

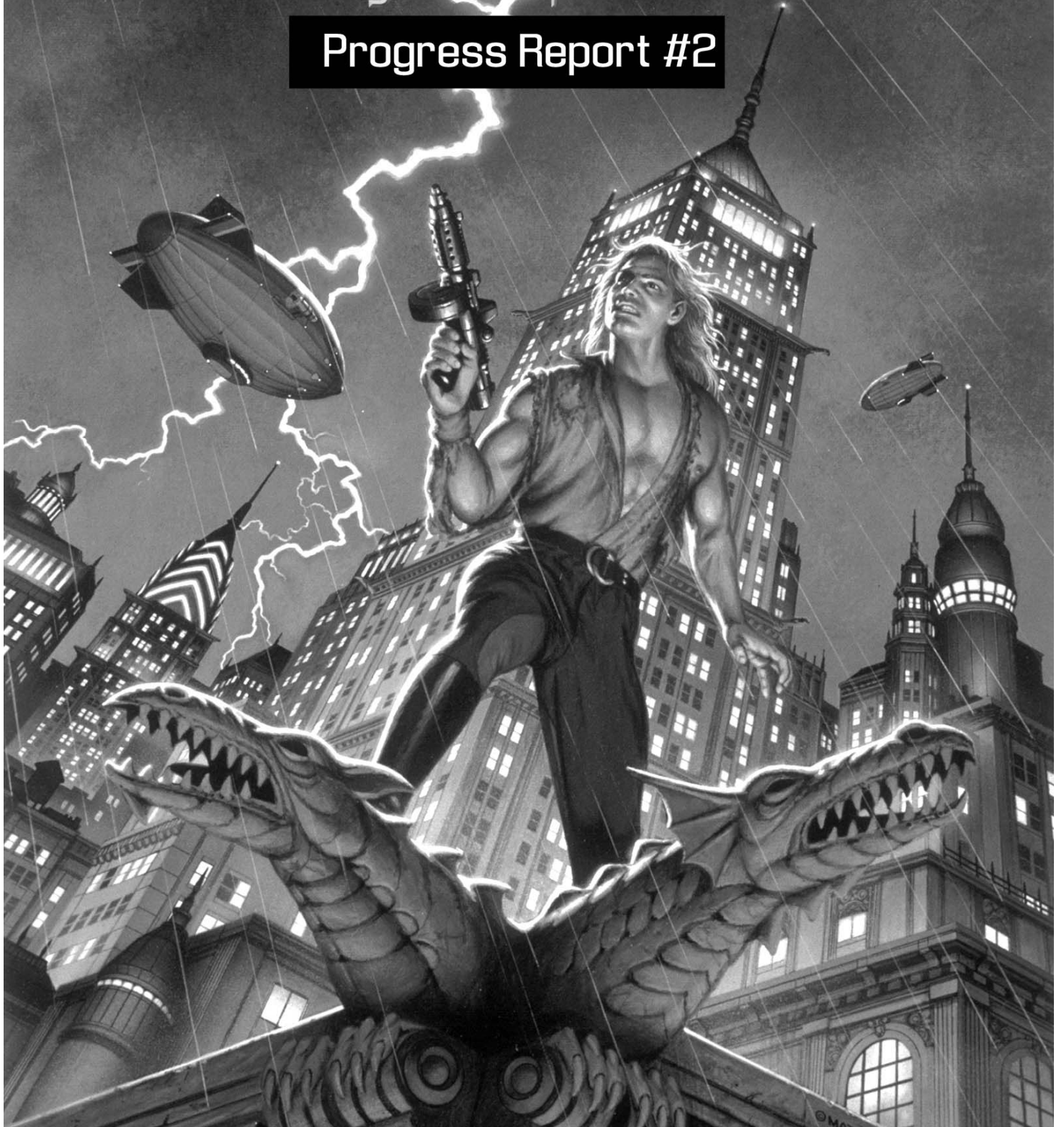
Radisson Skyview, Winnipeg, Canada

KEYCON25

A Festival of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Fandom

May 16-19, 2008

Progress Report #2



Messages From ConChairs

The 25th Anniversary edition of KeyCon is rapidly approaching and the Convention Committee has been working diligently to bring you a memorable event.

We have a complete slate of Guests who cover the broadest range of related interests. On the web page you can sign up for the 25th Anniversary Dinner-- along with speeches from our guests, the Dinner will also feature merit awards to people who have contributed to Science Fiction & Fantasy over KeyCon's history, followed by the presentation of the 2008 Canadian National Aurora Awards.

