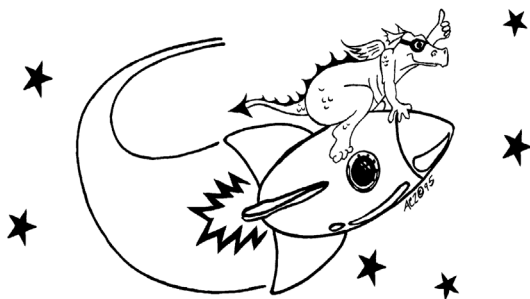


Balticon 53 Rocket Mail



Saturday, May 24, 2019 Edition

FLOOR CHANGE!

Children's Programming has been moved from 6036 to 11006. We apologize for the inconvenience.

WHERE'S THE SCHEDULE?

Get the app! The up-to-date schedule can always be found at schedule.balticon.org or via the app.

Parking

The Balticon Parking web page shows nearby alternatives for parking, with rates. See Parking Information under the Hotel pull-down on the Balticon web site. URL:

www.balticon.org/wp53/hotel/parking/

Show Your Balticon Badge!

For the safety of all participants, all Balticon members are required to be have a badge at all times in Balticon spaces. The badge should be worn so as to be clearly visible and must be presented to any Balticon volunteer checking badges on behalf of the convention. For a downloadable PDF listing restaurants and shops offering discounts to Balticon attendees, go to www.baltimore.org/sites/default/master/files/pdf/show_your_badge.pdf



Balticon Program Updates

Saturday

Chad Eric Smith ADDED to "How to Present Your Genre Work in a Non-Genre Community" on

Saturday at 11AM

Sarah Pinsker's autograph session has been moved to 12PM Saturday (was 1PM Saturday).

NEW ITEM! Saturday, 1PM. Dr. Gregory Benford will have an autograph session in the 5th floor lobby outside of Con Suite.

Chad Eric Smith ADDED to "Afrofuturism 201" on Saturday at 4PM

ROOM CHANGE Saturday, 10PM. "Scheduled Game: 2 Rooms and a Boom" is now in room 6017 (was 6036).

Sunday

Charles Gannon's autograph session has been moved to 10AM Sunday (was 12PM Monday).

Alan Smale REMOVED from "Zeppelins in Mumbai" on Sunday at 1PM

Lorraine Peniston ADDED to "Making Conventions More Accessible" on Sunday at 1PM

Richard Lynch REMOVED from "Energy Production of the Future" on Sunday at 6PM.

Arkady Martine REMOVED from "Energy Production of the Future" on Sunday at 6PM.

ROOM CHANGE Sunday, 10PM. "Scheduled Game: Are You a Werewolf?" is now in room 6017 (was 6036).

Monday

Jay Justice ADDED to "Cosplay Rule 63...and Beyond!" on Monday at 10AM.

Jazmine Cosplays ADDED to "Cosplay Rule 63...and Beyond!" on Monday at 10AM.

D'Manda Martini ADDED to "Cosplay Rule 63...and Beyond!" on Monday at 10AM.

Don Sakers REMOVED from "How Technology can Facilitate Collaborative Storytelling" on Monday at 12PM.

Chad Eric Smith ADDED to "How Technology

can Facilitate Collaborative Storytelling” on Monday at 12PM.

Irina Greenman ADDED to “Mythology, Philosophy, and Video Games” on Monday at 12PM.

Ruthanna Emrys ADDED to “Navigating the Alternate Future” on Monday at 1PM.

Other Stuff

Fannish Widows, a Facebook based group of fans who have lost their partners, will have an RL dinner Sunday night a 6 PM. Current plan is Uncle Lee's 44 South St, Baltimore, MD 21202. Sign up at the BSFS Sales Table by 2 PM on Sunday.

Please Help Us Improve!

Answering the 2019 BSFS Grant Data Survey is a very low-cost way to support BSFS. The absolutely anonymous information gathered will help us apply for grants from major corporations and foundations and to raise our online profile with related organizations like GuideStar that are used by grant makers to vet nonprofits. (www.guidestar.org)

Volunteers with data entry skills are needed to tally the BSFS Grant Data Survey. If interested, send e-mail to maria@bsfs.org

Support from someone with great statistical skills and access to a heavy-duty statistics package also is needed.

eva.whitley@gmail.com needs someone to take her room for the remainder of Balticon (Saturday and Sunday night.)

Box Office Report

Results from Thursday, May 23rd:

1. John Wick 3: \$3.4M (\$76M/7 days)
2. Avengers: Endgame: \$1.9M (\$781M/28d)
3. Pokeman: \$1.6M (\$102M/14 days)
4. A Dog's Journey: \$545k (\$10.8M/7days)
5. The Hustle: \$545k (\$26M/14days)
6. The Cold Blue: \$420k (1st day)

Balticon Sports Report

Stephen Bartosz

MLB. The Orioles are in Denver for the first time since 2004, to play against the Colorado Rockies. The Os got off to a good start by hitting a couple of home runs, and led 5-1 in the fourth. However, they fell to the Rockies in the ninth on a walk-off homer and lost 8-6.

The Washington Nationals have been blowing leads on a regular basis this season, largely due to their bullpen. And it was embarrassing losing to the Miami Marlins, who have the worst record in baseball. But since the Marlins have been playing the Nats, they have won enough games to pass off the worst record honors to the Baltimore Orioles.

However, the Nationals finally snapped a five-game skid on a Juan Soto home run to beat the Marlins 12 to 10.

NHL The fourth and final round for Lord Stanley's Cup will start this Monday at 8pm, between the offensively-studded St. Louis Blues and the Boston Bruins.

Arena Football. The Baltimore Brigade are in their third year in Baltimore, and play in the Royal Farms Arena a few blocks from the con. They have a home game scheduled this Sunday afternoon at 3 PM. They will be defending against their main rival, the Philadelphia Soul.

The Brigade are locked in a four-way tie for second place, along with the Soul. Their record is 2-2.

NBA. The NBA playoffs this season has been a snooze fest. No surprises. Every team is finishing as expected. Golden State has already captured the Western Conference title with their sweep of the Portland Trailblazers. The Eastern Conference plays this weekend, with the next game tonight (Saturday) at 8:30pm.

That is, however, during our masquerade, which is much more exciting and worthwhile than this NBA post-season.