

Friday

7 - 8pm

Ambassador A - Opening Ceremonies

Meet Keycon 29's Guests of Honour! Hear about the exciting plans for this year's convention.

Everyone

8 - 9pm

Ambassador A - Ice Cream Social

Mingle with friends both new and old while you enjoy a frozen treat.

Everyone

8 - 9pm

Ambassador B - Memories of Anne McCaffrey and Joel Rosenberg

Come share your favourite memories of Anne McCaffrey and Joel Rosenberg.
Moderator: Chris Barsanti

9 - 10pm

Ambassador A - Politics, Economics and the Intergalactic Empire

How realistic is a Star Empire given what we know of international political economies? Is a Death Star realistic? Timothy Zahn

9 - 10pm

Ambassador B - The Definitive 10 Best and Worst SF&F TV of All Time Join Victor in his presentation and discussion of the best and worst SF&F TV of all time.

Victor Schwartzman

9 - 11pm

Ambassador D - Book Launch:

Ronald Hore reads and signs the new paperback version of his book: The Dark Lady.
Ronald Hore, Ellen Smith

9 - 10pm

Ambassador F - Welcome to Keycon! An introduction and guided tour of Keycon for new members.

Athena Kovacs and Colin "Captain Awesome" Lewis

9pm - ???

Terrace - Sanguie Nordique Vampire LARP

Come and join one of Winnipeg's longest running Vampire Live Action Role-Playing Game.

Sanguie Nordique Vampire LARP

10pm - Midnight

Ambassador A - Dark Carnivale

You are invited to an 'after hours salon' with

illuminari. Gypsies, seekers of spice, merchants of the exotic, and time travelers welcome! illuminari bellydance ensemble www.illuminaridance.com

10pm - Midnight

Ambassador B - The Read-Off.

Once again the Read-Off returns. Come on out and read your own works of flash fiction. All stories will be a maximum length of five minutes long. This year the theme of the Read-Off is Survival. Cliff & Alex Stornel

10 - 11pm

Ambassador F - Intro to the Gaming Industry Ever wondered what it's like to get a game published? Jamie Kohler & JP Lapointe

11 pm - ???

Ambassador F - Filk till Whenever

Everyone with an instrument, or a voice, or just a desire to hear some great music is invited to sit in and enjoy.

Saturday

9 - 10am

Ambassador F - Welcome to Keycon – Saturday Edition

An introduction and guided tour of Keycon for new members. Bring your questions and try to stump the hosts!

Athena Kovacs and Colin "Captain Awesome" Lewis

10 - 11am

Ambassador B - Fine Art vs. Popular Art vs. Commercial Art

Come find out the difference. Sue Dawe

10am - noon

Ambassador D - It All Started With A Big Bang.

A trivia celebration of the show The Big Bang Theory. Joey Wensel

10 - 11am

Ambassador F - Steam Punk Bargain Costuming

A Costume Panel for the Financially Discouraged. Athena Kovaks

10 - 11am

Terrace - Reading with Chadwick Ginther.

Ginther reads from his first novel - Thunder Road

11am - noon

Ambassador A - Author Idol!

Have a short story you are working on? A novel you would like to pitch? Bring a one page synopsis or excerpt to be read by the moderator and let the fun begin! Ellen Smith, Sherry Peters

11am - noon

Ambassador B - Science Fiction vs. Fantasy vs. Horror

Similarities, differences and competition between the genre's

Jonathan Maberry

11am - noon

Ambassador F - Mask Making

The basic to the extravagant. Materials provided, suitable for all ages.

Nancy Fetterman

11am - noon

Terrace - From Words to Paint

The author's vision on the page to the artist's imagination on the cover.

Marie Bilodeau and Kari-Ann Anderson

Noon - 2pm

Ambassador A - Keycon Reads!

Four books by four prominent Canadian authors are being presented by four champions. And your vote decides who wins! At least \$300.00 will go to the winning author's charity of choice. What will be the "Must Read" book of Keycon 29? Vote between Robert J Sawyer's "Triggers", Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale", Ed Greenwood's "Falconfar", and Charles DeLint's "Widdershins".

