Couture - Editor
The entire world - Staff

READINGS SUITE 623

Saturday

Keith R.A. DeCandidio 11 am

Catherine Asaro noon

Michael Swanwick 1 pm

Marvin Kaye 2 pm

Michael Flynn 3 pm

John Grant 4 pm

LA Banks 5 pm

Marilyn Brahen 8 pm

HOTEL INFORMATION

Luggage service

The hotel will hold luggage on Sunday after check-out if necessary.

Late check-out

Late check-out may be available. Make sure you identify yourself as being with Philcon. Check with front desk for availability and times.