

# Programming

Friday

Noon

## Gaming: Dungeons and Dragons

*Magnolia A/B/D*

Limit 6 players/session

5:00 p.m.

## Cosplay Is Not Consent

*Junior B/C*

The Creepin' It Burly drag and burlesque troupe discuss safety and etiquette.

## Time 2 Party Podcast

*Junior A*

The world's greatest time-travel-movie-discussion podcast records at Windycon!

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

Maggie Wagner, Angeli Primlani, Brendan Detzner, Lyda Morehouse

6:00 p.m.

## Becoming a Professional Writer

*Junior A*

It's easier said than done. Our panelists discuss.

RJ Howell (M), Russell Davis, Eric Flint, Seanan McGuire

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

Joshua Doetsch, John O'Neil, Angelica Davila, Maria Schrater

## Gaming: Dungeons and Dragons

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7:00 p.m.

## Opening Ceremonies

*Junior B/C*

We kick off Windycon 47 in 2021!

8:00 p.m.

## SpaceTime Theater

*Junior B/C*

SpaceTime Theater is Chicagoland's funniest sci-fi improvisational comedy group, coming to you with a show that's always all-new, because it's always all-improvised. You never know what's going to happen next, so come on by and have a few urban fantastic laughs on us!

## Open Music

*Cypress*

Come in and sing, play, and listen for as long as you like.

9:30 p.m.

## Torak the Inadequate

*Junior B/C*

A staged reading of a play by Rory Leahy! Torak is a young hunter/gatherer who dreams of a better world. When his tribe is slaughtered by invaders, the two other survivors, the brutish Ragnor and sardonic Belit become his unlikely companions as they wander the prehistoric world in search of a new home. An adventure comedy inspired by the classic pulp writings of Robert E. Howard and HP Lovecraft.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

## Creativity during a Pandemic

*Junior B/C*

It's been a rough year and a half for everyone, and it's been a particularly tough year for creative projects. How has everyone been keeping their artistic flame alive with the world around us going?

Lyda Morehouse (M), Michael A. Black, Maria Schrater, Steven H Silver

## Windycon Writers Workshop

*Junior A*

## Gaming: Learn to Paint Miniatures

*Magnolia A/B/D*

Limit 11 participants/session

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

RJ Howell, Patty Templeton, Carlos Hernandez, Fred Gehm

11:00 a.m.

## Seanan McGuire Ask Me Anything

*Junior B/C*

Our music guest of honor is also an award winning writer, poet, and an insane number of other things. Your chance to pick her brain!

Seanan McGuire

## History of Urban Fantasy

*Junior A*

Urban Fantasy isn't a new concept, and it's taken many different forms throughout the decades. Where did the idea come from and how has it evolved over the years?

Kathryn Sullivan (M), Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub, Rick Heinz

## In Memoriam: Phyllis Eisenstein

*Suite 1543*

Please come and share your memories of Phyllis Eisenstein, longtime Windycon supporter and former toastmaster and Guest of Honor.

Richard Chwedyk

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

Chris Gerrib, Kathryn Sullivan, Brandon Sichling, Steven H Silver

Noon

## *Negocios Infernales* Game Demo

*Junior B/C*

C.S.E. Cooney and Carlos Hernandez demonstrate their GM-less, card-based roleplaying games *Negocios Infernales*!

C.S.E. Cooney, Carlos Hernandez

## Drag and Burlesque 101

*Junior A*

A quick interactive lesson from the folks at Creepin' It Burly. For congoers 18+ only.

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

Clifford Johns, Neil Litherland

## Brenda and Bill Sutton Concert

*Cypress*

Bill and Brenda Suttons have been a fixture in the filk community since...well, for a while now. They have recorded several albums and are actively involved with Interfilk. In addition, they are members of the Filk Hall of Fame and have won numerous Pegasus Awards-singly, together, and as members of other bands like Three Weird Sisters.

Bill Sutton, Brenda Sutton

## Autographing: Detzner, Silver

*Dealers Room*

Brendan Detzner, Steven H Silver

## Gaming: Dungeons and Dragons

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## The Fantastic City

*Junior B/C*

Take a city and add magic! What are your favorite SFF cities, and what makes them special?

Jake Casella Brookins (M), Joshua Doetsch, Dexter Fabi, Carolyn Ives Gilman, Deborah Millitello

## Futures and Fantasies Book Discussion Group

*Junior A*

## Representation of Space in Science Fiction

*Lilac B/D*

Few settings in science fiction have received as much attention or excited the imagination as much as outer space. Our panelists discuss the different ways that space has been portrayed.

AJ Rocca (M), Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub, Sue Burke, John O'Neill

## Amy McNally Concert

*Cypress*

Amy McNally has been playing the violin for over 30 years. She likes pie, rollercoasters, and whiskey, though maybe not all at the same time. Amy McNally

## In Memoriam: Jim Rittenhouse

*Suite 1543*

Please come and share your memories of Jim Rittenhouse, longtime Windycon restaurant guide co-editor and former Windycon Guest of Honor.

