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KEYCON 26

Final Guest listing is out!

Katherine Kurtz
Scott MacMillian
Kelley Armstrong
Liana K
Ed the Sock
John E. Kaufman
Luke Ski & Shoe Box

Also attending
Robert J. Sawyer

Progress Report 2

Memberships

Visit our website to buy your Keycon Memberships on-line now! <http://www.keycon.org/>

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers and we plan to recognize them

Radisson Downtown - Winnipeg, Manitoba - May 15-17th, 2009

Messages from the Con-Chairs

How time flies... We're just over two months away from the convention and things are very quickly coming together for this year's show. Over a half dozen different guests, enough programming to keep everyone busy for all three days, and probably complain "there wasn't enough time to do everything."

This year one of those programming pieces is going to be called "The Future of Keycon." It's been ten years since we've done a town hall meeting like this. I think it's time for us to do one again. How do you want to see Keycon evolve and grow? We have our chains in place for 2010, but what about 2011 and beyond?

But wrapping up my thoughts on 2009. We still need volunteers in various capacities to ensure the show runs smoothly. And there is still room for some ideas if there are things people would like to see at Keycon. E-mail us, or jump on the forums, and share your ideas with us! We look forward to seeing you there.

Brian Mitchell
Keycon 26 Co-Chair

Hello everyone, it has been an interesting 9 months leading up to the convention. We have had our ups and downs and now we are coming up to crunch times. One of the things that we wanted to do this year was recognize all of our volunteers. Many people have volunteered to help our convention over the years; from patrolling the halls, sitting at a table, or working as a department head.

On the 15th floor this year we will be running a volunteer room. We had looked at having it on the 12th floor but when a suite became available we decided to take advantage and move it to the 15th floor. We already have a couple of special volunteer events planned for this room and we are looking at other ways to benefit our volunteers.

I look forward to the convention and I hope to see many old and new faces there.

Glen Forkheim
Keycon 26 Co-chair

Video Room


Video Room 2009

Project 2009 has been green-lighted! We can't tell you which earthy 3D film we'll centre on, but it'll be a journey! Not only that, but remember those flying saucers & a giant octopus from the fifties? They're back-colourized! No joking about our iron will to show two recent films, though. After those? A prestigious film about magicians? Sure! Keanu? Arrgh! Tropic rainstorm with thunder? Sure! But hulking around, nope! Not to be rude, but YES to Jessica without her clothes on -- but NO to it only being when she is invisible (will the world EVER give me a break?!)

All topped off with our traditional Sunday Sing-a-long. Other possibilities? Email us!



But there's MORE. A brand new multi-speaker sound system! Big screen, fresh popcorn, cartoon breakfasts, veggies, candy and prizes! The search continues for "another" Giant Rubber Pregnant Rat as a Grand Prize!! Expect it all -- because you deserve it! (We're not sure why but someone told us that.)

	WORLD HORROR CONVENTION WINNIPEG
Guests of Honour: Conrad Williams Edo Van Belkom Joshua Gee F. Paul Wilson	APRIL 30 to MAY 3, 2009 Marlborough Hotel Whc2009@shaw.ca

Volunteers

This year we are once again looking for people to help out at the convention. We recognise the value of our volunteer and plan to hold special draws and do other special things to recognise those people who volunteer at the con. Check out the program book at the convention to see what will be available.

To volunteer please contact John Speelman, Head of Operations at speelman@mts.net.

Hotel

Please note that to get the special deal for Keycon room nights you must call the Winnipeg # (204) 956-0410 and not the reservation 1-800 number. When you call make sure that you identify yourself as booking in for Keycon 26.

In order to get the special Keycon rate of 95.00 per night, for a standard room, please make sure you book by April 12, 2009. After that date we can not guarantee that you will get the Keycon rate.

Once again Keycon will be at the Radisson hotel in downtown Winnipeg: 288 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg Manitoba R3C 0B8, Canada

As of June 2008, the city has enacted a 5% room tax. Another major change is that the hotel has moved with others to be non-smoking. Finally, if you plan to bring a vehicle to the convention, please note that parking is no longer included with our new contract.



Artshow

Phynix here, yup the same insane Phynix from last year, to bring you the latest news from the Art Show Head Quarters ... uhm, floor! This year Keycon 26 is happy to feature the art of **John E. Kaufmann**. If you all don't know who he is then where were you last year? His art is amazing and it was hanging in my art show; you should have come and seen it! Silly people you are!

Once again Keycon is fast coming on us and as so many of you were hearing, the Art Show is almost full up! And once again that means we are bringing you a great show, with many talented people! I am looking forward to seeing what will be hanging on my panels this year!

So once again Panels are only \$20 CAD each, or if you buy 3 you get the 4th free! You can Mix and match between tables and panels if you would like. And floor space is available on request! So contact me quick to get your panels.

