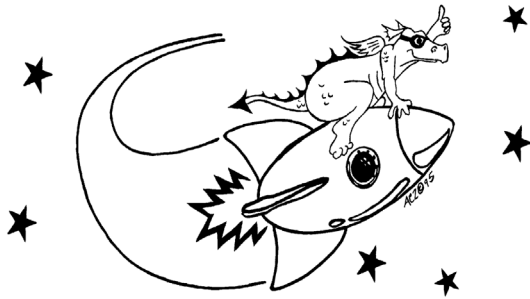


Balticon 53 Rocket Mail



Sunday, May 26, 2019 Edition

SAFETY CONCERN

Last night, there was a disruptive mob outside the hotel. While this is unlikely to repeat, please be cautious going outside after dark, and report suspicious activity to police or hotel security.

MASQUERADE RESULTS

(not available at time of printing) **Congratulations to the winners!** We will include the official results in Monday's Rocket Mail.

FLOOR CHANGE!

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

WHERE'S THE SCHEDULE?

The up-to-date schedule can always be found at schedule.balticon.org.



Balticon Program Updates

Sunday

Jim Freund REMOVED from "Doctor Who: The Whittaker/Chibnall Era So Far" on Sunday at 10AM.

Jennifer Povey is now the moderator for "Doctor Who: The Whittaker/Chibnall Era So Far" on Sunday at 10AM.

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

Jim Freund REMOVED from "Podcasting 101" on Sunday at 11AM.

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

Lorraine Peniston ADDED to "Making Conventions More

Accessible" on Sunday at 1PM

Jim Freund REMOVED from "Improving Your Readings" on Sunday at 5PM.

Tee Morris is now the moderator for "Improving Your Readings" on Sunday at 5PM.

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.

"Jack Chalker: From Fan to Pro" on Sunday at 8PM is CANCELLED.

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

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.

OTHER STUFF

Game of Thrones: The Last Watch. For a year, acclaimed British filmmaker Jeanie Finlay was

embedded on the set of the hit HBO series *Game of Thrones*, chronicling the creation of the show's most ambitious and complicated season.

Debuting Sunday May 26 at 9 PM, one week after the series finale, two-hour documentary *Game of Thrones: The Last Watch* delves deep into the mud and blood to reveal the tears and triumphs involved in the challenge of bringing the fantasy world of Westeros to life in the very real studios, fields and car-parks of Northern Ireland.

Made with unprecedented access, *The Last Watch* is an up-close and personal report from the trenches of production, following the crew and the cast as they contend with extreme weather, punishing deadlines and an ever-excited fandom hungry for spoilers.

Much more than a "making of" documentary, this is a funny, heartbreaking story, told with wit and intimacy, about the bittersweet pleasures of what it means to create a world — and then have to say goodbye to it. Jeanie Finlay's previous credits include the documentaries *Seahorse*, *Orion: The Man Who Would Be King*, *Pantomime*, *The Great Hip Hop Hoax*, *Sound It Out* and *Goth Cruise*. *Game of Thrones: The Last Watch* is her eighth feature film.

Balticon Viewing Party, Sunday, May 26, 9-11 pm in 7029

Fannish Widows, a Facebook based group of fans who have lost their partners, will have an RL dinner Sunday night at 6 PM. Current plan is Uncle Lee's 44 South St, Baltimore, MD 21202. Sign up at the BSFS Sales Table by 2 PM 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 mariat@bsfs.org Support from someone with great statistical skills and access to a heavy-duty statistics package also is needed.

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 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.

Box Office Report

During last year's Balticon, Hollywood offered science fiction and fantasy-related fare to entice us. This year is very similar.

This Memorial Day weekend, fans are flocking to the theaters to see how Disney will handle a live-action re-imagining of *Aladdin*, with Will Smith as the genie.

Fans might want to take a peek at Screen Gem's R-rated superhero horror picture, *Brightburn*. This picture asks what if Superman as a child was evil?

Results from Friday, May 24th:

1. *Aladdin*: \$31M (1st day)
2. *John Wick 3*: \$6.6M (\$83M/8 days)
3. *Avengers: Endgame*: \$4.2M (\$786M/29d)
4. *Pokemon*: \$3.5M (\$106M/14 days)
5. *Brightburn*: \$3M (1st day)
6. *Booksmart*: \$2.5M (1st day)
7. *A Dog's Journey*: \$1.1M (\$11.9M/8 days)
8. *The Hustle*: \$1M (\$27M/15 days)

Balticon Sports Report

Stephen Bartosz

MLB. The Baltimore Orioles finally won their 16th game of the season, beating the Colorado Rockies 9-6 in Denver. Jonathan Villar and Renato Nunez hit home runs for the winning cause, while Josh Lucas picked up the save from the bullpen.

The Washington Nationals finally won back-to-back games through a strong pitching performance by Patrick Corbin (5-2) who pitched a complete game shutout, including striking out five. The Nats beat the Miami Marlins 5-0.

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 defensive Boston Bruins.

Arena Football. If any of our conventioners want to take a break from panels, author-friendly, and gaming activities of Balticon, one can take in a fast-paced game of Arena Football at the Royal Farms Arena, a few blocks away. The Baltimore Brigade will play their main rival Philadelphia Soul, at 3PM today.

NBA. Congrats to the Toronto Raptors who clinched their first Eastern Conference Final trophy by beating the Milwaukee Bucks 100 to 94.

After losing the first two games in the third round of the playoffs, the Raptors won four straight. They now face the Golden State Warriors in the NBA finals.