



# FilKONtario 27

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 21-23, 2017

Mississauga, Ontario

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

## From the Co-Conchairs

January thru April are busy times for our committee. This was made busier by our hotel being under renovation, so our space is a little different this year, and demanded a re-think of allocation. We certain it's going to be fine.

In February we semi-finalize programming, so if you have interests, items, topics you'd like to see, now's the time to share them.

Judith Hayman & Peggi Warner-Lalonde

## The Filk Hall of Fame

Thank you to all those who nominated inductees for the Filk Hall of Fame. As usual you have given the jury an extremely difficult task! Inductees will be announced at the Hall of Fame Banquet on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at FKO – you can get your tickets now!

Dave Hayman

## Hotel

Room Block Is Now Open!!

**The room block for FilKONtario is now open. You can phone them at 905-624-1144 or use on-line booking as below.**

Step 1:

Proceed to the Toronto Airport West Hotel home page:

[www.torontoairportwesthotel.com](http://www.torontoairportwesthotel.com) .

Select the arrival date, departure date and the number of guests in your room. Click "Check Availability".

Step 2:

On the top of the page, click on "Group Code". Select Group Code, and enter **FIL0421**. That's a zero not an O in the code.

Proceed with booking.

## Where we are:

Web: [www.filkontario.ca](http://www.filkontario.ca)

Yahoo Group: FKO Filk on yahoo

Facebook: FilKONtario

Hall of Fame

E-mail: [fkoconcom@gmail.com](mailto:fkoconcom@gmail.com)

## Reminder - New Website!

We have recently migrated and rearranged our website! Still a work in progress, so please as you use it let us know about issues, concerns or things you think might be an improvement. No guarantees we will take all the suggestions but we'd like to hear them! Email Alan at [webster@filkontario.ca](mailto:webster@filkontario.ca)

Songwriting Contest Topic

**Wandering the Digital Highway**

## Reminder - Songbook Submissions

Thank you to the two people who have already submitted songs for the songbook! **MOAR SONGS!**

Ahem Alan and I have agreed to take on preparing the songbook this year. 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

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## Guests

### GoH - Mike Whitaker

A British fan and filker who discovered filk at Follycon. He chaired Contabile, the first UK filk con, as well as Xilophone and Cre2c3ndo. He is a songwriter, vocalist, guitarist, sound engineer and dealer – so something in common with practically everyone. He was a founding member of the filk/rock band Phoenix and runs the UK filk recording label NePalm Music. He helped create [filk.net](#) as well as the #filkhaven IRC label. He and his wife Anne Whitaker regularly host filks at their home, the Millhouse. Mike was inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame in 2010.

### Filk Waif - Cat Faber

Cat Faber is a filker from East Tennessee. She is the offspring of a Sasquatch and a space alien. She plays mandolin and octave mandolin and dabbles with the bodhran and catspaws. She writes and arranges music, but her main strength is lyrics. She has won seven Pegasus Awards for her songs/songwriting. She has published two albums as a solo performer and four previously as part of Echo's Children. She has built three canoes including one of her own design. She is a badass Pokemon Go player. Her superpower is tallness. Her website is [www.hwact.org](#). We welcome her as the Official FilKONtario Filk Waif

### Interfilk Guest - Shawna Jacques

Shawna Jacques has been filking longer than she knew that there was a word for what she did, but she first learned the word “filk” in 2007. She is now the Vice-Chair and Programming Director of Conflikt, and much like that convention, she was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest by smart, geeky, creative people. By day, she is a software test engineer in the media industry. By night...well, all the time, really, she is a bibliophile, punster, social justice witch, musician, rock opera performer, artist, nerd of many science things (especially horrible diseases, food allergies, dinosaurs, and geology) grower of succulent plants, cat person, and fox fan. Since 2007, she's been to several filk cons and met a whole bunch of amazing people. She can't imagine her life without the filk community now, and has recently learned to play the mandola.

## Dealers

Just a reminder to dealers or potential dealers to book your space early! The booking information is on the FKO webpage. If you have a small number of items to sell, please contact Peggi about inclusion in the Filk Bizarre!

Peggi

## Registration

Reminder – register early, register often!. - Dave

### PreRegistration Rates

– Payments Must be Received By April 14, 2017

Adult \$65 CAN/\$55 US

Youth 13-17 \$43.50 CAN /\$37 US

Child 6-12 \$32.50 CAN/\$27.50 US

Children Under 6 Free

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

Banquet Tickets \$43 CDN/ \$36 USD in advance

## 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.

## And Speaking of Volunteering...

If you have fiction books or yarn to spare, we'll take them!

a) I volunteer at Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) in their warehouse every Wed. Morning. Please see the attached web for what we do: <http://www.n2ncentre.com/>

Their bookstore has the highest rating for used books, in Hamilton. Judith & I have bought many books there – it was because of the knowledge of this facility, when I wanted to volunteer, that I chose N2N.

If you have any fiction books you want to donate, please bring to FKO and see me at Reg (if I am not there, just say that they are for me).

Thanks,  
Dave

b) And our own Peggi Warner-Lalonde is collecting acrylic yarn for making cat blankets for a local shelter. No wool please, and no sparkles as they can make the cats sick. A chance to clear odds and ends out of your stash – leaving room for more yarn!!!