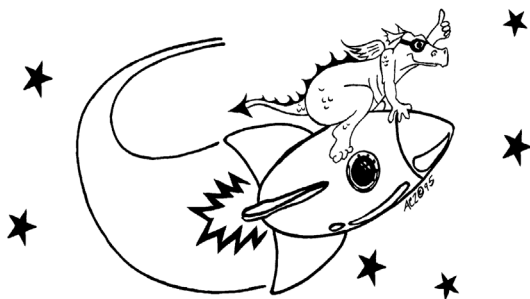


Balticon 53 Rocket Mail



Monday, May 27, 2019 Edition

MASQUERADE CONTEST RESULTS

Workmanship

Young Fan: Best Special Effects Make-up #1 Zombie by Selena Salisbury. Best Construction - #2 Pettington the Beaver by Judah Fox.

Novice: Best in Class - #11 Star Butterfly, by Megan Poretsky.

Journeyman: Honorable Mention for Exacto Knife Work - #5 Hippolyta by Dame Dahlia. Best Use of Modern Technology - #14 Olivia by Christina Hussar. Best in Class - #8 Powerful, by Cygnet Steer and Taniya Shadmehr.

Master: The Shroud We Would Die For - #10 A Father/Daughter Outing by Leslie Johnston and Charles Carroll. Best Found Objects - #17 Tea Fling by Stephanie Burke. Best Use of Natural Materials - #6 Mystic Legacy by Alanna Whitestar and Lisa Ashton. Judge's Choice - #15 Princess Zelda from Skyward Sword.

Best in Show - Workmanship: #4 Dark Druid by Dahlia Robin.

Presentation

Young Fan: Best Characterization - #1 Zombie by Selena Salisbury. Funky-Punky Award - #2 Pettington the Beaver by Judah Fox.

Novice: Honorable Mention - #16 Allura and Pidge by Aurora Pierce and Autumn McCullum. Best Re-creation in the Novice Division - #12 Deedlit by Raven McDonnell. Best Characterization in the Novice Division - #11 Star Butterfly by Megan Poretsky. Best in Class - Novice - #17 Wonder Woman 1875 by Elizabeth Ernst.

Journeyman: Best Recreation in the Journeyman division - #5 Hippolyta By Dame Dahlia. Best Presentation in the Journeyman division - #14 Olivia By Christina Hussar. Best in Class in the Journeyman division - #8 Powerful by Cygnet Steer and Taniya Shadmehr.

Master: Honorable Mention - #10 A Father/Daughter Outing by Leslie Johnston and Charles Carroll. Best in Class Master - #15 Princess Zelda from Skyward Sword by Crystal Trezza. **Best in Show - Presentation** - #6 Mystic Legacy by Alanna Whitestar and Lisa Ashton.

TRIVIA CONTEST RESULTS

The Science Fiction Trivia Contest was won by Seth Alcorn and Wendell Wagner. They rallied in the last three questions to beat out runners-up Pamela and Andy Love. The winning question asked which Olney, Maryland native wrote the graphic novels *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* and *Sin City*. If you thought the answer was Frank Miller, you'd be right.

FILM FESTIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to: First Place: *Sputnik*. Second place: *Greta*. Third Place: *Widdershins*. Honorable Mentions: *Dark Spectre II*, *Dual Cell*, and *Afterwards*.

HELP MAKE BALTICON BETTER

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

Be sure to complete both your registration and release form, and your volunteer time record. Even if you are a BSFS member, please do this!

FLOOR CHANGE!

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

WHERE'S THE SCHEDULE?

Up-to-date schedule: schedule.balticon.org

Show Your Balticon Badge!

For the safety of all participants, all Balticon members are required to 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.



Balticon Program Updates

Monday

Dr. Jim Thorne ADDED to "Time-Optimal Space Trajectories" on Monday at 10AM. We apologize for the oversight.

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.

Susan Cohen REMOVED from "Sourcing Your Materials" on Monday at 11AM.

Christiana Ellis is now the moderator for "How Technology can Facilitate Collaborative Storytelling" on Monday at 12PM.

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.

Volunteers with data entry skills are needed to tally the BSFS Grant Data Survey. If interested, send e-mail to mariat@bsfs.org Support from someone with great statistical skills and access to a heavy-duty statistics package also is needed.

NEXT YEAR IN BALTIMORE

Balticon 54 planning has long been underway, and the website has launched! There is a special discount for next year, available only through today! See the registration page at www.balticon.org for more information on the registration discount, or <https://www.balticon.org/wp54/home/> for the Balticon 54 website.

Special guests next year include **Wen Spencer**, **Lee Moyer**, and **Cheshire Moon**. Get the best possible price today!

Box Office Report

1. Aladdin: \$25.5M (86.1M / 3 days)
2. John Wick: \$8.7M (101M / 10 days)
3. Avengers Endgame: 6.1M (798M / 31d)
4. Pokemon: \$4.7M (116M / 17 days)
5. Brightburn \$2M (7.5M / 3 days)
6. Booksmart \$1.9M (6.5M / 3 days)
7. A Dog's Journey: \$1.4M (14.9 / 10 days)
8. The Hustle: \$1.3M (29M / 17 days)

SPORTS REPORT Stephen Bartosz

Arena Football. The Baltimore Brigade bested the Philadelphia Soul 45-30, giving the Brigade a chance to qualify for the playoffs. They are tied for second with the Washington Valor.

NHL. The Stanley Cup begins tonight, at 8PM on NBC. Six-time cup champions Boston Bruins face the St. Louis Blues, who have never won a cup. These two teams faced each other 49 years ago for the cup, which the Bruins won.

MLB. The Baltimore Orioles led against the Rockies yesterday, until they gave it away in the ninth inning. With the bases loaded, game tying run crossed the plate on a walk, and the game was lost on a sacrifice fly. The Rockies won 8-7. The Os host the Tigers here today at one.

The Washington Nationals had a better story, picking up their first three-game winning streak this season, sweeping the Miami Marlins 9-6.

NBA. The NBA finals tip off in Toronto, Canada, for the first time in history. The Toronto Raptors will play their first NBA final in franchise history, against the Golden State Warriors, Thursday, May 30, at 9PM on ABC.

INSPIRATION

Running Balticon is like using wet noodles to herd cats through the legs of Buffalo who are stampeding through a minefield full of catnip, after the buffalo have been set on fire at night by a UFO, as you keep your eyes closed because those are the rules, and you are being graded on style without a curve.

And yet we do it every year, and it is a triumph of fanish spirit every year!

--Dale S. Arnold

COME TO BSFS

If you live within driving distance of Baltimore, The Baltimore Science Fiction Society (a.k.a. BSFS) has activities throughout the year, and we'd love to see you or have you join! See bsfs.org for more information.

Please travel safely.

See you next year!