Victor Schwartzman, Chris Rutkowski, John Speelman, Brian Mitchell and Chris Barsanti (moderator)

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador B - World Building: We're not on Tatooine anymore.

How do you make a world that is round rather than flat? What are the elements that make an unexplored world interesting? How familiar does your world have to be to make it feel real? Workshop/Discussion

Timothy Zahn, Rob Sawyer, Ronald Hore

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador D - Filk Panel

All you ever wanted to learn about filk.

Movra Bowman and Allan Polard

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador F - HAVOK! World of Vatihan

Winnipeg's longest running fantasy LARP is once again back at Keycon. The organizers of this Live Action Role Playing community invite you to come out, sit for a spell and be regaled by of the past, what is going on in the present, and what is planned for the future. Dallas H

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador G - Make and Take Crafts with Kat Part 1

Take a break from the convention with the kids. Fun for the whole family. Open to all ages.

Kat Theissen-Beasse.

Noon - 1pm

Terrace - Dramatic Reading Competition

A turkey reading panel where several people attempt to read terrible fanfics, break up letters, and song lyrics with dramatic flair for prizes! Competitive, provocative and entertaining!

Colin "Captain Awesome" Lewis

1 - 2pm

Ambassador B - Autograph Signing

Meet your favourite guests and have your swag autographed!

1 - 2pm

Ambassador D - Stories from the Set

Crystal Mikoluff has been an active part of the film and television community in Manitoba for over 12 years. Find out what's been going on "behind the scenes" in Manitoba, and a bit of what the future holds... Crystal Mikoluff

1 - 3pm

Ambassador F - Clan Vhetin'Ade / Mandalorian Mercs

The Mercs are making a touchdown and invite you out to have a chat! Learn about this world wide costume club/organization and find out how you can get involved! Cameras welcome!

1 - 3pm

Ambassador G - Masquerade Pre-registration

This is your opportunity to make sure you don't miss out on a spot in the Masquerade

Pierre Leblond

1 - 2pm

Terrace - How to Write a Query Letter and Synopsis.

Anyone who's ever torn their hair out writing a query or synopsis for a novel knows how difficult it is to make an agent or editor want to read your novel in 250 words or less. Come learn some tips and tricks to approaching the proposal package in a whole new way.

Lindsay Kitson, Ellen Smith

2 - 3pm

Ambassador A - English Country Dance.

Come see and enjoy learning dances from the manor houses and villages of England - just like you have seen in the Jane Austen movies. Live musical accompaniment.

The Village Green English Country Dancers and the Fine Companions.

2 - 3pm

Ambassador B - 10 Best and Worst SF&F Films of All Time

Join Victor in his presentation and discussion of the best and worst SF&F movies of all time.

Victor Schwartzman

2 - 3pm

Ambassador D - Life and Death in Fiction

When is the right time to kill your main character? Can a character's death become a character itself?

Jonathan Maberry

2 - 3pm

Ambassador G - What is Filk?

Join Dave Clement and friends and discover what filk is!

Dave Clement

2 - 3pm

Terrace - Silencing Your Inner Saboteur.

Participants will identify the voice of their saboteur, recognise the trick it uses to keep them from achieving goals, and learn how to win the battle against it.

Sherry Peters

3 - 4pm

Ambassador A - Paper Airplanes.

This make and take is being hosted by Wolfgang and Kat. Open to all ages.

Wolfgang Klassen, Kat Theissen-Beasse

3 - 4pm

Ambassador B - The Art of Debunking

The Winnipeg Paranormal Group invites people to bring their own pictures, or anything else they would like them to try to debunk. Other things they will talk about are Ouija boards, Psychics, and how to conduct your own paranormal investigation.

Winnipeg Paranormal Group

3 - 4pm

Ambassador D - The Future of Canadian Spec fic

Where is it all going? Is it going the way of the dodo or will print fiction remain? How do glorifications of fan culture (ie. The Big Bang Theory) help to keep momentum in the genre? What will be the next trend? Discussion.

