



Progress Report #Z

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Conflikt I

The Pacific Northwest's very own filk con!

January 25-27 2008 in Seattle

<http://www.conflikt.org>

Message from the Chair

A lot has happened since PR #1. Our pre-reg numbers not only reached our minimum planning goal, it has reached our goal for total attendance, and hotel room reservations have filled our contract room block and more. Programming has completed a fantastic concert line-up, and has other workshops and goodies in store for you all. The Dealers will have lots of ways to separate you from your money. Sound equipment, a badge printer for registration, planning what drinks and snacks are needed in the Con Suite, everything is coming together. And it all points to a very successful premier for Conflikt.

There were some who doubted that there was a filk base in the Northwest to support (yet another) filk con. We even had some concern in the Concom after we announced the dates & hotel, and registration activity was very slow. The pre-reg now shows that the answer to all the questions is a resounding "Yes!"

I'm looking forward to greeting a lot of 'old' friends, and meeting new ones, come January. And hearing lots of good music, some that isn't so good (this is filk, after all), starting new traditions and keeping up old ones. Keep checking our web page to see what's new, try to get ahead on your sleep before the con, and hope for good traveling weather.

See you at Conflikt!

Rick Weiss
Chairman

Programming Update

Oh man, check out this lineup!

We have **CONCERTS**, baby:

- Guest of Honour **Steve Macdonald**
- Toastmistress **Callie Hills**
- **Katy Dröge-Macdonald**
- **Seanan McGuire**
- **Jeff Hitchin**
- **Skinny White Chick**
- **Merav Hoffman**
- **ASH Productions**

We have **WORKSHOPS**, pal:

- Blind Lemming Chiffon presents **Choosing your second instrument**
- Tony Fabris on **Reverse Engineering Songs**
- Steve Macdonald on **Being Awesome** (Okay, Steve hasn't told us yet.)

We have chances for **YOU** to perform, champ:

- **Juried 1-shots** - want some tips on your performance? Here is a safe place to try something out and get thoughtful feedback.
- **Ten-minute stage slots** - be a star for a song or two! Show us what you've got!
- **Band scramble!** - put your name in a hat Friday and be randomly assigned to a band who will perform a song on Sunday! Will you be in a voice, tuba, and ukulele ensemble? Will you be a barbershop trio with a penchant for yodelling? Will you be a bunch of guys with guitars? It's a MYSTERY! Meet new friends and enjoy some musical chaos!
- **Seattle Worldcon Song Contest!**

Not to mention our two **singalongs**, the **jam**, the **smoked salmon**, and 100 acres of **open filking!**

Is anyone else worried about overexposure to dangerous levels of AWESOMENESS? Personally I'm bringing a tinfoil helmet just in case.

Interfilk Update

Interfilk is a charitable organization that sends filkers to faraway cons to share the love of filk! We are honoured to have **Steven Joel Zeve** and **France Andrews** as our Interfilk guests this year. We will be holding an auction to raise funds for this very worthy cause. If you are able, please bring auction items to donate! Or your chequebook to place a bid! Chocolate? Musical rarities? Bizarre memorabilia? Fluffy pink purses worn by hairy men? (I am not joking. I am citing historical fact.) You just never know what will happen at an Interfilk auction, but you know it'll be fun. As a special attraction, ace stylist France will be wielding her scissors - come get a swank haircut in exchange for a donation to Interfilk!

Hotel Hanky Panky

Wow, we've made our room block and then some! Space-permitting, it may still be possible to get the convention rate until January 11th, 2008. This is not guaranteed and depends totally on what's left at the hotel. So if you somehow haven't booked your room yet, do it NOW! Call (Phone: (425) 226-7700) or fax (Fax: (425) 271-2315), and tell them you're attending the Conflkt convention to get your discount if space remains!

Speaking of that hotel, did you know that convention members get **10% off at The Yankee Grill**, the hotel restaurant? Just flash your badge!

Wait, how do I GET to the hotel?

First off, write this down, it's the:
Holiday Inn Renton-Seattle - (425) 226-7700
ONE SOUTH GRADY WAY
RENTON, WA

If you're flying in, follow the signs at SeaTac Airport to Ground transporting & Hotel Shuttles. There is a free shuttle to the Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton. There are phones available to call the hotel to request the shuttle, if you don't spot it right away!

If you're driving:

From Sea-Tac Airport:

Take the main exit from the airport to Highway 518 EAST to I-405 NORTH.

Note that when you come to the interchange with I-5, you want to take the MIDDLE of the three directions. This takes you onto I-405, the other two (left and right) drop you onto I-5.

Take Exit 2 Highway 167 NORTH to Renton.

On the exit ramp for Exit 2, stay to the left as you pass the 167 South entrance then bear right onto the 167 NORTH entrance.

Move one lane left to keep from getting back onto I-405. Then stay to the right after the I-405 entrance.

Turn RIGHT at the first light onto S Grady Way and then take the first RIGHT into the Holiday Inn.

From Southbound I-405:

Use this route from Canada and all points North of Everett and from the Eastside. Also if you are coming from Eastern Washington on I-90.