The programming team has been working hard to assemble an interesting and diverse range of panels and workshops. Without their very hard work we would not be able to offer our members such enjoyable activities. There will also be book launches, author readings, Questions asked and answered, masquerades, music, dancing and more. KeyCon looks forward to seeing you all in May. Bring a Friend; it will be enjoyable and fun.

John Mansfield
KeyCon25 Co-Chair

Wow! Only a few more sleeps to KeyCon25! And it's going to be a biggie. Our 25th Anniversary Edition will be running four days and have so much jammed packed into it that I won't be getting any sleep at the con. As you can see from the Progress Report, we have done a lot to make KeyCon25 an extra special year. With the Masquerade being split up into three events, a tonne of Guests, and CANvention and programming galore, it is shaping up to be a doozie. But work still needs to be done. We are still looking for people to help out in any way that they can. Even if it is just an idea or a willingness to hang around a room for a bit of time and talk, it will be appreciated by those running the convention and more importantly, by those attending the convention. See you there!

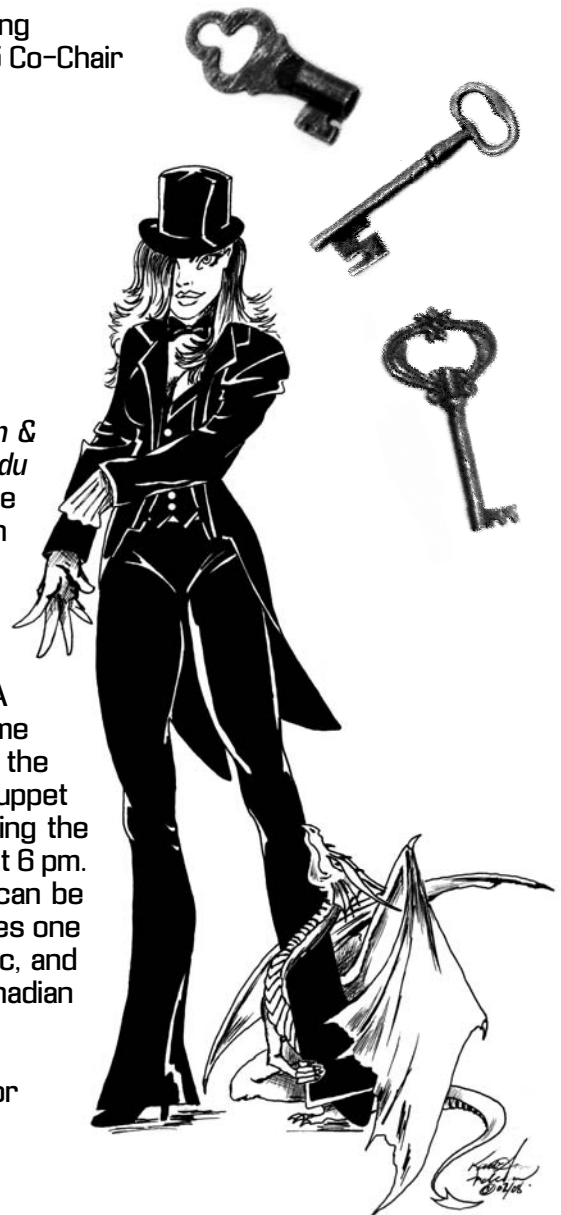
Dave Strang
KeyCon25 Co-Chair

CANvention28

CANvention is the convention of the *Canadian Science Fiction & Fantasy Association / Association canadienne de la science-fiction et du fantastique (CSFFA)* where the Aurora Awards are presented. The Auroras honour the best achievements in Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy from the past year.

KeyCon will be adding several items to the Programming and Extravaganzas dockets this year, include the Business Meeting of CSFFA, a Gala Banquet and the Presentation of the Aurora Awards. A few final details of CANvention28 are still being finalized. We have some great news to announce. Tanya Huff of the Blood Books fame is the CANvention Guest. Liana K of the Ed and Red Show AKA Ed the Sock Puppet is our Mistress of Ceremonies. On Sunday Evening we will be hosting the Gala Banquet Dinner for the Aurora Awards. It starts with cocktails at 6 pm. The Banquet is a full sit down meal and a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased online at www.keycon.org for \$25 CDN. The price includes one drink ticket. After the dinner the doors will be opened to the public, and then the Aurora Awards will be presented to this year's best in Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy.

