

# *Keycon 23*

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Progress Report Two

## **A Message from the Con Chairs**

Keycon has come to mean so many different things to so many different people, and that's something we're mindful of as we put Keycon 23 together for you. We're bringing back the old favourites that you've come to know and love like the video room, dedicated space for filkers, and a full floor of hospitality suites. We're also ensuring that some of the new favourites return like the LAN/console gaming room from last year. People told us they thought this stuff was great, and so do we! On top of bringing back old favourites, there are a couple of surprises that are sure to please. For example, we're pleased to announce the return of Hugo and Nebula Award winning author Robert Sawyer! Just wait until you see what else we've got in store for you.

If there is something you want to see at con, let us know. Glen is working hard on putting together a fantastic track of programming, and after talking with Jacqueline Carey, and Chris from Frantic Films, we're really excited about some of the panels/workshops that are going to be happening.

First things first – we're throwing a big old party to kick spring off right! March 4th, Kismat Banquette Center! Why is it so big? We're announcing the official con suite for Keycon 2006! Launching the long anticipated chap-book celebrating local authors! Our Hospitality Suites are putting together a Bazaar that must be seen to be believed! Oh, and we're givin' ya a chance to shake what your mama gave ya! (in costume even!)

See you there!

Brian Mitchell & John Speelman  
Keycon 23 Co-Chairs  
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***Spring Social Masquerade Ball***  
***Saturday, March 4, 2006***  
***Kismat Banquet Center***

**280 Fort St**



Gamesday & Bazaar starts at noon  
\$2 or free with social ticket

Social 8:00PM-1:00AM  
\$10

Games Day, Bake Sale, Children's  
Activity Area, Silent Auctions,  
Raffles, Costume Contest,  
Chapbook Launch, and lots more!

Tickets available at the door, from  
ConCom members or by emailing  
**conchair@keycon.org**

**Extravaganzas**

After the success of the Halloween social, we have high hopes for our next event. The Spring Masquerade Ball is just around the corner and it's looking to be a great time. We'll be back at the Kismat Banquet Hall on March 4th for both the Masquerade and the Games Day before hand. (Please note: this is different from the previously published date of March 11!) Mark will also be returning as our DJ for the night. We're hoping to make the silent auction at the social bigger then ever as well. If you have any suggestions, donations of prizes or would like to volunteer to help out, please email us at **extravaganzas@keycon.org**

## Guests of Honour

### Author, Jacqueline Carey

Jacqueline Carey is the bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Kushiel's Legacy trilogy of historical fantasy novels and The Sundering epic fantasy duology.

Her work includes:

Kushiel's Dart  
Kushiel's Chosen  
Kushiel's Avatar  
Banewrecker  
Godslayer  
Kushiel's Scion



Check out her website!  
[www.jacquelinecarey.com](http://www.jacquelinecarey.com)

### Author, Robert Sawyer

Surprise! We have another author Guest of Honour. Hugo, Nebula, and Aurora award winning author Robert Sawyer is returning to Keycon 23! His seventeen novels include The Terminal Experiment, Frameshift, Factoring Humanity, Flashforward, Calculating God, Mindscan, and the popular "Neanderthal Parallax" trilogy consisting of Hominids, Humans, and Hybrids. His website is [www.sfwriter.com](http://www.sfwriter.com)

### Frantic Films

When the Tar Monster oozed its way onto movie screens across North America in March 2004, the audience at Winnipeg's Towne Eight theatre cheered and clapped. Not for the evil viscous blob in Scooby Doo II, but for its creators.

Computer programmers and artists at Winnipeg's Frantic Films had spent six months creating the Tar Monster's five-minutes of silver screen fame using their unique, in-house Flood software.

Frantic Films has worked on such films as X2: X-Men United, Swordfish, and The Italian Job, added live-action production to its offerings in 2001. The company has produced programming for several cable channels in Canada (CTV, History Television, Life Network); current TV productions include the Last Chance for Romance reality series on Global Television.

### **Artist, Ruth Thompson**

A world of fantasy and wonder await you! Dragons, faeries, angels, knights and Valkyries, witches and warlocks, unicorns and Pegasus burst from the depths of Ruth's imagination. Let Ruth's artwork inspire your walls with forest sprites, sirens, and a fairy for each season. Whether you're looking for druids, a high priestess or even a griffin or two, Ruth Thompson conjures beasts and beauties from the tip of her paintbrush that will delight and amaze even the most discriminating fantasy collector. Her website is [www.tarnishedimages.com](http://www.tarnishedimages.com)



### **Game Designer, Barron Vangor Toth**

Barron Vangor Toth is the co-creator of the award winning collectible card game *Raw Deal* (the official card game of the WWE). He has also created the games *Universe* and *Se7enquest*.

