



# FilKONtario 29

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 12-14, 2019

Monte Carlo Inn & Suites, Markham, Ontario

**PROGRESS REPORT # 4**

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

## From the ConChair

It is now less than two months to FKO and I would like to invite all our filk family and friends to come and join us for the FilKONtario 29.

We have some wonderful guests lined up, so you can expect some excellent main concerts. The rest of the programming is coming together and we have some interesting workshops planned, or in the works. These are from both our main guests and others from our wonderfully giving community. After all, what guitarist wouldn't want to attend a pick petting event?

Read on in the Progress Report to find out some of what we are planning. Both in workshops and song circles. In the next PR we also hope to announce some of our smaller concert slots.

I would also like to remind folks that **the hotel room block will close March 11 – only 2 weeks away!** Also don't forget that the price of your membership goes up at con so you will also want to get those in, along with securing your banquet ticket, if you are interested in attending the Filk Hall of Fame.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you that are able to attend and will miss those of you that are unable to do so.

Safe travels

Sally

Conchair, FKO29

Songwriting Contest Topic

***Cosmic Hotels***

## Registration

Next deadline – **MUST be received by April 3**  
See the box below for details. - Dave Hayman

**Registration Rates – Received by April 3, 2019**

Adult	\$75 CAN/\$65 US
Youth 13-17	\$52.50 CAN/\$43 US
Child 6-12	\$37.50 CAN/\$32.50 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 (Received by April 3/19)

## Programming

It is all coming together nicely! In addition to our great guests– **Juanita Coulson, Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover**, and **Summer Russell**, we will have several concerts from local and much less local filkers – details in the final progress report next month. But wait – there's more! Workshops, including the Pick Petting Zoo with Cat Faber, Fostering Creativity with Summer Russell, and learning how to Play Well With Others, with Margaret and Kristoph! In addition we are asking Filk's evil granny, Juanita Coulson, to Tell Us a Story – or 3 – about the earlier days of filk!

Plus some terrific theme circles, including one for you lovers of funny songs, and one for lovers of beautiful fantasy music. And of course, lots of open filk space and time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

## Hotel Room Block CLOSERS MARCH 11

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!

Peggi Warner-Lalonde  
[hotel@filkontario.ca](mailto:hotel@filkontario.ca)

## Coming to FilKONtario by Car?

If you're a repeat customer, you know that the traffic at rush hour can be grim. We highly recommend arriving before 4 pm, and arriving after 7 pm. Most of the exits will have multiple restaurants within a couple of kilometres of the exit. Exception: Highway 6. Use Brock Road.

Any collision that cannot be pulled to the side easily will cause huge backups. Any collision with fatality will mean the road is *completely* closed to ensure the investigation can be done safely. In the case of divided highways, this usually only affects one direction.

For those using Highway 401, the only reasonable alternative is Highway 407. Yes, it is stupidly expensive – especially at rush hour – and out of province plates will be tracked down.

**The Toronto area dedicated news/weather/traffic station is AM680. Weather and traffic reports every ten minutes.**

Unless you have unlimited data on your roaming, those from out of country should exercise caution in using Siri, Wayze and the like.

We also recommend that you have a map with you in case you are re-routed. While Toronto streets are mostly a grid, the city has a ridiculous number rivers and there are many "you can't get there from here" spots.

Good luck and safe driving.

## Songbook Submissions

Songs are coming in nicely, but I still need more! More! I'm still not satisfied! Please send in text or pdf format, Send Early and Often, but definitely by mid-March so we can get them into this year's songbook!

Morva Bowman  
[songbook@filkontario.ca](mailto:songbook@filkontario.ca)

## Craft Swap & Stitch & Bitch!

Once again, this year the Dealers' Room will host a Craft Swap, and a Stitch 'n' Bitch. Please bring any craft supplies you think you might want to swap for something else, or that you just want to clear out (because you have too many - as if \*that\* were possible!). In addition, should you have anything you would like to donate to help me in my quest to make all the cat/dog beds and blankets in the world, that would be gratefully accepted. :-). At present, I am making kennel quilts (both out of cotton fabric, and from old t-shirts), and crocheted beds/blankets. And if you're interested in directions to \*the most dangerous yarn place in the world\* (right, Jan di Masi?), then I'll gladly share!

Many thanks, and I can't wait to see you all!  
-Peggi

## Dealers

FilKONtario29 is fast approaching, and it's shaping up to be another fine Dealers Room! We will have books, jewelry, fabric, CDs, and lots of other cool stuff. And did I mention CDs? If you haven't yet got a table, but would like to get one, please grab the Dealer's Form from the FilKONtario website, and fill it out. And if you haven't got enough merchandise for a Dealers' Table - please let us know if you would like to take advantage of our Filk Bazaar. We do the selling for you, and all we ask is: a) that everything is pre-priced, and a list of all items provided to us; and b) please provide 10% of your sales to FKO, up to the cost of a Dealers' Table (which would be \$50). We're looking forward to hearing from you, and, of course seeing you soon!

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## Volunteering

We especially need someone who is not planning to attend the banquet Saturday night to **supervise the kids pizza party during the banquet**. Pizza provided of course, and it is a fairly small number of kids! Please contact the Penguin Wranglers, Sally and Peggi, at [volunteer@filkontario.ca](mailto:volunteer@filkontario.ca)

## Where we are:

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