Please visit the CSFFA's website at www.prix-aurora-awards.ca for more information about CANvention and the Aurora Awards.



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 an SF/F writer but did not begin "writing seriously" until the age of 45. His career started with a single short story in 1992, and has since grown to include over 50 novels and short stories. He has also been the editor for numerous 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



Jane Yolen - Fantasy GOH

Jane Yolen is an award-winning storyteller, author, poet, and playwright. She is 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. 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



David Mattingly - Artist GOH

If you read sci-fi you have seen his work. David B. Mattingly has illustrated over 500 covers, ranging from *Animorphs*, the *Best of Trek*, and *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 has also worked at Disney Studios. Some of the productions he worked on included *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, David has also received the Association of Science Fiction Artists' "Chesley" award for his work. David Mattingly is definitely not a guest to be missed. www.davidmattingly.com

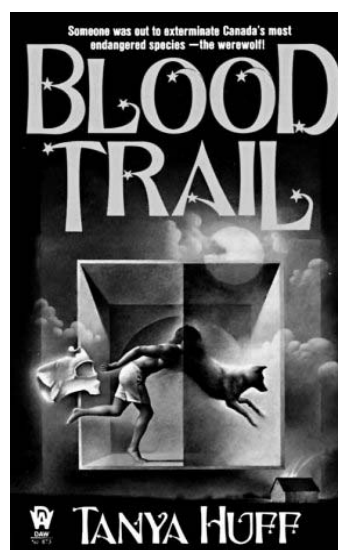


Tanya Huff - CANvention

Tanya Huff is one of the most prominent Canadian authors in the category of contemporary fantasy, a subgenre pioneered by four time KeyCon alumni Charles de Lint. Huff was born in Halifax and raised in Kingston. She is not afraid to use her Canadian roots in order to sell works, and frequently mentions Canadian places and names. This is Tanya's second visit to Winnipeg as a con guest—she was last here as a NonCon guest (jointly held with KeyCon13).

Her latest success is the Blood Books about Detective Vicki Nelson that have been turned into the television series *Blood Ties*. She is a prolific writer whose works range from numerous fantasy novels and short stories to book reviews and newspaper columns.

www.tanyahuff.net



Guest List

Liana K

Mistress of Ceremonies

We have the great pleasure to announce that Liana K (Co-host of the Ed and Red Night Party TV show) will be at KeyCon25 as our Mistress of Ceremonies for many KeyCon extravaganzas, including the Opening & Closing ceremonies and the Aurora Banquet Dinner. Do not be surprised when she shows up in other places, too. Like you she is Fan - mainly of comics and anime, gaming, masquerade/cosplay and, well, all things fandom. She is Canadian born and raised in Toronto, but don't hold that against her. Liana K is the real deal. Smart, witty and, well, a babe.
www.edthesock.com/



**The great Luke Ski
Filker/ Musician**

A Canadian Virgin (sorta)!!! 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



**Jennifer Clarke Wilkes
RPG Editor**

Gaming Guest of Honour? No! Goblin Editor - that is how she describes herself! This woman has embraced her "Inner Goblin"! Jennifer Clarke Wilkes is a displaced Canadian now living in Seattle. She has a long history in the SF/F world. Her parents, Gina and Norm Clarke, were influential members of the community way back in the 1970's. She has worked for several RPG & TCG companies and now works at Wizards of the Coast on the much-anticipated Dungeons & Dragons 4th Edition Book, due out in June 2008—just a month after KeyCon 25! Her final thoughts: "Goblins rule. Then Canadians." It is not clear whether she means??? Goblins rule first, and then Canadian Goblins specifically? She will tell us in May!



www.wizards.com

Also Attending

The following people have told KeyCon25 that they will be attending KeyCon25 and we thought you would like to know and maybe look them up on our website. You may see them on panels, in the con-suites or waiting in line for ice cream. Over the weeks building to KeyCon this list will be growing. Check the web site for updated list as the names come in.

Robert J. Sawyer
Carolyn Clink
Nick DiChario
Randy McCharles
Hayden Trenholm
Lance Sibley (CUFF)
Bill and Brenda Sutton
Hayden Trenholm
Edward Willett



Extravaganzas

As Keycon25 is our silver anniversary, Extravaganzas will pump up the volume to match this great event! Starting off on Friday, the Ice Cream Social will be bigger and better. There will be more than the usual songs, speeches and ice cream plus cake. (It is a cellular peptide cake. With mint frosting!- kidding). Plus live entertainment is just one of the great events we have added.

