



FilKONtario 26

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Convention

April 8-10, 2016, Mississauga, ON

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

Welcome to the first progress report for FilKONtario 26. I am honoured to be serving as **Co-Conchair** (with Ken Lalonde) for this year.

Please note we are a bit earlier than usual in April this year, April 8-10, and adjust your chronometers accordingly! (It's a long story. We'll explain later.)

Our concom is working hard now to bring you another amazing event this year. Back to our regular length from Friday through Sunday, but always full of fun, warmth and music. Come on Home!

Anyone wanting to **volunteer** in any capacity should be in touch with me (concom e-mail at right). Let me know what kind of job you'd like to do and I'll pass you along to the right department. We especially need a lead person as well as some volunteers in consuite, for short and long shifts. These are rewarded accordingly. You can also fill in the volunteer section on your pre-registration form, or sign up at the con.

We are also keeping the **web site** up to date with current news and information as it becomes available, so check it out regularly for the latest posts. www.filkontario.ca/news

--Dave

Guests

We are delighted to welcome as our **Guest of Honour**, from the left coast, the very talented **Cecelia Eng!** She has been writing and performing science filk music since 1985. She has released two albums: *Of Shoes and*

Songwriting Contests

Main Contest: Pets in Space

There will also be our **Penguin Contest** for those who like a challenge at-con.

Ships, and Harmony in Practice. She has been guest at many conventions, but not on our half of the continent since 1994. The exception was in 2013 when she was inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame, for both musical and organisational contributions. (You can find out more in her citation: www.filkontario.ca/hof/inductees/engc.html). We enjoyed her so much during that brief visit that we had to bring her back as featured GoH.

From New York we are thrilled to welcome as our **Interfilk Guest**, charming and very funny **Batya Wittenberg!** Batya is a founding member of the filk group "Lady Mondegreen", as well as a long time filker on her own. She has attended many Filk conventions as a performer, participates frequently in open circles, loves to harmonize and is a Pegasus Award nominee. She is known for both serious and funny songs, being a master Pun'ster, a superlative cook and food enthusiast.

And for 2016 the **FKO Filk Waif** is our own, the one and only (fortunately!) **Peggi Warner-Lalonde.** Peggi has a lovely soprano voice, is a long term harmony slut, and has recently discovered that she can write songs. She also has a quick wit. With the wonderful Waifs we have had in past years Peggi has big shoes to fill, but we have faith in her to do a stellar job!

Where we are:

Web: www.filkontario.ca
Yahoo Group: FKOFilk on yahoo
Facebook: FilKONtario
Hall of Fame
Twitter: FilKONtario
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YAHOO!



Hotel

We are at the lovely **Hotel Toronto Airport West**. They are in the process of transitioning to a Doubletree. Please be sure to register early: half of the rooms will be closed for the renovations. We'll check those out in the new year.

Room block opens and the on-line booking code will be posted on the web site in January. Rooms: \$114 for up to four people.

Dealers

Peggi is still in charge of the **Dealers Room** for FKO 26 (among other things, of course), but will delegate at con to her able assistant Gabi. Once more we'll try to bring you a room packed with all sorts of tempting goodies, so bring your wallets!

As always, for those of you who have products to sell, we offer the **Filk Bizarre**. For just 10% of your sales, up to the cost of a full 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 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.

Did I mention the **Songbook**? Ah yes. The songbook. This year, I look forward to your submissions. Information on formats in the new year. It will help if you send them earlier rather than later.

Memberships/Registration

Being a glutton for punishment, Dave is running Registration as well as being co-conchair. Will it last?

We need to receive your payment by March 25. We also take PayPal and those instructions are on the web site.

Memberships – full weekend

By cheque	Adult	Youth	Child
To Mar 25	\$60	\$ 42	\$32
Banquet	\$42		\$21
Paypal	Adult	Youth	Child
To Mar 25	\$65	\$ 42	\$32
Banquet	\$44		\$22
Both	\$106		

Web Site

We're under redesign just now, so wait a week before trying to pre-reg or send a nomination.

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.

As always, we are entirely dependent on nominations from the community: you are the one who knows the people in your area worthy of nomination, and why.

The deadline for nominations for induction in 2016 is January 6, 2016. Please send nominations ASAP via the Filk Hall of Fame section of the FKO web-site.

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!

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!

But, for sure we'll have:

Concerts	Hall of Fame Banquet
Workshops	Hall of Fame Concert
Space for crafts	Kids' Program
Kids Concert	Killer Con Suite
Interfilk Auction	Theme Filks
Songwriting Contest	Penguin Song Contest
Take it Back!	Friendship Hugs
Lots and lots more	Home to FilKONtario



“Hurry, gotta pre-reg for FKO 26!”