

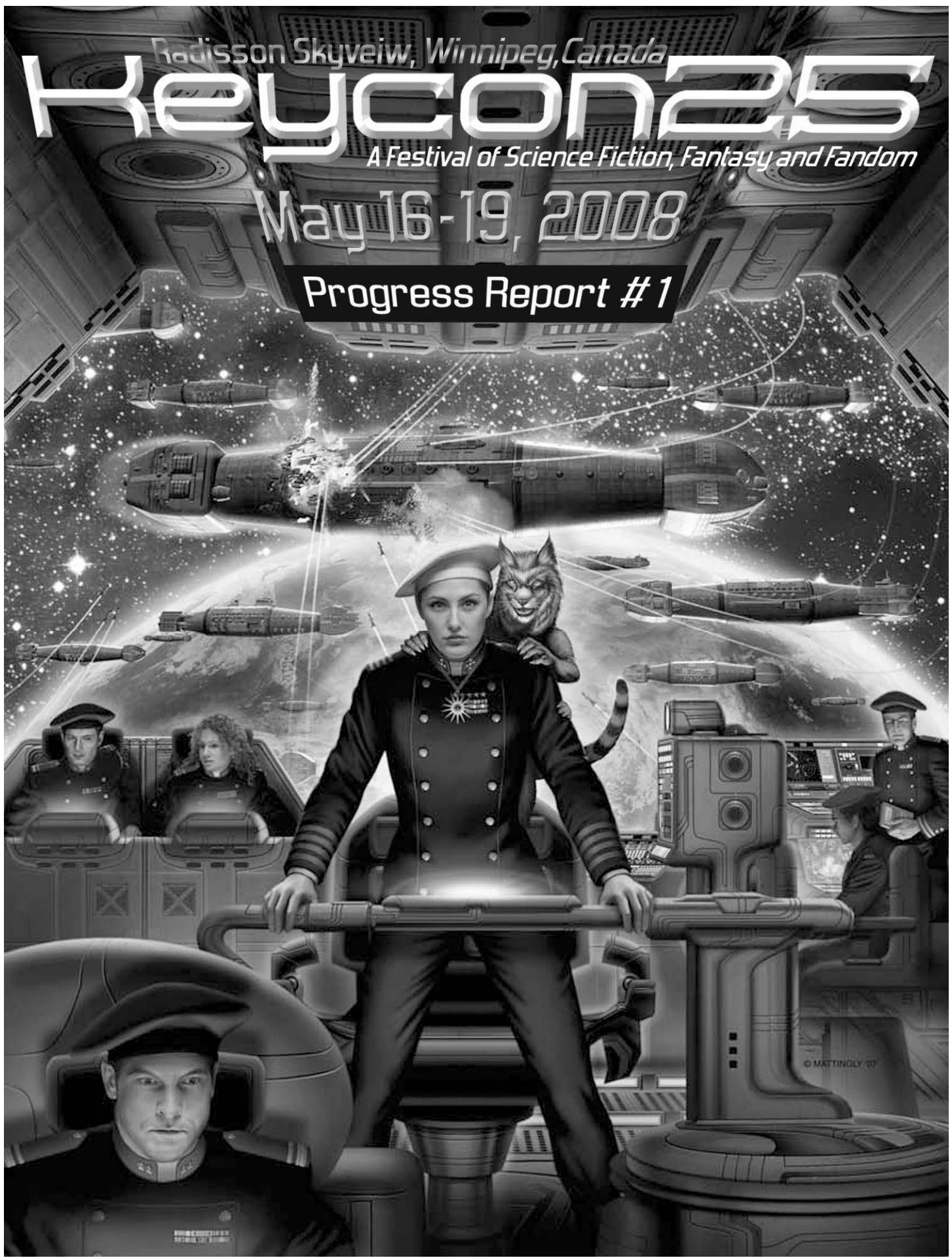
Radisson Skyveiw, Winnipeg, Canada

KEYCON 25

A Festival of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Fandom

May 16-19, 2008

Progress Report #1



Message From ConChairs

KeyCon will be celebrating its 25th year in 2008. This year's convention has been 25 years in the making!

