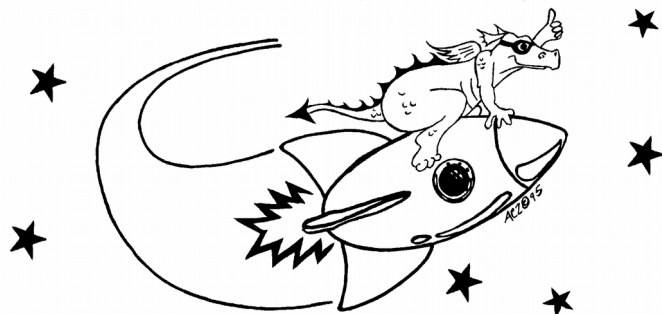


Balticon 52 Rocket Mail



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gardner Dozois Remembrance, James, 1 PM today. Author and editor Gardner Dozois died yesterday in Philadelphia. Gardner Dozois was a titan of the science fiction world, editing Asimov's Science Fiction for more than twenty years as well as The Year's Best Science Fiction anthologies. He was also an inveterate participant at science fiction conventions, known for his humor and incisive commentary. Join us as we celebrate his work and achievements and share the memories of the other professionals whose lives he touched.

Orioles Game Traffic. As you leave this afternoon, please be aware that the Baltimore Orioles are playing the Washington Nationals in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore this afternoon. The game begins at 1:05 PM, and is likely to let out between 3:30 and 4:30.

Checking Out. When you check out to leave, take your bags down to check out, then get in your car to leave the hotel. Do NOT bring your car around to the entrance to check out; it will block the entranceway.

BSFS Needs Your Help! We are trying to raise \$16,300 to build an accessible ramp into the BSFS building. Many long-time fans have difficulty getting into and out of the building. Please donate! See the table near the Information Desk.

Maps. Local guides and maps are available at the Balticon Info Desk.

MASQUERADE RESULTS

Young Fan. Bravest Anti-bullying Award - Selena Salisbury "Real Monsters". Most Interdimensional Duo - Megan and David Poretsky "Rick and Morty". Best Toothy Smile - Judah Fox and Teacher "Boris the Wolf"

Presentation Awards: Novice. Honorable Mention - Lady Strange. Honorable Mention for Super Sneaky - Nightingale the Robber. Best Presentation - You bring the flower and I'll bring the power. Best in Class - Willa Snap's Clockwerk Dress

Presentation Awards: Journeyman. Best in Class - Furry Krueger.

Presentation Awards: Master. Honorable Mention for Stage Presence - Stark Raving Bun. Striking Presentation - Age of Aquariums. Best in Class - The Huldra.

Presentation Awards: Best in Show: Wicked Witch of the West.

Workmanship Awards: Novice. Honorable Mention: Willa Snap's Clockwerk Dress. Best Recreation - Ruby Rose. Best in Class - Lady Strange OH HOLY CROCHET!

Workmanship Awards: Journeyman. Most organic thought process and design - I speak to the trees. Best in Class - Furry Krueger.

Workmanship Awards: Master. Honorable Mention - Age of Aquariums. Best Depth of Design, including fabric painting and props - The Huldra. Best in Class - Wicked Witch of the West.

Workmanship Awards: Best in Show: So There!

HALL COSTUME AWARD WINNERS

Age 12 and Under: Winner: Avery Seidman.

Age 13 and above: Winner: Paul M. Richards. 2nd Place: Elizabeth Sullivan. Honorable mention: Mark A. Cogan. Honorable Mention: Carrie Seidman.

All Winners: Con Chair Marv Zelkowitz has your award certificates. Please see him before you leave.

FILM FESTIVAL RESULTS

Live Action Movies. First place: The Nostalgist by Giacomo Cimini. Second place: Future Hero by Rabin Serry. Third place: Einstein-Rosen by Olga Osorio.

Animation. First place: Wire Cutters by Jack Anderson. Second place: Planet Unknown by Shawn Wang. Third place: Strange Invader by Cordell Barker.

REMINDERS

Please Be Considerate of Those with Limited Mobility. Please be aware of others. Do not block hallways outside panel rooms. Be aware of those with limited mobility and make it easy for them to get around. Please keep your voices quiet while outside of panel rooms. **Especially, allow those with mobility devices or issues to board elevators first!**

Shoes Required. A friendly reminder from Hotel Security: Hotel patrons and convention attendees must wear shoes or sandals at all times while in the public areas of the hotel.