We are happy to bring art to you not only from our wonderful Artist Guest of Honour, John E. Kaufman. But we are also happy to be hanging art from the great talents of Lisa Bula, Maureen Babb, Theresa Mathers, Dave Pruden, Jo Speelman, Stan Yan, and (as much as I hate to put this but my mom won't let me NOT put this down!) Phynix Caskey. Come out and help support our art community.

Phynix Caskey
Art Show Director
artshow2009@keycon.org

GUESTS

MC's and Media Guests

Ed the Sock: Debuting in 1987 on a local cable-access show in Toronto, Ed has steadily ascended from novelty character to become Canada's most-loved and most successful pop culture hero and celebrated wit.

Liana K. AKA Red: Obviously, Liana is not your typical female, which becomes even more apparent when you watch her spar with Ed. Liana's comedy is not like that of traditional female comics, who are content to brand themselves with gender-based humour. Liana's comedy is rife with clever, cerebral references, but she's never afraid to wade into the muck and mire of 'guy humour' and beat Ed at his own game.



Entertainment and Filk Guests

He's Back!

The Great Luke Ski is coming back and is bringing Fellow performer Tom Smith, ShoEboX.

Luke Ski: Luke Ski is back with all his music and humour to entertain us. Last year he was praised for his fine performances and music. We are excited to have him back and he is bringing a friend!



Tom Smith (AKA ShoEboX): He's here! The silliest man in filk, with yet another barrage of god-awful puns, wicked folk-rock, and more fun than should probably be legal.

GUESTS



Canadian Author Guest of Honour

Kelley Armstrong has been telling stories since before she could write. Her earliest written efforts were disastrous. If asked for a story about girls and dolls, hers would invariably feature undead girls and evil dolls, much to her teachers' dismay. All efforts to make her produce "normal" stories failed. Today, she continues to spin tales of ghosts and demons and werewolves, while safely locked away in her basement writing dungeon. She's the author of the NYT-bestselling "Women of the Otherworld" paranormal suspense series and "Darkest Powers" young adult urban fantasy trilogy, as well as the Nadia Stafford crime series. Armstrong lives in southwestern Ontario with her husband, kids and far too many pets. Her website is www.KellyArmstrong.com

Artist Guest of Honour

John E. Kaufman - Besides creating wonderful Astronomical, Sci/Fi, and Fantasy paintings, John stays busy as an illustrator for the education and advertising markets. With over 20 years of experience in commercial art he has recently struck out in the Sci/Fi Fantasy field. John's work has been chosen for numerous awards at art shows across the country and he loves to participate in convention activities. He and his very supportive wife share a home with three great kids, a guinea pig, a cat, a dog, and a blue parakeet named Paco.



PROGRAMMING

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have in store for you over 100 hours of programming for KeyCon26. 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 2009 include Literary, Art, Costuming, Con Running 101, Science, Media, Gaming, Music and Children's Programming.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please feel free to Contact LeAmber and her staff at Programming26@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 at 1354 Main street Winnipeg.

A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE IS NOW UP ON THE KEYCON WEB SITE!

Submission form for Programming

Name of Panel: _____

Name of Moderator: _____

Contact info for moderator and panelists: Phone# _____

E-mail _____

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

Description, set up and AV needs for panel: _____

Preferred Day _____ and Time _____

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

Office Use Only

Day _____ Time _____ Room _____

Extravaganzas

Hey everyone, the events are planned and we are raring to go!

First comes opening ceremonies followed by our Ice-cream social. For something different we are looking at having entertainment during the ice cream social, so grab your bowl and spoons and have a seat and enjoy yourself.

Something else that is different is that the child Masq. will take place right before the main masquerade.

There is also going to be a dinner-break planned for programming that will occur before the masq. so that everyone can go out and get some dinner before having to get in to costume. Something that we have been told many will appreciate.

On Sunday, as normal, there will be closing ceremonies and the Dream Maker dinner, also known by the con chairs as 'fans need food too.'

Come out and have a ball! We are looking forward to seeing you.

Memberships Rates

Memberships are now available online on our Web site though Paypal. Visit our Web site at:

<http://www.keycon.org/>

Membership Rates:

\$40 (Until April 30th), \$50 after
\$25 Children's (BIA 1-5 years free)
\$25 Dinner (Until April 30th),
\$30 at door (selection limited)

Day Passes at the door will be:

Friday	\$20
Saturday (All Day)	\$30
Saturday Eve. (after 6pm)	\$20
Sunday	\$20

Art panels, and dealers' tables are subject to availability. Once you pay for your item someone from these departments will contact you.

For art show at this stage we are calling upon people to e-mail:
artshow2009@keycon.org

Dealers please e-mail:
conchairs2009@keycon.org

Dealers' tables, and art panels may be paid on-line at: the Keycon web site.

