



# FilkOntario 26

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Convention

Because the Concom  
truly does need help...

8-10 April 2016  
Hotel Toronto airport West  
Mississauga, ON

*Guest of Honour*  
**Cecilia Eng**

*Official FilkOntario Filk Waif*  
**Peggi Warner-Lalonde**

*Interfilk Guest*  
**Batya Wittenburg**

With the  
22nd Annual  
**Filk Hall of Fame**  
Inductions

Songwriting Contest Topic:

**Animals in Space**

Advance Registration  
\$55 only at FilkOntario 25

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## Program Book

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21st Annual  
Filk Hall of Fame



## Take It Back

words and music by Kathleen Sloan

Do you remember back when we were kids?  
We were artists and dancers and musicians all  
We sang because we needed to, we danced because it gave us joy  
(We) made art to share our very selves with the world

Then as we grew older it became very clear  
Not all of us were good enough to make the grade  
Our singing was sometimes off key, our dancing had a few mis-steps  
Our art was judged a bit too odd to share with the world (*but we can*)

Chorus:

Take it back! Take it back!  
Take back the right to sing and play  
It will fill your heart, it will feed your soul  
When you take back the right to sing and play!

Bridge:

In a dozen other countries, no matter your age  
You're encouraged and expected to create  
Here in the west we've been robbed of that choice  
Come join our revolution, we've found our own solution  
You're all invited to participate! (*when we*)

Chorus

We have broken the rules, we have carved out this space  
Where skill is not the only measure of our worth  
We're free to sing in circles here and dance if the spirit calls  
Make art once again and share ourselves with the world

Chorus

Welcome to our diverse little clan  
Don't worry you're not good enough, come grow with us  
We'll help you with your melody, we'll catch you if you trip and fall  
We'll celebrate the art you choose to share with the world! (*we will*)

Chorus

Take it back! Take it back!  
Take back the right to sing and play  
It will fill your heart, it will feed your soul  
When you take back the right to sing and play and make art  
Take back the right to sing and play

## Home to FilKONtario

Words and music by Debbie Ridpath Ohi

I used to feel the lyrics slide inside my head  
The music filled me up, and I felt I would explode in a  
burst of coloured static, and the people all around, their eyes  
on the ground.

CHORUS:

Bring me home to FilKONtario  
Stay, sing with me we'll  
be all right, sing all night  
with my friends at FilKONtario.

One fateful weekend, my friend took me to a filk, "What's a  
filk", I said, and she laughed and took my hand, led me  
to a room of people with guitars and easy smiles,  
and I stayed a while.

CHORUS

So now I'm hooked, I go to filk cons every year, never  
get much sleep, why sleep? I could be filking...  
The circle changes but the smiles are still the same, and the  
song remains.

BRIDGE (*a capella*):

(but each time, I) find it harder to say  
goodbye at the end of day,  
may our paths cross again,  
my friend.

Our voices may not be all perfectly on key, but we  
lift each other up, and share the melody as we  
fill the room with music, and I know I'll be all right as we  
sing into the night.

CHORUS (twice)