

Clear Ether

Late Issue
Saturday
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Special points of interest:

- If you have been to all 25 Arisia, you can receive a special ribbon at the info desk.
- Motherfael's concert is ON this evening. It is not cancelled. It was explained that one member of the band is being replaced by someone else.
- The memory sheets from the 25th Arisia party are now up outside of Grand Ballroom. Go downstairs and write down your memories.

The Finalists Are In!

This year's Student Writing Contest had an impressive sixty-one entries. The committee members and finalist judges were submerged into all kinds of fantastical worlds with fascinating characters. There was the sentient meatball, the mostly-conscientious robot, sympathetic yet cruel deities, and long-suffering

Schedule Changes

-Dr. Jim Bredt will appear on the Eagle Has Landed: Looking Back at 7/20/1969

-Ian K. Schleifer will not appear on the Eagle Has Landed: Looking Back at 7/20/1969

-Jennifer Williams will appear on Magical Traditions: a Review

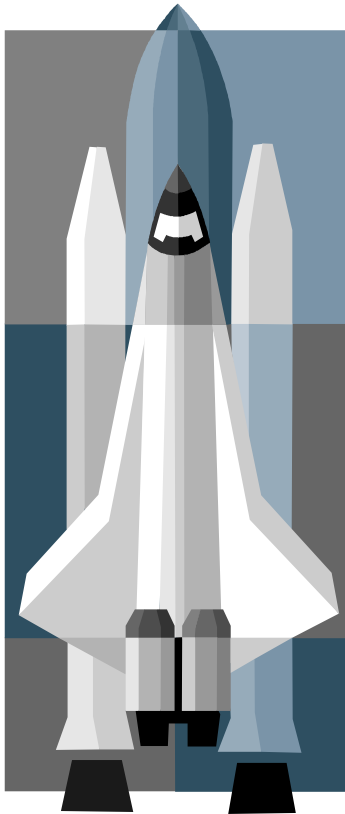
-Inanna Arthen/ Vyrdolak will not be attending Arisia 2014

-Felicitas Ivey will not appear on Queer Genre TV Characters: Still Left Out

-Steven R. Wilk will be added to Science Year in Review

-David Nurenberg will appear on Complexities of Voice

-Dr. Chris will appear on Anime Vs. Western Animation



"Not traveling but not forgotten."

- Former Companions Anonymous, the Naughty Nurses at Rocky Horror in the Round

demi-gods. There were many, many post-apocalyptic settings to warm the cockles of their sci-fi-loving hearts. Many thanks to our finalist judges, who generously volunteered their time to critique and help figure out the final placement; James Cambias, Andrea Hairston, Shira Lipkin, Daniel José Older, Julia Rios, and last, the

hard-working Writer Guest of Honor for Arisia 2014, Tanya Huff. The finalists for this year are, in no particular order: Jacquelin Ose, Alyssa Aloise, Erminia Yoder, Amanda Ugorj, and James O'Brien! May they continue to write great things in the future.

By Terry Holt

Saturday Night Parties

- Freemason Party in 404/405
- Riverboat Cruise in 406/407 from 8:00 PM to ?
- Hogwarts Alumni Reunion (for adults) in 453
- Pirate Sessions in 454 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Boskone 51 Party in 456 from 7:00 PM to ?
- I-con Non-Hiatus Party in 457
- Montreal in 2017 Party in 458 from 8:00 PM to Midnight
- KJC and Regis Party in 459 from 8:30 PM to ?
- Pi-Con Party in 461 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

A party room (506) has been shut down by the hotel. Parties in other rooms have not been affected.

The Nerdy Belly Dance

If Friday night's Drum and Dance was any indication, tonight's Belly Dance Show at 7:00 PM in Grand A should be amazing. On Friday, as the all-ages jam dancing began to fade, several artists showcased their American Tribal dance skills to the ever-changing percussion beats. There were colorful outfits, finger cymbals and mesmerizing synchronized dances. As one artist told me, the style is like a language you can speak anywhere you go. If that was for an impromptu dance, tonight should be amazing.



Friday night's contra dance

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Science Fiction Meets Music

This year's Arisia will feature musician Matthew Ebel. Ebel is a Boston-based piano rocker who has played shows at everything from Steampunk cons, to Furry cons, to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Ebel draws his influence from all over the spectrum: the offbeat comedy of Jonathan Coulton, the rock edge of the Foo Fighters, the cerebral quirkiness of Ben Folds— yet his sound is undeniably unique. His songs walk the fine line between raw emotional content and fantastical escapism. On stage he takes on the role of a starship captain traveling from planet to planet and bringing his piano rock show to the locals wherever he

lands... Or crashes. With robot shipmates, alien antagonists, and a ship perpetually on the brink of flying apart, Ebel keeps audiences entertained while he keeps his crew from being blown to space dust. "I've always been a big fan of sci-fi, fantasy, and anything that messes with the walls of reality," says Ebel. "I grew up on a steady diet of Star Trek: TNG and Dragonlance books. Then there was Firefly, Doctor Who, BSG... My mind has spent more time in other worlds than it has on planet Earth." Be sure to catch Matthew Ebel's show at 10:00 PM tonight in Grand AB!