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Monday Edition

Balticon 58 Rocket Mail



Program Schedule

May 27, 2024

Saturday Night Masquerade Awards

Young Fan: Most Adorable Dragon - Fang the Dragon. **Novice-Presentation: Best Props** - #8 Ghostbuster; 1st #16 Arsenal; 2nd #20 Jareth the Goblin King; 3rd #7 Agent Venom. **Best in Class** - #11 Pinky Mania. **Novice - Workmanship: Best Wig** #11 Pinky Mania; **Best Armor** #7 Agent Venom; **Best in Class** #16 Arsenal. **Journeyman - Presentation: Best in Class** #12 Harrowhark. **Journeyman - Workmanship: Best in Class** #6 Legend of Raven; **Best Historical** #2 Erika goes to Versailles. **Master/Craftsman - Presentation: Best in Class** #17 Put a Little Muscle in It. **Master/Craftsman - Workmanship: Best in Class** #17 Put a Little Muscle in It; **Best Use of Natural Materials** #5 The Oyster Dress. **Masquerade Staff Pick for Best Booty** #17 Put a Little Muscle in It

Best in Show Presentation tie #6 The Legend of Raven #21 A Sanguine Evening.
Best in Show Workmanship #21 A Sanguine Evening.

Sunday Night Film Festival Awards

Winner/Best in Show: *Troll Bridge*, directed by Daniel Knight, story by Terry Pratchett (25 top votes)
Best Animated Film: *Triskelion*, directed by Jessica Raes
Top 5 Films (based on top quality votes): 1) *Troll Bridge* 2) *Siren* 3) *Splinter* 4) *Falling Forward into an Unknown and Dangerous Future* 5) *Night of the Cooters*

Alex Jennings Appreciation

Micaiah Johnson – 4/26/2024

With prose as musical, complex and unignorable as the city he so lovingly depicts, Alex Jennings is a singular talent on the fantasy landscape. I am honored to share the distinction of Compton Crook winner alongside him. The Compton Crook is unique in the world of literary awards, because it is not a pool consisting only of who is best known in the industry, or who got the lion's share of advertising from their publisher, or who editors choose to put forward. (Hey Sam! I wanted to end this sentence with "every debut is given a chance" if you think that applies to the selection process!) When the

Compton Crook is given, you can be sure that raw talent and not just reputation is the criteria being rewarded...though it just so happens that Alex Jennings has both in spades. His debut came after he was already a force in the world of editing, short stories, poetry, and arguably most important, being the kind of literary community participant that gives life to the scene. I can't count the number of times I had heard his name from other writers before I ever had the pleasure of meeting him at Balticon. He is truly the kind of talented, prolific writer you'd really *want* to hate, but his warm and generous spirit makes it impossible.

Alex, I hope you feel every bit of appreciation readers have for you, and I hope the title of Compton Crook winner is just the first of many occasions of the world recognizing a talent that has long been out here.

Statement from Patti Kinlock, BSFAN Editor: The above appreciation of Alex Jennings was accidentally omitted from the *BSFAN*, the Balticon 58 Souvenir Book. I sincerely apologize to Alex Jennings, Micaiah Johnson, and the members of Balticon 58 for the error.

Announcements



The Baltimore Science Fiction Society is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council

Valentino's Costume Group in North Hollywood, CA is in liquidation after the death of one of the owners. "Your help is needed to save the hundreds of thousands of vintage and costume pieces from landfill" [facebook.com/TheCostumeHouseNoHo/](https://www.facebook.com/TheCostumeHouseNoHo/) or [@valentinoscostumegroup](https://www.instagram.com/valentinoscostumegroup). More details on TheatreKids (how to directly support the underprivileged schools' theater programs they rented to) will be shared on BSFS and Balticon social media soon.

We still need volunteers to help with breakdown and packing up!

Travel safe, and see you next year!

Box Office Report

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (\$8.25m Sat, \$7m Sun, \$25.5m weekend estimate). *Garfield* (\$8.2m Sat, \$8.2m Sun, \$24.8m est.). *IF* (\$6.1m Sat, \$5.7m Sun, \$16.1m est, \$58.7m total). *Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes* (\$5.1m Sat, \$4.9m Sun, \$13.4m est, \$122.8m total). *The Fall Guy* (\$2.3m Sat, \$2m Sun, \$5.9m est, \$72.2m total). *SIGHT* (\$2.7m weekend estimate and total).
MovieTrekker



Sports Scores

MLB: Sun: Orioles 4 @ White Sox 1 (Os sweep 4-0); Mariners 9 @ Nationals 5 (Nats win 2-1). Mon: Red Sox @ Orioles 1:05 MASN; Nationals @ Braves 4:10 MASN2. Tue: Red Sox @ Orioles 6:35 MASN; Nationals @ Braves 7:20 MASN2.

UFL: Sun: Michigan Panthers 26 @ Houston Roughnecks 22, DC Defenders 36 @ Memphis Showboats 21.

NHL Playoffs: Sun: Eastern Conference Championship, game 3: Rangers 5, Panthers 4 (OT) Rangers lead series 2-1. Mon: Western Conference Championship, game 3: Stars @ Oilers 8:30pm TNT. Tue: Eastern Conference Championship, game 4: Rangers @ Panthers 8pm ESPN

NBA Playoffs: Sun: Western Conference Championship game 3: Timberwolves 107, Mavericks 116 (Mavs lead 3-0). Mon: Eastern Conference Championship, game 4: Celtics @ Pacers 8pm TNT. Tue: Timberwolves @ Mavericks 8:30pm TNT.

Berserker Notes

When packing up, put supplies back in their envelopes or any other container with the name of your department, and return them to Ops. This lets us complete inventory and start budgeting for next year. Please tell us about things that need replacement or refilling for next year or anything else you think we'll need next year. (We'll ask again before B59, but writing it down now while you're thinking about it will help.) Many thanks, Maria

Don't forget to turn in your hours! Even if you don't want a reward, the hours help us get grants for future years.

And thank you for your service! Without our volunteers, there would be no Balticon!