KEYCON 26 DREAM MAKER DINNER MENU

Starter-

Sisko's California Salad:

Mixed greens with strawberries, kiwi, and a yogurt poppy seed dressing

Main Courses-

Tribbles 'n Bits:

Chicken Breast – cut into strips breaded and baked with a burgundy sauce served underneath and capers on top
Garlic and green onion mashed potatoes and baby vegetables

Roasted Targ with Wistan Gagh:

Roast Beef with Burgundy sauce
Black Fettuccine with feta cheese tossed in a light basil pesto sauce and baby vegetables

Varnishkas à la Vulcan:

Orzo pasta and Baby Vegetables in a Saffron Sauce

Dessert-

Thalian Chocolate Mousse:

A blend of the most Decadent Chocolate in the Universe

Dinner includes complementary tea and coffee service

GUESTS

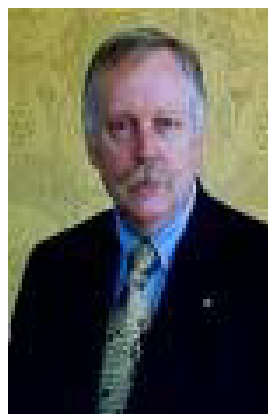
Fantasy Author Guest of Honour

Katherine Kurtz is the author of the Deryni Series, the Adept Series, the Templar Series, and several other works. She defined and established her own sub-genre of "historical fantasy" set in close parallels to our own medieval period and featuring "magic" that much resembles what some of us might call extrasensory perception. Additionally Katherine utilized her historical training to develop another sub-genre she calls "crypto-history," in which the "history behind the history" intertwines with the "official" histories.

Katherine is perhaps best known for the Deryni novels. For those who have not read *Deryni Archives*, Katherine had what she describes as a "very vivid dream" on October 16, 1964, after which she wrote some notes on two "3 X 5" cards. Several years later, she wrote the novella "The Lords of Sorandor," recognizable parts of which appear in *Deryni Rising*.



Author / Film Maker



Scott MacMillan (sometimes known as Mr. Katherine Kurtz) was educated at the University of Southern California and the American Film Institute. He has been a film-maker, an award-winning editor of Western fiction, a world-class black-powder shootist, a mounted police officer, a novelist, a screenwriter, a reserve army officer, a vintage car enthusiast, an expert on antique arms and armour, and an avid student of heraldry, military history, crumbling castles, chivalry, and Scottish and Irish heritage. While living in Ireland, he served as a Herald of Arms in the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland.

Now that he and Katherine are mostly settled in their new home in Virginia, readers might look forward to the long-awaited third Nazi Vampire book in the not-too-distant future. Meanwhile, Scott is working on several potential film projects while he explores the differences between Scottish and Southern gentlemen.

THIS YEARS CON SUITES

Bri-Axe Omega

"Strip Mining The Continent Next To Yours"

Currently orbiting your planet, is a mining platform, and for-profit waypoint for refugees. A shipping airlock has been converted by maintenance personnel into an under-the-corporate-radar, social club.

Snacks and beverages, watch out for that Rocket Fuel Punch.

WAC

Whether you are a fan of the latest that Japan has to offer, someone who has watched one or two anime movies, or a couple of episodes on TV, or have no clue about what anime means, come on in and check it out.

Poisoned Apple

Once again the Poisoned Apple would like to delight and occupy the attendants of Keycon. For the Year 2009 we are trying to keep with the convention theme of Where Dreams Take Flight. Fairy dolls will cover the majority of the consuite.

A Wheel of Fortune will be erected which guarantees a prize for each spin. It will have prizes suitable for each age group at the convention.

Food will consist of the classics... hummus, baba ghanoujj, pita bread, Poisoned apple pie/tarts, and tons of cookies.

Blender Dude(s)

Blender man is back. Things really get mixed up in this suite. Not to be confused with "Will it Blend" online.

The Staggering Penguin Tavern

Welcome weary travellers and enter the Staggering Penguin Tavern. Inside you will find plenty of space to relax, pull up a chair and discuss your exciting exploits in recent (or not so recent) times.

The Sleeping Dragon Inn

Welcome traveler! Welcome to the Sleeping Dragon Inn!

Our humble tavern is named after the dragon that lairs within the hill yonder. He's a good beast and won't be likely to devour you provided you take care not to disrupt his slumber.

Whether ye be a hungry dungeon crawler, a thirsty demon slayer, an under caffinated eldrich horror or just a wandering Keycon member, we will be happy to feed you and provide you with a place to relax.

Dorm '42

A combination of Generations, Mars Society and STW members will man this Star Fleet Academy Dorm Room Grad Party. Some snacks, some fun and rumors of a sing-along abound.

One More as yet unnamed