

D29 Programming List

Thursday July 28, 2022

Guest of Honor Reading

T. Aaron Cisco reads from his works at Dreamhaven.
T. Aaron Cisco, Eric M. Heideman, Scott Lohman

The remainder of the programming is at the Crowne Royal Hotel.

Friday July 29, 2022

4:00 pm

The Outer Limits Fan Panel

More than just the Twilight Zone's geeky younger sibling, the Outer Limits gave us decades of intriguing, thought provoking, suspenseful and of course entertaining SF stories. Come discuss favorites from the often overlooked anthology.

T. Aaron Cisco

5:00 pm

The State of LGBTQ+ Fiction

A look at the current state of LGBTQ+ fiction and other mediums.

Robin Raianeimi

6:00 pm

Work

It's 33% of most of our lives and a big part of many people's identity. How is work depicted in SF/F? What bleak or optimistic views of work have we seen in the genre? Where has SF/F been progressive in depicting work and workers? Has the pandemic brought changes to the what work looks like that you have seen in fiction?

Erica Klein, mod.

7:00 pm

Opening Ceremonies

The official start of Diversicon 29. We'll introduce our guests.

T. Aaron Cisco, Sybil Smith, posthumous guests: Damon Knight, Stan Lee and Jack Vance.
Scott Lohman, Eric M. Heideman

7:30 pm

Guest of Honor Interview: T. Aaron Cisco

We interview our GOH.

Scott Lohman, Eric M. Heideman

8:30 pm

Blake's 7

A look at the classic British TV series and what the show inspired.

T. Aaron Cisco, Scott Lohman

SF/F Movies 2022

A round up of movies from 2022 and to come.

8:15 pm

Moon Watching

Moon watching with an excellent telescope from just before to just after sunset on Friday and/or Saturday night. This is weather dependent. There is a waxing crescent Moon on July 29 and 30. This is the best time to observe the Moon. There will be a high power telescope.

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Micheal Kauper

9:00 pm

A Party for Readers

A gathering for readers and con people. Possibly including a discussion of Theodore Sturgeon's More Than Human. Talk about books and reading.

Eric m. Heideman, host

Movie

10:15 pm

International Space Station

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Saturday July 30th, 2022 9:38 to 9:46 pm. West to South Max Altitude 44 deg up.

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Ben Huset

Saturday July 30, 2022

9:00 am

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Watch episodes from Scott's collection

Latte, Barada Nicto

Rich Brown, Diversicon webmaster, latte expert. Fresh brewed latte.

10:00 am

To Serve Man, The Life and Works of Damon Knight 1922-2022

Knight' career was arguably the most varied and productive in the history of America speculative fiction.

Eric M. Heideman, mod.

SF Lineage

Tracing lineage from then to now can reveal a lot of your tasters and fandoms, and help you find new authors and artists. For example, you love H.G. Wells, which led you to Niven, or maybe to check out Crichton and Whitehead. Or, it's easy to see how The Twilight Zone lead to the Outer Limits to the X-Files to Black Mirror, but have you checked out Lore or Dimension 404?

T. Aaron Cisco, mod.

11:00 am

Special Guest Interview: Sybil Smith

Our interview with our special guest.

Scott Lohman, interviewer

Varney the Vampire

Phyllis Ann Karr reads from her condensed version of the 19th Century British thriller.

Phyllis Ann Karr

12:00 pm

Blurred Between the Lines

There are some questionable, weird and controversial interpretations of classic novels, characters, scenes and passages. I.E. Napoleon from Animal Farm was right, Clockwork Orange is pro-religion, Jay Gatsby was black or a ghost. Controversial interpretations of classics works: what is lost or gained when we play with the characterization and plots?

T. Aaron Cisco, mod.

The 22nd Annual Yugo Awards

Founded by Laura Thurston, the Yugos celebrate the SF/F works that should exist but do not.

Carole Ashmore, mod.

1:00 pm

More Human Than We Are

A discussion of ideas related to the con theme. What makes us human and how does that compare to other versions of intelligence?

Scott Lohman, mod. Eric M. Heideman

Speculative Poetry Reading

Our annual taste of the great poetry from with the Diversicon Community.

