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

Heading into the home stretch, it is shaping up to be a terrific con, and we are just finalizing programming and other arrangements. Lots of great concerts, workshops and of course open filk, and the hotel is looking good.

Our theme this year is SCIENCE, because we coincide with both Earth Day and the March for Science. Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks!!

Judith Hayman & Peggi Warner-Lalonde

The Filk Hall of Fame

As usual, inductees will be announced at the Hall of Fame Banquet on April 22nd at FKO – Get your tickets now as there is limited seating available!

Dave Hayman

Hotel

Our Room block closes very soon – March 19. After that you may not be able to get the con rate or even a room at the con hotel at all. So if you haven't booked yet, get to it!!
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 .
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.

Songwriting Contest Topic

Wandering the Digital Highway

Reminder - Songbook Submissions

Thank you to the many people who have already submitted songs for the songbook! But we can use MORE!!

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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Programming

All the great stuff you have come to expect at FKO! Concerts – from our GoH, Mike Whitaker, Filk Waif, Cat Faber, and Interfilk Guest Shawna Jacques. Also in concert: Decadent Dave Clement, probably with friends knowing Dave; Cheshire Moon, and a few more we are saving as a surprise. And of course, the Hall of Fame Banquet and Concert!
Then there are workshops on guitar playing with Mike Whitaker and vocal harmony with Cat Faber, a theme filk on Stars and Starships with Shawna Jacques, and a theme filk on Science! with Dave Weingart. In honour of Canada's 150th birthday this year, it seemed appropriate to have a Canadian theme filk as well, so get those songs ready!
Plus the always entertaining Interfilk auction, song contests, possibly a CD launch or two, and of course lots of open filk. Come on Home to FilKONtario!

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! Among the dealers we will have music, jewellry and Vik Walker, fantasy and paranormal romance author. Books, music – just need cats to make life perfect...

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

See the fancy, colourful logo Canada 150 logo below? That's because Canada will be 150 years old on July 1, 2017. That's the logo selected for the year long celebrations, including a tiny bit of this con.

CANADA 150

Volunteering

Volunteers are needed for a number of positions – just let us know where you'd like to help. We do, bless her heart, have a volunteer to supervise the kids pizza party during the banquet on Saturday! We can always use more hands, for setup, takedown and at various points during the convention, so drop us a line if you would like to give us a hand.

And Speaking of Volunteering...

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

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!!!

Where we are:

Web: www.filkontario.ca
Yahoo Group: FKOFilk on yahoo
Facebook: FilKONtario
Hall of Fame
E-mail: 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