Robert Sawyer, LeAmber Kensley, Ellen Smith

3 - 4pm

Ambassador F - Storytelling

The art of oral fictions with examples from Master Storyteller, Marie Bilodeau. Marie performs a number of tales. Parental Guidance advised!

Marie Bilodeau

3 - 4pm

Terrace - Works in Progress with Sue Dawe

Are you working on a piece right now and would like advice or suggestions? Artist Guest of Honour Sue Dawe provides her own mini-art class offering feedback and suggestions for artists, or learn how to draw a horse!

4 - 5pm

Ambassador A - Masquerade Final Registration and Walk Through.

Make sure your registered and where to go.

4 - 5pm

Ambassador B - Does it always have to be Good vs. Evil?

Allegories, mythologies and their uses in science-fiction. When are they effective and when are they not? Craig Russell, Timothy Zahn

4 - 5pm

Ambassador D - Dave Clement Filk Concert

Join Dave and crew for this enjoyable concert of filk favourites.

Dave Clement

4 - 5pm

Ambassador F - Why Zombies?

From Maberry's blog where he asks horror writers the question, "Why Zombies?". A discussion of the importance of zombies to fiction. How can zombies be "new" in the new Millennium? Jonathan Maberry

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Ambassador G - Make and Take Crafts with Kat Part 2

Take a break from the convention with the kids. Fun for the whole family. Open to all ages.

Kat Theissen-Beasse

4 - 5pm

Terrace - Art Jam

Work collaboratively with the Artist Guest and other Artists to create art. Some pieces created during this session will go to the Art Auction, and funds raised from the sale of these items will go to Keycon's Charity for 2012 - Raise a Reader. Some supplies provided.

Sue Dawe

5 - 6pm

All Rooms - Dinner Break

Time to feed your stomach.

6 - 8pm

Ambassador A - Masquerade

Come see all the hard work your fellow fans have put into this years costume delights. While judging takes place join Kiss the Giraffe for excerpts from the steam punk cabaret: Clockworks.

6 - ???

Terrace - Sanguine Nordique Vampire LARP Come and join one of Winnipeg's longest running Vampire Live Action Role-Playing Game.

8 - 10pm

Ambassador B - Reading with Timothy Zahn.

Zahn reads from one of his works and answers audience questions.

Timothy Zahn

8 - 9pm

Ambassador D - Feminism in Fantasy

Writing real women into speculative fiction. Discussion.

Marie Bilodeau, LeAmber Kensley

8pm - ???

Ambassador F - Filk

Everyone with an instrument, or a voice, or just a desire to hear some great music is invited to sit in and enjoy

9pm - ???

Ambassador A - Social

Get your Groove on and do the shimmy shake.

9 - 10pm

Ambassador D - Stereotypes in Speculative Fiction

Surmounting the haughty elf and felling the grizzled barbarian. Marie Bilodeau, Jonathan Maberry

Sunday

10 - 11am

Ambassador D - WinSFA AGM

We've been having these conventions for 29 years, Where is it going to go in the next 29? Who's leading the way? Why is it run the way it is? All persons with Full Weekend Adult passes are eligible to participate.

WinSFA Senate

11am - noon

Ambassador A - So You Want to be a DJ?

Find out everything you wanted to know about being a Disc Jockey.

DJ Gopher

11am - noon

Ambassador B - The Importance of Scientific Plausibility in Sci-fi

Futurism vs. Scientific hyperbole. How important is it that the science seems real in science fiction literature?

Rob Sawyer

11am - noon

Ambassador D - In Other Worlds: The pros and cons of writing in an established world.

How to stay creative while remaining in an established theme, i.e. Thrawn series. When to research and when to make it up? Timothy Zahn, Sherry Peters

11am - noon

Ambassador F - AGM of the Sewing Circle and Assassins Guild

The sewing circle and assassin's guild return to Keycon for their annual general meeting. Come out and bring your favorite knitting, cross stitch, crochet, or any other handicraft that you enjoy as we discuss this year's selection of targets.