And in 2008, KeyCon will be bigger: four days instead of three! Why did we add an extra day? Because we want KeyCon25 to be an extra special event. Throughout the years, a lot of people have put a lot of hard work to make KeyCon what it is today. From Guests to Programming, Suites to Extravaganzas, displays and so much more – the list is endless. We want to take a little bit from past KeyCons to help make the 25th Anniversary extra special.

It's not too late to get involved before the convention. If you have any

ideas you want to share, or past memories you want to re-visit, let us know and we will do what we can. If you have the time you can join us in our monthly Con-Com meetings and get involved in organizing the convention.

KeyCon is more than a wonderful science fiction/fantasy convention. It is an annual event where people of similar interests get together to meet with friends old and new, and have some fun. We hope that you will be able to participate in the fun of KeyCon by letting us know what we should do at the convention--before the convention. So take a moment to remember past cons and help make KeyCon25 one for the ages.

Dave and John
Conchairs25@keycon.org



Volunteers

KeyCon cannot happen without volunteers. We always need more, especially for the expanded 2008 KeyCon! We need more people, small blue aliens and/or trolls to make all the dreams we have for this anniversary convention come true. WE NEED YOU. We need your time, your expertise, your legwork, your contacts, your suggestions and anything else you can offer. WE NEED YOU NOW!

Some of the departments looking for volunteers are Extravaganzas, Gaming, Programming, Advertising, Marketing and Registration. Please contact Mildred at volunteers25@keycon.org if you have even a few hours you can spare.

News & Events

Membership Table

During the Manitoba Comic Con, International Inn, October 28-29, KeyCon25 will have a fan table in the hall way. Look for the our signage. Drop by to ask questions, get memberships, volunteer to help and possibly win a free membership, or an autographed Con T-Shirt.

Halloween Social

KeyCon25 is selling tickets for a Halloween Social October 28 at the International Hotel. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Pendragon Games and at our table at the Manitoba Comic Con.

Extravaganzas

As Keycon 25 is our silver anniversary Extravaganzas will pump up the volume to match this great anniversary event!

Starting off on Friday, the Ice Cream Social will be bigger and better. There will be more than the usual songs, marches, speeches and ice cream. **Live entertainment** is just one of the great events we have planned.

Saturday will be jammed packed with three, yes three different Masquerades; one for the kids in the afternoon, the traditional one early in the evening and then, in the wee hours of the night, one for the mature individuals. Each masquerade will have its own set of judges, prizes & rules.

The Saturday night social will still be rockin' into the night, but we intend to put some extra spin on the platters--so remember to bring your dancing shoes and costumes!

Sunday will not only feature the Art Auction, but something new for later in the evening.

Keep up to date on all our scheming by visiting our web site, at www.keycon.org.

As always, Extravaganzas could use more volunteers! Contact us with your offers to help, ideas for events, or anything else appropriate at extravaganzas25@keycon.org. Do it today!



For regularly updated information visit our web site at www.keycon.org
Or write us at Keycon P.O. Box 3178 Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6



Guest List

Eric Flint - S/F GOH

As a teenager, Eric Flint dreamed of becoming a SF/F writer but did not begin "writing seriously" until the age of 45. His career all started with a single short story in 1992; and has grown to include over 50 novels and short stories plus numerous editorships for magazine and short story compilations. Eric Flint is a master of alternate-history science fiction and possesses a powerful gift for humorous fantasy adventure. Booklist described his novels Forward the Mage, and The Philosophical Strangler as: "Monty Python let loose in Tolkien's Middle Earth". Come and join Eric in discussing his works of past, present and past yet to come.