Take I-5 SOUTH (or I-90 WEST) to I-405 SOUTH Exit I-405 SOUTH at EXIT 2B to Rainier Ave S. This is the FIRST of the two exit ramps for Exits 2A and 2B.

Stay to the right as you leave the ramp and you will be in the right-turn lane for S Grady Way..

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From I-5:

Use this route from the Seattle area (Southbound on I-5), and from Portland and all points south of Tukwilla (Northbound I-5) unless you're using Highway 167 (see below).

Take I-5 to I-405 NORTH in Tukwilla/Southcenter

Take Exit 2 Highway 167 NORTH to Renton.

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From Highway 167 Northbound

For those that want to take the Valley Freeway (SR 167).

Go NORTH on Highway 167 until it ends in Renton. Stay in the left two lanes after the carpool lane ends until passing both the I-405 NORTH and I-405 SOUTH entrances.

Then move to the right lane.

Turn RIGHT at the first light onto S Grady Way and then take the first RIGHT into the Holiday Inn.

Brunch bunch

We'll be having a special brunch on Saturday morning, offering a yummy buffet, a chance to meet & greet with our guests, and a special CD for all attendees! Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Brunch ticket purchase deadline is Saturday, 19 January. If a check is mailed, it must be postmarked by the 19th, and received by Jan 22. Special diet requests (vegetarian, diabetic, etc.) for the brunch must also be made by Jan 19.

Songbook update

The deadline has passed for songbook submissions – thanks everyone! Remember to come to the songbook singlong!

Dealer's Room

The Dealer's room is full. We didn't plan for a lot of Dealers, but the three we have will have a tremendous variety of merchandise for you to buy.

Friends of Filk is well known in the Northwest, and will be there. **DAG**, from Los Angeles, is returning to the Northwest after an appearance at Norwescon with filk and folk CDs and more. The wares of DAG and FoF have very little overlap, so check them both over. **Lord and Lady** will have non-musical objects d'art to adorn you and your home. Bring money. Bring your checkbook. Bring your credit cards, if you dare!

Seattle Worldcon Song contest!

Have you got yours written yet? It's not too late, maestro!

Here's the rules:

1. The song must go along with the Seattle Worldcon in 2011 bid (see details of the bid at <http://seattlein2011.org/>) the **theme** of the bid is **"Yesterday's Tomorrow is Today"**

2. The songwriter does not need to be present at the convention, but someone at the convention must perform it at the contest on Sunday.

3. A copy of the lyrics must be provided for the judges.

4. All decisions by the judges are final. No bribery, shoot-outs, or mud-wrestling please.

5. Sign-up for the contest will be available starting Friday evening and remain open until the slots are full.

6. Winners will be announced at the convention.

1st place will receive a Friend of the Bid membership, 2nd place will receive a Pre-Support membership.

Hey, that's valuable stuff! Are you writing your song yet, wiseguy?

Pre-registered members:

Hey, look at all these cool folks coming to Conflikt! There are stars next to the multiplatinum rockstars who are coming to the brunch!

! of Pondsides
Aaron Davies *
Algeh *
Allegra Sloman
Alisa Garcia
Amy Ahonen *
Andrew Nisbet III
Angelica Sather Hodgetts
Angi
Athrylis Sather Hodgetts
Betsy Tinney
Big Bob Crichton
Bill Laubenheimer *
Blind Lemming Chiffon
Brooke Lunderville *
Callie Hills *
Capt. Terranova
Carole Parker *
Catbunny
Cecilia A. Eng
Char MacKay

Cheryl *
Christy Reed
Claudia Hardwick
Creede Lambard
Cristy Honles
Crow *
Dagain Revdatter
Dan Ad Nauseam
Daniel Patowski
Dawn Jaekel
Debbie G.
Dianthus
Donovan Ranney *
dormouse *
Eric Gerdes
Filkferengi *
France Andrews *
Geojlc
Greg Paddock
Heather Munn
Jadine
Jane Sather
Jeff
Jeffrey
JEM of Pondsides
Jennifer Hardwick
John Caspell *
John Skydancer *
Jonathon Lennox
Joshua Kronengold
(mnmex) *

Jules Dickinson
Julesong *
K Wiley
Kamilla White
Kat_Merle *
Katy Dröge-Macdonald *
Kendaer *
Kukido
Laura Davidson *
Luis Garcia
Lutehawk
Lynn Gold
Marvin Sikes (aekajin2)
Maverick Weirido *
Merav Hoffman
Mr. Scott
Nucleodemus Hazmat *
Peggy Lunderville *
Peregrine Druid *
PocketNaomi
Rebecca Newman
(Tibicina)
Rick Weiss *
Runnerwolf *
Sandra Lee
Sar *
Seanan McGuire
Shaddy
Sharleen Lambard
Silver-Rose *
SJ Tucker

Stephen Joel Zeve *
Stephanie Weippert
Steve Macdonald *
Steven Savitzky *
Suzapalooza *
The Evil Twin
Tina Lambard
TJ of Pondsides
Tom Lunderville *
Tony Fabris *
Torin
Tree
Tricia Crichton
Vixy *
Zelma

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Rita Harlow
Margaret Middleton
Jane Garthson
Debbie Ohi

Much love, the
Conflikt conglom.