Sandra Lindow, T. Aaron Cisco

2:00 pm

Guest of Honor Reading

T. Aaron Cisco reads

Minnesota Dragons

A look at women writers of Minnesota.

Ruth Berman

3:00 pm

Elevators and The Expanse

A look at what might be the most successful book to television adaptation in science fiction, with an emphasis on foreshadowing and, of course, the use of elevators.

Greg Johnson, mod. Scott Lohman

State of Space Exploration

A look at what we're exploring in solar system.

Ben Huset mod.

4:00 pm

But. . Um. . That's Already Happened! The Challenges of Writing Near Future Fiction

It seems pretty hopeless. To imagine something worse, or weirder or wilder that what we already see in front of us is terrifying! Is there a way, or an approach to writing the near future that won't be taken by real-life events halfway through the first draft? Is it possible to write something hopeful about the near future?

Martha A. Hood mod.

State of the Solar System

A look at what's new around the Sun.

Michael Kauper, mod

5:00 pm

Autographing

Our guest and anyone else with books to sell will sign them.

6:00 pm

Movie

7:00 pm

Auction Preview

7:30 pm

SF Minnesota Auction

The annual fundraiser for Diversicon and SF Minnesota. Bring things to auction off and but lots of stuff.

Melissa Kaercher, auctioneer, Eric M. Heideman, quartermaster, Polly Peterson and Martha A. Hood, runners, Art Johnson, treasurer, Scott Lohman, recorder

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TOTU and Local Publications Party

Learn about Tales of the Unanticipated and other small publications from members of the Diversicon community.

Eric M, Heideman, host

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You Said Book #20? The Challenges and Pleasures of an Open-Ended Series

Series like Aaronovitch's River of London or Seanan McGuire's October Daye series span years. Going back to a favorite series when a new book comes out, can be a happy homecoming, but sometimes we have trouble getting back up to speed and remembering more than the broad strokes of what's gone on before. Let's discuss favorite series-what makes them work and how to handle the vastness of them.

Martha A. Hood, mod. Polly Peterson

11:00 am

Excelsior!, The Life and Times of Stan Lee 1922-2017

Co-creator (with Steve Ditko) of Spider-Man and an evangelist of the Marvel Age of Comics.

Eric M. Heideman, mod.

Star Trek 2022

An update and discussion of the Star Trek franchise current state and what's to come.

Scott Lohman, Robin Raianiemi

12:00 pm

Tales from and Indie Movie Theater

Sybil Smith worked at the Lagoon/Uptown theaters for many years with unlimited access to see some of the world's best independent cinema. What are some uncelebrated gems that don't get enough attention? What were the best and worst parts of working at a movie theater? What's the weirdest thing you ever saw?

Sybil Smith

Ad Hoc Writer's Group

Are you an aspiring writer? Would you like to bounce your work off other aspiring writers?

Here's chance to do it with a ad hoc group.

1:00 pm

What Should I Read Next?

Started by Michael Levy, our annual look at recently released and soon to be published books.

Greg Johnson, Russell Letson

2:00 pm

Lost in Adaptation

Adaptation necessitates modification, but are there stories that should or shouldn't be adapted for the screen? A discussion of what's sacred, what isn't and what should be adapted to other mediums.

T. Aaron Cisco

Second Foundation: The Works of T. Aaron Cisco

SF Minnesota's long time SF/F discussion group looks at the works of our guest of honor.

3:00 pm

The Life and Works of Jack Vance (1916-2013)

Golden Age author of Space Operas, including "The Dying Earth", "To Live Forever", "The Last Castle" and many others.

Eric M. Heideman, mod. Robin Raianeimi

The Annual Generic Panel

The panel where we talk about anything and everything.

Art Johnson, mod.

4:00 pm

SF/F TV 2022

A round up of what's showing on the various networks.

Open mod.

Diversicons Past, Present and Future

A chance to talk about the con its present and future.

Scott Lohman, con chair

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Closing Ceremonies

Time to close out the convention.

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Sunday Night Dinner Expedition

Join us for a post convention dinner at a local restaurant.

7:30 PM

"There's Life in the Old Dog Party"

Post convention gathering and movie watching.