Saturday will be jammed packed with three, yes three different Masquerades; one for the kids (12 and under) in the afternoon, the traditional (G-rated) one early in the evening and then, in the wee hours of the night, one for . . .hee hee hee . . .Mature



*Friday
Saturday
2016*

(18+) individuals. Each Masquerade will have its own

surprise judges, prizes & rules.

The **Saturday Night Social** will still be rockin' into the night, so remember to bring your dancing shoes and costumes!

Sunday is pudding packed (aw we will use all the jam on Saturday) with the afternoon Art Auction, the 25th Anniversary and Aurora Dinner and the Presentation of the Aurora Awards, plus the Luki Ski Concert all in the evening.

Monday includes other special events culminating with our glorious closing ceremonies on Monday afternoon.

Programming

Hi! This is your Friendly Neighbourhood Programming Team here, and we've got a whole fun in store you this year. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have over 200 hours of programming for KeyCon's 25th anniversary, running every day of the con--**Friday-Saturday-Sunday and Monday** too!!! Items include book launches, mass autographings, science programming, presentations from GoH and other Pros who are attending plus so much more - You have check out the expanded program book to see it all!!!

We have lots of Programming Panel ideas - one tiny little problem... we are still looking for volunteers to be on the panel discussions. We have a growing list

of programming topics which are listed on the website under Programming--check them out. So, if you see a panel topic that you're interested in, and you have an opinion that you're ready to share with a panel audience, or if you're willing to be a panel moderator, please let us know by sending an e-mail to: programming25@keycon.org, or let us know using the submission form at the bottom of the page. The form can also be downloaded online at www.keycon.org.

Please mail the submission form to KeyCon, or drop it off at Pendragon Games and Hobbies at 1354 Main street Winnipeg.

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 2008 Video Room will be open longer and have better prizes and food than ever! We might even show movies!

Expect us to open our doors officially, as usual, on Friday at around 7:30 pm--but we will likely be open 'unofficially' earlier! All the usual treats will be available for your cinematic pleasure--hot fresh popcorn, delightful candied popcorn, tons o'candy bars, cartoon breakfasts, flavored drinking straws--we might even have something healthy to eat! And did we mention the prizes this year will be more plentiful & more fabulous than ever before? Are you prepared for a duck that hunts YOU? What will we show? Legally we can't say. What we can say is we don't have the heart to show any pirated movies that could transform you 28 weeks later, much less the day after tomorrow when you might have stardust in your eyes. Heck, that stuff can



transform you into serenity or some kinda spiderguy who has a very busy life! Of course, for a 25th annual KeyCon, we will celebrate classic films, which have recently had their own anniversaries: King Kong and Gojira (the original version of Godzilla) and Forbidden Planet, but generally we will stick to new films you love and not go back in time to 2001. Two mice out to take over the world might try but a one eyed woman from the future will stop them. Where were we? Should we build a bridge to somewhere? What would Sinbad say? We have received some films directly from their Distributors that you probably won't see anywhere else. Look for the incredible documentary, "The Bastards of Kirk" (where James T. Kirk's many illegitimate children are interviewed), a Finnish Star Wars parody and an Aurora nominated Trek sing-a-long ("Phantom of the Space Opera"—the Director's cut!)

Gaming

For KeyCon 25, Gaming has lined up tournaments and prize draws for *Settlers of Catan*, *D&D*, *RAW* and *UFC*, *Zombies*, and the popular *Clay-orama*, as well as the return of indie games *Polaris* and *Dogs in the Vineyard* (amongst others). Jennifer Wilkes from Wizards of the Coast will be here to promote *D&D* 4th edition. The award winning *Burning Wheel and Shock: Social Science Fiction* will be in the gaming room this year. We will have 24 hour access to the gaming room with Games on Demand setup for some on-the-spot gaming. To cap it all off there is going to **specail D & D gaming** on Monday morning.

In order to have a smoothly run gaming room we need volunteers. First, we need individuals to run games. Second, we need people to help supervise the Gaming Room for some parts of the convention. The rewards will be greater than your wildest imagination* so contact Gaming at gaming25@keycon.org to volunteer, attend a pre-con meeting, or to use the Keycon forum.

Any must-have games that you would like to add? We may be able to organize the game for you! Please contact TJ the Gaming Coordinator at gaming25@keycon.org or on the Keycon forum.

