



FilKONtario 28

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 20-22, 2018 Mississauga, Ontario

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

From the Co-Conchairs

Hi, there, it's us again! The con love seat rides once more!

Many of you know what an incredibly challenging this past calendar year has been, all about hotel, hotel, hotel. We are deeply appreciative of you expressions of support and appreciation. The FKO community has been stellar, not for years, but decades.

We have faaaabulous guests for the FKO 28. Missing them would be very sad. Leslie, our GoH and Tim, OFFW (aka toastmaster) await your listening pleasure! Sabine and Michael have so many friends, they appear to be bringing a good chunk of German filk fandom with them.

The hotel for this year is FRIENDLY, though perhaps a little unclear on what we do. Book a room: they're going quickly. Did we mention it's a cosy hotel?

And Happy New Year from the entire concom!
Judith & Peggi (co-chairs), Dave, Ken, Morva, Alan, Sally, Gabi

Where we are:

Web: www.filkontario.ca
Yahoo Group: FKO Filk on yahoo
Facebook: FilKONtario
Hall of Fame
E-mail: fkoconcom@gmail.com

Songwriting Contest Topic

First Contact

Songbook Submissions

Alan and I have agreed to take on preparing the songbook again this year. We look forward to receiving your submissions, to enable us to provide yet another awesome songbook in pdf format for distribution to all attendees. Please send in text or pdf format, and please send lots and lots of songs – the sooner the better! Deadline March 21/18

- Morva Bowman

morva@spacetime.ca

The Filk Hall of Fame

The first year we held the Filk Hall of Fame was in 1995. It has grown and changed since then, but remains something of which we are immensely proud. We are very proud that the Hall of Fame inductees are chosen by a committee representing the nine ongoing filk conventions - a great representation of our community.

The deadline for new nominations for induction in 2018 is January 6, 2018 – just a few more days! Please send nominations ASAP via the Filk Hall of Fame section of the FKO web-site. Nominations from previous years are carried forward.

Note that it doesn't matter if you think someone else may have nominated the same person - your nomination will add a different perspective and may make the difference in whether or not that person is selected! Nominate early, nominate often! If you want a listing of the names of those who have a Nomination, please e-mail: davidghayman@rogers.com.

Guests

We are excited to welcome as our **Guest of Honour**, all the way from....Stratford, Ontario! Our own **Leslie Hudson!** Most of you will know Leslie from her previous FKO appearances, as well, perhaps, as her recent 6 month North American tour. FilKONtario is pleased to showcase an outstanding example of our homegrown talent, and are sure you will enjoy the chance to hear the red headed songstress again.

For 2018 the **FKO Filk Waif** is the amazing Tim Griffin, all the way from California. Tim is a former teacher now running a foundation that produces wonderful music for teachers to help students learn any of a wide variety of subjects covering the US common core. His songs are informative, frequently funny and extremely singable. And not just for children, definitely!

All the way from Germany we happily welcome our **Interfilk Guests, Sabine and Michael Kinder**. The Con Com have not had the privilege of hearing them yet, but our spies tell us they are terrific, and lovely people as well. We look forward to welcoming them to FKO. (YAY Interfilk!!)

Hotel

The location for this year has changed to
Monte Carlo Brampton Suites
<http://www.montecarloinns.com/Brampton-Suites/brampton>
45 Coventry Rd. Brampton ON L6T 4V7
(905) 453-5200

We are the major client in the hotel for the weekend and have all but one (small) function room, and we may have that as well. This hotel has a small fitness centre but no pool. There is a free airport shuttle.

The hotel room rate is \$109 for 1-3 people, and \$15 each per night for a fourth person or more.

The hotel block is open and already about 50% booked – please see the website for booking details and book early, book often!

All rooms include a **fridge** and **microwave**, and other more standard amenities.

There is a Walmart Supercentre across the road. Next nearest grocery is five minutes by car.

The room rate includes continental breakfast for room occupants. Breads and toppings, yogurt, cereal, juice, tea and coffee. You will need to pick up vouchers at the front desk. The hotel restaurant offers the “Eggsellent” breakfast add-on: For \$5 you can order from the hot menu (i.e. eggs, bacon or sausage and home fries).

On site restaurant is La Pergola
Hours | Mon - Sat: 6am - 11pm | Sun: 7am - 10pm
They have a broad diner style menu.

Other food options are available within a five to ten minute walk. More in further updates.

The big trade-off in this hotel is the size of the function rooms. No huge ballroom. We will not be able to have craft tables or display tables in the main room.

Dealers will be on the lobby level. Our main room will be on the lower level below bedrooms. The hotel has asked for our cooperation in limited noise after 11 pm. All of our other filk rooms are on the same level, but below the lobby and other function space, and we are welcome to be noisy there until much later.

Banquet

We are able to offer 72 seats for the banquet, as eight tables of nine. Banquet ticket requests will be acknowledged on a first come first served basis. If you have not paid for a reserved banquet by April 1, it will be offered for sale (overseas attendees excepted). We have absolutely no capacity beyond 72.

The price is \$42. We do not have a price for children yet. The banquet menu is:

A variety of bread, buns and butter
Salad
Roast chicken Roast beef
Roast potatoes Pasta
Mixed seasonal vegetables
Dessert of fruit and pastries
Soft drinks, tea and coffee.

A separate main course will be provided for those who identify as vegetarians when registering for the banquet.

Dealers

I'm again in charge of the Dealers Room for FKO 28 (among other things, of course), and I'm here to tell you that once more we'll endeavour to bring you a room packed with all sorts of tempting goodies, so bring your wallets!

As always, for those of you who have CDs to sell, or books, or jewelry, or whatever, we offer the Filk Bizarre.

For just 10% of your sales, up to the cost of a table, we will sell your wares for you, and even provide a written record at the end of the con. The 10% goes to FKO, to help enable us to bring you another wildly wonderful convention.

In addition, keep an eye on the FilKONtario website for the downloadable Dealers form - when it becomes available. That's for those of you who would like to purchase your own Dealer's Table.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Love and hugs,
Peggi

Volunteering

Volunteers are needed for a number of positions – just let us know where you'd like to help. We especially need someone to run a few hours of children's programming for a small number of children, or at a minimum to supervise the kids pizza party during the banquet on Saturday.



Registration

As the “boring” Registration guy, I want to let you know that we have a deadline coming up – soon. See the box below for details. - Dave

Registration Rates 'til January 10, 2018

Adult (\$65 CAN/\$55 US until January 10, 2018)

Youth 13-17 (\$43.50 CAN /\$37 US until January 10, 2018)

Child 6-12 (\$32.50 CAN/\$27.50 US until January 10, 2018)

Children Under 6 Free

We also take PayPal and those instructions are on the web site.

Banquet \$42 CDN/\$36 US

Registration Rates After January 10/18

Adult (\$70 CAN/\$60 US until reg closes)

Youth 13-17 (\$47 CAN /\$40 US until reg closes)

Child 6-12 (\$35 CAN/\$30 US until reg closes)

Children Under 6 Free

We also take PayPal and those instructions are on the web site.

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Please note you can follow the online instructions on our website, filkontario.ca, to register. **If you get your requests in to Dave by January 10, 2018 with either PayPal payment or a cheque on the way, he will honour the price even if he has not yet responded.** He will be at GaFilk next weekend so the reply emails may take a few extra days!