Badges Required. Please remember to keep your Con badges on at all times while in the hotel, for everyone's protection.

Balticon Program Updates

LINEUP CHANGES

Moonlight ADDED to "Traveling Through Time With Early Childhood Programs"

REGRETS

Jack Clemons has had to depart Balticon early. We wish his wife a swift recovery.

Lisa Ashton will not be attending. We wish her a swift recovery.

Christie Meierz will not be attending. We wish her a swift recovery.

Chris Monroe will not be attending.

Larry Niven will not be attending. We wish him a swift recovery.

Erika M. Pryor will not be attending. We wish her a swift recovery.

Jay Smith will not be attending.

C. Alex Young will not be attending.

FREE MONTH OF ARCHIVOS

Dave Robison of WonderThing Studios is here this weekend teaching how to use the ARCHIVOS story software for education, writing, and gaming. He is offering a free month of ARCHIVOS to Balticon attendees. For more information or a demo, go to www.archivos.digital

For the free month, use the discount coupon `archivos1mo8837`

BOX OFFICE REPORT

Although *Solo: A Star Wars Story* claimed the #1 Memorial Day holiday weekend box office with ease, the industry analysts have summed up the end result as “extremely disappointing.” Since the film has not even reached the fabled \$100 million mark, the industry is trying to figure out the causes of why it has failed to even match the previous Disney-led Star Wars productions.

Was the release too soon after the last installment of the franchise? Was the heavy competition with superhero movies *Deadpool 2* and *Avengers: Infinity War* overpowering?

What makes the situation even worse for Solo is the hefty reported \$300 million price tag for the film. In order for a film to turn a profit, the general rule of thumb is that it has to gross at least twice what it cost to produce it. So that means Solo has to clear at least \$600 million dollars before it can turn a profit.

Weekend Gross estimates from Box Office Mojo:

1. *Solo: A Star Wars Story*: \$83.3M. Total Gross: \$83.3M
2. *Deadpool 2*: \$42.7M. Total Gross: \$207M
3. *Avengers: Infinity War*: \$16.4M. Total Gross: \$622M
4. *Book Club*: \$9.4M. Total Gross: \$32M
5. *Life of the Party*: \$5.1M. Total Gross: \$39M

Movie Trekker

SPORTS REPORT

The Baltimore Orioles lost to the Tampa Bay Rays 8-3 on Sunday in Tampa Bay. Kevin Gausman gets the loss and has a record of 3 wins 4 losses. The Orioles are now 17-36, slightly ahead of the Chicago White Sox for the worst record in the Major Leagues with a 16-34 record. Baltimore will play the Washington Nationals today in Baltimore, so traffic may be heavy.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have advanced to play in the 2017-2018 NBA Finals by defeating the Boston Celtics 87-79. LeBron James had 35 points, 15 rebounds, and 9 assists.

Tonight, the Houston Rockets will be facing the Golden State Warriors in Houston at 9pm. This will be the seventh game of the Western Conference Finals. The winner will advance to the NBA Finals, facing the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Indianapolis 500—the Superbowl of NASCAR Racing—was held yesterday. Australian Will Power won the race.

Danica Patrick’s career ends with a crash. Patrick was caught in a multi-car crash just past the halfway point in the race. She was running 17th at the time. Danica’s career is ending with crashes in six of her past nine races. This will be her last Indianapolis 500.

Stephen Bartosz

The Baltimore Science Fiction Society invites you to

Balticon 53

May 24-27, 2019

Memorial Day Weekend

Guests of Honor:

Elizabeth Bear, winner of the 2005 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, the 2008 Hugo Award for Best Short Story for "Tideline", and the 2009 Hugo Award for Best Novelette for "Shoggoths in Bloom". She is one of only five writers who have gone on to win multiple Hugo Awards for fiction after winning the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

Scott Lynch, a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Times of London* best-selling fantasy author, and a World Fantasy Award Nominee. He is known for the Gentleman Bastard series of novels.

Nicky Drayden, 2018 Compton Crook Award Winner.

See balticon.org for more information.

