



FilKONtario 29

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

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Monte Carlo Inn & Suites, Markham, Ontario

PROGRESS REPORT # 2

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

From the ConChair

Hi all,
I just wanted to give you all a quick update on the area around our new hotel.

As was mentioned in the last PR, it is a far less commercial area than our last location. That said, there are a few amenities within a ten to fifteen minute walk south of the hotel. (And yes I did it just last week and I was slow due to a foot injury).

I did not have time to poke my nose into all the little restaurants as yet, but I can give you all the high points.

In addition to the hotel's restaurant there is a Boston Pizza which is a decent family restaurant with an Italian lean. There is also a Green Grotto which is a Taiwanese bubble tea and casual dining spot. I recommend Boston Pizza and I will try it out the Green Grotto and let everyone know how it is.

A Starbucks is located closer to the hotel, as well as a Shoppers Drug Mart. The latter sells a basic grocery selection in addition to being a well stocked pharmacy as they are part of a major supermarket chain. Don't forget that all our rooms have fridges and microwaves.

The plaza includes a T & T, which is a large Asian supermarket. In addition to specialised foods they also carry a nice selection of standard grocery items.

You can also find TD banking available near the Supermarket.

Future updates will include a list of the smaller places as well as what amenities can be found a short drive away. I will also be listing the food apps I

have had recommended for this area, including Skip the Dishes as well as others. They of course throw available food choices wide open and I will include some of the places my local co-workers have recommended. If not in the PR's, then there will be a list available at con

Hope to see you all.

Sally
Conchair, FKO29

Where we are:

Web: www.filkontario.ca
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Facebook: FilKONtario
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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!

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The Filk Hall of Fame – Please Read!!

NOMINATE EARLY, NOMINATE OFTEN!

By Judith Hayman

It's nominating season and you are thinking that all the people you want to see in the Filk Hall of Fame are there. Wrong. There are seventy-three inductees in the Filk Hall of Fame. A few groups, a few pairs, one organization, and many individuals. It is entirely possible that very few people outside their local area had heard of them before they were inducted to the Filk Hall of Fame.

Bill Roper cogently noted at a recent Chambananacon panel that "it is not necessary for you to write a complete nomination to be able to contribute. You just need to contribute *your* piece of the nominee's story to add to the total picture". And went on, regarding a specific inductee "none of us had the whole story, but each of us knew what she'd done in the area we lived in."

In the same way, I noted that we may each know one aspect of a person's participation in filk fandom – songwriting, performing, organizing a con, running sound, hosting house filks, publishing a 'zine, sound engineering, selling filk and related items, mentoring, encouraging, teaching, influencing, promoting – the list is long.

Take all those nominations and knit them together (that's what the jury gets to do) and they disclose a person or organization whose filk involvement has impacted our community, whether locally or widely. For the last several years our late friend, Harold Stein, has done this promotion. Dave did not ask for it, but Harold, along with Trace Hagemann, did it anyway. If you appreciated what Harold did in this community, I think it would have made him happy to know you made a nomination because of him.

So think back to the beginnings of filk and who was influential, but is not on the list. Those people who worked with OCP, or Wail Songs and other early producers of recordings; songwriters who haven't been acknowledged; performers who have stepped away from active participation; organizations that started things, or got them going; or anyone else whose contributions you miss.

Of course, also consider recent and present times too, and all the people and organizations that continue to build and shape our community.

Send a nomination to Dave with the bits of information you know. Don't worry about contact info (except

yours!); this is the internet era; we can find them. You are welcome to post and discuss ideas on the Filk Hall of Fame Facebook group; these do NOT constitute nominations. Those have to go directly to Dave at hofdave2014@gmail.com.

Just a reminder: All nominations from past years and the current year are sent to the jury, with one vote per con. The jury then weights the information based on some basic guidelines and determines which five nominees they would like to see inducted in the current year. The three with the most jury votes are inducted. FilKONtario does not alter the jury's decision in any way.

Regardless, there are no unworthy nominees, but there are ones whose worth has been forgotten. I have only one answer to "Why isn't so and so in the Filk Hall of Fame?" That's "because *you* haven't honoured them with a nomination." Let's change that.

More info:

<http://filkontario.ca/filk-hall-of-fame/byname/>

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 or to Dave Hayman at the address above.

Hotel

Full hotel information is available from PR #1 as well as on the website. Please book your rooms as early as possible, to ensure you are able to get the FKO rate!

Feel free to use the FKO Facebook page to coordinate arrival times with other members so you can share cab expenses if desired!

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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!

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Guests

Guest of Honour, 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.

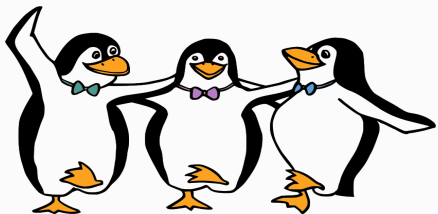


FKO Filk Waifs

Award-winning musicians Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover play Celtic music, Medieval music, songs of Tolkien, and more, interweaving soaring vocals with Celtic harp, octave mandolin, guitars, flute, recorders, and whistle. Their repertoire ranges from beautiful love songs and funny filk songs to intricate harp/guitar instrumentals and upbeat jigs and reels. They have been performing together since 1989 and have been guests of honor at numerous conventions in the U.S. and Europe. Margaret & Kristoph have recorded 15 CDs on the Flowinglass Music label, including their Tolkien CD *The Starlit Jewel* and their original musical *Snow White: The Mirror's Revenge*, and in 2008 they performed in the Disney movie *Bedtime Stories*. On top of all that, Kristoph is also a Filk Hall of Fame Inductee!



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. Please contact the Penguin Wranglers, Sally and Peggi, at sheadford@rogers.com

Registration

Next Deadline – January 10/19

See the box below for details. - Dave Hayman

Registration Rates 'til January 10, 2019

Adult	\$70 CAN/\$60 US
Youth 13-17	\$50 CAN/\$40 US
Child 6-12	\$35 CAN/\$30 US
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