**This claim may be wild speculation, but why take the chance?*

The Dead Dragon Inn in Memory of Mary Ann Hoover



Would like to Announce
the auctioning of

Mary Ann's Memorabilia
to those who would cherish it.

Items include the only white Worldcon 94
shirt signed by the staff

Be sure to check out our panel
at in the art show!!

Dealers' Room

This year the Dealers' Room will be even more exciting! Our location will be great: the 11th floor in the Provincial Ballroom, right beside the Art Show & Print Shop. We expect a varied and dynamic assortment of dealers who will offer a huge variety of collectables and other goodies, from new release novels to jewellery, from videos to games and gaming accessories to costuming accoutrements. We have many returning vendors like Sword in the Stone Games and Mr. Poody's, plus several great new comers! Remember to bring your spending money!

Dealers' Room Hours

Friday	8 pm - 10 pm
Saturday	10 am - 7 pm
Sunday	10 am - 7 pm
Monday	10 am - 3 pm

Art Show & Auction

Art Show is turning out fantastic for 2008! We of course have returning favorites, but there will also be some great newcomers, including Mark Corrinet, Chloe Loris, Maureen Babb, Theresa Mathers, Dave Pruden and many more. They are all extremely talented and form a wonderful addition to our already impressive lineup of artists (including Kari-Ann Anderson from Winnipeg, and of course our Guest of Honor David Mattingly, from the United States). You don't want to miss out on this year's art show with four fun filled days. Especially exciting is our brand new print shop. **We have art starting at \$5 !!!!** This will be one GREAT show!

We still have panels left and tables! If you are interested in joining our growing list of wonderful talent please feel free to book your own panel through Paypal at www.keycon.org or visit one of the locations in Winnipeg that are selling the art show space for us. You can also contact the Art Show directly through the KeyCon website!

Art Show & Print Shop Hour

Friday	8 pm - 10 pm
Saturday	9 am - 9 pm
Sunday	9 am - 1 pm
	5 pm - 9 pm
Monday	9 am - 12 noon

Art Auction

Sunday	2 pm - 4 pm
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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 Money orders and cheques made payable to Keycon. Registration and payment must be received by May 1, 2008.

Adults Rates

Membership until April 30/08	\$55 CDN
Membership at the door	\$65 CDN

Children's Rates

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

Adult day passes available at the con

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 and costumes, all in a 100 plus page book. Classy book too: hard cover bound with an embossed cover, full colour photos and illustrations.

Until May 1st \$29.95 CDN
At Con \$35.00 CDN

This is a *must have item* for your collection

T-shirts

This year there will three T-shirt designs. The designs will be released in mid April on the website. Prices yet to be determined. Pre-orders will be taken until May 1st, so check back to the web site in mid April to order.



Artwork Credits Front cover *Doc Sidhe* by GOH David Mattingly. Pg 2 *Tuxedo* by Kari-Ann Anderson Pg 3 *Sister light*, *Sister dark* by Dean Morrissey, *1632* by Larry Elmore and *Charon* by David Mattingly, *Blood Trail* by John Jude Palancar, Pg 4 *Book wizard* by Kari-Ann Anderson, Pg 5 *Sword* by Kari-Ann Anderson Pg 6 *On the Prowl* by Kiki Thorne, Pg 7 *celticband* by Kari-Ann Anderson

Volunteers

KeyCon cannot happen without volunteers or volunteer coordinator. We always need volunteers, 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! If you feel you can help by becoming our volunteer coordinator or if you would just like to volunteer at the con please contact volunteers25@keycon.org even if you only have even a few hours you can spare.

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 for 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 by April 12th, 2008 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!!

Book by April 12, 2008 to get the discount

Wanted - 2010 Chairs

We are looking for a few good men, women or wookie's or any combination there of, who are ~~crazy~~ enough eager to take on the challenge of being con-chairs for the 2010 Keycon. If you are interested in finding out about ~~your committal~~ the responsibilities of running KeyCon please contact the WINSFA senate via the KeyCon web site for more information. We also suggest you check out the con-running programming at this years convention.

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

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 a while
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

Hospitality is shaping up to be amazing. Old friends and new acquaintances will be there. But there is always room to add. If you have an idea for something you want to try, contact the Hospitality Head Shawn at hospitality25@keycon.org. Opportunities are still available on a small or larger scale. Let's talk.