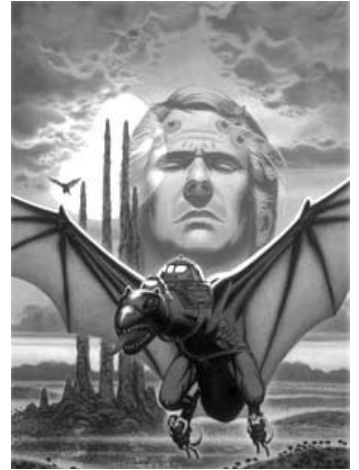
www.ericflint.net



David Mattingly - Artist GOH

If you read sci-fi you have seen his work. David B. Mattingly has illustrated over 500 covers from Animorphs, Best of Trek, Everworld to the Honor Harrington series. David was influenced in his youth by comic books, Edgar Rice Burroughs, and a wide array of artists from Jim Steranko, to N.C. Wyeth, to Jackson Pollack. David also worked at Disney Studios; some of the productions he worked on include: The Black Hole, Tron, Dick Tracy, Stephen King's The Stand and most recently I. Robot. A two time winner of Magazine and Booksellers "Best Cover of the Year" award, plus David has received the Association of Science Fiction Artists "Chesley" award for his work. David Mattingly is definitely not a guest not to be missed.

www.davidmattingly.com



Jane Yolen - Fantasy GOH

Jane Yolen is an award-winning storyteller, author, poet, and playwright. A prolific writer with over 280 books to her credit, but would you expect anything less from the daughter of two writers. Among the too numerous to name awards, Jane has won two Nebula awards. Her works have been translated into thirteen languages, and many have been adapted into television shows, audio books, theatrical presentations, and television movies; including Showtime's 1999 production of The Devil's Arithmetic starring Kirsten Dunst.

www.janeyolen.com



The great Luke Ski

Canada Virgin!!! The great Luke Ski is coming to KeyCon and Canada for the first time. Luke Sienkowski is a parody/filking artist and Dr. Demento's Most Requested Artist of the 21st Century! Using hilarious costumes and his uncanny ability to encapsulate an entire movie or actor in just a few words "the great Luke Ski" will perform comedic parodies of fan favourite Sci-fi, pop culture movies, and TV shows from The Lord of the Rings to The Office. Be prepared to laugh, cheer and sing along.

www.lukeski.com



Jamie Chambers - RPG Developer

Indoctrinated into role-playing games at the age of seven; by grade six Jamie was leading campaigns among his classmates. A few years later he was modifying Traveller to create his own game called "Space Dungeon" in which a crew of misfits in a beat-up old space ship made smuggling runs and got

into trouble wherever they went. Jamie is now the vice president of Margaret Weis Productions working on several RPG lines including: Dragonlance, and Serenity as well as the upcoming Battlestar Galactica line.

<http://www.dragonlance.com/>

<http://www.serenityrpg.com/>

Programming

Programming Items

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have in store for you over 200 hours of programming for KeyCon's 25th anniversary. We have some terrific ideas, but there is always room for more! Think you have the greatest idea ever? You probably do. You feel you could contribute to it as a moderator or panelist? Let us know, using the submission form at the bottom of the page.

Programming items for KeyCon 2008 include Literary (on storytelling, writing and related topics), Art (including making a living as an artist, using computers and an Art Jam), Costuming (Duct Tape: Friend or foe?, make-up, masks), Con Running 101 (Sharing memories of favourite KeyCon moments, Collectable and Gaming Stores and Convention etiquette), Science (Global Warming, Future of Bioengineering and Is It Too Late To Colonize Space?), Media (75th Anniversary of King Kong, Anime v. Western SF and panels on your favourite movie and tv series), Gaming (Aging of Gamers, RPG, LARP, TT, Board, Computer, Future of Gaming), Music (Concerts and Filking) and Children's Programming (paper airplane construction, juggling, getting kids into science).

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please feel free to Contact LeAmber and her staff at Programming25@keycon.org.

Please mail the submission form to KeyCon, P.O. Box 3178 Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, or drop off at Pendragon Games and Hobbies (1354 Main street Winnipeg). Alternatively the form can be filled out online at www.keycon.org.

