



FilKONtario 28

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 20-22, 2018 Brampton, Ontario
Progress Report # 2

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

From the Co-Conchairs

We're still here. It's gonna be great! Hope you can come!

Peggi and Judith

Where we are:

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

Songwriting Contest Topic

First Contact

Songbook Submissions – Reminder!

We look forward to receiving your submissions, PLEASE! 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 jury has voted, which was as always a tough job, and the chosen people will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Banquet on the Saturday night of FKO. I would urge you to contact Dave for tickets to the banquet, but we are all SOLD OUT!

Guests

GUEST OF HONOUR – Leslie Hudson



Leslie Hudson is a singer of women's stories. She used to apologize for it, but she doesn't do that anymore. Whether the stories she sings are rooted in folklore, mythology, pop culture, science fiction or her own life experience her songs travel across time and space, culture and spirit. Her new album-in-the-works follows the Journey Into Faerie as she reflects on the wisdom gained from her recent 6-month tour and the people and places she's been. She's been teaching, writing and composing for more than 25 years, playing for 35, and singing for 40 (she's pretty sure she was singing in the womb). This is her first time being the Guest of Honour at a convention, and she couldn't be happier it's at her hometown con, FilKONtario.

FILK WAIF- Tim Griffin



When not sharing songs about Vulcans and giant alien artifacts, Tim Griffin leads a small educational nonprofit in Los Angeles called GriffinEd, dedicated to raising academic achievement for young people through fun educational music. GriffinEd offers live shows of music and storytelling; in-class songwriting residences where kids use filk techniques to write easy-to-remember songs about topics of current study; and a free online “library” of teaching songs searchable by grade level and subject. GriffinEd’s services are payment-optional to schools and other places of learning. With songs about Leonardo da Vinci, cell physiology, engineering, and that weird thing on your lunch tray, Tim has performed to great hilarity and edification for science and education conferences, SF and filk cons, plus a few hundred schools, museums, and other places of learning. Tim won the Pegasus Award for best writer/composer in 2014 and has twice been nominated as best performer. He is presently busy translating all his lyrics into Canadian for your enjoyment at FilKONtario.

INTERFILK GUESTS – Sabine & Michael Kinder



Bine (also known as Tarish) is famous for her wonderful cookies and jam compositions, which (again and again) try to counteract dry, gray everyday life

through her creativity. She is a dedicated mom, a crafter and she writes wonderful, catchy songs, sings, and plays drums and guitar (though not at the same time).

Michael, one of the world’s best and “meanest” GameMasters, has ever been a source of inspiration for songs and stories. He writes songs, or they pop out of other people's minds because of the games he leads.

In real life, both work in city administration of their hometown Bielefeld - which, according to a German "in-joke" doesn't really exist. (ask them :))

Hotel

[Monte Carlo Brampton Suites](#)

45 Coventry Road
Brampton
1-877-453-9300

Rate: **\$109.90/night** for 1-3 people.

All rooms include fridge and microwave.

Hotel room block closes **March 12**. There are only 6 rooms left! See website for registration details.

(If you require a two bed room, or the block is full or closed) try the [Holiday Inn Express](#) just across the road.)

Included in the room rate is a cold breakfast buffet.

For an additional \$5 you can order from the hot menu, cooked to order. One of:

Eggs, bacon (or sausage or ham), home-style potatoes
French toast or pancakes

Reminder – the hotel has a small fitness room but there is no pool. Pets are not allowed, alas. Because the main room is small the Interfilk Tables will be in a different room and there will not be room for crafting tables in the main room.



Directions – Getting to the Hotel

The hotel area is very congested around evening rush hour. Please use your choice of mapping program and a GPS if you have one.

There is construction on **all** of the 400 series highways and QEW (technically Hwy 453). Ministry of Transport has them all.

http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/trip/construction_reports-central.shtml

From the east:

Fastest: 401 to 407 as early as possible, exiting at Airport Rd North. I know: \$\$\$

Otherwise, 401 to 409 to 427, then choose between a short distance on the 407 or Steeles Avenue to Airport Road.

From the west:

Ideal 401 to 407 to Airport Road. Or 401 to 410 to 407 to Airport. Very short stretch.

Otherwise 401 to 410 to Queen Street (aka RR 107) and a longish stretch to Airport.

From the south:

QEW to 403 to 410 to 407 to Airport Road North. Otherwise QEW to 403 to 410 to Queen Street (RR 107) and a longish stretch to Airport.

From the Airport

The shuttle runs every two hours from the hotel (2, 4, 6 etc); it leaves the airport at 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, etc). The hotel is 8.8 km or 5.5 mi from Pearson Airport so a taxi may be possible. Toronto taxi estimate is \$15-20, assuming no traffic delays. Uber is permitted at the airport. Lyft is new.

Transit

The easy option is to take transit to the airport and pick up the shuttle from there. The TTC Trip Planner is here: http://www.ttc.ca/Trip_planner/index.jsp.

There is GO service from Union Station to Malton Station (at Airport and Derry Roads). Brampton (aka Züm) bus north on Airport Road to Queen St. Cost \$8, plus local transit (\$3.75, exact change only). Please do not ask me anything about Presto.

With questions related to hotel, or the con in general, feel free to use my personal e-mail, judithahayman@rogers.com. I would appreciate if you try the suggested web sites for information first.

Banquet

Is sold out! If you have not booked and paid for your tickets the best we can suggest is to ask Dave to put you on the waiting list in case anyone cancels.

<mailto:fkoreg@gmail.com>

Dealers

There will be lots of tempting stuff in Dealers, as always. Just a reminder now that if you do not want a full table but 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. peggiwl@gmail.com

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

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.

Banquet \$42 CDN/\$36 US

Please note you can follow the online instructions on our website, filkontario.ca, to register.