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

Remembrance

We all lost a beloved friend and volunteer this year: Mildred Speer.

Millie was a KeyCon constant from the very beginning. In 2007 she was elected to the WINSFA Senate. Tragically, she passed away in December.

Millie was a long time fan. She started with Star Trek Winnipeg (STW), and embraced Keycon when it was created by hardworking, dedicated volunteers (which Millie quickly became). She volunteered for the 1994 WorldCon bid committee, and then at ConAdian itself.

I fondly remember the time Millie and I ran a consuite for STW at one KeyCon: *MillieAmbers' Restaurant at the End of the Universe*. We had a ball! Millie also volunteered on various concoms in various positions. She was always up to the task, even if she had never done it before.

She loved speculative fiction, and being just a tad bit Irish, she loved to "debate" anything. She also enjoyed just sitting and listening, and occasionally playing the guitar. Millie was passionate about many things. She poured her heart and soul into them all. She will be greatly missed.

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Travel Information

Driving from the Emerson/Pembina Border Continue on Highway 75 to Winnipeg.

Once in Winnipeg you are on Route 42 / Pembina Highway. Take this north, staying on route 42 north, you will go over the Midtown bridge and be in downtown Winnipeg at Smith Street. The hotel is on left hand side of Smith at Portage 4 blocks up. There is small turn in on Smith where you can pull in to temporarily park while signing to the hotel.

Driving East on Trans Canada Hwy 1

Enter the City via Hwy 1 it is now called Portage Ave. Stay on Portage and head the city centre. The Radisson will be on your right hand side at Donald and Portage. We suggest if possible park temporarily in front.

Driving West on Trans Canada Hwy 1

Enter the city via Hwy 1 it is now called Fermor Ave. Stay on Fermor Ave until it ends by merging into Osborne Street Route 62 north. Take Osborne north over the bridge, continue north you will pass over a second bridge, you are now in downtown by the Legislative buildings, continue north two blocks to Portage Ave, Turn right on Portage and drive 6 block till you see the hotel on the south/right side at Donald Street and Portage Ave.

Crossing the border

When you enter Canada, a border services officer may ask to see your passport and a valid visa. If you are a citizen of the United States, you do not need a passport to enter Canada; however, you should carry proof of your citizenship such as a birth certificate, certificate of citizenship or naturalization or a Certificate of Indian Status, as well as a photo ID. If you are a permanent resident of the United States, you must bring your permanent resident card (i.e. green card) with you.

For more information on admissibility into Canada, read the fact sheet called Managing Access to Canada. It is available on the Canadian government's website, at www.cbsa.gc.ca.

In addition, U.S. law requires that Americans entering the U.S. from Canada by air (including those returning by air from short trips to Canada) must have a valid passport.

Questions they'll ask

Purpose of entering Canada: *Personal / Vacation*

Where you are staying in Canada: *Radisson Skyview, 288 Portage Ave, Winnipeg MB. (204)-956-0410*

Duration of Stay: _____

Coming from Winnipeg Bus Depot

Our main bus depot is at Portage Ave at Colony. Only 6 blocks from the hotel. To walk to the hotel you need to take Portage Ave East towards the city centre. Stay on the north side of Portage as there is construction on the south side blocking some pedestrian side walks. 6 blocks later you should be across from the hotel. It should only take about 11 minutes. If you like to catch a city bus (\$2.25) cross the street in front of the Bay catch any of the following buses numbers 11, 14, 21, 22, 25, 40, 41, 54, 55, 57, 67, 68 get off two stops later

Arriving at Airport

Driving: Take Wellington (the road that leaves the airport) east to St. James Street, turn right (south) to Portage Avenue. At Portage turn Left (east) and drive for approximately 10 minutes or more to the heart of down town. The Radisson will be on your right hand side at Donald and Portage. We suggest if possible park temporary in front.

Taxi: A taxi to the hotel would cost approximately \$13 to 15 CDN (Based on Unicity rates) A Limousine is available for large parties.

Bus: A number 15 city bus is \$2.25 and the driver will drop you on Portage and within 1 block of the front door, upon request.

Arriving by Train

Taxi: to the hotel would cost approximately \$ 5 - 8 CDN
Bus: A number 14, 19, 53, 54, 55, 57, 59 or 68 city bus is \$2.25 and the driver will drop you on Portage and within 1 block of the front door, upon request. Pick it up on same side of street as station. Ask for the Gary Street stop and walk one block west.

Map of Downtown