Gaming

Hello Gamers! KeyCon25 has been extended to four days, giving Gaming the opportunity to extend the variety and length of its programming. We plan to have more tournaments, including: Settlers of Catan, D&D, Zombies and the popular Clay-o-rama, on top of more demonstration games and more casual gaming.

In order to have a smoothly run gaming room we need volunteers. We need individuals to help run demonstration games or be GM's or DM's. If you are interested in helping out for even a few hours during the con, please consider attending a few pre-con meetings, which the Gaming Coordinator will be hosting, to organize the different type of gaming.

Any must have games that you would like to add? Or would you like to volunteer in the gaming room? Contact John the Gaming Coordinator at gaming25@keycon.org.



Submission form for Programming

Name of Panel: _____ Name of Moderator _____

Contact info for moderator and panelists: phone# _____ email _____

People expected to attend _____ and size of room requested: _____

Description, set up and AV needs for panel: _____

Preferred day _____ and time _____

Listing of other panels that you are a moderator or panelist for: _____

Office Use Only
Day _____ Time _____ Room _____

The Video Room

The Video Room for KeyCon25 will offer terrific films day and night, along with occasional overnight video gaming and four or five hours, back to back, of your favourite tv series!

What is the best way to honour KeyCon's 25th anniversary? Ideas? Contact us! We can show the best films of the last 25 years...films selected by various KeyCon Chairs...or whatever we feel like! The more input from you, the members we love to serve (usually, served medium rare), the better! We do plan surprises: UFO truth exposed, showing films you've heard about but can't see anywhere else, even some episodes of that fan favourite/fan produced tv series, Lances and Lazars!

We will give away plenty o' free candy. Prizes will include a sculpt-it-yourself deadhead from CSI, more of those terrific helium balloons from Air of Excitement, DVDs, model kits--all for YOU! Plus colouring spoon and playdough contests!

Going into the Video Room is free (for con members). However, you may have to pay to get out (bwah hahahahah, or something like that).

Victor Schwartzman
Mr. Wild & Hairy Guy
Videoroom25@keycon.org

Calling All Clubs

Are you a member of a Science Fiction/Fantasy Club in Winnipeg? Do you want to share your club and your passions with the members of KeyCon? We can give your club exposure to potential new members at KeyCon--for example, through programming items your club can run, your flyers on our freebee tables, and more! If interested contact Joey at Club25@Keycon.org

Remembrance

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing of a dear friend and long time volunteer for KeyCon, Mary Anne Hoover. Mary Anne passed away from complications of her diabetes September 11, 2007.

Mary Anne: we hear your name and it makes us smile and remember her intense need to always give more.

This was especially showcased when she was our Treasurer and kept many Con Chairs on their toes. When we could no longer "con" her into being our financial goddess, May Anne left for greener pastures, the Dead Dragon Inn. Her warped sense of humour and motherly advice made it both a blessing and a curse to be there when she ran the bar. Though she has been missed these past few years, due to her illness, her essence will be eternally felt at KeyCon.


Art Show & Auction

This year's Art Show is happy to announce the addition of a Print Shop, giving KeyCon25 patrons even more opportunities to purchase great works by our favorite and new artists!

The 2008 Art Show is looking great but we want it to be fantastic!! We have many new talented artists joining our phenomenal KeyCon Art Show regulars. So help us make this year's Art Show extravagant for our 25th anniversary! Many of the panels are sold or spoken for, but panels are still available at only \$20.00 CND.

If you know any great SF/Fantasy artists, please forward their contact information to our Art Show Team, and we would be happy to send our personal Invitation. For more Information or to receive the list of rules and regulations, even a sign-up form or to let us know about a great artist, please email Phynix and the team at Artshow25@keycon.org.

Hospitality



In the beginning there was Fan
And Fan wanted to share that which was
And that was good
And Fan created convention
And that was good
Being a creature of both day and night,
Fan needed a place to eat and rest
And Fan created hospitality
And it was good
And it was named Keyhole
And it was GREAT!
And it prospered
For awhile
But as with all things great
It faded into memories,
Then to legend, and then to myth
And that was not good.
But now myth has become reality
The Keyhole has returned!!
And in attendance is a full floor of
suites, which have been keeping the flame
of hospitality burning

If you want to host a hospitality suite for the weekend or would like information about the "Adopt-the-Consuite" program contact the hospitality head at Hospitality25@keycon.org.