His website is [www.barronvangortoth.com](http://www.barronvangortoth.com)



## **Programming**

We will be running three tracks of programming, and this year we have the grand ballroom as part of our playground. I have heard people say we need more programming... WELL LET'S GET TO IT... This year we are going to try and spread something's around, but we need your help. We are looking at various programming items this year

We have our favorite items such as:

**Friday** we start off with a blast at opening ceremonies and followed by our ice cream social.

**Saturday** we have the traditional masquerade followed closely by our very popular social.

**Sunday** we will hold our art auction, and then blast out with closing ceremonies. Don't forget to stick around to provide feedback on the con to improve years to come.

"Is that all?" you ask. The answer is "NO!!!"

Learn how to make horns! Discuss how to publish your stories on line. Take a tour of the convention guided by our seasoned volunteers. Discuss science fiction programs, come for fun. We currently are in talks to get a couple of real scientists in to discuss real science... and perhaps some fiction. Meet and greet the great convention guests and get those hard fought souvenirs signed.

Got suggestions? Call me at **338-2463** with your ideas.

Does anyone want to join the panel we are putting together on Battlestar Galactica? Pinball heads of the world unite!!! Should the Monolith from 1994 rise again? For those of you from 2004, you know what I'm talking about.

Call me or email me at **garvey@shaw.ca** !!!!!

~Glen

## **The Video Room**

We are proud to announce that Stephen Spielberg will (not) host the Video Room in 2006! We would have liked to get him, but Steve had other commitments. Very special this year is a two hour tribute to James Doohan on Friday night!

The Big Screen and Video Projector will be back. The Big Speakers will be back if we can get them fixed, and we will alternate between DVD, VHS, Beta, 8mm film, and flipping corners of the pages of a book. Whatever works!

The KeyCon Video Room shows the latest blockbusters and the most wonderful classic films. Stuffed couches and armchairs for your reclining pleasure, or just get some pillows! Enjoy our Cartoon Breakfasts (with colouring spoons) Saturday and Sunday mornings. You will also enjoy our fresh made right there popcorn, fresh fruit, and the usual large amounts of candy! Prizes will be available for various play dough and colouring contests. We're working on books, tee shirts and other items.

What films will we show? That is a closely guarded secret. You can expect to see one of the first TV shows James Doohan ever did. Well, there's that Martian invasion movie, that Dog v. Were Rabbit movie, probably that bat guy, the corpse guy, the failed tv show that became a cult show and became a failed movie, and more. If the recent big ape movie is around on DVD, maybe you'll see it. Maybe you'll see the original, which was shorter.

Any suggestions for videos you want to see? Email Victor at [victors@mts.net](mailto:victors@mts.net)!

## **Operations**

Operations, in short, are the folks who look after the convention while it is running. Lost kids? We'll try and find them. Lost and found? Let us know. If you need something and no one seems to be able to help – that's what we're here for. Keycon is a great time. Let's keep it that way for everyone. We really don't expect problems with folks, but if there ARE any, let us know. It's part of our job to resolve conflicts calmly and quietly. Have a great, safe, fun and happy 'con!

## **Hospitality**

### **The Crewe**

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Once again The Crewe (Chris, Glen, Kim, Nancy) have decided that a change is in order. So, for 1 time only, a brand new theme will be teleported to Keycon. But don't worry, we will still have everyone's favorites. Butterbeer, tasty munchables and something more substantive for the afternoon. Enjoy, in climate controlled comfort, what the chocolate supplying Crewe has in store.

### **The Poisoned Apple**

Welcome to the Poisoned Apple!

Barb, Ed and Vi have banded together once again. The group that brought you the Shimmering Oasis and The Pink Tyger now present The Poisoned Apple.

We offer the finest in Poisoned Apple Pie, Feel Awful, and Dragon Wings. Gingered Children's hands and feet will be served as well. All things spicy and flavorful will be in attendance.

An Unlimited Henna Pass will be available for those who are addicted, and Goblin Tic-tac-toe will be played nightly with prizes to be awarded.

As always, you are welcome to come in, relax and enjoy our food and atmosphere.

You are our honored guests.

