



FilKONtario 29

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 12-14, 2019

Monte Carlo Inn & Suites, Markham, Ontario

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

From the ConChair

Welcome to the first progress report for FKO 29. We will be updating you on ongoing development and news both here, and through social media. Right now, the big news is that we have a new hotel. After looking at countless locations we finally settled on the Downtown Markham Monte Carlo.

Whilst the location of the hotel is not as ideal as some we have been in, the space should be exactly what we need. The most notable downside is that the hotel has no airport shuttle. We will be posting information on how to get to hotel via public transit closer to the convention.

This years FKO has an amazing guest line up, that I for one, am eager to enjoy - but more of that in the next PR!

FKO is also the proud host of the Filk Hall of Fame and I would like to remind people that the next couple of months would be the ideal point in time to get in nominations for this year.

On behalf of the FilKONtario ConCom, I invite you all to come and see our outstanding guest performers and to make this years FKO the most memorable yet!

regards

Sally
Conchair, FKO29

Where we are:

Web: www.filkontario.ca

Yahoo Group: FKO Filk on yahoo

Facebook: FilKONtario
Hall of Fame

E-mail: fkooncom@gmail.com

Songwriting Contest Topic

Cosmic Hotels

Songbook Submissions

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!

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. I am 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 2019 is January 7, 2019. 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 I have a nomination for, please e-mail: <mailto:FKOReg@gmail.com>

Programming

Just starting to think about this, so we need your help.. Got an idea? Tell us. Tell us soon though, before we fill it up with just the ideas from our own twisted brains!

Guests

We are excited to welcome as our **Guest of Honour**, the legendary, the wonderful, the classic – Juanita Coulson! Juanita has been a teacher, an author, a songwriter and performer, a Pegasus winner and a member of the Filk Hall of Fame. She started filking in the 1950's which makes her a vintage filker and a very fine vintage at that.



For 2019 the **FKO Filk Waifs** are Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover, bringing their beautiful harmonies and amazing musicality all the way from California!



Also from the left coast of the US we happily welcome our **Interfilk Guest, Summer Lorraine Russell**, singer, songwriter, and all round geek!



Volunteering

Volunteers are needed for a number of positions – just let us know where you would 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 October 31, 2018

Adult \$60 CAN/\$50 US

Youth 13-17 & Child 6-12 On Website

Children Under 6 Free

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

Banquet \$45 CAN/\$40 US Until Pre Reg closes (Date TBA)

Dealers

I'm in charge of the Dealers Room for FKO 29 (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!

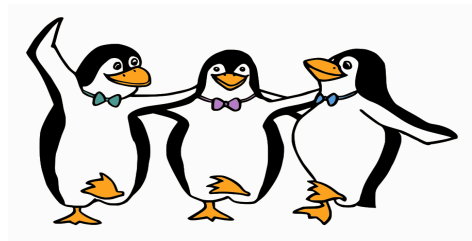
As always, for those of you who have CDs to sell, or books, or jewelry, or whatever, we offer the **Filk Bizarre**.

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



Hotel

We are once more at a new hotel – a Monte Carlo like last year but in a different suburb (a bit further from the airport) but with more room! Here are the details:

King Bed Standard Room \$114.90 + tax/night
Queen Bed Standard Room \$114.90 + tax/night
Two Queen Bed Standard Room \$119.90 + tax/night
One Bed Queen Studio Suites with Pullout Couch 119.90 + tax/night
One Queen Bed Jacuzzi Suites \$129.90 + tax/night

Please note these rates are based on double occupancy only. For additional guests over the age of 12 years an additional \$15 charge per guest will apply per room night.

Please note the quantity of rooms blocked for each room type is limited.

Instructions:

They have set up the group block for April 11-14, 2019 under "**FILKONtario**" **Group Block**.

Continental Breakfast (**6am – 10am**), parking, local phone calls and high speed internet access are free. They have a restaurant and bar in the property as well as swimming pool and fitness center. The phones are also equipped with iPhone/iPod dock and all the rooms have fridge and microwave.

As with last year, the hotel has the "Hot Option" for breakfast – you can add cooked breakfast items to the continental buffet for \$6.

Please be aware that they have 2 locations in Markham and you want to make the reservation for "DOWNTOWN MARKHAM" (7255 Warden Avenue) and NOT the one at 8900 Woodbine.

The hotel has requested that we remind you of the following:

1. To mention the group name "**FILKONtario**" **group block** when making reservations over the phone (905)752-2700 or toll free 1-877-752-2788 (US and Canada)
2. They will ask for Credit Card to secure the reservation, a pre-authorization of the room & tax plus incidentals will be taken **upon check in** and will be charged the exact amount upon check out.

3. Reservations must be made before before cut-off date which is **March 11th, 2019**. Reservations received after this time will be based on availability.
4. The room default is two queen beds unless you specify otherwise.
5. Check In time is 2:00 pm/Check Out time is 11:00 am
6. They have a **24 hour cancellation policy**. If for some reason the reservation needs to be cancelled, please call the hotel 24 hours (before 4 pm) prior to the arrival date otherwise the credit card will be charged for one night as a no show.
7. You can also book online by going to <https://www.montecarloinns.com/downtown-markham-suites>

Please select **Group & Corporate bookings** on the right hand side in the check rates box. This will re direct you to the booking site where you enter in the Group code and pin code below under "**special accounts**". Group Code is **359797** and Pin Code is **180918**

If you have hotel related issues that cannot be resolved by calling the hotel, please email <mailto:fkoconcom@gmail.com> and we will try to help.

Hotel related note from the ConCom – we encourage those of you flying in to possibly coordinate your arrival with other guests if you can to enable sharing of taxi fares. Feel free to use the FKO FaceBook page to do so!