Alex Stornel

11am - noon

Terrace - Art Show Tour with Sue Dawe

With the Art Show closing at Noon for the Art Auction, take this last chance to see the Art Show with our Artist Guest of Honour

Sue Dawe

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador A - Art Awards – Do they Benefit the Artist

For writers when they win an award, it typically drives sales of their work. Does the same happen for Artists?

Sue Dawe and Kari-Anne Anderson

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador B - Reading with Jonathan Maberry

Jonathan Maberry reads from his book, *The Dead of Night*. Jonathan Mayberry

Noon - 1pm

Ambassador D - *Aspiring Authors: the journey from desktop to the shelf*.

Discussion of the process of writing, getting your work accepted by a publisher, to get an Agent or not, etc.

Craig Russell, Ronald Hore

Noon - 2pm

Ambassador F - *Miniature Painting 101*.

There is more to painting toy soldiers and other models than simply 'staying in the lines'. This panel will be done round table style with different steps demonstrated, questions answered and handouts provided.

Mike Major

Noon - 1pm

Terrace - Art Auction Set up

The Art show closes as we prepare to auction off those pieces with three bids

1 - 2pm

Ambassador A - *Humour and Horror*

How to find the inane in the insane?

Craig Russell, Ronald Hore, Jonathan Maberry

1 - 2pm

Ambassador B - Reading with Marie Bilodeau.

Marie Bilodeau reads from her book: Destiny's Fall, the sequel to the award-winning Destiny's Blood

Marie Bilodeau

1 - 2pm

Ambassador D - Other Conventions

Winnipeg has a world of other conventions to meet your fannish interests. Come hear about other conventions, how they work and how to get involved.

JimCon, Ai-Kon, Comic Con, CoreCon and others. Levi Labelle (moderator)

1 - 3pm

Terrace - Art Auction.

Come see the fast and furious pace and what has gone to auction. Remember to have your Bid Number.

Art Show Team

2 - 3pm

Ambassador A - Broadsword Fencing Demo

One of the quickest and easiest styles to learn. Come out for the demo and participate with Nerf trainers.

Myles Hildebrand

2 - 3pm

Ambassador B - SF and Fantasy films, from 1900 to the future A discussion of where films came from and where they may be going.

Victor Schwartzman

2 - 3pm

Ambassador D - Reading with Robert Sawyer

Robert Sawyer reads from his Book, Triggers.

Robert Sawyer

2 - 3pm

Ambassador F - Costume Contest Winners

Join the winners from Saturday Night's Masquerade as they take one more opportunity to show-off their costumes, but also discuss what went into making those costumes. Moderated by Sue Dawe

3 - 4pm

Ambassador A - Autograph Session II.

Meet your favourite guests and have your swag autographed!

3 - 4pm

Ambassador B - The HEMA Revolution (Martial Arts)

Historical European Martial Arts and Western Martial Arts are experiencing a revival around the world.

Myles Hildebrand

3 - 4pm

Ambassador D - Real Life Super Heroes.

Panel presentation about this real life superhero group. Who are they? What do they do? Do they really have super powers beyond promoting social justice? This is an introduction to this international organization.

3 - 4pm

Ambassador F - Wolfgang Klassen Filk Concert

Come join Wolf and crew for this entertaining filk. Perhaps we will see the fishnets again?

4 - 5pm

Ambassador A - Closing Ceremonies

Say goodbye to Keycon 29! Hear the exciting plans for Keycon 30! See old friends and new one more time before going home.

Con Committee

5 - 6pm

Ambassador D - Beefs & Bouquets

A constructive discussion about the good, the bad and the ugly of Keycon 29.

Con Committee

7pm - ???

Ambassador A - Dinner and a Show.

The highly anticipated sequel to Clockworks. Get your tickets while you can for the dinner buffet. Only \$35 available at registration while they last.

Kiss the Giraffe