



# FilKONtario 30

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Music Festival

April 24 - 26, 2020

Monte Carlo Inn & Suites, Markham, Ontario

Come on Home to FilKONtario!

## From the ConChair

Welcome to our next PR.

We now have around two and a half months to FKO 30, and things are beginning to get busy. We hope to have a few interesting programming announcements in the next month or so, so keep your ear to the ground, or to social media, to find out the latest.

For those of us... like me... that are not so involved with social media, keep a weather eye on the web site, as we will be posting updates there as well.

As some of you may already be aware Stone Dragons have something different planned for their workshop. It's one that should appeal to anyone with a creative bent (or to those that just like to try new things). Check out Sue's information here in the PR on what they are planning. And please, if you are interested in taking part, go to the web site and let us know. She would really appreciate having an idea of what supplies she will need to provide.

In other news, we are in the same Hotel. If you are getting there from the airport, please take a look at our updated transit directions. We have discovered that there is a handy local bus that goes past the hotel to one of the major airport shuttle hubs.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it at FilKONtario 30. It is you, Our Tribe, that makes FKO so special.

Sally...  
Conchair, FKO30

## Where we are:

Web: [www.filkontario.ca](http://www.filkontario.ca)  
Yahoo Group: FKOFilK on yahoo

Facebook: FilKONtario  
Hall of Fame  
E-mail: [fkoconcom@gmail.com](mailto:fkoconcom@gmail.com)

Songwriting Contest Topic

***Back to the Moon***

## Songbook Submissions

The FilKONtario Songbook is back again for our 30<sup>th</sup> convention. Songs are due by March 7, 2020. Please note: The final format will be from Word to pdf. Please send your songs in Word, Word Perfect, Open Office or similar form. PDF's cannot be inserted into Word and we will have to hand them back to you to re-format. If at all possible, send a format that doesn't change location of chords over words.

If to a known tune, please note that. If you have an original piece, sheet music would be wonderful. Or perhaps a recorded version of the song (not professional, just home recording) can be transcribed IF you get it in early. Send songs to: [songbook@filkontario.ca](mailto:songbook@filkontario.ca)

Thanks,  
From the FKO Concom

## The Filk Hall of Fame

Nominations are now closed for this year, and the international committee has made its selections! To be present when the inductees are announced, get your ticket for the Hall of Fame Banquet for Saturday night at the con, and plan to attend the HoF inductees concert on Sunday afternoon!

And nominations are now open for the 2021 HoF, so nominate any time someone occurs to you. See the website for details on how to nominate and what is needed – it is really easy and you don't need to know all about the person – every nomination we get can add to the picture and push that person higher on the list! For questions, email Dave: [FKOReg@gmail.com](mailto:FKOReg@gmail.com)

## Programming

Ideas are starting to come together and we have some wonderful workshops and concerts planned. If there is anything you would especially like to see or do, let us know ASAP. No promises, but we will do our best.

**A couple of items are set, however, and this one needs your advance attention.**

## Miniature Paint and Take!

This year we are offering a new crafting workshop. Sue and Tom want to share their love of DnD, gaming, and painting miniatures by offering us a one-and-a-half hour workshop on painting miniatures. They will bring in all the equipment necessary, and you will get to take your mini home to put in a place of honour.

This is something that almost everyone can enjoy and just requires a bit of eye/hand coordination. Bring your own magnifying glasses if you use them. Some of you are already experienced painters, and your insight and help are most welcome. Kids are welcome too!

Please let us know if you would like to join us, so we can have adequate supplies. If you later decide that sleep is more important when you are actually at the con, we will surely understand!



Here are some samples of the miniatures we hope to provide. (You could also bring your own.) These are pictures from the manufacturer, and are exceptionally well done!

We'd love to hear from you if you are interested in coming to the workshop, so that we have an appropriate number of figurines. Please go to <https://filkontario.ca/goh-miniature-paint-and-take-workshop/> to let us know if you are interested in attending!

## Guests

Just a reminder that our guests are The Stone Dragons, The Blibbering Humdingers and The PDX BroadSides. The concerts are going to be amazing, and you can check out their websites for song samples if you are not familiar with their work. Websites are linked from our Guests page at

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

## Volunteering

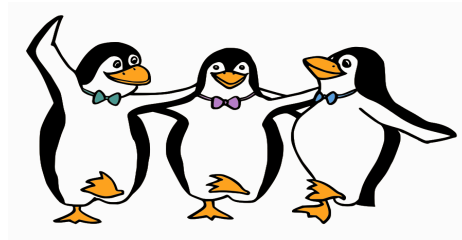
Volunteers are needed for a number of positions – just let us know where you would like to help. We especially need someone to run a few hours of children's programming for a small number of children, or at a minimum to supervise the kids pizza party during the banquet on Saturday.

Email to <mailto:volunteer@filkontario.ca>

## Registration

**Registration & Banquet Rates Up to the Con  
(At the door is slightly higher)**

Adult	\$80 CAN/\$70 US
Youth 13-17 & Child 6-12	On Website
Children Under 6	Free
We also take PayPal and those instructions are on the web site.	
Banquet	\$55 CAN/\$50 US



## Dealers

Hello all! As always, we look forward to providing a wide variety of wares in the FKO Dealers Room.

I know we are hidden in the basement, but we would really like you to come by and visit. And this year, to make it more interesting, we will have a raffle. Tickets will only be available in the Dealers Room, so why not take a few minutes and come to visit. And maybe even buy a CD or two!

(If you are interested in renting a table, the form is on the website!)

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## Hotel

All the information was in the last PR, and is also on the website, but I would like to add that the hotel also has a salt water pool, so bring your bathing suit!!

Registration instructions for phone and online are on the FKO website.

**Please be aware that they have 2 locations in Markham and you want to make the reservation for "DOWNTOWN MARKHAM" (7255 Warden Avenue) and NOT the one at 8900 Woodbine.**

If you have hotel related issues that cannot be resolved by calling the hotel, please email <mailto:hotel@filkontario.ca> and we will try to help.

Hotel related note from the ConCom – we encourage those of you flying in to possibly coordinate your arrival with other guests if you can to enable sharing of taxi fares. Feel free to use the FKO Facebook page to do so!

## Transportation

**Getting to the hotel without a car.**

**How to get to the hotel from the airport via public transit.**

If you are not already at Terminal 1, take the Terminal LINK Train to get there. There is no charge. Then find the bus terminal outside and take the 34 - Pearson/North York, GO Transit to Finch Station - under \$7:00. The bus departs Terminal 1 at 50 minutes past every hour.

Once at Finch there is a local bus that departs from the same bus terminal. The 002 Milliken, Eastbound on Platform 12, goes to the intersection of Warden Ave. and Dennison St where the hotel is located. The bus departs every 18 to 20 minutes. The cost of Milliken Bus is \$4.00.

### TAXIS:

Please note: If you decide to just grab a taxi - regular taxis cannot pick up at the airport so you have to use the official taxi service. If you go this route phone them and get a guaranteed flat rate. The flat rate at this point in time is about \$72 plus \$15 airport fees. Phone numbers are: 416-822-2546, Toll Free : 1866-334-3753.

You also have the option of taking the bus to Finch station as outlined above, and local taxi from Finch Subway to the hotel. If you take this route, you should see the taxi rank right next to the buses when you arrive. Grab a cab to the hotel - \$20.00 to \$25.00, depending on traffic

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