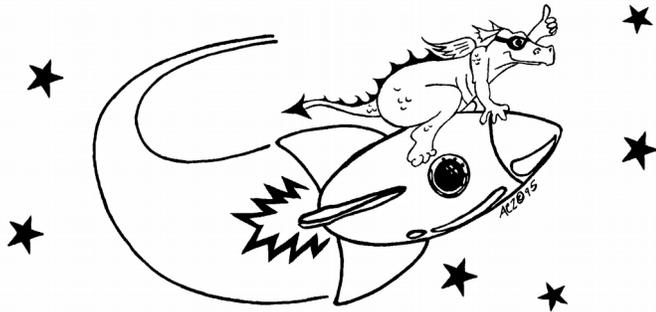


Balticon 52 Rocket Mail



Sunday, May 27, 2018 Edition

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MASQUERADE RESULTS

Full results will be reported in Monday's *Rocket Mail*.

WRITING AWARDS

2018 writing awards were presented Saturday night. Full results will be posted in Monday's *Rocket Mail*.

TRIVIA CONTEST

The team of Shareesa Elliott and Claire Rojstaczer won the science fiction trivia contest. The final question mentioned young Bill Adama which led to the final answer of *Caprica*, the *Battlestar Galactica* prequel. All three teams in the final question were just one question apart at the end. Shareesa and Claire have been playing the trivia contest for many years, both together and apart, and finally won everything for the first time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accessibility has a signup for anyone who cannot stand in a long line or needs seats or space for a wheelchair/scooter or walker for main events. Please sign up at the Accessibility Desk across from Registration.

Volunteer Needed! Programming has need of someone to put up signs on rooms in the morning hours. Volunteer should be able to work between 830 and 900 AM. See Programming Ops located in the Fells Point room on the 5th floor.

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.

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

REMINDERS

There will be an impromptu **Cosplay and Fursuit Parade** today (Sunday) at 1pm in the Maryland Foyer (in front of the Maryland Ballroom). Open to all costumers. Please arrive ten minutes prior to the parade.

The presentations on Teaching with Science Fiction will start Monday morning at 9.

PARKING UPDATE

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.

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

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

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!**



Balticon Program Updates

ITEM CHANGES

NEW ITEM! Sunday 7 PM "Concert: Sara Henya" Harpist and singer Sara Henya will sing fantasy-themed tunes and songs from her album "Small World Alchemy."

ROOM CHANGE Sunday 10 AM "Sentience vs. Sapience" is now in Homeland (was Kent)

CANCELED ITEM Sunday 10 AM "Space Weather and Its Implications for Space Travel"

LINEUP CHANGES

Eric Hardenbrook **ADDED** to "Reading Outside Your Genre"

Keith Hughes **ADDED** to "Introduction to Brewing & Distillation"

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

Tea Morris is now the moderator for "What Good is an Agent?"

Erwin S. (Filthy Pierre) Strauss **ADDED** to "SMOFing for Fun (But Probably Not Profit)"

Erwin S. (Filthy Pierre) Strauss **ADDED** to "Science Questions You Can't Ask"

Steve Wilson **ADDED** to "Taking Off the Training Wheels: Fanfic to Original Fic"

Marilyn "Mattie" Brahen **REMOVED** from Useful Rabbit Holes for Writers (and How to Climb Out of Them)

REGRETS

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

What a difference a day makes...

Thursday night previews looked promising for a record setting weekend for *Solo: A Star Wars Story*. The film had a record-setting \$14.1 million opening night over the previous record holder of \$13.2 million set by *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*.

Then came Friday's results...

Solo ended up with a total of only an estimated \$35.6 million. That includes the Thursday night previews. This means that the anticipated weekend range for the film will fall well below expectations. The film is looking at a three-day weekend of around \$93 to \$95 million, and a four-day holiday performance of \$108 to \$115 million.

When we compare *Solo* to the other Disney-led Star Wars releases, the result is not good. *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* had a first day total of \$119 million. *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* had a first day total of \$104 million. *Star Wars: Rogue One* earned \$71 million. *Solo* had a first day tally only half that of *Rogue One*.

The Friday box office estimates also show, however, that the competition experienced a downturn as well. *Deadpool 2* dropped more than expected, pulling in \$12.1 million on Friday. The picture is likely to make an estimate \$43 million three-day haul, which is a 65% drop from opening weekend.

Friday's estimates from Box Office Mojo:

1. *Solo: A Star Wars Story*: \$35.6M. Total Gross: \$35.6M
2. *Deadpool 2*: \$12.1M. Total Gross: \$176M
3. *Avengers: Infinity War*: \$4.2M. Total Gross: \$609M
4. *Book Club*: \$2.7M. Total Gross: \$25M
5. *Life of the Party*: \$1.3M. Total Gross: \$35.3M

Movie Trekker

Ed. Note: All five of the top movies of 2018 so far are either science fiction or horror:

1. *Black Panther*
2. *Avengers: Infinity War*
3. *A Quiet Place*
4. *Deadpool 2*
5. *Ready Player One*

SPORTS REPORT

The Baltimore Orioles started the holiday weekend on the right base by beating Tampa Bay Rays. Saturday, however, Tampa Bay beat the O's 5-1. The Orioles still have the worse record in baseball, tied with the Kansas City Royals at 17-35.

The Washington Nationals are doing better. The Nats have now won two in a row, beating the Miami Marlins 4-1. The Nats are now in front of the New York Mets with a 28-22 record.

The NBA playoffs continue their exciting runs. Both the Eastern and Western conferences have been forced into seven game series. Tonight, the Boston Celtics have a chance to upset the Cleveland Cavaliers by winning at home in Boston to advance to the finals. Game time is 8:30pm.

Monday, the Houston Rockets will be facing the Golden State Warriors in Houston at 9pm.