Dale Cozort

## Autographing: Black, Liddell

*Dealers Room*

Michael Black, Alice Liddell

2:00 p.m.

## Hugo Awards Discussion

*Junior B/C*

A discussion of the 2021 Hugo Awards! Who was nominated, who should have been nominated, who should win? Strong opinions welcome!

Chris Gerrib (M), Toni Lichtenstein Bogolub, Clifford Johns, Neil Rest, Mark W. Tiedemann

## Phandemonium Book Club

*Junior A*

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

Tina Jens, Robert Hobson, KM Herkes, Alice Liddell

## Beth Kinderman Concert

*Cypress*

Beth Kinderman is a progressive filk-rock singer-songwriter based in Minneapolis. This year she will perform at Windycon as a solo act with a set that features music from *The Hero's Journey*, her concept album inspired by Joseph Campbell's book *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, as well as material from her upcoming album, *Sisyphus* (ten songs about hope). For more information: [www.bethkinderman.com](http://www.bethkinderman.com)

Beth Kinderman

## Autographing: Kircheimer, Litherland

*Dealers Room*

Lori Kircheimer, Neil Litherland

3:00 p.m.

## Ray Van Tilburg Art Demo

*Junior B/C*

An art demonstration from our Artist Guest of Honor Ray Van Tilburg. Ray Van Tilburg

## Teaching SFF and SFF Writing

*Junior A*

Science-fiction and fantasy have more formal presence on college campuses and other schools than ever before. Our panelists discuss.

Richard Chwedyk (M), Carlos Hernandez, Tim Waggoner

## Readings

*Lilac B/D*

Jeanine Vaughn, Franki T. Dolley-Dover, C.S.E. Cooney, Alexei Collier

## Jen Midkiff Concert

*Cypress*

Jen Midkiff uses her voice, Celtic harp, and tenor guitar to share songs about everything from critters to imposter syndrome. Oh, and dragons, and gravity. And stargazing, and and and...come and find out!

Jen Midkiff

**In Memoriam: Mike Resnick**

*Suite 1543*

Please come and share your memories of Mike Resnick, longtime Windycon supporter, founder of ISFiC, former Guest of Honor and Toasmaster, and award winning editor and author.

**Autographing: Jens, McGuire**

*Dealers Room*

Tina Jens, Seanan McGuire

4:00 p.m.

**C.S.E. Cooney Hosts a Short Film by Brian Shaw**

*Lilac A/C*

A screening and a discussion with the director.

C.S.E. Cooney, Brian Shaw

**Logistics of Space Opera**

*Junior A*

If you'd like to discuss how they eat and breath and other science facts in the Space Opera subgenre, this is the panel for!

Sean Mead (M), Richard Chwedyk, Richard Hobson

**Readings**

*Lilac B/D*

Tim Waggoner, Richard Chwedyk, Deborah Millitello, Seanan McGuire

**Dr. Mary Crowell Concert**

*Cypress*

Dr. Mary C Crowell writes geeky songs about gaming and mythology. She also teaches music theory, piano, and composition at a community college in north Alabama as well her private studio.

Mary Crowell

5:00 p.m.

**Tom Smith Concert**

*Junior B/C*

A musical performance from filking legend Tom Smith.

Tom Smith

**Comic in 2021**

*Junior A*

Comics are an ever-evolving medium with greater reach and variety than ever before! What are the cutting-edge developments in the field and what are the comics highlights of the past year?

Brandon Sichling (M), Rich Lukes, Finley Roman

**Bad Grammar Theater**

*Lilac B/D*

The Chicago area's most universally beloved and respected genre-fiction reading series has been hibernating throughout the pandemic. Expect stories, performances, and other insanity as it bursts back to life for Windycon

6:00 p.m.

**Starlight Radio Dreams**

*Junior A*

A live performance from Chicago's best comedic radio drama revival podcast! Featuring music, skits, and the latest installments of Starlight's ongoing serials.

**Storytelling and Game Design**

*Cypress*

The storytelling in tabletop and video games is more important and sophisticated than ever before. Our panelists discuss!

Ken Hite (M), Carlos Hernandez, Neil Litherland, John O'Neill

**Gaming: Dungeons and Dragons**

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**Brimstone and Rhone Performance**

*Junior A*

Poetry, music, and all kinds of chaos from our poetry Guest of Honor C.S.E. Cooney and friends.

C.S.E. Cooney

**Ken Hite Gaming Guest of Honor Presentation**

*Cypress*

Our Gaming Guest of Honor Ken Hite has written more than 100 role playing games and supplements. Find out what's on his mind and take the chance to pick his brain.

8:00 p.m.

**Seanan McGuire Concert**

*Junior B/C*

A performance from our music guest of honor and award-winning-everything Seanan McGuire.