All rooms on the 15th floor are held by the Convention itself and can only be booked via the Hospitality head.

Artwork Credits Front cover by GOH David Mattingly.
Pg 2 logo by Phil Foglio, pg 3 Sister light, Sister dark by Dean Morrissey, 1632 by Larry Elmore and Charon by David Mattingly, pg 4 Ready to launch by Kiki Thorne, pg 6 Searching for Answers by Kiki Thorne,



Memberships

Convention memberships, are available in person, online and by mail.

- In person purchases can be made at several Winnipeg stores. Please check www.keycon.org for participating store locations.
- Online registration is available with a Paypal account
- Mail in registration: print out the online form and mail to Keycon P.O. Box 3178, Winnipeg MB R3C 4E6
Money orders and cheques made payable to Keycon. Registration and payment must be received by May 1, 2008.

Adults Rates

Membership until Dec 31/07	\$45 CDN
Membership until April 30/08	\$55 CDN
Membership at the door	TBA CDN

Children's Rates

Babe in Arms 0-4 years	Free
5-12 years	\$35 CDN

Hotel Rooms for Con

Keycon will again take place at the Radisson Skyview, 288 Portage Ave, Winnipeg MB.

All rooms are \$86.00 per night, plus applicable taxes, and are available at that rate from May 14 to May 21, 2008. All rooms get one free parking space and come with either a queen or two double beds. Internet connection is available to all members staying at the hotel within the business centre

To ensure that you receive the discount rate and a room in the Keycon block, please book early and mention that you are a part of Keycon. The hotel will fill up fast as it is wedding season and a long weekend.

Call the hotel at (204)-956-0410
Mention Keycon to get the special rate!!

Dealers' Room

KeyCon25 would love to have you sell your wares to our members! The Dealer's Room will be open for **four** days, and we expect over 500 attendees. Our objective is to have the most varied and exciting Dealers Room in KeyCon history to celebrate our silver anniversary.

At this time we are accepting reservation fees and applications for dealer space. This fee will be applied against the cost of the first table or refunded if we are unable to accept your application. Please contact dealersroom25@keycon.org. Tell us the type of goods you offer and the number of tables you would like. An invoice will be issued confirming your acceptance and the number of tables available to you after March 1, 2008.

As our goal is a varied and exciting dealers room, and because we have limited space against a high demand for that space, we are unable to guarantee acceptance of all applicants, nor the number of tables available to any one dealer.

Remember acceptance will be on a first come first serve basis, so APPLY EARLY !!!!

Table Rates:

First Table	\$45 CDN
Additional Tables	\$65 CDN

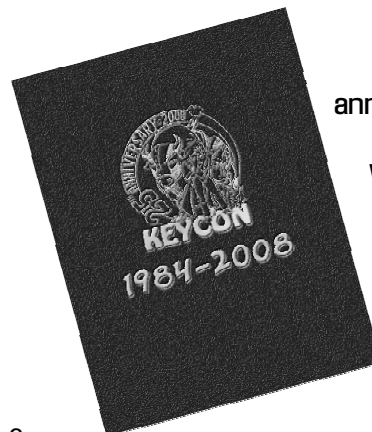
Note - Dealers receive two dealers' passes and a free business card size advertisement in the program book

Pre-Order Souvenirs

25th Anniversary Book

To celebrate our 25th anniversary Keycon is producing a commemorative book that will cover the past 25 years of guests, attendees, art, sci-fi, fantasy, tom foolery, consuites, costumes in a 100 plus page book. Hard cover bound with embossed cover.

Before March 1/08	\$29.95 CDN
After March 1/08	\$35.00 CDN



To pre-order the 25th anniversary book please go to our website at www.keycon.org for details

This is a must have item for your collection

Cover design subject to change