### **The Short Plank**

The Short Plank will be returning to Keycon with its accustomed offering of bountiful barmaids and refreshing grog. Come and enjoy the free spirited relaxation of a eighteenth century public house. Privateers Welcome!



### **Generations**

Resistance is futile.  
Escape is irrelevant.  
Fun is relevant.  
Come get assimilated at Cube-Q.



### **The Sleeping Dragon**

The Sleeping Dragon returns with quiet gaming and delicious, hearty food! Once again we will have a huge stash of games available for sign-out, a silent auction, home baked goodies, healthy munchies, coffee, tea, toast, and the never ending pots of home-made soup.

Our volunteers are not only skilled in the arts of serving food, but will also demo new games, provide direction on where you can find things at the convention, and assist you in locating extra players for pick-up games.

Our RPG gaming tables are available round the clock and we will be hosting all the table-top roleplaying scheduled by Keycon Gaming.

Stop by our website! It's linked off [www.keycon.org](http://www.keycon.org)

### **Daemon's Lair**

Hello!

Our resident demons Jenn, Jess, Cyd, Colin, Jason (and various other helper minions) welcome you!

The demons of the lair want you to know that being one of the few 24 hour suites at Keycon means that there's always something going on! Hellraising movies and shows from midnight on! Games and crafts, sinister laughs Frankendrink and prizes galore, some you might give your soul up for!

Don't be afraid or make a fuss, like evil dead says:

**JOIN US!**

## The Dealers Room


This year, the Dealers Room has a new location. You'll be able to find us on the 12th floor in the Peregrine Room, and like last year, we'll be right alongside the Art Show. As always, we'll provide a variety of wares - from new and used novels, to jewelry, toys, games and gaming accessories. We have a combination of returning vendors and some new faces, so bring your wallets.

Continuing the tradition of the last couple of years, we will be having a draw at the end of the convention for various prizes donated by the dealers. To get a ticket for the draw, just spend \$10 at any of the participating dealers' tables. The more you buy, the more tickets you can obtain.

Dealers set up will take place Friday evening, and the Dealers Room will be open to the public on Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Sunday, May 21 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For anyone who is interested, there are still a couple of tables available. The cost is \$35 for one 8 foot table, for the entire weekend. Please contact Crystal at [sorcerss@autobahn.mb.ca](mailto:sorcerss@autobahn.mb.ca) for more details.

Thank you and we'll see you at the con!



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## **Art Show**

There are still several panels available!  
Panels are \$15 each, or 4 for \$45.

We are currently looking to bring you as many new and exciting artists as possible!  
If you know someone who you think should be showing their works in our art show, please forward us their contact information!

If you are interested in helping out / working in the art show this year, please get in touch with us! We are finalizing our schedule and hours, and more bodies means we can be open for more hours!

As always we look forward to submissions from both new and returning participants to our Art Show, helping get them exposure to the public, and of course, buying beautiful pieces of artwork for our homes.

Contact: [artshow@keycon.org](mailto:artshow@keycon.org)

## **Gaming**

We still need DM's, people running demos, and tournament organizers to contact the Gaming Coordinator. There are lots of gaming slots left to fill!

Right now we have Call of Cthulhu, Paranoia, HarnMaster, Living Greyhawk (D&D), Vampire, and Werewolf for table top roleplaying games. We are still seeking additional sets of Settlers of Cataan for our tournament. Soul Caliber 3, DDR, and many other PS2 games will be available on our giant projection screen. We have several CCG's including Raw Deal (designed by our Guest of Honour, Barron Vangor Toth) and, of course the Texas Holdem poker tournament Friday night. The Sleeping Dragon suite is hosting sign-out board games and we have multiple LARPS in the works.

Email us at [gaming@keycon.org](mailto:gaming@keycon.org) to sign up for a game or run one!

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## Location

**Radisson Hotel Downtown**  
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Keycon Rate \$86/night if booked before April 18, 2006

## Registration

Adults:

\$40 CDN Until April 30, 2006

\$50 CDN After May 1 and at the door.

Children:

\$25 Ages 6 - 12

Age 5 & under get in FREE when accompanied by  
an adult.

## Keycon Chapbook

The Keycon Chapbook will be launched at the Spring Social on March 4, 2006. Included in the chapbook will be the winning authors from the Keycon Short Story Contest!

The Chapbook will be available at the Social, from the website, at the convention and in local stores.

Support our local talent and pick up some very limited edition beautiful fiction!