Seanan McGuire

**Art Auction**

*Lilac B/D*

10:00 p.m.

**Creepin' It Burly Burlesque Show**

*Junior B/C*

Drag, burlesque, and all manner of craziness from Indy's own Creepin' It Burly.

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

**Chicon 8 Discussion**

*Junior B/C*

The 80th World Science Fiction Convention is going to be in Chicago next year! Con chair Helen Montgomery will be here to answer questions and impart enthusiasm.

Helen Montgomery

**Gaming: Learn to Paint Miniatures**

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**Elizabeth Koprucki Guest of Honor Presentation**

*Junior B/C*

Our Maker Guest of Honor discusses the care and feeding of Makerspaces.

## **Global Urban Fantasy**

*Junior A*

What forms has the Urban Fantasy genre taken around the world, and how will the genre continue to evolve?

Jake Casella Brookins (M), Franki T. Dolley-Dover, Ray Van Tilburg

## **Storytelling in a Post-COVID Future**

*Lilac B/D*

How will science-fiction writers adjust to a world where we've all been through an experience that would have sounded like the premise of a sci-fi story three years ago? Our panelists discuss.

Lyda Morehouse (M), Rich Lukes, Seanan McGuire

**Noon**

## **Sword and Sorcery in 2021**

*Junior B/C*

Sword and Sorcery will never die! Our panelists discuss one of SFFs most enduring and influential subgenres.

Michael Penkas (M), John O'Neill, Adrian Simmons, David C. Smith

## **Climate Change is Optional**

*Junior A*

How can we keep our planet inhabitable using the technology that we already have? Our panelists discuss.

Angeli Primlani (M), Glenn Domingo, Chris Gerrib

## **Ada Palmer Guest of Honor Presentation**

*Lilac B/D*

Our official Toastmaster Ada Palmer is also a science fiction novelist, historian, teacher at the University of Chicago, blogger at Tor.com, musician, and a bunch of other stuff! We've given her free rein to do whatever she wants for our wonderful Windycon audience

Ada Palmer

## **Court and Country Concert**

*Cypress*

Court and Country is an 8 member *a capella* choir that performs medieval and Renaissance music and also have some science fiction themed songs.

**1:00 p.m.**

## **Modern Urban Fantasy**

*Junior B/C*

What are the cutting-edge developments in Urban Fantasy? What's happening now and what might happen in the future? Our panelists discuss.

Jack Casella Brookins (M), Franki T. Dolley-Dover, RJ Howell, Seanan McGuire

## **Self-Publishing in 2021**

*Junior A*

Authors have more options for doing things themselves than they've ever had before. What are the opportunities and potential pitfalls of self-publishing right now?

Patty Templeton (M), KM Herkes, Alice Liddell, Angeli Primlani

## **The Generation Gap in SFF Fandom**

*Lilac B/D*

SFF has been around for a long time now and it's still converting new devotees. How do fans of all ages regard, interact, and influence each other?

Dina S. Krause (M), Angelica Davila, Tina Jens, Jeanne Mealy, Finley Roman

**2:00 p.m.**

## **The History of Drag and Burlesque**

*Junior B/C*

Creepin' It Burly discuss the history of these performance.

## **Infernal Salon Poetry Workshop**

*Junior A*

Our poetry guest of honor C.S.E. Cooney leads a themed poetry workshop and salon!

C.S.E. Cooney

## **Superhero Movies and Media in 2021**

*Lilac B/D*

It's been a long time since an Iron Man movie was a roll of the dice for a movie studio. How have superhero changed in the media and what do we have to look forward to?

Fred Gehm (M), Lori Kirchheimer, Brandon Sichling, Mike Riley, Jason Taylor

**3:00 p.m.**

## **Closing Ceremonies**

*Main Room*

We bring Windycon 47 in 2021 to a close

# Anime

The Anime Screening Room, located in Junior A, is sponsored by [Funimation](#) and [Crunchyroll](#).

## Friday

3:00 p.m.: *Dai-Guard* 1-5

5:00 p.m.: *GeGeGe no Kitaro* 1-5

7:00 p.m.: *Gintama* 1-5

9:00 p.m.: *Toward the Terra*

10:55 p.m.: *Space Battleship Tiramisu* 1-5

## Saturday

10:00 a.m.: *Deca-Dence* 1-5

Noon: *Somali and the Forest Spirit* 1-5

2:00 p.m.: *Misfit of Demon King Academy* 1-5

4:00 p.m.: C.S.E. Cooney Hosts a Short Film by Brian Shaw

6:00 p.m.: *86* 1-5

8:00 p.m.: *Akudama Drive* 1-5

10:00 p.m.: *Jujitsu Kaisen* 1-5

Midnight: *ID: Invaded* 1-5

## Sunday

10:00 a.m.: *The Detective Is Already Dead* 1-5

Noon: *Vivy-Fluorite Eye's Song* 1-5